MATH 663

Directions:

You have 2 hours to complete all 6 of the problems below.
Books, notes or other aids are not allowed.
To receive full credit, proofs must be formal.
Paper will be provided for you. Please put your answer to each problems on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. Prove that every automorphism of a tree fixes a vertex or an edge.
- 2. Let *G* be a simple planar graph on *n* vertices with girth *k*. Prove that *G* has at most $(n-2)\frac{k}{k-2}$ edges.
- 3. Let $G = (A \cup B, E)$ be a bipartite graph with partite sets *A* and *B* such that |A| = |B| and $E \neq \emptyset$. Prove that if |N(X)| > |X| for every nonempty $X \subseteq A$, then every edge of *G* lies on a 1-factor.
- 4. Let *G* be a graph on *n* vertices.
 - (a) Prove that if $\delta(G) \ge 3$, then *G* contains a cycle with a chord. Recall that a **chord** in a cycle is an edge between two vertices on the cycle that is not a cycle edge.
 - (b) Prove that if $n \ge 4$ and $|E(G)| \ge 2n-3$, then G contains a chord.
- 5. Prove that in e very 2-coloring of the edges of K_n (for $n \ge 3$), ther is either a monochromatic hamiltonian cycle or a hamiltonian cycle with exactly two monochromatic arcs. (By "exactly two monochromatic arcs" we mean that the hamiltonian cycle can be labelled $C = v_1 v_2 \cdots v_n v_1$ such that all the edges on the path $v_1 v_2 \cdots v_i$ are one color and the remaining edges $v_i v_{i+1} \cdots v_n v_1$ are the same color.)
- 6. Let S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m be a collection of finite sets such that $2 \le |S_1| \le |S_2| \le \dots \le |S_m|$. Define a graph *G* with vertex set $V = S_1 \times S_2 \times \dots \times S_m$ such that *m*-tuples *u* and *v* are adjacent if and only of they differ in every coordinate. Determine $\chi(G)$.