

**Due date: Friday, April 15, 2016 (before class).**

1. Number Theory and Cryptography

- (a) Let  $n$  be a positive integer such that  $n = d_k d_{k-1} \dots d_1$  where  $d_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$  (each  $d_i$  is a digit of  $n$ ). Prove that  $n \bmod 3 = 0$  if and only if  $\left(\sum_{i=1}^k d_i\right) \bmod 3 = 0$ .
- (b) Given an 11-digit number  $x = x_{11}x_{10} \dots x_1$ , this number is a USPS valid money order number if and only if  $x_{11} = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{10} \bmod 9$ . In the following questions, let  $Q$  denote a digit that has been lost. Recover the smudged digit if possible. (Note: any answer without justification/work shown will receive minimal credit)
- $Q1223139784$
  - $6702120Q988$
  - $213279032Q1$
- (c) Find all solutions, if any, to the system of congruences:

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 5 \pmod{6} \\ x &\equiv 3 \pmod{10} \\ x &\equiv 8 \pmod{15} \end{aligned}$$

2. Basic Induction Proofs

- (a) Let  $a_n = \sum_{i=0}^n 2(-7)^i$ . Prove that for all  $n \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a_n = (1 - (-7)^{n+1})/4$  using induction.
- (b) Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $0 < b < a$ . Prove using induction that for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , we have  $a^n - b^n \leq na^{n-1}(a - b)$ .

3. Strong Induction Proofs

- (a) Show that for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $n$  can be written as the sum of distinct powers of 2. (Consider two cases for your inductive step: one where  $k+1$  is odd and one where  $k+1$  is even. Remember, when  $k+1$  is even, then  $(k+1)/2$  is an integer).
- (b) Prove that if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $n \geq 18$ , then  $n$  can be expressed as  $n = 4x + 7y$ , where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$  (Note: you will need  $n = 18, 19, 20, 21$  for your base cases).

4. Recursive Definitions

- (a) Let  $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  be the Fibonacci numbers, where  $F_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number defined when  $n \geq 2$ . Prove that for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $F_{n+1}F_{n-1} - F_n^2 = (-1)^n$ .

- (b) Suppose you are given  $n$  real numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and you want to find the maximum of those numbers. Give a recursive definition for the function  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \max\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and prove that this function indeed returns the maximum of these  $n$  real numbers.
- (c) Let  $S = \{(a, b) : (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ and } a + b \text{ is odd}\}$ . Give a recursive definition for this set.

## 5. Recursive Algorithms

- (a) Given  $x, n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , write a recursive algorithm to compute  $x^n \bmod m$  given the fact that  $x^n \bmod m = (x^{n-1} \bmod m \cdot x \bmod m) \bmod m$ . Prove that your algorithm is correct.
- (b) Give an  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ -time recursive algorithm to compute the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number.

## 6. Program Correctness

- (a) Verify that the program segment

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if  $x < 0$  then  $x := 0$ 
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is correct with respect to the initial assertion **True** and the final assertion  $x \geq 0$ .

- (b) Develop rules of inference for the verification of partial correctness of the following program:

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if  $x < 0$  then
     $y := -2|x|/x$ 
else if  $x > 0$  then
     $y := 2|x|/x$ 
else if  $x = 0$  then
     $y := 2$ 
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then verify that the program is correct with respect to the initial assertion **True** and the final assertion  $y = 2$ .

## 7. Counting

- (a) Let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 100\}$ . How many subsets of  $S$  have exactly 2 elements?
- (b) How many bit strings of length 10 contain either 5 consecutive 0s or 5 consecutive 1s?
- (c) How many functions are there from the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  ( $n \geq 4$ ) to the set  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  that are
  - i. one-to-one?
  - ii. assign exactly 3 numbers less than  $n$  to 0?