Maths for Computing Assignment 5

1. (*5 marks*) Prove that if *P* and *Q* are longest paths (of the same length) in a connected graph, then *P* and *Q* have at least one vertex in common. Give a detailed proof.

2. (5 *marks*) Prove that if *G* is a disconnected graph, then \overline{G} is connected.

3. (5 marks) Let *M* be a maximal matching and *M*' be any matching in a graph *G*. Prove that $|M| \ge |M'|/2$.

4. (5 marks) Prove that a tree always has more leaves than vertices of degree three.

5. (5 marks) Prove that Petersen graph does not contain two perfect matchings M and M' such that $M \cap M' = \emptyset$. You can use the results proved in class or tutorials without proving them again. (*Hint: The length of the smallest cycle in Petersen graph is* 5)

6. (5 marks) Petersen graph is non-planar. Prove it using Kuratowski's Theorem.