

# Second Assignment for MT471S

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Please submit three programs by 16:00 on 2022-10-28 (extended to 2022-11-04) by:

- upload the `.c` files to the MT471S Moodle.

You **only** need to submit the `.c` file for each assignment. Your assignments are:

1. Let  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  be the first four digits of your student number. Let

$$f(x) = (x + A + C)e^x - (D + B + 1).$$

Write a program that uses bracketing and bisection to find a root of  $f(x) = 0$  to five decimal places. You may *hard code* the digits of student number, so the program does not need to read anything in.

**Hint:** You can get  $e^x$  by using `exp(x)`. The `exp` functions is declared in `math.h`. Remember to use `-lm`.

2. Alice and Bob play a game. They each start with zero points and begin tossing a coin. If it comes up heads, Alice gets a point. If it comes up tails, Bob gets a point. They keep tossing the coin until one player is  $l$  points ahead.

Write a program that simulates this game. The program should read  $l$ , do coin tosses and print out what happens until someone wins. It should print out who won, and how many coin tosses there were.

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Please enter how much a player must lead by to win: 3
HTHHTTTHHH
Alice wins in in 9 coin tosses.
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**Hint:** You can use `rand()` for tossing a coin. Don't forget to seed the random number generator in `main()`.

3. Suppose we have a function on the  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  given by the rule

$$C(n, k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < 0 \text{ or } k < 0 \text{ or } k > n, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise if } k = 0, \\ n & \text{otherwise if } k = 1, \\ C(n, k - 1) + C(n - 1, k) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Write a C function that calculates the value of  $C(n, k)$  using recursion. Use this to write a program that reads in  $n$  and  $k$ , checks that  $k < n$  and prints the value of  $C(n, k)$ .

Your final program should contain two functions: `int main(void)`, `int C(int n, int k)`. Check your answer by looking at the Wikipedia page for *Catalan's triangle*. Include a short comment in your program describing what the numbers mean.