

1. (20pts) Consider the equation $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k^2} = 1$. For which n such that the equation has positive integer solution of x_k ? Note: it is known that $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{36} = 1$ and $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} = 1$
2. (15pts) Solve a_n , where $a_1=1, a_2=3, a_n = \frac{2}{5}a_{n-1} + \frac{3}{5}a_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 3$. Show details of your derivations.
3. (15pts) There are n ($n \geq 2$) people in a party. Suppose that two persons either know each other or not (A knows B if and only if B knows A). Prove or disprove that there always exist two persons who know exactly the same number of people in the party.
4. (20pts) Let G be a simple connected planar graph containing no triangle. Prove or disprove that G contains at least one vertex of degree 3 or less by Euler's polyhedron formula.
5. (15pts) Show that $\sum_{k=0}^{k=n} C(n, k)^2 = C(2n, n)$, where $C(n, k)$ is the coefficient of the x^k term in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$.
6. (15pts) Prove that a relation R is transitive if and only if $R^n \subseteq R$ for all positive integer n .

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