Homework 6

1) Show that 3 of the following 4 problems are in NP.

a) Given a graph G and a number k, does G have a spanning tree of cost less than or equal to k?

b) Given a graph G and a number k, does G have no spanning tree of cost less than or equal to k?

c) Given a CNF expression E and a number k, is there an assignment which makes at least k clauses true?

d) Given a CNF expression E and a number k, is there no assignment which makes at least k clauses true?

2) The simple k-path problem takes a graph G and a number k, and asks whether G has a path of at least k edges such that no vertex appears on the path more than once. Show that the simple k-path problem is NP-complete.

3) Assume that it is NP-complete to determine whether a graph can be colored with 3 colors. Show that it is NP-complete to determine whether a graph can be colored with 4 colors.

4) Show that it is NP-complete to determine whether a graph has a clique consisting of exactly half of the vertices in the graph.