

1. Construct a minimum states finite-state machine that determines whether the input string has a 1 in the last position and a 0 in the third to the last position read so far. (12%)
2. (a) Let  $G=(V, E)$  be a connected bipartite undirected graph with  $V$  partitioned as  $V_1 \cup V_2$ . Prove that if  $|V_1| \neq |V_2|$ , then  $G$  cannot have a Hamilton cycle. (6%)  
 (b) Give an example of a connected bipartite undirected graph  $G=(V, E)$ , where  $V$  is partitioned as  $V_1 \cup V_2$  and  $|V_1| = |V_2| - 1$ , but  $G$  has no Hamilton path. (6%)
3. If  $G=(V, E)$  is an undirected graph, any subgraph of  $G$  that is a complete graph is called a clique in  $G$ . The number of vertices in a largest clique in  $G$  is called the clique number for  $G$  and is denoted by  $\omega(G)$ .  
 (a) How are  $\chi(G)$  and  $\omega(G)$  related? (7%)  
 (b) Is there any relationship between  $\omega(G)$  and  $\beta(\bar{G})$ ? (6%)  
 ( $\beta(G)$ : the independence number of  $G$  is the size of a largest independent set in  $G$ .  
 $\chi(G)$ : the chromatic number of  $G$  is the minimum number of colors needs to properly color  $G$ .)
4. In how many ways can Nicole paint the eight regions of the square shown in Fig. 1 if she actually uses exactly four of the five available colors? (13%)

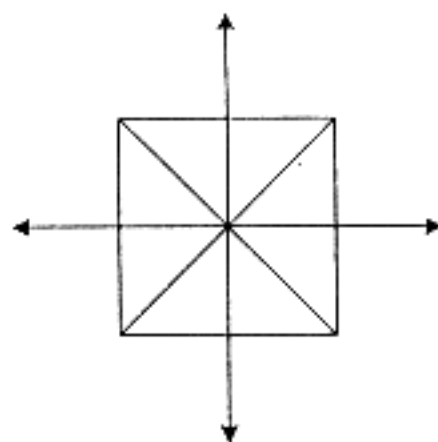


Fig.1

5. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two Boolean functions of  $n$  variables. Function  $f$  and function  $g$  are said to be equivalent if  $f$  can be obtained by permuting and/or complementing the Boolean variables of  $g$ , i.e.,

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = g(x_{\alpha(1)}^{c_1}, x_{\alpha(2)}^{c_2}, \dots, x_{\alpha(n)}^{c_n}), \text{ where } x_{\alpha(i)}^{c_i} = x_{\alpha(i)} \text{ or } \bar{x}_{\alpha(i)} \text{ and } \alpha \text{ is a permutation on } \{1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

Let VPC be the set of all variable permutation and complementation transformations on  $n$  variables. Show that VPC forms a group. (17%)

6. There are seven people A, B, C, D, E, F, G in an international conference. A speaks English; B speaks Chinese and English; C speaks English, Italian and Russian. D speaks Chinese and Japanese. E speaks Italian and German. F speaks Russian, Japanese and France. G speaks German and France. Can their seats be arranged as a circle such that every one can chat with his two neighbors? Explain your point. (16%)
7. Try to solve the recurrence relation for the Fibonacci sequence, where it is defined as:  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ , where  $F_0 = F_1 = 1$ . (17%)