

CS321 Introduction to Theory of Computation  
Assignment No. 1, Due: Friday January 19, 2024

1. Prove that  $\overline{S_1 \cup S_2} = \overline{S_1} \cap \overline{S_2}$  where  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are sets and  $\overline{S}$  is the complement of the set  $S$ .
2. A tree is a graph with no cycle. Show by induction that a tree with  $n$  nodes contains  $n - 1$  edges.
3. Prove by induction that the sum of the first  $k$  odd integers is equal to  $k^2$ . For example,  $1 = 1^2$ ,  $1+3 = 4 = 2^2$ ,  $1+3+5 = 9 = 3^2$ ,  $1+3+5+7 = 16 = 4^2$ , and so on. (Hint: The  $k$ th odd integer is  $2k - 1$ ).
4. A rational number is of the form  $m/n$  where  $m$  and  $n$  are integers. For example,  $2/3, 3/4, 2/5, 4/7, 3/8, 5/9, 11/18, 9/25$  are some rational numbers. Show by contradiction that  $\sqrt{2}$  is not a rational number.
5. Let the input symbols in a finite automata be  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ . Design a DFA that accepts all integers which are divisible by 3. (Hint: An integer is divisible by 3 if the sum of the digits is divisible by 3).
6. For this problem assume that the input symbols are  $\{0, 1\}$ . Design a DFA that accepts the binary string if it is divisible by 3.

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The complement  $\overline{S}$  contains all the elements not in  $S$ .

If  $x \in \overline{S}$ , it means that  $x \notin S$ .

To prove  $\overline{S_1 \cup S_2} = \overline{S_1} \cap \overline{S_2}$

if LHS =  $x \in \overline{S_1 \cup S_2}$ , it means that  $x$  is neither in  $S_1$  nor in  $S_2$ .

if RHS =  $x \in \overline{S_1} \cap \overline{S_2}$ , it means  $x$  is in both  $\overline{S_1}$  and  $\overline{S_2}$ , implying that  $x$  is not in  $S_1$  and also not in  $S_2$ .

Since shown both the subset and superset relationships, we can conclude that  $\overline{S_1 \cup S_2} = \overline{S_1} \cap \overline{S_2}$ . This completes the proof.

2. A tree is a graph with no cycle. Show by induction that a tree with  $n$  nodes contains  $n-1$  edges.

Base case:  $n=1$

Consider a tree with a single node. If there is no other nodes to connect to, there can't be any edges. Therefore, a tree with one node has  $1-1=0$  edges.

Inductive Step: Prove for  $n = k+1$

Assume a tree with  $k$  nodes has  $k-1$  edges. It means a tree with  $k+1$  nodes will have  $(k+1)-1 = k$  edge.

3. Prove by induction that the sum of the first  $k$  odd integers is equal to  $k^2$ . For example,  $1 = 1^2$ ,  $1+3 = 4 = 2^2$ ,  $1+3+5 = 9 = 3^2$ ,  $1+3+5+7 = 16 = 4^2$ , and so on. (Hint: the  $k$ th odd integer is  $2k-1$ )

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For  $k=1$ , the sum of the first  $k$  odd integer is 1. Which equals  $1^2$ . This satisfies the base case.

Inductive step:

Assume the statement is true for some positive integer  $k$ , that is, the sum of the first  $k$  odd integer is  $k^2$ . We need to prove that the sum of the first  $k+1$  odd integer  $(k+1)^2$

The sum of the first  $k$  odd integers is  $k^2$

the  $(k+1)$ th odd integer is  $2(k+1)-1$

Therefore, The sum of the first  $k+1$  odd integers is:

$$k^2 + (2(k+1)-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow k^2 + 2k + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (k+1)^2$$

This completes the proof that the sum of the first  $k$  odd integers is indeed  $k^2$  for all positive integers  $k$ .

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Assume that  $\sqrt{2}$  is a rational number

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{m^2}{n^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n^2 = m^2 \quad (1)$$

The equation (1) shows that  $m^2$  is an even number, since it is

two times of some integer  $n^2$

if  $m^2$  is even, then  $m$  is even. Therefore,  $m$  must be 2 times of some integer  $k$ .

$$m = 2k$$

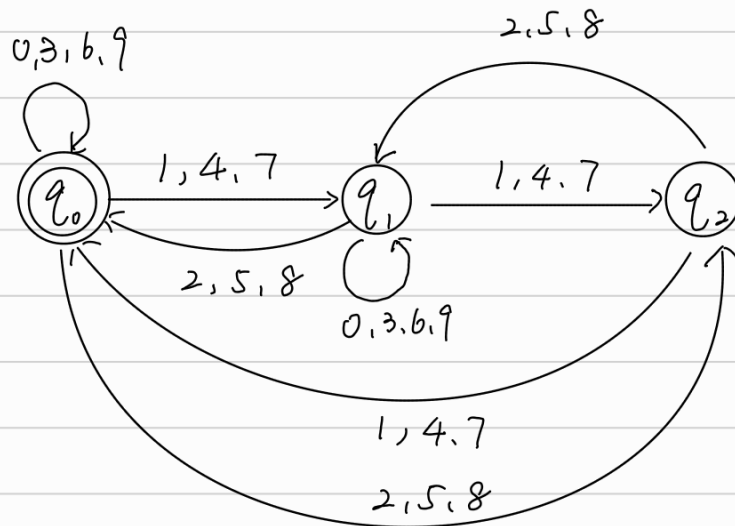
$$\Rightarrow 2n^2 = (2k)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n^2 = 4k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 2k^2 \quad (2)$$

So the equation (2) shows that  $n^2$  is also even. Therefore,  $n$  must also be even.

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