

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UCLA ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Section letter: \_\_\_\_\_

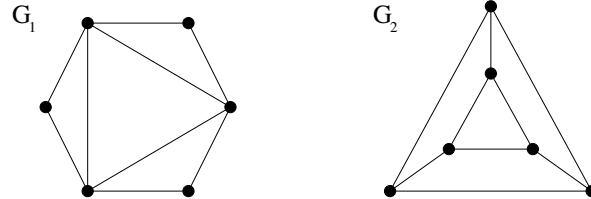
**Math 61 : Discrete Structures**  
**Midterm 2**  
Instructor: Ciprian Manolescu

You have 50 minutes.

No books, notes or calculators are allowed.  
Do not use your own scratch paper.

1. (10 points) **True or False:** Circle the right answers. You do NOT need to justify your answers.

Consider the following graphs:



The incidence matrices of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  have the same number of rows. **T**

The incidence matrices of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  have the same number of columns. **T**

$G_1$  and  $G_2$  are isomorphic. **F**

$G_1$  and  $G_2$  both have Hamiltonian cycles. **T**

$G_1$  admits an Euler cycle. **T**

$G_2$  admits an Euler cycle. **F**

$G_1$  admits an Euler path between different vertices. **F**

$G_2$  admits an Euler path between different vertices. **F**

*Unrelated to the picture above:*

There exists a graph with six vertices, of degrees 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5. **F**

There exists a graph with six vertices, of degrees 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5. **T**

**2.** (6 points) Write down the answer to the following questions. *You do NOT need to justify your answers.*

If a graph has 100 vertices, all of degree 3, then how many edges does it have?

The sum of the degrees =  $100 \cdot 3 = 300 =$  twice the number of edges, so it has 150 edges

Let  $d_n$  be the number of ways one can fill a  $2 \times n$  rectangle with  $2 \times 1$  dominoes. Write down a recurrence relation for  $d_n$ .

If we place the first domino horizontally we are left with the problem of filling a  $2 \times (n - 1)$  rectangle, which can be done in  $d_{n-1}$  ways. Otherwise, we must place the first two dominoes vertically side by side, and then we are left with the problem of filling a  $2 \times (n - 2)$  rectangle, which can be done in  $d_{n-2}$  ways. Overall, we find

$$d_n = d_{n-1} + d_{n-2}$$

3. (8 points) Solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$$

with the initial conditions  $a_0 = 2, a_1 = 2$ . *Show all your work.*

Solving the equation  $t^2 = 2t + 1$  we find the roots  $1 + \sqrt{2}$  and  $1 - \sqrt{2}$ , so the solution is of the form

$$a_n = A(1 + \sqrt{2})^n + B(1 - \sqrt{2})^n.$$

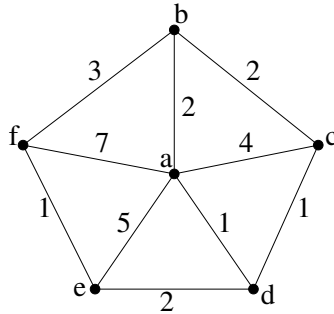
From  $a_0 = 2$  we find  $A + B = 2$  and from  $a_1 = 2$  we find  $A(1 + \sqrt{2}) + B(1 - \sqrt{2}) = 2$ . From here we get  $A = B = 1$ , and therefore

$$a_n = (1 + \sqrt{2})^n + (1 - \sqrt{2})^n.$$

4. (8 points) Ten objects are placed on a square of side length 3 feet. Prove that there exist two objects at distance at most  $\sqrt{2}$  feet from each other. *Show all your work.*

Split the square into nine  $(3 \times 3)$  small squares of side length 1 foot. By the pigeonhole principle, there are two objects in the same small square. The biggest possible distance between them is the diagonal, which is of length  $\sqrt{2}$ .

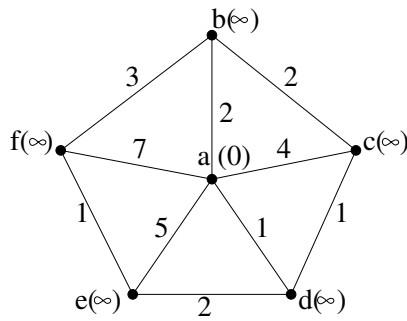
5. (8 points) Consider the following weighted graph:



Suppose you want to use Dijkstra's algorithm to find the length of the shortest path from  $a$  to  $f$ . Write down the initialization and the first two iterations of the algorithm. (You do NOT have to complete the whole algorithm.) At each step, write down if  $f$  is in  $T$ , what is the current node, what is the new set of unvisited vertices  $T$ , then which nodes change labels and how.

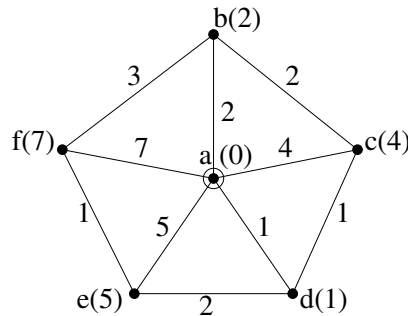
Also, please circle the visited labels at each step (the ones not in  $T$ ), and write down the label at each vertex in paranthesis.

**Initialization:**



$T = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$

**First iteration:**



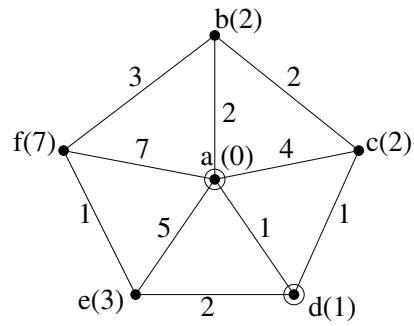
Is  $f$  in  $T$ ? Yes

current node:  $a$

$T = \{b, c, d, e, f\}$

changes in labels:  $b: \min(\infty, 2) = 2$ ,  $c: \min(\infty, 4) = 4$ ,  $d: \min(\infty, 1) = 1$   
 $e: \min(\infty, 5) = 5$ ,  $f: \min(\infty, 7) = 7$

Second iteration:



Is f in T? Yes

current node: d

$T = \{b, c, e, f\}$

changes in labels: c:  $\min(4, 1+1) = 2$ , e:  $\min(5, 1+2) = 3$

*Do not write on this page.*

1		out of 10 points
2		out of 6 points
3		out of 8 points
4		out of 8 points
5		out of 8 points
Total		out of 40 points