

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) 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.

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

(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.

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.

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

A 2048.

B 2102.

C 1078.

D 2200.

- (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 $7 = 7$:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{I} \\ 1. \quad 7 = 7 \\ 2. \quad 7 - 7 = 7 - 7 \\ 3. \quad 0 = 0 \quad \checkmark \\ \hline \rightarrow \quad 7 = 7 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{II} \\ 1. \quad 7 \neq 7 \\ 2. \quad 7 - 7 \neq 7 - 7 \\ 3. \quad 0 \neq 0 \quad \text{!FISHY} \\ \hline \rightarrow \quad 7 = 7 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{III} \\ 1. \quad 0 = 0 \\ 2. \quad 0 + 7 = 0 + 7 \\ 3. \quad 7 = 7 \quad \checkmark \\ \hline \rightarrow \quad 7 = 7 \end{array}$$

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 ?

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 $g(n) \neq O(f(n))$.

- (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.

A $\frac{10}{1024}$

B $\frac{11}{1024}$

C $\frac{20}{1024}$

D $\frac{12}{1024}$

- (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 $97 + 1 + 2 = 100$.)

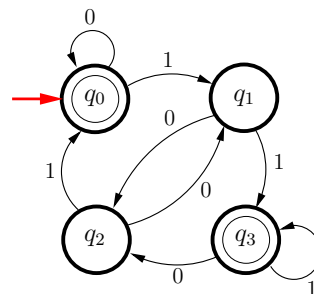
A 10302

B 5151

C 4949

D 5050

- (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

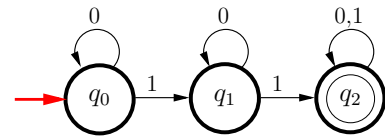
2 Proofs

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

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

3 Finite Automaton with a Random Input String

The automaton to the right processes a random binary string $b_1b_2 \dots b_n$ 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.]

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) $\mathbb{P}[S = 8]$

(ii) $\mathbb{P}[S = 8 \mid D_1 = 1]$

(iii) Compute the expectation and variance of S .

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

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

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

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

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.

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

6 Turing Machine

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

(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 *TM*, a high level description will do).

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