

# FINAL: 180 Minutes

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Answer ALL questions. You may use two single sided  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  crib sheets.  
NO COLLABORATION or electronic devices. Any violations result in an F.  
NO questions allowed during the test. Interpret and do the best you can.

GOOD LUCK!

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1 Circle at most one answer per question. 10 points for each correct answer and -5 points for each incorrect answer (blank answer is 0 points). Don't guess!

(a)  $P(n)$  is a predicate ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).  $P(1), P(2), P(3)$  are true, and  $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+4)$  is true for  $n \geq 1$ . For which  $n$  can we be sure  $P(n)$  is true?



- A All  $n \geq 1$  except multiples of 2.
- B All  $n \geq 1$  except multiples of 4.
- C All  $n \geq 1$
- D Only  $n = 1, 2, 3$ .

B

(b) Of the following five sets, list *all* that are countable ( $\mathcal{A}$  is countable if  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\text{surj}} \mathcal{A}$ ):

(I) Prime numbers; (II) Rational numbers; (III) Integers; (IV) Even numbers; (V) Infinite binary strings.

- A I and III.
- B I and II and III and IV.
- C I and III and V.
- D II and III and IV.

I, II, III, IV,

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(c) A class with 25 students needs to choose a representative committee which is a subset of 5 students. How many different committees can be formed?

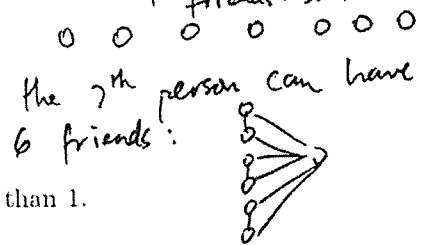
- A  $25^5$ .
- B  $\frac{25!}{20! \times 5!}$ .
- C  $\frac{25!}{5!}$ .
- D  $25 \times 24 \times 23 \times 22 \times 21 = \frac{25!}{20!}$ .

$$25 \times 24 \times 23 \times 22 \times 21 = \frac{25!}{20!}$$

B

(d) A friendship network has 7 people and each person has at least 1 friend. 6 of the people have *exactly two friends*. How many friends can the 7th person have? Give all possibilities. *7th person must have even friends  $\rightarrow 2, 4, 6$ .*

- A The seventh person could have either 2 or 4 friends.
- B The seventh person could have either 2 or 4 or 6 friends.
- C The seventh person could have either 1 or 2 or 3 friends.
- D The seventh person could have any number of friends that is greater than 1.



B

(e) Compute the summation  $(0+1) + (1+2) + (2+4) + (3+8) + \dots + (10+2^{10}) = \sum_{i=0}^{10} (i+2^i)$

- A 2048.
- B 2102.
- C 1078.
- D 2200.

$$\sum_{i=0}^{10} (i+2^i) = \sum i + \sum 2^i = \frac{10 \cdot 11}{2} + 2^{11} - 1 = 55 + 2048 - 1 = 2102$$

B

(f) You have a known fact that  $0 = 0$  and all the standard operations of algebra you learned in high-school math. Which of the following is a valid proof that  $7 = 7$ :

**B**

|                    |                       |                    |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <u>I</u>           | <u>II</u>             | <u>III</u>         |
| 1. $7 = 7$         | 1. $7 \neq 7$         | 1. $0 = 0$         |
| 2. $7 - 7 = 7 - 7$ | 2. $7 - 7 \neq 7 - 7$ | 2. $0 + 7 = 0 + 7$ |
| 3. $0 = 0$ X       | 3. $0 \neq 0$ !FISHY  | 3. $7 = 7$ ✓       |
| → $7 = 7$          | → $7 = 7$             | → $7 = 7$          |

- A I & II & III.    
  B II & III.    
  C I & II    
  D I & III.

(g) Let  $f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i$  and  $g(n) = 2^{3 \log_2 n}$ . What is the big-Oh relationship between  $f$  and  $g$ ?

**B**

A  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = O(f(n))$ .  
 B  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $g(n) \neq O(f(n))$ .  
 C  $f(n) \neq O(g(n))$  and  $g(n) = O(f(n))$ .  
 D  $f(n) \neq O(g(n))$  and  $g(n) \neq O(f(n))$ .

$f(n) = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$   
 $g(n) = n^3$       $f \in O(g)$   
 $g \notin O(f)$

(h) You independently generate the ten bits of a binary sequence  $b_1 b_2 \dots b_{10}$  with  $\mathbb{P}[b_i = 0] = \frac{1}{2}$ . Compute the probability that the sequence is sorted from low to high. For example 0000111111 is sorted.

**B**

A  $\frac{10}{1024}$   
 B  $\frac{11}{1024}$   
 C  $\frac{20}{1024}$   
 D  $\frac{12}{1024}$

11 sequences sorted from high to low:  
 0...0    0...01    0...011    ...    1(11...1)

$prob = \frac{11}{2^{10}} = \frac{11}{1024}$

(i)  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are non-negative integers. Compute the number of different solutions to  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 100$ . (For example two different solutions are  $1 + 2 + 97 = 100$  and  $97 + 1 + 2 = 100$ .)

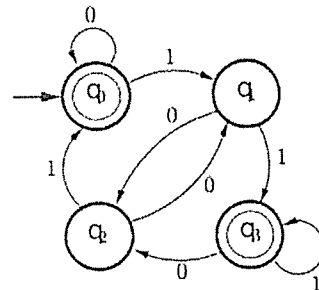
**B**

A 10302  
 B 5151  
 C 4949  
 D 5050

$\overbrace{1 \dots 1 \dots 1}^{3 \text{ bins}}$   
 $\binom{102}{2} = \frac{102 \cdot 101}{2} = 51 \cdot 101 = 51 + 5100 = 5151$

(j) For the automaton on the right, which input string is accepted? (Strings are processed from left to right.)

- A 010101  
 B 0101011  
 C 01010110  
 D 010101100



## 2 Proofs

1. Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1$ :  $n2^n \leq 3^n$

Proof By induction

Base Case

$$P(1): \frac{1 \cdot 2^1}{2} \leq 3^1 \leq 3$$

$$P(2): 2 \cdot 2^2 = 8 \leq 9 = 3^2 \checkmark$$

$P(1)$  and  $P(2)$  are true.

Induction

Assume  $P(n): n2^n \leq 3^n$

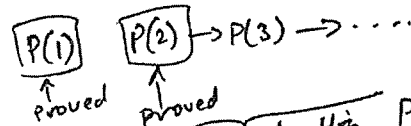
Prove  $P(n+1): (n+1)2^{n+1} \leq 3^{n+1}$

We know  $n2^n \leq 3^n$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (n+1)2^{n+1} &= 2 \cdot n2^n + 2^{n+1} \\ &\leq 2 \cdot 3^n + 2^{n+1} \quad (\text{I.H.}) \\ &= 3^{n+1} \left( \frac{2}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n+1} \right) \\ &\leq 3^{n+1} \quad \left( \frac{2}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n+1} \leq 1 \text{ for } n \geq 2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$  for  $n \geq 2$

$$\text{when } n \geq 2 \quad \frac{2}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n+1} \leq \frac{2}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{26}{27} \leq 1$$



By induction  $P(1)$  and  $P(n)$  for  $n \geq 2$  are proved.  $\square$

2. Prove that every odd natural number is the difference of two square numbers.

Proof using a general argument.

Let  $n = 2k+1$  be a general odd number where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

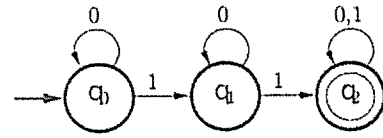
~~we consider the case as is positive~~

$$(k+1)^2 - k^2 = k^2 + 2k + 1 - k^2 = n$$

$\therefore n = (k+1)^2 - k^2$  is a difference of squares.

### 3 Finite Automaton with a Random Input String

The automaton to the right processes a random binary string  $b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$  of length  $n$  generated as follows: you independently generate each bit  $b_i$  with  $\mathbb{P}[b_i = 1] = p$  and  $\mathbb{P}[b_i = 0] = 1 - p$ . Show that the probability that the string is accepted is



$$\mathbb{P}[\text{random input string is accepted}] = 1 - (1 - p)^n - np(1 - p)^{n-1}.$$

[Hints: (i) Figure out a simple property of a string for it to be accepted. (ii) Binomial distribution.]

A string is accepted if it has at least 2 1's.

~~P[ $\emptyset$  ones]~~ 
$$P[\emptyset \text{ ones}] = (1-p)^n$$

$$P[1 \text{ one}] = np(1-p)^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[2 \text{ or more ones}] &= 1 - P[\emptyset \text{ ones}] - P[1 \text{ one}] \\ &= 1 - (1-p)^n - np(1-p)^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$


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#### 4 Probability and Expectation

(a) You independently roll 3 fair dice  $D_1, D_2, D_3$  and let  $S = D_1 + D_2 + D_3$  be the sum. Compute:

(i)  $P[S = 8]$

Condition on  $D_1$

|           |                 |   |
|-----------|-----------------|---|
| $D_1 = 1$ | $D_1 + D_2 = 7$ | 6 |
| 2         | 6               | 5 |
| 3         | 5               | 4 |
| 4         | 4               | 3 |
| 5         | 3               | 2 |
| 6         | 2               | 1 |

possibility

$$P[S=8] = \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{1+2+\dots+6}{36} \right] = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{6 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 36} = \frac{7}{72}$$

$\frac{7}{72}$

(ii)  $P[S = 8 | D_1 = 1]$

Given  $D_1 = 1$ ,  $D_2 + D_3 = 7$  has 6 possibilities

$$\therefore P[S=8 | D_1=1] = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

OR

$$P[S=8 | D_1=1] = \frac{P[S=8 \cap D_1=1]}{P[D_1=1]} = \frac{\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{6}{36}}{\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$\frac{1}{6}$

(iii) Compute the expectation and variance of  $S$ .

$$E[D_1 + D_2 + D_3] = E[D_1] + E[D_2] + E[D_3] = 3 \cdot E[D_1] = 3 \cdot \frac{(1+2+\dots+6)}{6} = \frac{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 6} = \frac{21}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(D_1 + D_2 + D_3) = \text{Var}(D_1) + \text{Var}(D_2) + \text{Var}(D_3) = 3 \cdot \text{Var}(D_1)$$

$$E[D_1^2] = \frac{1}{6} [1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + 6^2] = \frac{1}{6} [1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + 36] = \frac{1}{6} [10 + 20 + 61] = \frac{91}{6}$$

$$\text{Var}(D_1) = \frac{91}{6} - \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{91}{6} - \frac{49}{4} = \frac{364 - 294}{24} = \frac{70}{24} = \frac{35}{12}$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(S) = 3 \cdot \frac{35}{12} = \frac{35}{4}$$

(b) You toss a fair coin independently until you get two heads in a row. Let  $X$  be the number of tosses. Compute  $E[X]$  using the law of total expectation:

(i) Consider the 3 cases  $T, HT, HH$  for how the tosses may start and show that

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{2}(1 + E[X]) + \frac{1}{4}(2 + E[X]) + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$E[X] = E[X|T]P[T] + E[X|HT]P[HT] + E[X|HH]P[HH]$$

$$E[X|T] \Rightarrow \text{restart} = 1 + E[X] \quad P[T] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[X|HT] \rightarrow \text{restart with 2} = 2 + E[X] \quad P[HT] = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$E[X|HH] = 2 \quad P[HH] = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(1 + E[X]) + \frac{1}{4}(2 + E[X]) + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(1 + E[X]) + \frac{1}{4}(2 + E[X]) + \frac{1}{2}$$

(ii) Use (i) to show that  $E[X] = 6$ .

Solve for  $E[X]$ :

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}E[X] + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}E[X] + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{4}E[X]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{4}E[X] = \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow E[X] = 6$$

## 5 Context Free Grammars

This problem is about the language  $\mathcal{L}$  generated by the CFG:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow 1T \mid 0T \\ T &\rightarrow 1T1 \mid 0T0 \mid \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

(a) Is the string 1010010 in  $\mathcal{L}$ ? If yes then give a derivation or parse tree; if no then explain why.

Yes:

$$S \longrightarrow 1T \longrightarrow 10T0 \longrightarrow 101T10 \longrightarrow 1010T010 \longrightarrow \underline{1010010}.$$

(b) Prove that the length of every string in  $\mathcal{L}$  is odd.

Every string in  $\mathcal{L}$  starts with the derivation  $S \rightarrow 1T$  or  $S \rightarrow 0T$   
 $\therefore$  The strings derived are 1 longer than the strings in  $T$ .

It suffices to prove that the strings in  $T$  are even.

Proof By induction on derivation length. [strong Induction].

Base  $T \rightarrow \epsilon$  (length 1 derivation)  $\checkmark$   
 $\uparrow$   
 length 0.

Induction Assume all derivations of length up to  $n$  give even length.

Consider derivation of length  $n+1$

The derivation starts  $T \rightarrow 0T0$  or  $T \rightarrow 1T1$   
 $\downarrow x$   $\downarrow y$

the derivations  $T \xrightarrow{*} x$  and  $T \xrightarrow{*} y$  are length  $n$  derivations

$\therefore$  by the induction hypothesis  $|x| = \text{even}$   $|y| = \text{even}$ .

$\therefore |0x0| = 2 + |x| = \text{even}$  or  $|1y1| = 2 + |y| = \text{even}$ .

In either case the length is even.

By induction every derivation in  $T$  gives even length.

$\therefore$  Every derivation in  $S$  gives odd length.

## 6 Turing Machine

(a) What is the difference between a Turing-recognizable language and a Turing-decidable language?

Turing recognizable: TM halts on YES-set with accept  
TM halts or loops forever on NO-set

Turing decidable: TM halts on YES-set with accept  
TM halts on NO-set with reject.

(b) Consider the arithmetic task of squaring, which corresponds to the language  $\mathcal{L} = \{0^n \# 0^{n^2} \mid n \geq 1\}$ .

(i) Circle the simplest model of computing that you think solves the problem  $\mathcal{L}$ :

Finite Automaton

Context Free Grammar

Turing Machine

(ii) Give your machine from (i) that solves  $\mathcal{L}$  (for a T.M., a high level description will do).

- ① Check input format is  $0^+ \# 0^+$ .
- ② Mark ~~each~~ <sup>a</sup> zero left of # with x.  
for each zero left of #, mark it with  $\checkmark$  and mark a zero right of #  
When all zeros left of # have  $\checkmark$ , unmark all  $\checkmark$  from the left zeros.
- ③ Repeat as long as there are left zeros.
- ④ If run out of right zeros, reject  
if run out of left zeros, check no unmarked right zeros.  
if so accept  
else reject.