

**CROSS RIVER UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, CALABAR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**  
**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2016/2017**  
**COURSE CODE: CSC 2204 – SWITCHING ALGEBRA AND DISCRETE STRUCTURES**  
**3 CREDITS, TIME 3 HOURS**

**ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

- 1(a) Explain the terms collection, universal set, and define sets. Explain the terms natural languages and formal languages. Comment why formal languages were introduced.
- (b) Explain what is membership relation. Give interpretation of the symbols  $\in, \forall, \exists$  and write the statements below in natural language: (1)  $\forall x \in \{\text{apples}\} \exists y \in \{\text{plate}\}$  to eat from;  $\exists x \in \{\text{subjects}\} \forall y \in \{\text{students}\}$  to study;
- (c) What are defined symbols? Give two examples. Define subset and equality relations of sets.
- 2(a) Define ordered pairs, define Cartesian products. Define the subset relation, and define relations and binary relations.
- (b) Define reflexive, symmetric and transitive binary relations. Give examples for two of them.
- (c) Define equivalence relation and state the partition theorem about equivalence classes generated by an equivalence relation.
- 3(a) Define order relations, partially ordered sets and complete ordering. Show examples of complete and partial ordering.
- (b) Define upper and lower bounds of a subset of an ordered set. Define sup and inf of a subset of an ordered set. Define maximum and minimum of a subset of an ordered set.
- (c) Show an example of a subset of an ordered set which has infimum and does not have a minimum. Hence or otherwise define well-ordered sets.
- 4(a) Define lattices. Show that operations  $a \wedge b := \inf\{a, b\}$  and  $a \vee b := \sup\{a, b\}$  may not fulfill the distributive rule lattices. Give condition for a lattice to be a distributive lattice.
- (b) Define a distributive lattice with unit elements. What is involution? Define a Boolean algebra. Give an example of a Boolean algebra.
- (c) Define the language symbols of a formal language. Define truth values and truth tables (and, or and not).
- 5(a) Define what is a graph. Define undirected, directed and oriented graphs. Explain the difference between directed and oriented graphs.
- (b) Define a path, when are two nodes of a graph are connected by a path. Analyze the relation  $x \sim y$  if  $x$  is connected to  $y$ ,  $x, y \in G$ .
- (c) When does the relation  $\sim$  represent an equivalence relation? What are the equivalence classes in a graph?
- 6(a) Define adjacency matrices. How will the adjacency matrix of a graph look like when  $\sim$  is equivalence relation.
- (b) Define loops in a graph. Compare loops in undirected, oriented and directed graph.
- (c) Explain that any adjacency matrix can be written in the form of a sum of a symmetric and an  $a_s = \text{symmetric adjacency matrix}$ . Interpret it.

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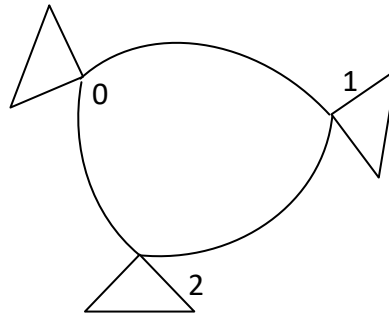
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**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**

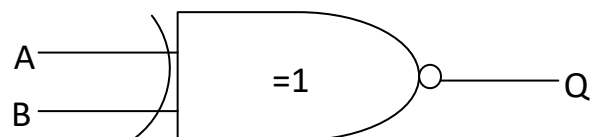
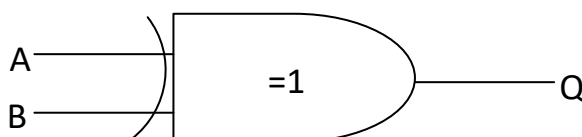
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**TIME: 2 HOURS**

- 1a. (i) What is an equivalent relation? (ii) Let  $R$  be a relation on the set of ordered pairs of positive integers such that  $((a,b), (c,d)) \in R$  if and only if  $ad=bc$ . Prove that  $R$  is an equivalent relation?
- b. The diagram below suggests a relation. Prove that there exist;
- An equivalence relation
  - A partial order relation



- c. (i) What is partitioning as relates to switching algebra? (ii) State the properties of partitioning
- 2a. (i) Let  $X = \{12,13,14\}$  and  $A = \{x,y,z\}$  be two distinct sets, identify the partitions in these sets (ii) if  $P = \{12,13\}$ , show that the partition is mutually disjoint.
- b. With a truth table, compare the logical functions of the 2-input logic gates.
- c. The distributive law in Boolean Algebra is made up of two operators, AND and OR. Prove that the values of  $A \cdot (B + C)$  and  $A \cdot B + A \cdot C$  is equal.
- 3a. What is a truth table with respect to Boolean Algebra? (ii) Draw a truth table for  $A+BC$ .
- b. With the logic levels, show the input combinations for a 4-input logic circuit.
- c. (i) What is an equivalent class? (ii) Given a set  $S$  with an equivalence relation  $\sim$  define  $[X] = \{y/x \sim y\}$ . Consider  $S = \{1,2,3,4\}$ , identify the equivalent classes.
- 4a. Explain the logic gates below and further show the truth tables.



- b. The variables  $A$ ,  $B$  or  $C$  can represent a single variable or combination of variables. With this background, state the 12 rules of Boolean Algebra you were taught in class.
- c. What is a set? (ii) State how a set is specified.
- 5a. Differentiate between an equivalent relation and a partial order relation.
- b. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$ . What is the cardinality of  $B$ ,  $A \cup B$ ,  $A \cap B$ ?

- c. (i) What is relation in switching algebra? (ii) If  $A = \{2, 4, 5, 8\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 6, 9, 15, 16, 25, 64\}$ , and the relation  $R$  between  $A$  and  $B$  is defined as 'is a positive square root of'. Identify the ordered pair in the relation  $R$ .