

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) IN  
- APPLIED COMPUTING  
- COMPUTER FORENSICS & SECURITY**

**EXAMINATION:**

**DISCRETE MATHEMATICS  
(COMMON MODULE)  
SEMESTER 1 - YEAR 1**

**DECEMBER 2023**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

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**DATE:** 15 DEC 2023  
**TIME:** 11.45 AM  
**VENUE:** MAIN HALL

**EXTERNAL EXAMINER:** MS MARGARET FINNEGAN

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.
2. TOTAL MARKS = 100.
3. EXAM PAPER (5 PAGES EXCLUDING THIS COVER PAGE), FORMULA AND PYTHON SHEETS (2 PAGES)

**MATERIALS REQUIRED**

1. NEW MATHEMATICS TABLES.
2. GRAPH PAPER

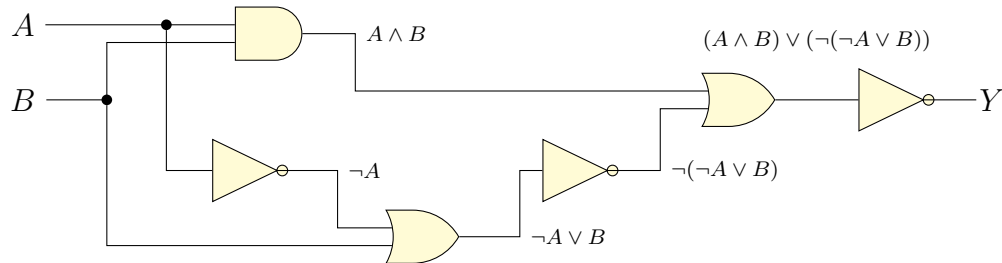
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**Question 1**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) Construct a logical expression to represent the output  $Y$ . (4 marks)



$$Y = \neg \left( (A \wedge B) \vee (\neg(\neg A \vee B)) \right)$$

- (ii) Construct a truth table for this expression and classify the logical expression as a tautology, a contradiction, or satisfiable. (4 marks)

$A$	$B$	$(A \wedge B)$	$\neg A \vee B$	$\neg(\neg A \vee B)$	$(A \wedge B) \vee (\neg(\neg A \vee B))$	$Y$
0	0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	0	1	0

Expression is satisfiable, but is not a tautology.

- (iii) Compare the inputs to the output and construct a shorter logical expression that is logically equivalent to the original circuit. (4 marks)

$$Y = \neg A$$

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

Code reports whether set  $A$  is a proper subset of set  $B$ .

So for the given sets: **True**

**4 marks, justification required**

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) How many subsets are there of cardinality 4?

$$\binom{6}{4} = 15 \text{ subsets.}$$

- (ii) How many subsets of  $S$  are there? That is, find  $|\mathcal{P}(A)|$ .

$$2^6 = 64 \text{ subsets.}$$

- (iii) How many subsets of  $S$  are there where the sum of the elements equals 13?

The elements of the set  $S$  are the powers of 2 so the sum of different subsets of  $S$  are unique. Hence answer is 1.

**4 marks=1+1+2**

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### Question 2

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(i)  $\forall pq$   
Not well formed. Logical and,  $\forall$  is a binary operator, expected infix notation.

(ii)  $p \neg \neg r$   
Not well formed. Logical not operator,  $\neg$  is a unary operator.

(iii)  $p \neg \rightarrow (q \wedge q)$   
Not well formed.  $\neg$  applied to conditional operator

(iv)  $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \neg \rightarrow q)$   
Not well formed. Conditional operator,  $\rightarrow$  is a binary operator.

**4 marks =  $4 \times 1$ , justification required**

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

The completed table is (4 marks)

char	A	B	C	D
H	False	True	True	False
i	True	False	True	False
,	False	False	False	False
	False	False	False	False
I	False	True	True	False
	False	False	False	False
a	True	False	True	False
m	True	False	True	False
	False	False	False	False
2	False	False	False	True
.	False	False	False	False

(i) `all([c.isupper() for c in message])` (3 marks)  
**False** (with any valid example)

(ii)  $\exists c [B(c) \wedge C(c)]$  (3 marks)  
**True** (with any valid example)

(iii)  $\forall c [C(c) \rightarrow (A(c) \vee B(c))]$  (3 marks)  
**True** (with any valid reason)

(iv) `any([c.isdigit() and c.isalpha() for c in message])` (3 marks)  
**False** (with any valid reason)

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**Question 3**

(a)

Partial marks for correct parsing of expression, demonstrating ability to compute logical expression, implication of satisfiability definition.

$$\underbrace{\underbrace{(P \wedge Q)}_1 \vee \underbrace{(\neg P \wedge R)}_2}_{3} \rightarrow \underbrace{(\neg Q \vee \neg R)}_4$$

$E$

$P$	$Q$	$R$	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$\neg R$	$\underbrace{(P \wedge Q)}_1$	$\underbrace{(\neg P \wedge R)}_2$	$\underbrace{(P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge R)}_3$	$\underbrace{(\neg Q \vee \neg R)}_4$	$E$
F	F	F	T	T	T	F	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	F	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	F	F	F	T	T	F	F
T	F	F	F	T	T	F	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	F	F	F	T	T
T	T	F	F	F	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	T	T	F	F	F	T	F	T	F	F

The expression is satisfiable but is not a tautology.

**6 marks**

(b)

The term in the loop is odd and since the range is semi-open, the total is  $-5$ .

**4 marks**

(c)

(i) Construct a recursive definition for the sequence.

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 5 \text{ with } a_1 = 7$$

(ii) Construct a closed formula for the  $n$ th term of the sequence.

$$a_n = 7 + 5(n - 1)$$

(iii) Is 2023 a term in the sequence? Explain.

No, since  $(2023 - a)/d = 2016/5 = 403.2$  is not an integer.

(iv) How many terms does the sequence  $7 + 12 + 17 + 22 + 27 + \dots + 437$  have?

87

(v) Determine the sum:  $7 + 12 + 17 + 22 + 27 + \dots + 437$

$$\frac{(437+7) \times 87}{2} = 19314$$

**10 = 5 × 2 marks**

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### Question 4

(a)

The function returns **True** iff relation is an **onto** relation from  $A$  to  $B$ .

**5 marks, -2 if not stating into/onto**

(b)

- (i)  $5 \in C = \mathbf{True}$                       (ii)  $\{9\} \in C = \mathbf{False}$   
 (iii)  $\{3\} \subseteq A = \mathbf{True}$                       (iv)  $A.intersection(B).issubset(B.union(C)) = \mathbf{True}$   
 (v)  $B \subseteq A = \mathbf{True}$                       (vi)  $B.union(C).intersection(A).isdisjoint(C) = \mathbf{True}$

**6 marks=  $6 \times 1$ , justification required**

(c)

- (i)  $\sum_{k=0}^8 2^k (k \bmod 2) = \underbrace{[0]}_{k=0} + \underbrace{[2^1]}_{k=1} + \underbrace{[0]}_{k=2} + \underbrace{[2^3]}_{k=3} + \underbrace{[0]}_{k=4} + \underbrace{[2^5]}_{k=5} + \underbrace{[0]}_{k=6} + \underbrace{[2^7]}_{k=7} + \underbrace{[0]}_{k=8} = 170$   
 (ii)  $\sum_{k=1}^5 (2k+1) = \underbrace{[3]}_{k=1} + \underbrace{[5]}_{k=2} + \underbrace{[7]}_{k=3} + \underbrace{[9]}_{k=4} + \underbrace{[11]}_{k=5} = 35$   
 (iii)  $\prod_{k=0}^6 (k+1) = \underbrace{[1]}_{k=0} + \underbrace{[2]}_{k=1} + \underbrace{[3]}_{k=2} + \underbrace{[4]}_{k=3} + \underbrace{[5]}_{k=4} + \underbrace{[6]}_{k=5} = 21$

**9 marks=  $3 \times 3$**

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**Question 5**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(i) *Start with the sub-string 10.*

No constraints on remaining 4 bits, so  $2^4 = 16$ .

(ii) *Have weight 3 (i.e., contain exactly three 1's) and start with the sub-string 01.*

In the remaining 4 bits, two of which must be 1, so  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$

(iii) *Either start with 01 or end with 11 (or both).*

Start with 01: No constraints on remaining 4 bits, so  $2^4 = 16$ .

Ends with 11: No constraints on preceding 4 bits, so  $2^4 = 16$ .

Start with 01 and ends with 11: No constraints on middle 2 bits, so  $2^2 = 4$ .

Ans (remove double counting):  $2^4 + 2^4 - 2^2 = 16 + 16 - 4 = 28$

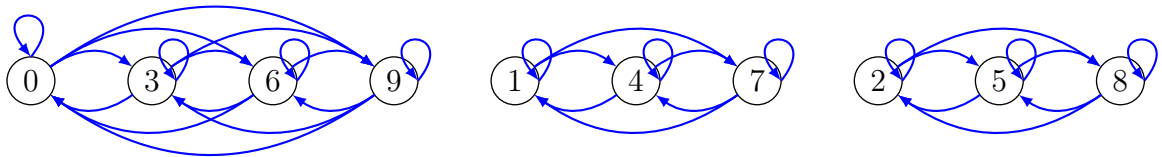
(iv) *Have weight 3, starts with 01, and ends with 11.*

The middle 2 digits must have weight 0 so that the entire string has weight 3. Hence have 1 possibility.

**6 marks = 1 + 1 + 2 + 2, justification required**

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(i) *Represent  $R$  using a digraph.*



(ii) *Is  $R$  reflexive? symmetric? transitive?*

$R$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive + reason

(iii) *Is  $R$  an equivalence relation? and if yes, what the resulting equivalence classes?*

$R$  an equivalence relation with classes

$$\{0, 3, 6, 9\} \quad \{1, 4, 7\} \quad \{2, 5, 8\}$$

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**8 marks** = 3 + 3 + 2

(c)

(i)  $f(4) = 2 \cdot 4 + 3 = 8 + 3 = 11$

(ii)  $g(2) = 2^3 - 1 = 8 - 1 = 7$

(iii)  $f(5) + g(2) - h(4) = 2 \cdot 5 + 3 + 7 - \frac{5}{4} = 10 + 3 + 7 - \frac{5}{4} = 20 - \frac{5}{4} = \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$

(iv)  $f(g(1)) = f(1^3 - 1) = f(0) = 2 \cdot 0 + 3 = 3$

(v)  $g(h(2)) = g(\frac{5}{2}) = (\frac{5}{2})^3 - 1 = \frac{125}{8} - 1 = \frac{117}{8} = 14.63$

(vi)  $h(f(3)) = h(2 \cdot 3 + 3) = h(9) = \frac{5}{9} = 0.556$

**6 marks** = 6 × 1