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There are 7 questions for a total of 30 points.

(Please make sure that you write the question numbers correctly)

1. Answer the following questions.

- (a) (1 point) Recall the Longest Increasing Subsequence problem discussed in class. Consider the sequence of numbers in array  $A = [14, 8, 2, 7, 4, 10, 5, 0, 1, 9, 6, 13, 3, 11, 12, 15]$ . As in the class discussion, let  $L(i)$  denote the length of the longest increasing subsequence of  $A[1..n]$  that ends with  $A[i]$ . Fill the table for  $L[1..16]$  as shown below.

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
$L[i]$																

- (b) (1 point)  $n$  balls are thrown randomly into  $n$  distinguishable bins. What is the probability that the first bin has exactly  $k$  balls? Give a concise expression in terms of  $k$  and  $n$ . Show how you arrived at your solution.

- (c) (1 point) State true or false with reasons: Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be sets. If for all  $x$ ,

$$x \in A \rightarrow (x \in B \rightarrow x \in C),$$

then  $A \cap B \subseteq C$ .

$$\binom{n+k-1}{n} + \binom{n+k-2}{n-1} (2n-1)$$

- (d) (2 points) In how many ways can you distribute  $n$  indistinguishable apples, one orange, and one banana to  $k$  children such that each child gets at least one fruit? Give reasons. Assume that  $n > k + 2$ .

$$\binom{n+k-3}{n-2} (2)$$

$$2 \times 271$$

2. (3 points) State true or false with reasons: For every  $n > 0$ ,  $2903^n - 803^n - 464^n + 261^n$  is divisible by 1897.

3. The following information is available about a random variable  $X$ : (i)  $0 \leq X \leq 100$  and (ii)  $E[X] = 70$ .

- (a) (1 point) What is the maximum value that  $\Pr[X = 100]$  could take? (The maximum is over all possibilities for  $X$  that satisfy condition (i) and (ii) above). Briefly explain your answer.
- (b) (1 point) Suppose we change the condition (i) to  $20 \leq X \leq 100$  (condition (ii) remains same). What is the maximum value  $\Pr[X = 100]$  could take? Briefly explain your answer.

$$100 \rightarrow 0.7$$

$$0 \rightarrow 0.3$$

$$x_i = 1, 1/2, 0, 1/2$$

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \quad \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4$$

$$E[X] = \frac{m}{2}$$

$$10 + 3$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = m \text{Var}(x_i) = \frac{m}{4}$$

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4. Consider an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges (there are no self loops or multi-edges in  $G$ ). Let us randomly partition the vertices of the graph into two sets  $A, B$  (i.e., for any vertex  $v$  it is in  $A$  with probability  $1/2$ ). Let  $X$  be the random variable denoting the number of edges that do not have both their endpoints in the same partition? Answer the following giving reasons for each part.
- (a) (1 point) What is the value of  $E[X]$ ?
- (b) (2 points) What is the value of  $\text{Var}[X]$ ?
- (c) (1/2 point) Apply Chebychev's inequality to give an upper bound on the probability that the number of edges that do not have both endpoints in the same partition is at most  $m/4$ .

5. (5 points) Consider the following recursive program:

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Rec(i, j)
- if (i = 0 or j = 0) return(1)
- return(Max(Rec(i - 1, j), Rec(i, j - 1)))
    
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Here  $\text{Max}(\dots)$  is a subroutine that returns the maximum of two input numbers. Let  $T(n)$  denote the number of times the  $\text{Max}$  subroutine is called during the execution of  $\text{Rec}(n, n)$ . Give a concise expression for  $T(n)$  in terms of  $n > 0$ . Argue correctness of your expression.

6. A Quaternary string is a string of numbers from the set  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  (similar to binary strings that are strings of just 0's and 1's). Let  $T(n)$  denote the number of Quaternary strings of length  $n$  that have either two consecutive 0's or two consecutive 1's (for example, 002111 and 01123011 are such strings). So,  $T(1) = 0$  and  $T(2) = 2$ . Answer the following questions giving explanations.

- (a) (3 points) Write a recurrence relation for  $T(n)$ .  
(Hint: You can write  $T(n)$  in terms of  $T(n-1)$  and  $T(n-2)$ ).
- (b) (3 points) Give an exact expression for  $T(n)$  as a function of  $n$ .
- (c) (1 point) Give the value of  $T(6)$ .

$$T_n = 2T_{n-1} + 2T_{n-2} + 2 \cdot 4^{n-2}$$

$$2 \cdot \frac{4^{n-2} - 1}{4 - 1}$$

7. One can obtain stronger tail bounds than the Markov's inequality for random variables that satisfy certain conditions. In this question, we consider one such example. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent 0/1 random variables and let  $p_i = E[X_i]$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $X = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  and let  $\mu = E[X]$ .

- (a) (4 points) Show that for any real  $\beta > 1$ :

$$\Pr[X \geq \beta \mu] \leq \frac{E[e^{\beta X}]}{e^{\beta \mu}} \leq e^{-g(\beta) \mu}$$

where the function  $g(\cdot)$  is defined as  $g(\beta) = \beta \ln \beta + 1 - \beta$ .

(Hint: Consider the random variable  $Y = e^{\lambda X}$  and apply Markov's inequality choosing  $\lambda$  carefully to optimise the probability bound. You may use the inequality  $(1+z) \leq e^z$  for any real  $z$ .)

- (b) (1/2 point) Use part (a) to give upper-bound on the probability of getting at least  $3n/4$  heads when an unbiased coin is tossed  $n$  times.

$$p_1 e + e(1-p_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_1(p; e + (1-p)) e^{-\beta u} &= e^{- (\beta e + \beta + (1-\beta) u)} \\
 &= e^{\beta u - \beta}
 \end{aligned}$$