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B.Sc. ENGINEERING/FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: 2018/2019

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER ENGINEERING

CPEN 205: DISCRETE MATHEMATICAL STRUCTURES (2 CREDITS)

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

Q1.

- a) How many license plates can be made using either *two* or *three letters* followed by either *two* or *three digits* and contain no letter or digit twice? [4 marks]
- b) The *sixth* permutation of the lexicographic permutations of the 24 elements of the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is *1432*. Find the next *ten* permutations in *lexicographic order* after *1432*. [5marks]
- c) Suppose that a department contains 10 men and 15 women. How many ways are there to select a committee with *six* members if it must have
- At most three women? [3 marks]
 - At least 1 woman and at least 1 man? [4 marks]
- d) Use the binomial theorem to expand $(x + y)^5$. Hence, find the value of $\frac{32}{243}(1 + \frac{1}{2})^5$ using the expression obtained from the expansion of $(x + y)^5$. [3 marks]
- e) Prove that
$$\binom{n}{2} + \binom{n+1}{2} = n^2$$
, where n is a positive integer. [4 marks]
- f) A test contains 100 true/false questions. How many different ways can a student answer the questions on the test, if answers may be left blank? [2 marks]

Q2.

a) Given the sets $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $B = \{2, 4, 6\}$, calculate the following sets:

- i. $A \cup (B \cap A)$ [1 mark]
- ii. $(A \cap B) \cup B$ [1 mark]
- iii. $A - B$ [1 mark]
- iv. $(B - A) \cap B$ [1 mark]
- v. $A \cup (B - A)$ [1 mark]

b) Prove the following using Venn diagrams:

- i. $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ [4 marks]
- ii. $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$ [3 marks]

c) In propositional logic, a **contradiction** is a compound proposition that is always **false**, no matter what the truth values of the propositional variables that occur in it are. Show by means of a truth table that $p \wedge \neg (q \vee p)$ is a contradiction.

[6 marks]

d)

- i. Define a *relation* and hence a *function*. [2 marks]
- ii. Consider the functions

$$f = \{(1,3), (2,5), (3,3), (4,1), (5,2)\}$$

$$g = \{(1,4), (2,1), (3,1), (4,2), (5,3)\}$$

from $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ into X .

State the ranges of f and g and also find the composite function fg .

[5 marks]

Q3.

a)

- i. Define a *recurrence relation*. [1 mark]
- ii. What is the solution of the linear homogeneous recurrence relation?
 $a_n = -2a_{n-1} + 15a_{n-2}$
 with $a_0 = 0$, and $a_1 = 1$ [4 marks]
- iii. What is the solution of the linear homogeneous recurrence relation?
 $a_n = 8a_{n-1} - 16a_{n-2}$
 with $a_0 = 1$ and $a_1 = 7$ [4 marks]

b) The Lucas numbers satisfy the linear homogeneous recurrence relation

$$L_n = L_{n-1} + L_{n-2} \text{ with initial conditions } L_0 = 2 \text{ and } L_1 = 1.$$

Prove that the solution (explicit formula) to the Lucas numbers is

$$L_n = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

[5 marks]

- c) A bank pays 6 % interest annually on savings, compounding the interest yearly. If we deposit \$1000, how much will this deposit be worth 12 years later? [4 marks]
- d) A model for the number of lobsters caught per year is based on the assumption that the number of lobsters caught in a year is the average of the number caught in the two previous years.
- Find a recurrence relation for $\{L_n\}$, where L_n is the number of lobsters caught in year n , under the assumption for this model. [2 marks]
 - Find L_n if 100,000 lobsters were caught in year 1 and 300,000 were caught in year 2. [5 marks]

Q4.

- a) Let $Q(x, y)$ be the statement "Student x has taken class y ," where the domain for x consists of *all students in your class* and for y consists of *all computer science courses at your school*. Express each of these quantifications in English.
- $\exists x \exists y Q(x, y)$ [1 mark]
 - $\exists x \forall y Q(x, y)$ [1 mark]
 - $\forall x \exists y Q(x, y)$ [1 mark]
 - $\exists y \forall x Q(x, y)$ [1 mark]
 - $\forall y \exists x Q(x, y)$ [1 mark]
 - $\forall x \forall y Q(x, y)$ [1 mark]
- b) Let $W(x, y)$ mean that student x has visited website y , where the domain for x consists of all students in your school and the domain for y consists of all websites. Express each of these statements by a simple English sentence.
- $W(\text{Sarah Smith}, \text{www.att.com})$ [1 mark]
 - $\exists x W(x, \text{www.imdb.org})$ [1 mark]
 - $\exists y W(\text{José Orez}, y)$ [1 mark]
 - $\exists y (W(\text{Ashok Puri}, y) \wedge W(\text{Cindy Yoon}, y))$ [1 mark]

c) Let $F(x, y)$ be the statement “ x can fool y ,” where the domain consists of all people in the world. Use quantifiers to express each of these statements.

- i. Everybody can fool Kanga. [1 mark]
- ii. Amadou can fool everybody. [1 mark]
- iii. Everybody can fool somebody. [1 mark]
- iv. Everyone can be fooled by somebody. [1 mark]

d) Let $P(x)$, $Q(x)$, and $R(x)$ be the statements “ x is a professor,” “ x is ignorant,” and “ x is vain,” respectively. Express each of these statements in symbolic form using quantifiers; logical connectives; and $P(x)$, $Q(x)$, and $R(x)$, where the domain consists of *all people*.

- i. No professors are ignorant. [1 mark]
- ii. All ignorant people are vain. [1 mark]
- iii. No professors are vain. [1 mark]
- iv. There is a professor who is vain [1 mark]
- v. Some ignorant people are not vain [1 mark]
- vi. Prof. Agbotui is both ignorant and vain [2 marks]

e) Let $A(x)$, $C(x)$, $S(x)$ and $GP(x)$ be the statements “ x is an animal,” “ x is a cat,” “ x is small,” and “ x is a good pet,” respectively. Express each of these quantifications in English where the universe consists of *all animals*.

- i. $\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow A(x))$ [1 mark]
- ii. $\neg \exists x (C(x) \wedge \neg S(x))$ [1 mark]
- iii. $\forall x (C(x) \rightarrow S(x) \wedge A(x))$ [1 mark]
- iv. $\forall x (S(x) \wedge A(x) \rightarrow GP(x))$ [1 mark]