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FINAL EXAM, DURATION 2 HOURS

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Section: \_\_\_\_\_

This exam paper consists of 7 questions. It has 6 pages. Show your work: all your answers must be justified. No calculators, books or notes are allowed!

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7. (15) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL (110)

1. (15 pts) Count the number of ways 33 players can be split into three soccer teams: Spartak, Dinamo, and Torpedo. (Note: Each soccer team has 11 players.)

2. (15 pts) Let  $f : \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  be defined by the formula  $f(m, n) = 2^m 5^n$ .

(a) (10 pts) Is  $f$  one-to-one?

(b) (5 pts) Is  $f$  onto?

3. (15 pts) Let  $B_4$  denote the set of all length 4 binary strings. Consider the Hamming distance function  $Hd : B_4 \times B_4 \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ .

(a) (5 pts) What is the number of preimages of 0 under  $Hd$ ?

(b) (5 pts) What is the number of preimages of 1 under  $Hd$ ?

(c) (5 pts) What is the number of preimages of 5 under  $Hd$ ?

4. (15 pts) Draw a finite state automaton for the input alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$  that accepts the set of all strings that end in 01. Clearly indicate the initial and accepting states.
5. (15 pts) Consider the error correcting code  $C = \{00000, 01011, 10101, 11110\}$ . This is a  $(5, 4, d)$  error correcting code.
- (a) (5 pts) Is  $C$  linear?
  - (b) (5 pts) Find  $d$ . How many errors can  $C$  correct? Explain.
  - (c) (5 pts) Is  $C$  perfect?

6. (20 pts) Let  $G$  be a simple graph with  $n$  vertices.

(a) (10 pts) Prove that the number of edges of  $G$  is at most  $n(n - 1)/2$ .

(b) (10 pts) Is it possible that the degrees of the vertices of  $G$  are all different? Justify.

7. (15 pts) Recall that a simple graph is *bipartite* if it is possible to color its vertices into two different colors in such a way that no two vertices of the same color are connected with an edge. Prove that a graph is bipartite if and only if it does not contain circuits with an odd number of edges.