

### Homework 13 : Due Friday, April 18

**Problem 1:** Let  $T$  be the unique tree with vertex set  $[8]$  whose Prüfer code is  $4, 1, 1, 4, 3, 1$ . Find the corresponding sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_7$  and then draw  $T$ .

**Problem 2:** Count the number of trees with vertex set  $[11]$  where all of the following hold:

- $d(5) = 4$
- $d(1) = d(7) = 3$
- $d(4) = d(8) = 2$
- $d(v) = 1$  for all other vertices, i.e. all other vertices are leaves.

**Problem 3:** Using Stirling numbers, count the number of trees with vertex set  $[20]$  having exactly 6 leaves.

**Problem 4:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph that is not a tree. Show that  $G$  has at least 2 spanning trees.

**Problem 5:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with at least 2 vertices. Show that there exist distinct vertices  $u$  and  $w$  such that both  $G - u$  and  $G - w$  are connected.

*Hint:* First think about the case where  $G$  is a tree.

**Problem 6:** Either prove or find a counterexample: Suppose that  $T$  is a minimum weight spanning tree of a connected weighted graph  $G$ . Let  $u$  and  $w$  be vertices of  $G$ . A  $u, w$ -path in  $T$  must have total weight less than or equal to the total weight of each  $u, w$ -path in  $G$ .