

Due: Monday November 7th, 1pm.

1) 8.5.10

2) For each of the following statements decide if it is true or false, and either prove it or give a counterexample:

(i) If  $G$  is connected and has no path with more than  $k$  edges, then any two paths in  $G$  each having  $k$  edges must meet.

(ii) If  $u, v, w$  are vertices of  $G$  and there is a cycle of  $G$  visiting  $u$  and  $v$  and a cycle of  $G$  visiting  $v$  and  $w$  then there is a cycle of  $G$  visiting  $u$  and  $w$ .

(iii) If  $e, f, g$  are edges of  $G$  and there is a cycle of  $G$  containing  $e$  and  $f$  and a cycle of  $G$  containing  $f$  and  $g$  then there is a cycle of  $G$  containing  $e$  and  $g$ .

3) Let  $T$  be a tree and let  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$  be subtrees of  $T$ , every two of which have a vertex in common. Show that some vertex of  $T$  belongs to all of the subtrees  $T_1, \dots, T_k$ .

4) 9.2.8

5) Suppose  $G = (A, B)$  is a bipartite graph with  $|A| = |B| = m$  and there is some number  $d$  so that for every  $S \subset A$  we have  $|N(S)| \geq |S| - d$  (i.e. there are at least  $|S| - d$  points in  $B$  with some neighbour in  $S$ ). Show that  $G$  contains a matching with  $m - d$  edges.