

DISCRETE MATHEMATICS MIDTERM EXAM

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1) (40 pts) Find the solution of the recurrence relation : $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}$ with the initial conditions $a_0 = 2$, and $a_1 = 7$.

2) (30 pts) What can you say about the sets A and B if $A \oplus B = A$? $A \cap B = \emptyset$

3) (30 pts) The pigeonhole principle is : "If $k+1$ or more objects are placed into k boxes, then there is at least one box containing two or more of the objects."

Answer the questions according to pigeonhole principle:

a) How many people must be in a group to guarantee that at least two people have the same birthday (not the year, it means the same day and month)? 360

b) How many students must be in a class to guarantee that at least two students have the same score of the exam over 100? 101

c) What is the minimum number of students required in a mathematics class to be sure that at least six will receive the same grade, if there are 5 possible grades, A, B, C, D and F? 31