

Midterm

Problem 1. [10 points]

Consider these two propositions:

$$P: (A \vee B) \Rightarrow C$$

$$Q: (\neg C \Rightarrow \neg A) \vee (\neg C \Rightarrow \neg B)$$

Use the truth table below to show whether P and Q are equivalent, $P \Rightarrow Q$, $Q \Rightarrow P$, or none of the above.

A	B	C	P	Q

Solution.

A	B	C	P	Q
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	F
T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T

Observe from the last two columns of the table that $P \Rightarrow Q$ is always true, but $Q \Rightarrow P$ is not always true (e.g. line 4). Thus P and Q are not equivalent but $P \Rightarrow Q$.



Problem 2. [15 points]

Let $G_0 = 1$, $G_1 = 3$, $G_2 = 9$, and define

$$G_n = G_{n-1} + 3G_{n-2} + 3G_{n-3} \quad (1)$$

for $n \geq 3$. Show by induction that $G_n \leq 3^n$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Solution. The proof is by strong induction with hypothesis $P(n) := G_n \leq 3^n$.

Proof. **Base Cases**

$$n = 0: G_0 = 1 = 3^0.$$

$$n = 1: G_1 = 3 = 3^1.$$

$$n = 2: G_2 = 9 = 3^2.$$

Inductive Step: Assume $n \geq 3$ and $P(k)$ for all k such that $0 \leq k \leq n$.

$$\begin{aligned} G_n &= G_{n-1} + 3G_{n-2} + 3G_{n-3} && \text{by (1)} \\ &\leq 3^{n-1} + (3)3^{n-2} + (3)3^{n-3} && \text{by induction hypothesis} \\ &= 3^{n-2}[3 + 3 + 1] \\ &= (7)3^{n-2} \\ &< (9)3^{n-2} \\ &= 3^n \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 3. [20 points]

In the game of Squares and Circles, the players (you and your computer) start with a sequence of shapes: some circles and some squares. On each move a player chooses any two shapes from the sequence. These two are replaced with a single one according to the following rule:

Identical shapes are replaced with a square. Different shapes are replaced with a circle.

At the end of the game, when only one shape remains, you are a winner if the remaining shape is a circle. Otherwise, your computer wins.

(a) [5 pts] Prove that the game will end.

Solution. Proof. We use induction on the number of turns to prove the statement. Let n be the number of shapes originally, and let $P(k)$ be the proposition that if $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$ then after k turns, the number of remaining shapes is $n - k$. Thus the game ends after $n - 1$ steps.

Base case: $P(0)$ is true by definition; the number of remaining shapes after 0 turns is $n - 0 = n$, the original number of shapes.

Inductive step: Now we must show that $P(k)$ implies $P(k + 1)$ for all $k \geq 0$. If $k \geq n - 1$, $P(k)$ implies $P(k + 1)$ would always be true, since $P(k + 1)$ would be trivially true. So we only need to prove this for $k < n - 1$. So assume for your inductive hypothesis that $P(k)$ is true, where $0 \leq k < n - 1$; that is, after k turns the number of remaining shapes is $n - k$. Since $k < n - 1$, the number of remaining shapes is $n - k > 1$. Hence there are at least 2 shapes to choose from and the game has not ended yet. In the $k+1$ st turn either the computer will choose 2 shapes, or you will choose two shapes. In either case the two shapes chosen, will be replaced by exactly once. Hence the number of shapes remaining will be $n - k - 2 + 1 = n - k - 1 = n - (k + 1)$ as desired. This proves that $P(k)$ implies $P(k + 1)$ for all $k \geq 0$.

By the principle of induction, $P(k)$ is true for all $k \geq 0$.

Hence, by our inductive hypothesis after $n-1$ turns, 1 shape remains, which by the problem definition implies the game ends. □



(b) [15 pts] Prove that you will win if the number of circles initially is odd. Hint: Use an invariant about the number of circles.

Solution. Proof. We use induction on the number of turns to prove the statement. Let a be the number of circles initially, and let $P(k)$ be the proposition that if $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$ then after k turns, the number of remaining circles is $a - 2i$, for some nonnegative integer i . Thus if a is odd initially, at turn $n - 1$, when the game ends, $a - 2i$ circles - an odd number - remain, and since there is only one shape remaining, there must be exactly 1 circle left, and you win.

Base case: $P(0)$ is true by definition; the number of remaining circles after 0 turns is $a - 2 * 0 = a$, the original number of shapes.

Inductive step: Now we must show that $P(k)$ implies $P(k+1)$ for all $k \geq 0$. If $k \geq n-1$, $P(k)$ implies $P(k+1)$ would always be true, since $P(k+1)$ would be trivially true. So we only need to prove this for $k < n-1$. So assume for your inductive hypothesis that $P(k)$ is true, where $0 \leq k < n-1$; that is, after k turns the number of remaining circles is $a - 2i_1$ for some nonnegative integer i_1 . Since $k < n-1$, the number of remaining shapes is $n - k > 1$ (from part a), hence there are at least 2 shapes to choose from and the game has not ended yet. In the $k+1$ st turn either the computer will choose 2 shapes, or you will choose two shapes. If the two shapes chosen are both squares, then they are replaced by a square, and the number of circles does not change, and hence is still $a - 2i_1$. If the two shapes chosen are both circles, then they are replaced by a square, and the number of circles gets decreased by 2, and is $a - 2i_1 - 2 = a - 2(i_1 + 1)$. If one of the shapes chosen was a circle and the other was a square, they get replaced by a circle, and again the number of circles does not change and remains $a - 2i_1$. Hence in all three transitions $P(k+1)$ holds.

By the principle of induction, $P(k)$ is true for all $k \geq 0$.

Hence, by induction when the game ends the parity of the number of circles is the same as the original parity of the number of circles. So you will win only if the number of circles to begin with was odd.



Problem 4. [15 points]

(a) [8 pts] Find a number $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 112\}$ such that $18x \equiv 1 \pmod{113}$.

Solution. We can do this using the pulverizer. Specifically, if we find a pair (s, t) such that $18s + 113t = 1$, then we know that $18s \equiv 1 \pmod{113}$.

x	y	$\text{rem}(x, y)$	$= x - q \cdot y$
113	18	5	$= 113 - 6 \cdot 18$
18	5	3	$= 18 - 3 \cdot 5$
			$= 18 - 3 \cdot (113 - 6 \cdot 18)$
			$= -1 \cdot 113 + 19 \cdot 18$
5	3	2	$= 5 - 3$
			$= (113 - 6 \cdot 18) - (-1 \cdot 113 + 19 \cdot 18)$
			$= (2 \cdot 113 - 25 \cdot 18)$
3	2	1	$= 3 - 2$
			$= (-1 \cdot 113 + 19 \cdot 18) - (2 \cdot 113 - 25 \cdot 18)$
			$= -3 \cdot 113 + 44 \cdot 18$

So the multiplicative inverse of 18 modulo 113 is 44. ■

(b) [7 pts] Find a number $y \in \{0, 1, \dots, 112\}$ such that $18^{112111} \equiv y \pmod{113}$ (Hint: x is congruent to which power of 18, modulo 113?)

Solution. By Fermat's Theorem, since 113 is prime and 113 and 18 are relatively prime, it must be that

$$18 \cdot 18^{111} \equiv 18^{113-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{113},$$

so $x \equiv 111 \pmod{113}$. As a result,

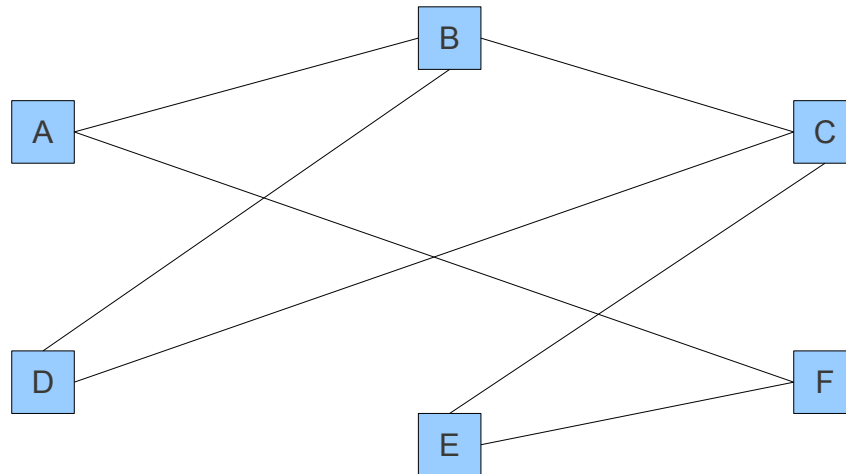
$$18^{112111} \equiv 18^{112 \cdot 1000 + 111} \equiv 18^{112 \cdot 1000} \cdot 18^{111} \equiv 1^{1000} \cdot x \equiv x \equiv 44 \pmod{113},$$

so the answer is 44. ■

Problem 5. [18 points]

Consider the simple graph G given in figure 1.

Figure 1: Simple graph G



(a) [3 pts] Give the diameter of G .

Solution. Recall that the diameter is the maximum of all shortest path lengths between pairs of vertices. Note that the shortest path length between D and F is 3, and all other pairs of non-adjacent vertices share a neighbor. ■

(b) [3 pts] Give a longest path on G .

Solution. One possible solution is (A, F, E, C, D, B) . This path has length equal to $|V|$ so it's a longest path. (There are many possible solutions; just check that the solution is a path of length 6.) ■

(c) [3 pts] Give a coloring on G and show that it uses the smallest possible number of colors.

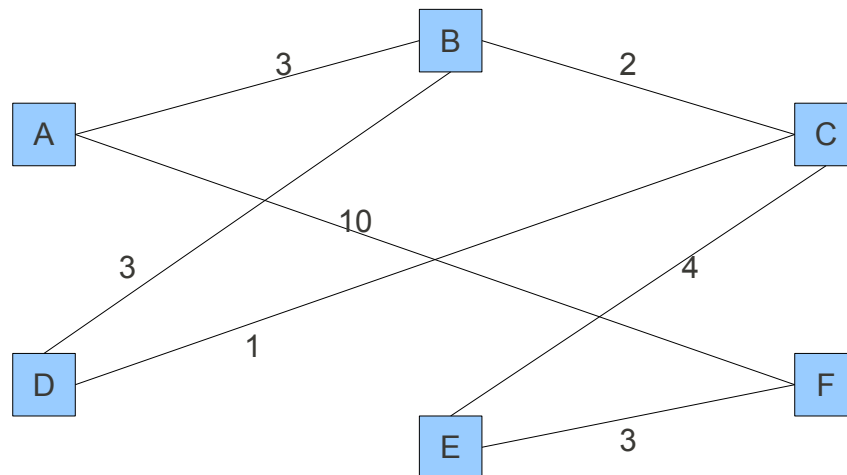
Solution. One possible 3-coloring is: $\{A, D, E\}$ red; $\{B, F\}$ green; C blue. Because there exists an odd-length cycle (e.g. (B, D, C)), no 2-coloring exists. Therefore the given coloring uses the least possible number of colors. ■

(d) [3 pts] Does G have an Eulerian cycle? Justify your answer.

Solution. No. This follows from the fact that there exist vertices with odd degree; e.g. B . ■

Now consider graph H , which is like G but with weighted edges, in figure 2:

Figure 2: Weighted graph H



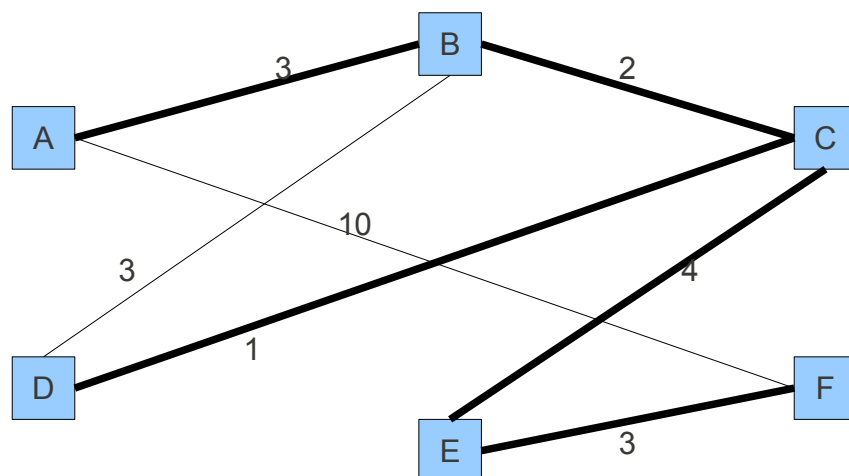
(e) [3 pts] Draw a minimum spanning tree on H .

The darkened edges in figure 3 represent the edges in an MST on H . In fact this is the only possible *MST*, as a run through the greedy algorithm confirms. ■

(f) [3 pts] Give a list of edges reflecting the order in which a greedy algorithm would choose edges when finding an MST on H .

Solution. There are two possible responses: $((C,D), (B,C), (A,B), (E,F), (C,E))$ and $((C,D), (B,C), (E,F), (A,B), (C,E))$. No other order is possible using the greedy algorithm presented in this class. ■

Figure 3: MST on graph H



Solution.

Problem 6. [20 points] Let G be a graph with n vertices, m edges and k components. Prove that G contains at least $m + k - n = c$ cycles. (Hint: Prove this by induction on the number of edges, m)

Solution. The proof is by induction on m with hypothesis $P(n)$: If G is a graph with n vertices, m edges and k components, then G contains at least $m + k - n = c$ cycles

Proof. **Base Case** $m = 0$: Let G be any graph with 0 edges and n vertices. Then since there are no edges, each vertex is its own connected component, hence there are $k = n$ connected components. Since there are no edges there are also no cycles so $c = 0$. Lastly we note that $m + k - n = n + 0 - n = 0$, and hence our base case.

Inductive Step Assume that $P(m)$ holds, that is any graph with m edges, n vertices, and k components has at least $m + k - n$ cycles. We must show that $P(m+1)$ holds.

Consider an arbitrary graph G with $m + 1$ edges, n vertices, and k components. Suppose we remove an arbitrary edge, e , from G to obtain G' . This edge, e , was either in a cycle in G or not:

Case 1: e is part of a cycle in G

If e is in a cycle in G then removing it removes at least one cycle. Furthermore, removing e does not disconnect the graph so the number of components remains the same. So G' has m edges, n vertices, and k components, which by the inductive hypothesis tells us it has at least $m + k - n$ cycles. But G has at least one more cycle than G' (since e is part of a cycle). So G has at least $m + k - n + 1$, or $(m + 1) + k - n$ cycles, as desired.

Case 2: e is not part of a cycle in G If e is not part of a cycle removing it disconnects the graph of G , so the number of components in G' is $k + 1$. So, G' contains m edges, n vertices, and $k + 1$ components, so by the inductive hypothesis it contains at least $m + (k + 1) - n$ cycles. Now since e was not part of a cycle, G and G' have the same number

of cycles. So G also has at least $m + (k + 1) - n$ cycles. Rearranging we get that G has at least $(m + 1) + k - n$ cycles as desired.

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Problem 7. [10 points] Use integration to find upper and lower bounds that differ by at most 1 for the following sum.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^4}$$

Solution. To find upper and lower bounds, we use the integral method, where $f(i) = \frac{1}{i^4}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^4} &\leq f(1) + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4} dx \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{3} x^{-3} \Big|_1^{\infty} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{3} (0 - 1) = 4/3 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^4} &\geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4} dx \\ &= 0 - \frac{1}{3} x^{-3} \Big|_1^{\infty} \\ &= 0 - \frac{1}{3} (0 - 1) = \frac{1}{3}\end{aligned}$$

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Problem 8. [12 points] Give a proof of the following propositions.

(a) [3 pts] x is $O(x \ln x)$

Solution. We know $\frac{x}{x \ln x} = \frac{1}{\ln x} \rightarrow 0 < \infty$. Hence x is $O(x \ln x)$. ■

(b) [3 pts] $x/\ln x$ is $o(x)$

Solution. In this case we have $\frac{x/\ln x}{x} = \frac{1}{\ln x} \rightarrow 0 < \infty$ ■

(c) [3 pts] x^{n+1} is $\Omega(x^n)$

Solution. Taking the quotient we arrive to $\frac{x^{n+1}}{x^n} = x \rightarrow \infty > 0$ ■

(d) [3 pts] $n!$ is $\Theta\left(\frac{2\pi n! \ln n}{H_n}\right)$ Where H_n is the n^{th} Harmonic number.

Solution. Taking the division of the two functions we get $\frac{n!}{\frac{2\pi n! \ln n}{H_n}} = \frac{n! H_n}{2\pi n! \ln n} = \frac{H_n}{2\pi \ln n}$.

Now we recall $H_n \sim \ln n$. Hence the limit is $1/(2\pi)$ Which is not 0 or ∞ , so $n!$ is

$\Theta\left(\frac{2\pi n! \ln n}{H_n}\right)$ ■

(Notes)

