

National Examination – May 2014
04-BS-16: Discrete Mathematics
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This exam paper contains 13 pages (including this one).
Answer 10 out of 12 questions. Ten questions constitute a full paper.
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Good Luck!

Question 2. [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [5 MARKS]

Show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

Part (b) [5 MARKS]Show that for all $n \geq 1$, $9^n - 2^n$ is divisible by 7.

Question 5. [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [6 MARKS]

Prove

- $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$ is equivalent to $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$.

- $((a \wedge p) \vee p) \rightarrow p$ is a tautology.

Part (b) [4 MARKS]

- a. For a sequence a_n , define what it means that $a_n = O(f(n))$.

- b. A Fibonacci sequence with the initial condition, $a_1 = 3$, $a_2 = 4$ and $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$ can be written in closed-form as

$$a_n = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} + \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1}$$

What is the smallest x for which $a_n = O(x^n)$? Explain.

Question 6. [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [5 MARKS]

The English alphabet contains 26 letters, 5 of which are vowels (a, e, i, o, u), and 21 are consonants. Show that if the 26 letters are arranged in a sequence, there must be at least one occurrence of 4 consecutive consonants in the sequence.

Part (b) [3 MARKS]

What is the probability that if we arrange the letters A, A, A, B, B, B at random, the resulting sequence happens to be exactly AAABBB?

Part (c) [2 MARKS]

How many different functions are there mapping the 26-letter English alphabet to binary numbers $\{0, 1\}$?

Question 7. [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [5 MARKS]

Consider a set of pairs of integers (m, n) with $n \neq 0$. Define a relation as follows: (m, n) and (p, q) are related if $\frac{m}{n} = \frac{p}{q}$. Explain whether this relation is an equivalence relation. If so, describe the set of equivalence classes in the simplest mathematical term.

Part (b) [5 MARKS]

Consider $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, $f(x) = \lfloor x^3 + 0.5 \rfloor$, where \mathbb{R} is the set of real numbers, \mathbb{Z} is the set of integers, and $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$ is the floor operation. Is f one-to-one? Is f onto? Does f have an inverse? Explain.

Question 8. [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [5 MARKS]

Below are the adjacency matrices of two graphs. Please draw the graphs, and explain whether they are isomorphic.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Part (b) [5 MARKS]

How many non-isomorphic simple graphs are there with 4 vertices? Please draw them all.

Question 9. [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [7 MARKS]

Describe how quick sort works. What is the average run-time complexity of quick sort?

Part (b) [3 MARKS]

Please order the following run-time complexity in big-O notation from slowest to fastest.

$O(n^n)$, $O(\sqrt{n})$, $O(n^{\log(n)})$, $O(\log(n))$, $O(n \log(n))$, $O(n^4)$, $O(n^3 \log(n))$, $O(2^{\sqrt{n}})$

Question 10. [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

What is a Euler circuit? Under what condition does a simple connected graph have an Euler circuit?

Part (b) [2 MARKS]

What is a Euler path? Under what condition does a simple connected graph have an Euler path?

Part (c) [2 MARKS]

Which complete graphs K_n have an Euler circuit?

Part (d) [2 MARKS]

Which complete bipartite graphs $K_{m,n}$ have an Euler circuit?

Part (e) [2 MARKS]

Which complete bipartite graphs $K_{m,n}$ have an Euler path?

Question 11. [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [4 MARKS]

It is estimated that in a population of 1000 people in the winter, at any given time, 10 are having a headache, 20 are having fever, and 5 have both.

- a. What is the probability that a person is sick (either fever or headache)?
- b. What is the probability that a person has headache given that the person has a fever?
- c. What is the probability that a person has fever given that the person has headache?
- d. What is the probability that a person has headache given that the person does not have fever?

Part (b) [6 MARKS]

A byte consists of 8 bits. Suppose that we generate a byte at random. Each bit has 50% probability of being 1 or 0. What is the probability that it contains no more than 4 consecutive 0's?

Question 12. [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Euler's polyhedron formula relates the number of vertices, faces, and edges in a polyhedron. Write down this relationship.

Part (b) [3 MARKS]

In computer graphics, 3-dimensional objects are often represented by triangle meshes. Suppose that a triangle mesh representing a polyhedron consists of K triangles, where each edge is shared by two triangles but each vertex may be shared by multiple triangles. How many vertices are there in such a mesh?

Part (c) [5 MARKS]

Bucky-ball C_{60} (buckminsterfullerene) is a truncated icosahedron with 60 vertices and 32 faces. The faces are either hexagons or pentagons. Among the 32 faces, how many are hexagons and how many pentagons?

Total Marks = 100