

**Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore**

M. Math. Second Year

Second Semester - Graph Theory and Combinatorics

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Remark: Each question carries 25 marks. In questions with two parts, the parts carry equal marks.

1. State and prove Desargues's Theorem in  $PG(2, q)$ ,  $q$  prime power.
2. A one - factor in a graph is a spanning sub graph which is regular of degree 1. A one - factorization is a partition of the edge set into one - factors. Consider the incidence system whose points are the vertices and one - factors of  $K_6$ , whose blocks are the edges and one - factorizations of  $K_6$ , and incidence is belongs to or its reverse, whichever makes sense. Show that this is a projective plane.
3. Let  $f(G)$  denote the Perron eigenvalue of a connected graph  $G$ .
  - (a) Show that  $f(H) < f(G)$  for all proper connected subgraphs  $H$  of  $G$ .
  - (b) Classify all connected graphs  $G$  with  $f(G) = 2$ .
4. (a) Let  $0 \leq t < k < v$  and  $\lambda > 0$  be integers. A  $t - (v, k, \lambda)$  design is an incidence system with  $v$  points and blocks of size  $k$  each such that each  $t$ -set of points is contained in exactly  $\lambda$  blocks. Show that for  $0 \leq s \leq t$ , a  $t - (v, k, \lambda)$  design is also an  $s - (v, k, \lambda_s)$  design, where  $\lambda_s$  is a number to be computed.
  - (b) Let  $D = (V, \mathbb{B})$  be a  $2 - (4n - 1, 2n - 1, n - 1)$  design,  $n \geq 2$ . Take a symbol  $*$  not in  $V$ . Put  $\bar{V} = V \sqcup \{*\}$  and  $\bar{\mathbb{B}} = \mathbb{B}_1 \sqcup \mathbb{B}_2$  where

$$\mathbb{B}_1 = \{B \sqcup \{*\} : B \in \mathbb{B}\}$$

$$\mathbb{B}_2 = \{V \setminus B : B \in \mathbb{B}\}.$$

Show that  $\bar{D} = (\bar{V}, \bar{\mathbb{B}})$  is a 3 - design. Compute its parameters.