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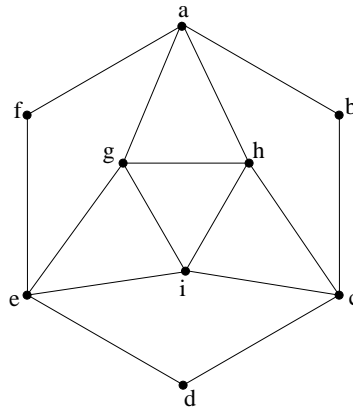
**Math 61 : Discrete Structures**  
**Midterm 2**  
Instructor: Ciprian Manolescu

You have 50 minutes.

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

1. (10 points) **Multiple choice:** Circle the right answers. You do NOT need to justify your answers.

Consider the following graph  $G$ :



(2 points) Is the graph  $G$  bipartite? Yes /  No

(5 points) The graph  $G$  :

(A) has an Euler cycle and a Hamiltonian cycle;

(B) has an Euler cycle but no Hamiltonian cycle;

(C) has a Hamiltonian cycle but no Euler cycle;

(D) has neither an Euler cycle nor a Hamiltonian cycle.

If the graph has an Euler cycle, write it down here (as an ordered sequence of vertices):

$(a, f, e, g, a, h, g, i, e, d, c, i, h, c, b, a)$

If the graph has a Hamiltonian cycle, write it down here (as an ordered sequence of vertices):

(3 points) Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix of the graph  $G$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $p_n$  denote the entry of  $A^n$  in the row labeled  $a$  and the column labeled  $c$ . Circle the correct answer:

(A)  $p_1 = 0, p_2 = 1, p_3 = 1$ ;

(B)  $p_1 = 0, p_2 = 2, p_3 = 2$ ;

(C)  $p_1 = 0, p_2 = 2, p_3 = 2$ ;

(D)  $p_1 = 0, p_2 = 2, p_3 = 3$ ; paths of length 2 are  $abc$  and  $ahc$ ; of length 3, we have  $ahic, aghc$  and  $agic$ .

(E)  $p_1 = 0, p_2 = 2, p_3 = 4$ .

**2.** (12 points) Write down the answer to each question. *You do NOT need to justify your answers.*

(4 points) What is the number of integer solutions to

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 100$$

with  $x_1 \geq 1, x_2 \geq 2, x_3 \geq 3, x_4 \geq 4$ ?

Writing  $y_i = x_i - i$ , this is the same as asking for  $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 = 90$  with  $y_i \geq 0$ . The number of such solutions is

$$C(90 + 4 - 1, 4 - 1) = C(93, 3).$$

(4 points) Calculate:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{100} 5^k \cdot C(100, k).$$

Using the binomial formula, we get

$$(5 + 1)^{100} = 6^{100}.$$

(4 points) Let  $S_n$  be the number of strings of length  $n$  composed of the digits 0, 1 and 2 that do not contain the pattern 00 (that is, do not have two consecutive 0's). Write down a recurrence relation for  $S_n$ .

Possible patterns to begin with: 1, 2, 01, 02. Hence:

$$S_n = 2S_{n-1} + 2S_{n-2}.$$

3. (8 points) Solve the recurrence relation

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

with the initial conditions  $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$ . *Show all your work.*

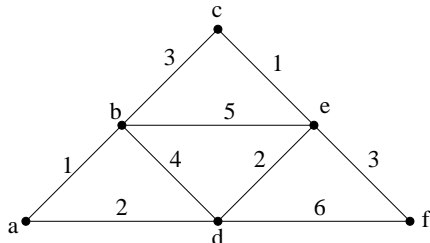
The associated quadratic equation is  $t^2 + 2t + 1 = 0$  with double root  $t = -1$ . Therefore, the solution is of the form

$$a_n = (-1)^n (bn + d).$$

From  $a_0 = 1$  we get  $d = 1$  and then from  $a_1 = 2$  we get  $-b - d = 2$  so  $d = -3$ . Thus:

$$a_n = (-1)^n (1 - 3n).$$

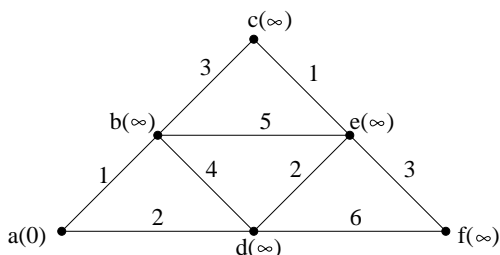
4. (10 points) Consider the following weighted graph:



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.

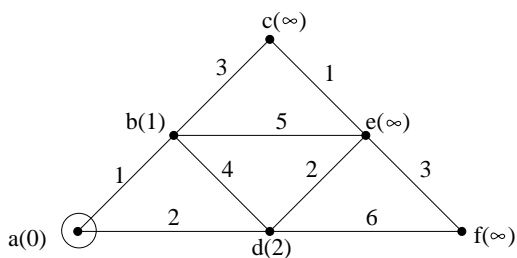
Also, please circle the visited labels at each step (the ones not in  $T$ ), and write down the label at each vertex in paranthesis.

**Initialization:**



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

**First iteration:**



Is  $f$  in  $T$ ? Yes

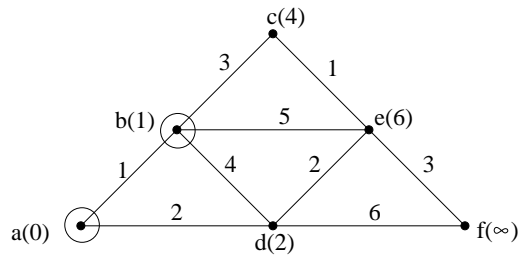
current node:  $a$

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

changes in labels:  $d: \min(\infty, 2) = 2$   
 $b: \min(\infty, 1) = 1$

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Second iteration:



Is f in T? Yes

current node: b

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

changes in labels:

c:  $\min(\infty, 1+3) = 4$

d:  $\min(2, 1+4) = 2$

e:  $\min(\infty, 1+5) = 6$