

# MATH 232 Discrete Math

## Homework LAST!!!!!!

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### Basic Information

Make sure you understand MHC [honor code](#) and have carefully read and understood the additional information on the [class syllabus](#) and the [grading rubric](#). I am happy to discuss any questions or concerns you have!

You are always welcome to ask me for small hints or suggestions on problems.

### Problems

**Wednesday Problems HW11** (Due: Tuesday, December 9 at 5 PM)

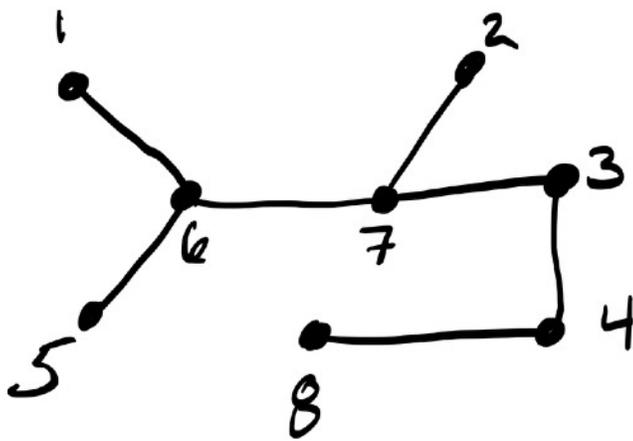
I will start grading this at 7 AM on December 11.

**Be sure you completely justify your answer using properties or results from class. An answer without justification will earn 0 points.**

- Determine the Prüfer code of the tree on the next page.
  - Draw the tree that corresponds to the Prüfer code (4, 4, 4, 2, 1).
- Count the number of labeled trees with 11 vertices where all of the following hold:
  - $\deg(5) = 4$
  - $\deg(1) = \deg(7) = 3$
  - $\deg(4) = \deg(8) = 2$
  - all the other vertices are leaves.

**Explain your answer** in complete sentences using counting technique(s) from the class.

- Let  $T$  be a tree such that every vertex adjacent to a leaf has degree at least 3. Prove that some pair of leaves in  $T$  has a common neighbor (in other words, both leaves are adjacent to the same vertex). **Hint:** One way to prove this is to consider the longest path through the tree.
- Prove that any tree of order  $n$  contains a subtree (a subgraph which is also a tree) of order  $m$  for every  $m \leq n$ . **Hint:** This is a good problem to use induction on to formally write it up.



Tree for problem 1(a).