

**(1) Induction**

Let  $T$  be the following function:  $T(1) = T(2) = T(3) = 1$ , and  $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + T(n-3)$  for all integers  $n \geq 4$ . Prove that for all positive integers  $n$ :  $T(n) < 2^n$ .

**(2) Logic**

Formalize the following sentences in propositional logic using the provided phrase associated with each prime proposition.

1. Having snow on the ground is necessary for Alice to go skiing.

- $s$  is "There is snow on the ground."
- $k$  is "Alice goes skiing."

2. If it is warm out and I don't feel cold, I won't wear my hat.

- $m$  is "I will wear my hat."
- $w$  is "It is warm out."
- $c$  is "I will be cold."

**(3) Modular Arithmetic**

Prove that for all integers  $n$ , the number  $n^7 - n$  is divisible by 6.

**(4) Dynamic Programming**

Consider the following 3-partition problem. Given integers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , we want to determine whether it is possible to find a partition of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  into three disjoint subsets  $I, J, K \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that

$$\sum_{i \in I} a_i = \sum_{j \in J} a_j = \sum_{k \in K} a_k = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$$

For example,  $(2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 7)$  is a YES-instance, because there is the partition  $(2, 7)$ ,  $(4, 5)$ ,  $(2, 3, 4)$ ; while  $(2, 2, 3, 5)$  is a NO-instance.

1. Let  $A = (1/3) \sum_i a_i$ . Define a true/false matrix  $M[\cdot, \cdot, \cdot]$  of size  $A \times A \times (n+1)$  with the meaning that  $M[x, y, k]$  is true if and only if there are two disjoint subsets  $I, J \subseteq \{1, \dots, k\}$  such that  $\sum_{i \in I} a_i = x$  and  $\sum_{j \in J} a_j = y$ . Which entry represents the answer to the 3-partition problem?
2. Write a recurrence relation to construct  $M$ .
3. Give a dynamic programming algorithm for 3-partition that runs in polynomial in  $n$  and in  $\sum_i a_i$ . Prove the correctness and the running time.

**(5) Graphs**

Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  in the adjacency list format, give an algorithm that runs in  $O(|V|)$  time and determines whether or not  $G$  contains a cycle. The running time of your algorithm should be linear in  $|V|$ , and not in  $|E|$ .

**(6) Divide and Conquer**

There are two separate databases. Each database contains  $n$  numerical values – so there are  $2n$  values total – and assume that no two values are the same. The goal is to determine the *median* of this set of  $2n$  values, which is defined as the  $n$ -th smallest value. The only way to access these values is through queries to the databases. In a single query, one can specify a value  $k$  to one of the two databases, and the chosen database will return the  $k$ -th smallest value it contains. Give an algorithm that finds the median using at most  $O(\log n)$  queries.