

Combinatorics  
MAD4203 3214

**Proj-D**

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**D1:** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 000pts

**D2:** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 000pts

**D3:** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 000pts

**Total:** \_\_\_ 0pts

*Welcome.* Due by **2:30PM, Thur., 07Dec 2017**, slid completely under my office door, Lit402.

Pamphlet *Chromatic polynomial of a graph* on our COMB COURSE PAGE has defns. Please use the notation from that pamphlet. Use  $\mathbf{u} \text{---} \mathbf{v}$  to mean that vertices  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  have an edge between them.  $\square$

**D1:** Produce two (finite) simple graphs,  $A, B$  and posints  $q, r$  st.

$$\mathcal{P}_A(q) > \mathcal{P}_B(q) \quad \text{yet} \quad \mathcal{P}_A(r) < \mathcal{P}_B(r)$$

**D2:** For natnum  $J$  and tuple  $\vec{\mathbf{b}} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_J)$  of posints, a simple graph is  $\vec{\mathbf{b}}$ -nice if its chromatic-poly is

$$*: \quad f_{\vec{\mathbf{b}}}(x) := x \cdot [x - 1]^{b_1} \cdot [x - 2]^{b_2} \cdots [x - J]^{b_J}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{W}$  be the set of nice graphs.

**a** Give an algorithm which, given a  $\vec{\mathbf{b}}$ , explicitly constructs a  $\vec{\mathbf{b}}$ -nice graph  $S_{\vec{\mathbf{b}}}$ .

The number of edges in  $S_{\vec{\mathbf{b}}}$  is  $\sum_{n=1}^J \dots$ .

**b** When  $J := |\vec{\mathbf{b}}| = 1$ , prove that each  $\vec{\mathbf{b}}$ -nice graph,  $H$ , is a tree.

**c** Prove or CEX: “Collection  $\mathcal{W}$  is sealed under (basic) full-product.”

**d** Prove or CEX: “Each nice graph with  $J \geq 2$ , is chromatically unique.”

**e** Can you characterize the nice graphs?

**D3:** Prove there is no graph  $S$  whose chromatic polynomial is

$$h(x) := x \cdot [x^5 - 5x^4 + 12x^3 - 10x^2 + 3x - 1],$$

using results from our *Chromatic polynomial* pamphlet, and from Bona’s text.

End of Proj-D

**HONOR CODE:** “I have neither requested nor received help on this exam other than from my professor (or his colleague).”  
Name/Signature/Ord

Ord: \_\_\_\_\_

*Folks, I’ve had a great time learning Combinatorial material together. See you next semester, starting with Generating-functions and continuing with Graph Theory. (Please read our text during the break.) Looking way ahead, stop by in future semesters for Math/chess/coffee/frisbee.*

*Cheers, Prof. (Per)PLEX-ed*