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MA 351 Intro Discrete Math Models, second mid-semester examination, Thur, Nov 7, 2019  
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This examination consists of 6 problems, which are subdivided into 11 questions, where each question counts for the explicitly given number of points, adding to a total of **46 points**. Please write your answers in the spaces indicated, or below the questions, using the **back of the sheets** for completing the answers and **for all scratch work**, if necessary. You are allowed to consult **two** 8.5in  $\times$  11in sheets with notes, but **not** your book or your class notes. If you get stuck on a problem, it may be advisable to go to another problem and come back to that one later.

You will have **75 minutes** to do this test.

Good luck!

Problem 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 1** (13 points): Consider the following mathematical expression in **infix** notation, assuming that each of the binary operators  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$ ,  $\uparrow$  has two operands, where  $\uparrow$  is exponentiation with highest precedence, which is evaluated right-to-left.

$$(a * b) \uparrow (c + d / e) \uparrow (f - g - h) \tag{1}$$

(a, 4pts) Please draw the expression tree for (1).

(b, 4pts) Please give both the **prefix** and the **postfix** representations for the expression (1), both of which only have variables and operators.

PREFIX:

POSTFIX:

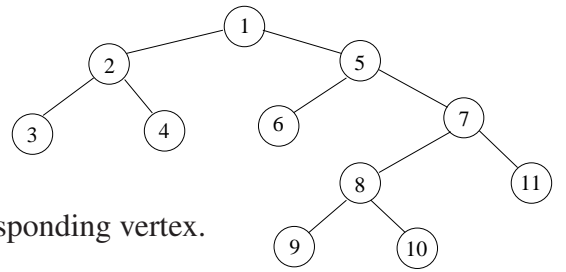
(c, 5pts) Please draw the parse tree for (1) above using the following context-free grammar  $G = (N, T, P, s)$  (from class with exponentiation)  $N = \{\langle E \rangle, \langle T \rangle, \langle F \rangle, \langle B \rangle\}$ ; note that  $\langle E \rangle$  is an expression,  $\langle T \rangle$  is a term,  $\langle F \rangle$  is a factor and  $\langle B \rangle$  is the base for a power.

The terminal symbols  $T = \{a, b, \dots, z, (, ), +, -, *, /, \uparrow\}$ . The start symbol  $s = \langle E \rangle$ .

$$P = \{ \langle E \rangle \rightarrow \langle E \rangle + \langle T \rangle, \quad \langle T \rangle \rightarrow \langle T \rangle * \langle F \rangle, \quad \langle F \rangle \rightarrow \langle B \rangle \uparrow \langle F \rangle, \quad \langle B \rangle \rightarrow (\langle E \rangle), \\ | \langle E \rangle - \langle T \rangle, \quad | \langle T \rangle / \langle F \rangle, \quad | \langle B \rangle, \quad | a | b | \dots | z \}. \\ | \langle T \rangle, \quad | \langle F \rangle,$$

**Problem 3** (8 points):

Please consider the binary tree  
(with left and right children identified):



(a, 5pts) Please give the parentheses-only string from class for the tree, labelling each pair of parentheses with the corresponding vertex.

(b, 3pts) In the above binary tree of 11 vertices, every non-leaf vertex has 2 children. How many binary trees with 11 vertices have that property: all non-leaf vertices have 2 children? Please explain.

**Problem 3** (6 points): Consider the following graph:

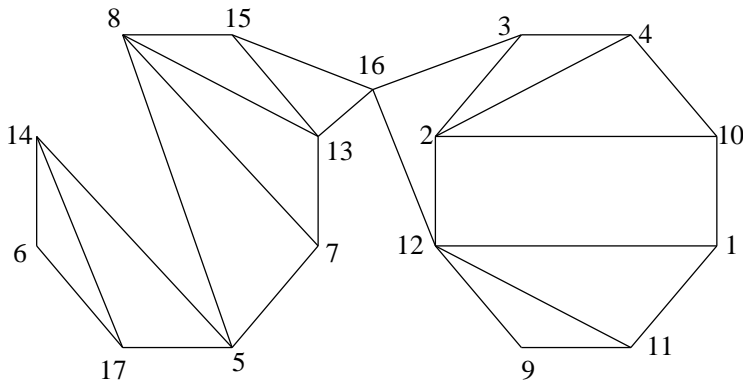


Figure 1.

(a, 4pts) Please draw the depth-first search tree for the above graph, processing the neighboring vertices of each vertex **in numerical order**, starting at vertex **1**.

(b, 2pts) Using the DFS tree in part (a), find a one-way street assignment for the graph in Figure 1 on page 3, i.e., please orient the edges so that the resulting digraph is strongly connected. Please draw your orientation of each edge in Figure 1, using a different arrow head for those arcs that correspond to edges in the DFS tree.

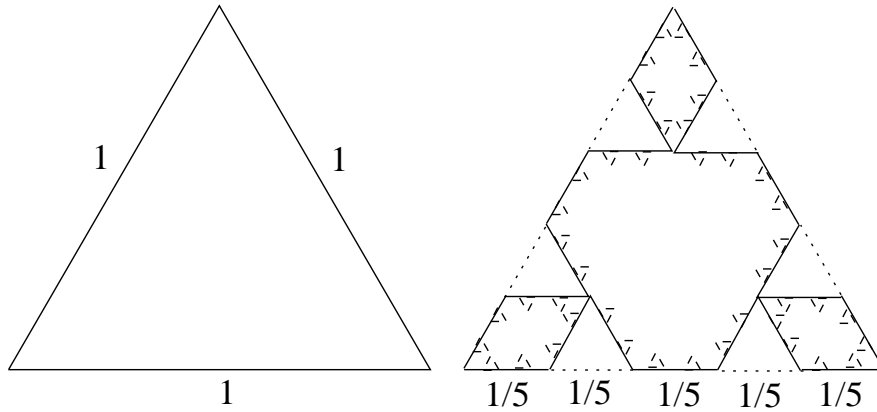
**Problem 4** (5 points): Consider the following variant of Fibonacci's rabbits problem: A *super-fertile pair* after 1 month of maturing gives birth to 3 pairs of rabbits, while a *fertile pair* after 1 month of maturing gives birth to 2 pairs of rabbits. Of the 3 pairs of newly born rabbits of the *super-fertile pair*, 1 is *super-fertile*, 1 is *fertile*, and 1 is *infertile*. The *infertile pair* matures in one month, but then has no offsprings. Of the 2 pairs of newly born rabbits of the *fertile pair*, 1 is *super-fertile* and 1 is *fertile*. Please (a) model the variant by a Lindenmayer system, annotating each variable by what type of pair it represents, and (b) give the first 5 new generations of the system, starting at generation 0 with a single pair of newly born super-fertile rabbits.

**Problem 5** (5 points): Consider the following Lindenmayer system:

<i>Var's:</i>	X	P	Y	r	F	Z	o	f	K
<i>Right-sides:</i>	PYZ	P	rFZ	r	ofZ	KPrF	o	f	K

Please write down the first 4 new generations of strings starting with X.

**Problem 6** (10 points): Please consider the following “inverted” Koch-like snowflake fractal:



Here one starts at 1st- iteration 1 with an equilateral triangle with side length 1. At the 2nd-iteration 2 equilateral triangles of side length  $1/5$  are pushed into the triangle at equal spaced intervals on each of the 3 sides. The interior is now 3 polygons connected at 3 points. At the 3rd-iteration again 2 triangles of side length  $1/25$  are pushed in on each of the 21 sides. They are shown above with dashed sides. And so on.

(a, 5 pts) Please give the sum  $L_i$  of the lengths of the boundaries of all polygons at iteration  $i$ .

(b, 5 pts) Please give the remaining area, namely, the sum  $A_i$  of the areas of all polygons, at iteration  $i$ . Note that  $A_1 = \sqrt{3}/4$ .