

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

MIDTERM II (CA2)

**MH1812 – Discrete Mathematics**

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TIME ALLOWED: 40 minutes

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. **DO NOT TURN OVER PAPER UNTIL INSTRUCTED.**
2. This midterm paper contains **THREE (3)** questions.
3. Answer **ALL** questions. The marks for each question are indicated at the beginning of each question.
4. Candidates can write anywhere on this midterm paper.
5. This **IS NOT** an **OPEN BOOK** exam.
6. Candidates should clearly explain their reasoning when answering each question.

**QUESTION 1.****(30 marks)**Solve the following linear recurrences, that is, write  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  in terms of  $n$ :(a)  $a_n = 10a_{n-1} - 21a_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ , with initial conditions  $a_0 = 3$ ,  $a_1 = 5$ ;(b)  $b_n = b_{n-1} + 2$  for  $n \geq 1$ , with initial condition  $b_0 = 2$ .

Justify your answers.

$$a) \quad x^2 = 10x - 21$$

$$x=7, x=3.$$

$$a_0 = 3 = U + V$$

$$\therefore U = -1 \quad V = 4$$

$$a_n = U(7)^n + V(3)^n$$

$$a_1 = 5 = U(7) + V(3)$$

$$a_n = -(7)^n + 4(3)^n$$

$$b) \quad b_n = b_{n-1} + 2$$

$$= (b_{n-2} + 2) + 2 = b_{n-2} + 4$$

$$= (b_{n-3} + 2) + 4 = b_{n-3} + (3)(2)$$

$$= b_{n-k} + k(2) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq n$$

$$= b_0 + n(2)$$

$$= 2 + 2n$$

$$\text{Let } P(x): b_x = 2 + 2x$$

$$\text{Basic, } P(0) = 2 + 2(0) = 2, \quad T$$

$$\text{Let } p(x) \text{ be } T$$

$$\text{inductive, } P(n+1) = b_n + 2$$

$$= 2 + 2n + 2$$

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

$\therefore$  True!

**QUESTION 2.****(30 marks)**

(a) Prove that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n j(3j-1) = n^2(n+1), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

(b) Let  $A = \{0, 1\}$  and  $B = \{4, 5\}$ .(i) Write out all elements of the set  $A \times B$ .(ii) What is the cardinality of the power set of  $A \times B$ ?

a) Let  $P(n)$  be  $\sum_{j=1}^n j(3j-1) = n^2(n+1)$

Base case  $P(1)$ :  $\sum_{j=1}^1 j(3j-1) = 1^2(1+1)$

$$1(3-1) = 2$$

$$2 = 2$$

$$(n+1)^2((n+1)+1)$$

Let  $P(n)$  be T

inductive step  $P(n+1) = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} j(3j-1)$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n j(3j-1) + (n+1)(3(n+1)-1)$$

$$= n^2(n+1) + (n+1)(3n+3-1)$$

$$= (n+1)(n^2 + 3n + 2)$$

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

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

b)  $\{ \{0, 4\}, \{0, 5\}, \{1, 4\}, \{1, 5\} \}$

$$2^4 = 16$$

**QUESTION 3.****(40 marks)**

Prove LHS  
 $x \in (\overline{A \cap B}) \cap C$   
 $x \in (\overline{A \cap B}) \wedge x \in C$   
 $x \notin (A \cap B) \wedge x \in C$   
 $x \notin A \wedge x \notin B \wedge x \in C$   
 $x \in C \wedge x \notin A \vee x \in C \wedge x \notin B$

(a) Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be sets.

(i) Prove that  $(\overline{A \cap B}) \cap C = (C - A) \cup (C - B)$ ;

(ii) Is  $(C - A) \cup (C - B) = C$ ? If yes, prove it, if no, give a counterexample.

(b) Let  $S = \{3a + 6b \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

(i) Show that  $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ ;

(ii) Is  $S = \mathbb{Z}$ ? If yes, prove it, if no, give a counterexample.

take  $x \in S$ , we want to show  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore x \in 3a + 3b$$

$\mathbb{Z}$  close now add