

**Math 61 : Discrete Structures**  
**Midterm 2**  
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You have 50 minutes.

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

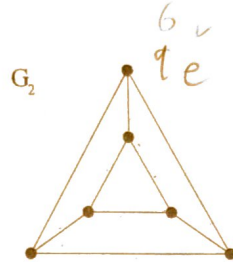
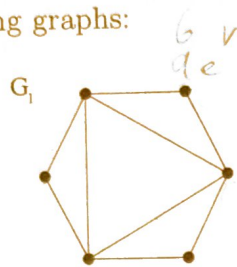


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1. (10 points) **True or False:** Circle the right answers. You do NOT need to justify your answers.

Consider the following graphs:



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

vertices x rows

T /  F ✓

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

T /  F ✓

$G_1$  and  $G_2$  are isomorphic.

T /  F ✓

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

T /  F

$G_1$  admits an Euler cycle.

T /  F

$G_2$  admits an Euler cycle.

T /  F

$G_1$  admits an Euler path between different vertices.

T /  F ✓

$G_2$  admits an Euler path between different vertices.

T /  F ✓

*Unrelated to the picture above:*

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

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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?

$$\text{sum of vertice degrees} = 2 \cdot \text{edges}$$

$$300 = 2e$$


150 edges


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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  $d_n$ .

$d_0$ , 1 way, not at all

$d_1 =$   1 way

$d_2 =$   2

$d_3 =$   3





$d_4 =$  



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

$$d_0 = 1, d_1 = 1$$

$$\sqrt{16}$$

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.

$$t^2 = 2t + 1 \quad t^2 - 2t - 1 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4+4}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 \cdot 2}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

Gen solution:  $a_n = br_1^n + dr_2^n$

$$t = 1 + \sqrt{2}, 1 - \sqrt{2}$$

$$a_0 = b(1 + \sqrt{2})^0 + d(1 - \sqrt{2})^0 = 2$$

$$a_0 = b + d = 2 \quad b = 2 - d$$

$$a_1 = b(1 + \sqrt{2}) + d(1 - \sqrt{2}) = 2$$

$$a_1 = 2 - d + 2\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}d + d - \sqrt{2}d$$

$$a_1 = b + \sqrt{2}b + d - \sqrt{2}d = 2$$

$$2 = 2 + 2\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{2}d$$

$$a_1 = 2 - d + \sqrt{2}(2 - d) + d - \sqrt{2}d$$

$$0 = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2\sqrt{2}d}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$0 = 1 - d \quad d = 1$$

$$b = 2 - d$$

$$b = 2 - 1$$

$$b = 1$$

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

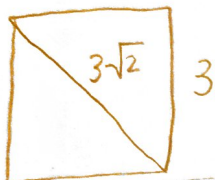
$$\frac{9}{4} + \frac{9}{4} = \frac{18}{4} \quad 1.5^2 + 1.5^2 \quad \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ + 15 \\ \hline 30 \\ \hline 150 \\ \hline 225 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2.25 \\ + 2.25 \\ \hline 4.50 \end{array}$$

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.

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Pigeonhole / Contradiction



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \quad \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

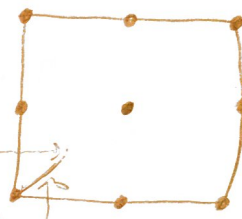
$$a + a = 18 \quad \frac{\sqrt{4.50}}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{18} \quad \sqrt{6.3}$$

Let us place nine objects on the square.

- One at each corner
- One in the center of each edge
- One in the center

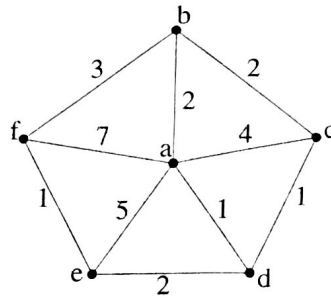
is this best?  
Why? Like so:



At this point, all 9 objects are at a distance greater than  $\sqrt{2}$  away from each other. These 9 "pigeons" fit into the 9 "pigeonholes." However, introducing a tenth object anywhere on that square would put it within  $\sqrt{2}$  of any other already-present object. Even placing the tenth object as far as possible from all other objects would leave the closest one at  $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4}$ , which is definitely less than  $\sqrt{2}$ .

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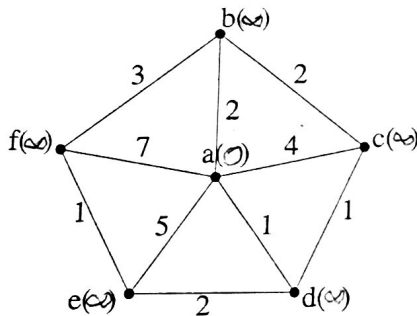
5. (8 points) Consider the following weighted graph:



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.

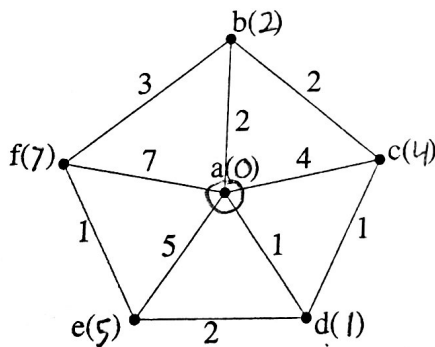
Also, please circle the visited labels at each step (the ones not in  $T$ ), and write down the label at each vertex in paranthesis.

**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:

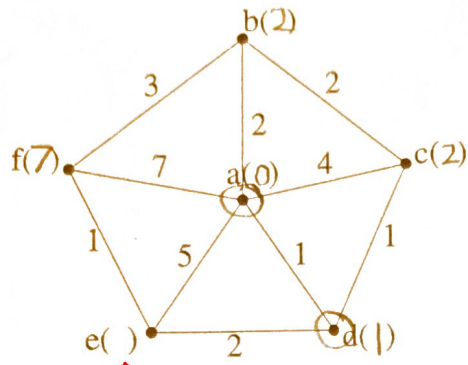
$$\begin{aligned} b &= \min(\infty, 0+2) = 2 \\ c &= \min(\infty, 0+4) = 4 \\ d &= \min(\infty, 0+1) = 1 \\ e &= \min(\infty, 0+5) = 5 \\ f &= \min(\infty, 0+7) = 7 \end{aligned}$$

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(change only unvisited adjacent)

Second iteration:

ok



Is f in T? Yes

current node: d

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

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

(only change unvisited adjacent)  $e = \min(5, 1+2) = 3$