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21-393 Operations Research II  
Test 2

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Problem	Points	Score
1	10	
2	30	
3	30	
4	30	
Total	100	

**Q1: (10pts)**

Find a minimum length spanning tree in the graph below:



**Q2: (30pts)** Carry out one complete iteration of a branch and bound algorithm to solve the Travelling Salesman Problem with the cost matrix below i.e. compute a lower bound, choose a variable to branch on and then compute bounds for the two sub-problems you create.

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THE COMPLETE PROBLEM**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \infty & 6 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & \infty & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & \infty & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & \infty & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 & 6 & \infty \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q3: (30pts)** Solve the assignment problem with the matrix below:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q4: (30pts)** During any year I can consume any amount that does not exceed my current wealth. If I consume  $\$c$  during a year then I earn  $c^a$  units of happiness. By the beginning of the next year, the previous years ending wealth grows by a factor  $\alpha$ .

(a) Formulate a recursion that can be used to maximise the total happiness earned during the next  $T$  years. Assume that I originally have  $\$w_0$ .

*For a possible bonus of 30pts:*

(b) Let  $f_t(w)$  be the maximum happiness earned during years  $t, t + 1, \dots, T$ , given that I have  $\$w$  at the beginning of year  $t$  and that  $c_t(w)$  is the amount that should be consumed during year  $t$  to attain  $f_t(w)$ . By working backwards from  $T$  show that for appropriately chosen constants  $a_t$  and  $b_t$ ,

$$f_t(w) = b_t w^a \text{ and } c_t(w) = a_t w.$$