

Unless explicitly requested by a problem, do not include sketches as part of your proof. You are free to use the result from any problem on this (or previous) assignment as a part of your solution to a different problem even if you have not solved the former problem.

**Problem 1** (0.5 + 0.5 pts). Recall that  $K_{n_1, n_2, n_3}$  is the complete tripartite graph with parts of sizes  $n_1, n_2, n_3$ .

Fix any positive integer  $n$ .

- (a) Prove that  $K_{n, 2n, 3n}$  is Hamiltonian.
- (b) Prove that  $K_{n, 2n, 3n+1}$  is not Hamiltonian.

**Problem 2** (1 + 2 pts). Fix any integer  $n \geq 3$ .

- (a) Construct an  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$  with  $\binom{n-1}{2} + 1$  many edges such that  $G$  is *not* Hamiltonian.  
(Note: You must construct such a graph for *every*  $n \geq 3$ .)
- (b) Prove that if  $G$  is an  $n$ -vertex graph with at least  $\binom{n-1}{2} + 2$  many edges, then  $G$  is Hamiltonian.  
(Hint: Ore. Also, a graph on  $k$ -vertices has at most  $\binom{k}{2}$  edges, and  $\binom{n-1}{2} - \binom{n-2}{2} = n - 2$ .)

**Problem 3** (2pts). Let  $G$  be a graph on  $n \geq 4$  vertices with the property that  $N(u) \cup N(v) \supseteq V(G) \setminus \{u, v\}$  for every  $u \neq v \in V(G)$ . Prove that  $G$  is Hamiltonian.

**Problem 4** (2pts). Prove that  $\alpha(G) + \beta(G) = n$  for any  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$ .

(Note: You don't need to know anything about matchings to prove this.)

**Problem 5** (2 pts). Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph on  $n$  vertices. Show that  $\alpha(G) = n/2$  if and only if  $G$  has a perfect matching.