

# MIDTERM: 100 Minutes

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Answer **ALL** questions. You may use one double sided  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  crib sheet.

**NO COLLABORATION** or electronic devices. Any violations result in an F.

**NO** questions allowed during the test. Interpret and do the best you can.

You **MUST** show your work, even on multiple choice questions, to get credit.

## GOOD LUCK!

1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
150	20	20	20	20	20	250

1 Circle one answer per question. 10 points for each correct answer.

(1) Compute the sum  $\sum_{n=0}^{10} 2^n$ .

A 1023.

B 2047.

C 2048.

D 4095.

E None of the above.

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

$$2^{11} - 1 = 2048 - 1 = \underline{2047}$$

(2) What is the correct asymptotic behavior (order analysis) for the sum  $S(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i$ .

A  $S(n) \in O(n)$ .

B  $S(n) \in o(n^2)$ .

C  $S(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$ .

D  $S(n) \in \omega(n^2)$ .

E None of the above.

$$\frac{1}{2} n(n+1) \in \Theta(n^2)$$

(3) Which is the correct asymptotic order relationship that describes the sum  $S(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} 2^i$

A  $S(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$ .

B  $S(n) \in \Theta(2^n)$ .

C  $S(n) \in \omega(2^n)$ .

D  $S(n) \in o(2^n)$ .

E None of the above.

$$2^{2n+1} - 1 \in \Theta(2^{2n})$$

$$\frac{2^{2n}}{2^n} = 2^n \rightarrow \infty \therefore \omega(2^n)$$

(4) What is the greatest common divisor of 5292 and 6006,  $\gcd(5292, 6006)$ ?

A 6.

B 14.

C 21.

D 48.

E None of the above.

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(5292, 6006) &= \gcd(714, 5292) \\ &= \gcd(294, 714) \\ &= \gcd(126, 294) \\ &= \gcd(42, 126) \\ &= \gcd(42, 0) \\ &= 42. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 \times 714 &= 4998 + 20 + 28 \\ &= 4998 \\ 2 \times 294 &= 588 \\ 2 \cdot 126 &= 252 \end{aligned}$$

(5) What is the last digit of  $n$  (the remainder when divided by 10), where  $n = 29^9 - 21^7$ ?

A 0

B 2

C 4

D 6

E 8

$$\begin{aligned} 29 &\equiv -1 \pmod{10} & 21 &\equiv 1 \pmod{10} \\ \rightarrow 29^9 &\equiv -1^9 \equiv -1 \pmod{10} & \rightarrow 21^7 &\equiv 1^7 \equiv 1 \pmod{10} \end{aligned}$$

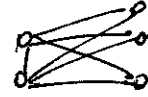
$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv 9 \pmod{10} \\ 29^9 - 21^7 &\equiv 9 - 1 \equiv 8 \pmod{10}. \end{aligned}$$

- (6) A friendship network (simple graph) has vertices having degree sequence  $\delta = [4, 4, 2, 2, 2]$ . How many edges (friendship links) are in this friendship network?

- A 6 edges  
 B 7 edges  
 C 8 edges  
 D Not enough information to determine the number of edges  
 E This friendship network cannot possibly exist

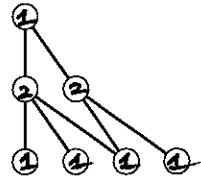
$$\sum \delta_i = 14 \Rightarrow 2E$$

$$\rightarrow E = 7$$



- (7) You wish to color the graph on the right so that linked vertices do not get the same color. What is the minimum number of colors needed (the chromatic number).

- A 2  
 B 3  
 C 4  
 D 5  
 E 6



- (8) Evaluate  $\binom{18}{7} - \binom{18}{11}$

- A 0  
 B 1.  
 C 2.  
 D 4.  
 E 36.

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k} \rightarrow \binom{18}{7} = \binom{18}{11}$$

$$\rightarrow \binom{18}{7} - \binom{18}{11} = 0$$

- (9) How many subsets of  $\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$  contain at most 3 elements.?

- A 32.  
 B 64.  
 C 128.  
 D 256.  
 E None of the above.

$$\binom{7}{0} + \binom{7}{1} + \binom{7}{2} + \binom{7}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2^7 = 64.$$

because

$$\binom{7}{0} + \binom{7}{1} + \binom{7}{2} + \binom{7}{3} + \binom{7}{4} + \binom{7}{5} + \binom{7}{6} + \binom{7}{7} = 2^7$$

equal.

- (10) Estimate the number of possible social networks which could represent the friendship relationships among the 10 friends  $A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J$ . (How many different 10-vertex graphs are there?)

- A  $3.5 \times 10^{12}$ .  
 B  $3.5 \times 10^{13}$ .  
 C  $3.5 \times 10^{14}$ .  
 D  $3.5 \times 10^{15}$ .  
 E  $3.5 \times 10^{16}$ .

# possible links =  $\binom{10}{2} = \frac{10 \times 9}{2} = 45$

each link can be present or not (2 choices)

# total choices (Product Rule) =  $2^{45}$

$$= (2^{10})^4 \cdot 2^5$$

$$\approx (10^3)^4 \cdot 2^5$$

$$= 32 \times 10^{12} \approx 3.2 \times 10^{13}$$

$(2^{10} \approx 10^3)$

(11) In how many ways can you misspell TRIANGLE, assuming you use all the same letters?

- A  $8^8$ .
- B  $8^8 - 1$ .
- C  $8!$ .
- D  $8! - 1$ .
- E None of the above.

# permutations =  $8!$   
 All but one are misspellings  
 $\rightarrow 8! - 1$

(12) In how many ways can you misspell SUCCESS, assuming you use all the same letters?

- A 379.
- B 399.
- C 419.
- D 449.
- E None of the above.

# anagrams =  $\frac{7!}{3!2!} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{3 \times 2 \times 2} = 42 \times 10 = 420$   
 All but one are misspellings  
 $\therefore 420 - 1 = 419$

(13) In how many ways can 10 identical rings be placed on your 5 left-fingers (multiple rings can go on a finger).

- A  $5^{10}$ .
- B  $10^5$ .
- C  $\binom{14}{4}$ .
- D  $\binom{15}{5}$ .
- E None of the above.

Each ring chooses a finger  
 choose 10 with replacement, order does not matter. Only thing which matters is how many rings on each finger  
 $n=5, k=10 \quad \binom{n+k-1}{n-1} = \binom{14}{4}$

(14) What is the coefficient of  $x^3$  in the expansion of  $(2\sqrt{x} + x)^5$ ?

- A 0.
- B 5.
- C 40.
- D 80.
- E 120

$(2\sqrt{x} + x)^5 = x^{5/2} (2 + \sqrt{x})^5$   
 need coefficient of  $x^{1/2}$ .  
 $\binom{5}{i} 2^i x^{5-i/2} \rightarrow \frac{5-i}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow i = 4$ .  
 $2^4 \cdot \binom{5}{4} = 16 \cdot 5 = \underline{80}$

(15) How many of the numbers in  $\{1, 2, \dots, 1000\}$  are divisible by 10 or 11?

- A 177.
- B 179.
- C 181.
- D 183.
- E None of the above.

div by 10:  $\lfloor \frac{1000}{10} \rfloor = 100$   
 div by 11:  $\lfloor \frac{1000}{11} \rfloor = 90$   
 div by 11 and 10:  $\lfloor \frac{1000}{110} \rfloor = 9$   
 $100 + 90 - 9 = \underline{181}$

2 Prove that  $n^2$  is divisible by 8 if and only if  $n$  is divisible by 4. ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ )

Prove two implications

$$\underline{4|n \rightarrow 8|n^2} \text{ (Direct Proof)}$$

$$\text{Assume } 4|n \rightarrow n = 4k \rightarrow n^2 = 16k^2 = 8 \cdot (2k^2) \\ \therefore 8|n^2. \quad \blacksquare$$

$$8|n^2 \rightarrow 4|n \text{ (Contradiction)}$$

Assume 4 does not divide  $n$

So

$$\begin{cases} \text{(i) } n = 4k+1 \rightarrow n^2 = 16k^2 + 8k + 1 \rightarrow \text{rem}(n^2, 8) = 1 \\ \text{(ii) } n = 4k+2 \rightarrow n^2 = 16k^2 + 16k + 4 \rightarrow \text{rem}(n^2, 8) = 4 \\ \text{(iii) } n = 4k+3 \rightarrow n^2 = 16k^2 + 24k + 9 \rightarrow \text{rem}(n^2, 8) = 1 \end{cases}$$

In all cases 8 does not divide  $n^2$   $\blacksquare$

50% understood two proofs and what must be proved in each case, or only proved one correctly.

80% proved one correctly and not other implication.

100% basically proved both implications.

3 Prove or disprove. There exists  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  for which  $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$ .

Disprove. Proof by contradiction Suppose  $2x^2 + 5y^2 = 14$ .

Since  $2x^2 \geq 0$  it means  $5y^2 \leq 14$

so  $y^2 \leq \frac{14}{5}$  since  $y$  is an integer

$$\rightarrow y^2 \leq 2$$

since  $2$  is not a perfect square, the only choices for  $y$  are

$y \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$  and  $y^2 = 0$  or  $1$ .

$y^2 = 0 \rightarrow 2x^2 = 14 \rightarrow x^2 = 7 \rightarrow 7$  is a perfect square,  
- a contradiction

$y^2 = 1 \rightarrow 2x^2 = 14 - 5 \rightarrow x^2 = \frac{9}{2} \rightarrow x^2$  is not an integer which  
is a contradiction since  
 $x$  is an integer.

Both cases give a contradiction  $\rightarrow \underline{2x^2 + 5y^2 \neq 14}$

50% showed understanding of problem.

80% used cases and contradiction

100% carried through proof by contradiction  
or otherwise gave a convincing argument.

4 (Diagonal Binomial Sum) Prove by induction:  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{10+k}{k} = \binom{10+n+1}{n}$  for all integers  $n \geq 0$ .

$$P(n): \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{10+k}{k} = \binom{10+n+1}{n}$$

Prove  $P(n)$  for  $n \geq 0$  by induction.

Base Case -: ( $n=0$ )  $P(0)$  claims  $\sum_{k=0}^0 \binom{10+k}{k} = \binom{10+0+1}{0}$

only one term,  $k=0$

$$\binom{10}{0} = \binom{11}{0} \leftarrow \text{true because both are 1.}$$

Induction Step: Assume  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{10+k}{k} = \binom{10+n+1}{n}$

Prove  $\sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \binom{10+k}{k} = \binom{10+n+2}{n+1}$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \binom{10+k}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{10+k}{k} + \binom{10+n+1}{n+1}$$

$$= \binom{10+n+1}{n} + \binom{10+n+1}{n+1}$$

[Induction Hypothesis]

$$= \binom{10+n+2}{n+1} \quad \checkmark$$

[Pascal's Identity]  
 $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}$

$\therefore P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 0$  by induction  $\blacksquare$

50%: setup correct induction

80%: proved base case and understood / made some progress in induction step.

100%: Generally correct proof with correct manipulation of binomial coefficients.

Induction step must prove  $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$ .

Not more than 50% if you tried to prove  $P(n+1) \rightarrow P(n)$

5 How many 10-bit binary strings contain 00 as a substring.

# 10-bit strings =  $2^{10} = 1024$ .

$Q(n) = \#$  of  $n$ -bit strings not containing 00

Two cases for these strings.

The start 1 or 01

1  $(n-1)$ -bit string not containing 00

01  $(n-2)$ -bit string not containing 00.

$Q(n) = Q(n-1) + Q(n-2)$

$Q(1) = \#$  1-bit strings not containing 00 = 2.

$Q(2) = \#$  2-bit strings not containing 00 = 3.

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Q(n)	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89	144

We want  $2^{10} - Q(10) = 1024 - 144 = \underline{\underline{880}}$ .

50% - showed understanding of problem (eg. tinkering with small n).  
 80% - Defined  $Q(n)$  and approached by build up. Can also develop recursion with # strings containing 00.  
 100% - Developed correct recursion. OK if addition errors are made.

$T(n) = \#$  of  $n$ -bit strings containing 00.

$T(n):$  3 cases.  $\begin{cases} \text{start 1} \leftarrow T(n-1) \\ \text{start 01} \leftarrow T(n-2) \\ \text{start 00} \leftarrow 2^{n-2} \end{cases}$   $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + 2^{n-2}$   
 $T(1) = 0$   
 $T(2) = 1$

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
T(n)	0	1	3	8	19	43	94	201	423	880



6 Prove or disprove: Any graph has an even number of vertices having odd degree. (TRUE).  
 (The graph is undirected and simple, i.e., has no loops or parallel edges.)

Let the even degrees be  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_m$   
 Let the odd degrees be  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$

We must prove that  $n$  is ~~even~~ even. Suppose  $n$  is odd

$$\text{Sum of degrees} = \underbrace{(\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \dots + \delta_m)}_{\text{sum of evens is even}} + \underbrace{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n)}_{\text{sum of } n \text{ odd numbers}}$$

$$= \text{EVEN} + \text{sum of } n \text{ odd numbers}$$

if  $n$  is odd then sum of  $n$  odd numbers is odd

$$= \text{EVEN} + \text{ODD}$$

$$= \text{ODD}$$

But sum of degrees =  $2|E| = \text{even}$  } FISKY CONTRADICTION

$\therefore n$  is ~~odd~~ even  $\rightarrow$  # of odd degree vertices is even.

50%: understood problem, showed some tinkering.  
 80%: Basic idea for proof using handshaking theorem.  
 100%: Correct proof.

Student may assume sum of odd number of odd numbers is odd, or prove it by induction

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_{n-2} + \underbrace{\alpha_{n-1} + \alpha_n}_{\text{sum of 2 odd's is even}}$$

~~$\Rightarrow$~~

$$= \text{EVEN} + \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_{n-2}$$

apply induction hypothesis since  $n-2$  is odd

$$= \text{EVEN} + \text{ODD}$$

$$= \text{ODD}$$