

MIDTERM: 90 Minutes

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Answer **ALL** questions. Open Orange DMC-textbook. Nothing else.

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 **CORRECT** work, even on multiple choice questions, to get credit.

GOOD LUCK!

1	2	3	4	5	Total
150	25	25	25	25	250

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

(1) Give the negation of "Attending class is necessary to pass the course".

- ☐ A IF you did not pass the course THEN you did not attend class.
☐ B IF you did not attend class THEN you did not pass the course.
☐ C You did attend class AND you did not pass the course.
☒ D You did not attend class AND you did pass the course.
☐ E None of the above.

$p \equiv \text{attend}$ and $q \equiv \text{pass}$
 $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ (also $q \rightarrow p$)
 $\neg(\neg p \rightarrow \neg q) \equiv \neg(p \vee \neg q)$
 $\equiv \neg p \wedge q$
 $\equiv \boxed{\text{don't attend and pass.}}$

(2) Compute $S = \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 (ij)$.

- ☐ A $S = 50$.
☒ B $S = 100$.
☐ C $S = 200$.
☐ D $S = 400$.
☐ E None of the above.

inner sum first
 $\sum_{j=1}^4 ij \equiv i \sum_{j=1}^4 j \equiv i \times \frac{4 \times 5}{2} = 10i$ (Constant Rule)
 $\sum_{i=1}^4 10i = 10 \sum_{i=1}^4 i = 10 \times 10 = \boxed{100}$

(3) Estimate this sum $S = \sum_{i=0}^5 \sum_{j=0}^{10} 2^{i+j}$.

- ☐ A $S = 3.2 \times 10^3$.
☐ B $S = 1.3 \times 10^4$.
☐ C $S = 2.6 \times 10^4$.
☒ D $S = 1.3 \times 10^5$.
☐ E $S = 2.6 \times 10^5$.

$\sum_{j=0}^{10} 2^{i+j} = \sum_{j=0}^{10} 2^i 2^j = 2^i \sum_{j=0}^{10} 2^j = 2^i (2^{11} - 1)$
 $\sum_{i=0}^5 (2^{11} - 1) 2^i = (2^{11} - 1) \sum_{i=0}^5 2^i = (2^{11} - 1) (2^6 - 1)$
 $\approx 2^4 \cdot 2^6$
 $= 2^{17} \approx 2^7 \cdot 2^{10} \approx 2^7 \times 1000$
 $= 128 \times 1000 \approx \boxed{1.3 \times 10^5}$

(4) Let $S(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$. Which is true?

- ☐ A $S(n) \in \Theta(n)$.
☐ B $S(n) \in \Theta(n \log_2 n)$.
☒ C $S(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$.
☐ D $S(n) \in \Theta(2^n)$.
☐ E None of the above.

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

(5) Compute $\gcd(210, 385)$. That is, compute the greatest common divisor of 210 and 385.

- ☐ A 3.
☐ B 5.
☐ C 7.
☐ D 9.
☒ E None of the above.

$\gcd(210, 385) = \gcd(175, 210)$
 $= \gcd(35, 175)$
 $= \gcd(0, 35)$
 $= \boxed{35}$

$\gcd(m, n) = \gcd(\gcd(m, n), n)$

(6) Compute the remainder when 6^{2025} is divided by 7.

- ☐ A 1.
☐ B 3.
☐ C 5.
☒ D 6.
☐ E None of the above.

$$6 \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$$

$$6^{2025} \equiv (-1)^{2025}$$

$$\equiv -1$$

$$\equiv 6.$$

(7) A friendship network (simple graph) has degree sequence $[4, 4, 3, 3, 2]$. How many edges does it have?

- ☐ A 7.
☒ B 8.
☐ C 9.
☐ D 10.
☐ E None of the above, or not enough information.

$$\sum \text{degrees} = 4 + 4 + 3 + 3 + 2$$

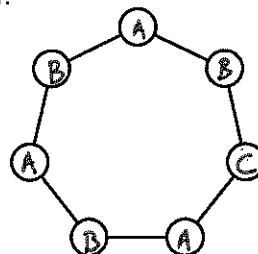
$$= 16$$

$$= 2|E|$$

$$\rightarrow |E| = 8.$$

(8) 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



(9) What is the minimum number of children that guarantees at least two have the first and last initial 'A'?

- ☐ A 26
☐ B $26 + 1$
☐ C 26^2
☐ D $26^2 + 1$
☒ E None of the above.

Every one can
have first initial B
so not possible

(10) A race has 10 runners. In how many ways can the 10 runners finish the race?

- ☐ A 10^{10}
☐ B $\binom{10}{5}$
☐ C $10 \times 9 \times 8$
☒ D $10!$
☐ E None of the above.

$$10! \quad (\text{Product rule: } 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times \dots \times 1)$$

(11) You flip a coin. You then flip a second coin. You roll a die. You then roll a second die. How many possible outcomes of this experiment are there?

- ☐ A 4.
☐ B 12.
☐ C 36.
☒ D 144.
☐ E None of the above.

Flip Flip Roll Roll
 $c_1 c_2 d_1 d_2$
 2 2 6 6
 Product Rule
 $2 \times 2 \times 6 \times 6 = 12 \times 12 = 144$

(12) You have 10 different books. In how many ways can you give Alice 3 books and then give Bob 2 books?

- ☐ A $\binom{10}{5}$.
☒ B $10! / (2! \times 3! \times 5!)$.
☐ C $10! / 5!$.
☐ D 10^5 .
☐ E None of the above.

① choose 3 for Alice $\binom{10}{3}$
 ② choose 2 for Bob $\binom{7}{2}$
 Product Rule $\binom{10}{3} \times \binom{7}{2} = \frac{10!}{3!7!} \times \frac{7!}{5!2!} = \frac{10!}{2!3!5!}$

(13) How many 5 bit strings begin with 1 or have at least 3 ones?

- ☐ A 5.
☐ B 16.
☒ C 21.
☐ D 32.
☐ E None of the above.

Begin 1: $2^4 = 16$
 ≥ 3 ones: $\binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4} + \binom{5}{5} = 10 + 5 + 1 = 16$.
 Begin 1 AND ≥ 3 ones: $\frac{1 \times x_1 \times x_2 \times x_3 \times x_4}{\text{At least 2 ones}} = \binom{4}{2} + \binom{4}{3} + \binom{4}{4} = 6 + 4 + 1 = 11$
 Inclusion-Exclusion: $16 + 16 - 11 = 32 - 11 = 21$

(14) How many subsets of the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ have size 2 or 3?

- ☐ A 5.
☐ B 10.
☒ C 20.
☐ D 32.
☐ E None of the above.

Size 2: $\binom{5}{2} \rightarrow \frac{5!}{2!3!} = 10$
 Size 3: $\binom{5}{3} \rightarrow \frac{5!}{3!2!} = 10$
 $10 + 10 = 20$

(15) How many 10-bit strings contain 00 as a substring [Hint: count strings not containing 00 as a substring].

- ☐ A $\binom{10}{8}$.
☐ B 2^8 .
☒ C 880.
☐ D 1024.
☐ E None of the above.

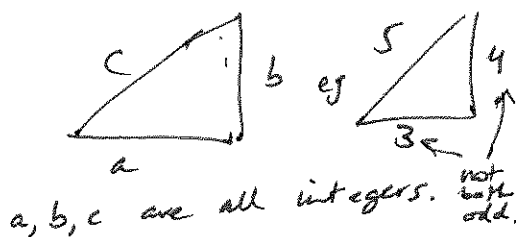
$Q(n) = \#$ n bit strings not containing 00. Total strings = 1024
 starts 0 $\rightarrow$ starts 01 + n-2 bits, no 00 $\rightarrow Q(n-2)$
 starts 1 + (n-1) bits $\rightarrow Q(n-1)$
 $\therefore Q(n) = Q(n-1) + Q(n-2)$ no 00
 $Q(1) = 2$ $Q(2) = 3$

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 $1024 - 144 = 880$

2 Prove. In a right triangle with integer sides, the two shorter sides cannot both be odd.

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



Proof by Contradiction

Suppose a, b are odd.

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow a &= 2k+1 \\ b &= 2l+1 \end{aligned} \rightarrow (2k+1)^2 + (2l+1)^2 = c^2$$

$\swarrow$
 odd + odd = even $\therefore c^2$ is even
 $\therefore c$ is even
 $\therefore c = 2m$

$$(2k+1)^2 + (2l+1)^2 = (2m)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 4l^2 + 4l + 1 &= 4m^2 \\ 4(k^2 + k + l^2 + l) + 2 &= 4m^2 \end{aligned}$$

LHS is not div by 4 } FISHY / Contradiction
 RHS is div. by 4

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13: tinkered with several examples to understand.

20: General Idea Proof by Contradiction.
 Made some progress

25: Correct Proof.

3 Prove by induction. $\sum_{i=1}^n (i+1)2^i = n \times 2^{n+1}$, for $n \geq 1$.

Proof by induction

① Base Case $n=1$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^1 (i+1)2^i = 2 \cdot 2^1 = 4 \\ n \times 2^{n+1} = 1 \times 2^2 = 4 \end{array} \right\} \checkmark$

② Induction Step.

Assume $\sum_{i=1}^n (i+1)2^i = n \times 2^{n+1}$

Prove $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (i+1)2^i = (n+1)2^{n+2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (i+1)2^i &= \sum_{i=1}^n (i+1)2^i + (n+2)2^{n+1} \\ &= n \cdot 2^{n+1} + (n+2)2^{n+1} \\ &= 2^{n+1}(n + n + 2) \\ &= 2^{n+1}(2n+2) \\ &= (n+1)2^{n+2} \quad (\text{factor out } 2) \end{aligned}$$



13: Shared understanding + some tinkering

20: Base case plus some induction progress

25: Correct Proof.

4 Compute a formula for this sum, $S(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n (2^i + 2^j)^2$.

$$S(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n (2^i + 2^j)^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n (2^{2i} + 2^{2j} + 2^{i+j})$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^n 2^{2i} + 2^{2j} + 2 \cdot 2^{i+j} = \sum_{j=0}^n 2^{2i} + \sum_{j=0}^n 2^{2j} + 2 \cdot \sum_{j=0}^n 2^{i+j} \quad (\text{Sum Rule})$$

$$= 2^{2i} \times (n+1) + \sum_{j=0}^n 4^j + 2 \cdot 2^i \sum_{j=0}^n 2^j \quad (\text{Constant Rule})$$

$$= (n+1)2^{2i} + \frac{4^{n+1} - 1}{3} + 2 \cdot 2^i (2^{n+1} - 1) \quad (\text{Common Sum})$$

Use this in outer sum.

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \left((n+1)2^{2i} + \frac{4^{n+1} - 1}{3} + 2 \cdot 2^i (2^{n+1} - 1) \right) = (n+1) \sum_{i=0}^n 2^{2i} + \frac{4^{n+1} - 1}{3} \sum_{i=0}^n 1 + 2(2^{n+1} - 1) \sum_{i=0}^n 2^i$$

$$= (n+1) \sum_{i=0}^n 4^i + (n+1) \frac{4^{n+1} - 1}{3} + 2(2^{n+1} - 1)(2^{n+1} - 1)$$

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

$$= \frac{2(n+1)(4^{n+1} - 1)}{3} + 2(2^{n+1} - 1)^2 \quad (\text{Common Sum})$$

- 13: Tinkered to show understanding
- 20: Made some progress with squaring and breaking up sum.
- 25: More or less correct proof. Uses right ideas. Algebra errors can be forgiven if small.

5 Prove the binomial theorem by induction [Hint: Pascal's Identity]. For real numbers x, y , and $n \geq 1$

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i}.$$

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Proof By Induction

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \text{ Base Case: } (x+y)^1 &= x+y \\ \sum_{i=0}^1 \binom{1}{i} x^i y^{1-i} &= x+y \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\sum_{i=0}^1} \right\} \checkmark.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Assume } (x+y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i}$$

Prove $(x+y)^{n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{i} x^i y^{n+1-i}$

$$\begin{aligned} (x+y)^{n+1} &= (x+y)^n (x+y) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i} \right) (x+y) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^{i+1} y^{n-i} + \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n+1-i} \\ &= \binom{n}{0} x^1 y^n + \binom{n}{1} x^2 y^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2} x^3 y^{n-2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} x^n y^0 \\ &\quad + \binom{n}{0} x^0 y^{n+1} + \binom{n}{1} x^1 y^n + \binom{n}{2} x^2 y^{n-1} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} x^n y^1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \binom{n}{0} x^0 y^{n+1} + \underbrace{\left(\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} \right)}_{\text{Pascal}} x^1 y^n + \underbrace{\left(\binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} \right)}_{\text{Pascal}} x^2 y^{n-1} + \dots + \underbrace{\left(\binom{n}{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} \right)}_{\text{Pascal}} x^n y^1 + \binom{n}{n} x^n y^0.$$

$$= \underbrace{\binom{n+1}{0}}_{\text{both are 1}} x^0 y^{n+1} + \underbrace{\binom{n+1}{1}}_{\text{Pascal}} x^1 y^n + \underbrace{\binom{n+1}{2}}_{\text{Pascal}} x^2 y^{n-1} + \dots + \underbrace{\binom{n+1}{n}}_{\text{Pascal}} x^n y^1 + \underbrace{\binom{n+1}{n+1}}_{\text{both are 1}} x^n y^0.$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{i} x^i y^{n+1-i}$$



13: Basic Induction Infrastructure + Base Case.

20: Related $(x+y)^{n+1}$ to $(x+y)^n$ by multiplying sum $x(x+y)$

25: Able to produce the logical steps and see where Pascal comes in. Mostly correct.