

$$\textcircled{1} A = \{1, 6, 12, 13, 9\}$$

$$B = \{3, 6, 12, 15\}$$

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$$\textcircled{A} \{6, 12\} \quad \textcircled{B} |\{1, 3, 6, 12, 13, 9, 15\}| = 7$$

$$\textcircled{C} |\{1, 13, 9\}| = 3$$

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Please write your solutions in the \LaTeX and Python templates provided. Aim for concise solutions; convoluted and obtuse descriptions might receive low marks, even when they are correct.

This assignment is meant to be an evaluation of your **individual** understanding coming into the course and should be completed **without collaboration** or outside help. You **may** ask for logistical help concerning \LaTeX formatting and/or code submission.

Problem 0-1. Let $A = \{i + \binom{5}{i} \mid i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 0 \leq i \leq 4\}$ and $B = \{3i \mid i \in \{1, 2, 4, 5\}\}$.

Evaluate: (a) $A \cap B$ (b) $|A \cup B|$ (c) $|A - B|$

Problem 0-2. Let X be the random variable representing the number of heads seen after flipping a fair coin three times. Let Y be the random variable representing the outcome of rolling two fair six-sided dice and multiplying their values. Please compute the following expected values.

Evaluate: (a) $E[X]$ (b) $E[Y]$ (c) $E[X + Y]$

Problem 0-3. Let $A = 600/6$ and $B = 60 \bmod 42$. Are these statements True or False?

Evaluate: (a) $A \equiv B \pmod{2}$ (b) $A \equiv B \pmod{3}$ (c) $A \equiv B \pmod{4}$

Problem 0-4. Prove by induction that $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2$, for any integer $n \geq 1$.

Problem 0-5. Prove by induction that every connected undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ for which $|E| = |V| - 1$ is acyclic.

Problem 0-6. An **increasing subarray** of an integer array is any consecutive sequence of array integers whose values strictly increase. Write Python function `count_long_subarrays(A)` which accepts Python Tuple $A = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ of $n > 0$ positive integers, and returns the number of longest increasing subarrays of A , i.e., the number of increasing subarrays with length at least as large as every other increasing subarray. For example, if $A = (1, 3, 4, 2, 7, 5, 6, 9, 8)$, your program should return 2 since the maximum length of any increasing subarray of A is three and there are two increasing subarrays with that length: specifically, subarrays $(1, 3, 4)$ and $(5, 6, 9)$. You can download a code template containing some test cases from the website.

(SEE CODE)

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{A} \quad A &\stackrel{?}{=} B \pmod{2} \\ 100 &\stackrel{?}{=} 18 \pmod{2} \\ 0 &\stackrel{?}{=} 0 \pmod{2} \end{aligned}$$

TRUE

$$\text{B} \quad 100 \equiv 18 \pmod{4}$$

$$0 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

FALSE

$$\begin{aligned} \text{B} \quad 100 &\stackrel{?}{=} 18 \pmod{3} \\ 1 &\not\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

FALSE

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Evaluate: (a) $E[X]$ (b) $E[Y]$ (c) $E[X + Y]$

$$\text{A} \quad X \sim \text{Bin}(3, \frac{1}{2}), \quad E(X) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

B Let $Y = Y_1, Y_2$ represent the outcomes of the two dice, respectively. Because $Y_1 \perp Y_2$, $E(Y_1, Y_2) =$

$E(Y_1) E(Y_2)$. Since $Y_1, Y_2 \sim \text{Unif}(\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\})$,

$$E(Y_1) E(Y_2) = \left(\frac{1}{6} \sum_{y=1}^6 y \right)^2 = \left(\frac{16(6+1)}{8 \cdot 2} \right)^2 = \frac{49}{4} = E(Y)$$

C By linearity of expectation: $E(X+Y) =$

$$E(X) + E(Y) = \frac{3}{2} + \left(\frac{7}{2} \right)^2$$

Problem 0-4. Prove by induction that $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$, for any integer $n \geq 1$.

Proof (by induction). Let $P(n) := \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$.

BASE CASE $\sum_{i=1}^1 i^3 = 1 \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} 1 = \left[\frac{1(1+1)}{2} \right]^2$

INDUCTIVE CASE Assume $P(n)$ to establish $P(n+1)$.
 $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^3 = (n+1)^3 + \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} (n+1)^3 + \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2 =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4(n+1)(n+1)^2}{4} + \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} \sim \frac{(n+1)^2}{4} (n^2 + 4n + 4) = \\ & = \frac{(n+1)^2}{2^2} (n+2)^2 \\ & \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \left[\frac{(n+1)(n+1+1)}{2} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 0-5. Prove by induction that every connected undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ for which $|E| = |V| - 1$ is acyclic.

Proof (by induction). Let $P(n) :=$ if G is an n -node undirected, connected graph with exactly $n-1$ edges, then G is acyclic. We proceed by inducting on n .

BASE CASE A graph with $n=1$ nodes and no edges is trivially acyclic.

INDUCTIVE CASE We assume $P(n)$ to establish $P(n) \Rightarrow$

$P(n+1)$. Consider a connected, undirected graph G with $n+1$ vertices and n edges. By the Handshake Lemma, $\exists v$ with degree 1 since $2n/n+1 < 2$ (average degree).

Inducing subgraph S (by removing v and its incident edge to S) gives S n -vertices and $n-1$ edges.

The only way for G to have a cycle is if S has a cycle because the removed vertex v could not be a node incident to edges in a cycle in G since such nodes would have degree ≥ 2 and $\text{degree}(v) = 1$.

Invoking inductive hypothesis, S cannot have cycle so

G is acyclic. Thus, $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$.

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