

Discrete Structures (MA5.101)

Quiz - 3 (Monsoon 2021)

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Time: 60 Minutes

Total Marks: 30

Instructions: This is online examination.

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1. Answer the following questions:

(a) Let $\alpha = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and F_n the n^{th} Fibonacci's number. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Ans: α .

(b) Let S be an infinite set and $x \notin S$. Then, the connection between the cardinalities of S and $S \cup \{x\}$ is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Ans: S and $S \cup \{x\}$ have the same cardinality.

(c) If a is a discrete numeric function, then $S^{-1}(\nabla a) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Ans: $\triangle a$.

(d) The permutation

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ (even/odd).

Ans: odd

(e) The generating function of the recurrence relation $a_k - 7a_{k-1} + 10a_{k-2} = 0$ is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Ans: $A(z) = \frac{(1-7z)a_0 + a_1z}{1-7z+10z^2}$

[5 × 1 = 5]

2. (a) **(Pigeonhole Principle)** Given a set of $(n + 1)$ positive integers, none of which exceeds $2n$, show that at least one number of the set must divide another member of the set.

[Hint: Any positive integer p can be expressed uniquely as $p = 2^k \cdot m$ where $k \geq 0$ and m is an odd positive integer]

3. Given a set of $(n+1)$ positive integers, none of which exceeds $2n$, show that at least one member of the set must divide another member of the set.

Solution:- we know that any positive integer can be expressed uniquely as

$$p = 2^k \cdot m, \text{ where } k \geq 0 \text{ and } m \text{ is an odd positive integer.}$$

Let us consider the function

$$f: P \rightarrow O$$

: $p \mapsto m$, where P is the set of positive integers and O is the set of odd integers.

If we consider the domain set of f consisting of $(n+1)$ elements, then the range of f is $\{1, 3, 5, \dots, (2n-1)\}$ which consists only n elements.

Let $n_1 = 2^{k_1} \cdot m$
 $n_2 = 2^{k_2} \cdot m$ } $k_1 > k_2$ But, according to the problem, $|P| = n+1$, $|O| = n$, $\lceil \frac{|P|}{|O|} \rceil = 2$

\therefore by pigeonhole principle, there exist n_1, n_2 s.t.
 $f(n_1) = f(n_2) \therefore n_2 \mid n_1$ since $\frac{n_1}{n_2} = 2^{k_1 - k_2}$ i.e., n_1 & n_2 have the same m .

Figure 1: Answer of the question 2-a

(b) **(Mathematical Induction)** A rubber costs Rs. 5 and a ball pen costs Rs. 9. Show by using the principle of mathematical induction that any amount, in exact rupees, exceeding Rs. 31 can be spent in buying rubbers and ball pens.

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Solution: Let m be the number of rubbers and n be the number of pens. For k rupees, the problem is equivalent to finding non-negative integral solutions of

$$5m + 9n = k, \text{ for } k \geq 32$$

For $k = 32$, $m = 1, n = 3$ is a solution.

Suppose that for $k = t > 32$ a solution exists. Thus for some non-negative integers m_1, n_1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} t &= 5m_1 + 9n_1 \\ t+1 &= 5m_1 + 9n_1 + 1 \\ &= 9(n_1 - 1) + 5(m_1 + 2) \\ &= 9n_2 + 5m_2 \text{ (say)} \end{aligned}$$

where $m_2 = m_1 + 2, n_2 = n_1 - 1$.

Thus m_2, n_2 is a solution, provided $n_2 \geq 0$ i.e. $n_1 \geq 1$.

If $n_1 = 0$, then $t = 5m_1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} t+1 &= 5m_1 + 1 \\ &= 9 \times 4 + 5(m_1 - 7) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Since } t > 32, \therefore 5m_1 > 32.$$

For integral value of m_1 , the least value of $m_1 = 7$.

$m_1 - 7 \geq 0. \therefore t+1 = 9 \times 4 + 5(m_1 - 7)$, where $m_1 - 7 \geq 0$.

Hence there exists non-negative integral solution for $k = t+1$.

Thus by the first principle of induction the result follows.

Figure 2: Answer of the question 2-b

(c) **(Permutations)** Show that, if p is an arbitrary permutation and q is the cycle $(1\ 2\ \dots\ i)$, then the permutation $q^{-1} \circ p \circ q$ has the same cycle structure as p .

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PROBLEM:-

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In fact, this is the permutation obtained by replacing the letters in the presentation of p by their images under the mapping q^{-1} . Is the latter statement still true if q is an arbitrary permutation?

Solution:-

Let p have a cycle $(j, p(j), p^2(j), \dots, p^k(j))$ such that $p^{k+1}(j) = p(p^k(j)) = j$.

Consider $(q^{-1}(j), q^{-1}(p(j)), \dots, q^{-1}(p^k(j)))$.

Now, in $q^{-1} \circ p \circ q$, let us consider a cycle containing $q^{-1}(j)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \therefore q^{-1} p q (q^{-1}(j)) \\ &= q^{-1} p (q q^{-1}(j)) \quad [\because q q^{-1} = I] \\ &= q^{-1}(p(j)). \end{aligned}$$

Again, $q^{-1} p q (q^{-1}(p^k(j)))$

$$\begin{aligned} &= q^{-1}(p \cdot p^k(j)) = q^{-1}(p^{k+1}(j)) \\ &= q^{-1}(j). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, this is the permutation obtained by replacing the letters in the presentation of p by their images under the mapping q^{-1} .

Figure 3: Answer of the question 2-c

[5 + 5 + 5 = 15]

3. (Recurrence Relations and Generating Functions)

(a) Let a, b be the numeric functions such that $b = \Delta a$. Derive the generating function of b .

Ans:

$$B(z) = \frac{1}{z} [A(z) - a_0] - A(z)$$

(b) Every particle inside a nuclear reactor splits into two particles in each second. Suppose one particle is injected into the reactor every second beginning at time $t = 0$.

(i) Express the number of particles a_n in the reactor at the n^{th} second as a discrete numeric function.

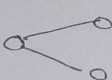
(ii) Derive a_n using the generating function.

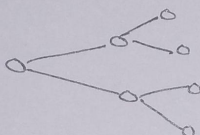
$$[3 + (2 + 5) = 10]$$

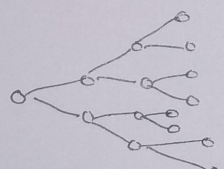
✓ Every particle inside a nuclear reactor splits into two particles in each second. Suppose one particle is injected into the reactor every second beginning at $t=0$. Express the number of particles in the reactor at the n th second as a discrete numeric function and give a closed form for it.

Solution:- Let a_n be the number of particles in the reactor at the n th second.

Then, $a_0 = 1$.

for $t=1$,  $\therefore a_1 = 3$

for $t=2$,  $a_2 = 7$

for $t=3$,  $a_3 = 7 + 8 = 15$

for $t=4$, $a_4 = 15 + 16 = 31, \dots$

Thus, we have the discrete numeric function a

$$a = (a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots) \\ = (1, 3, 7, 15, 31, \dots)$$

we have seen that

$$a_1 - a_0 = 3 - 1 = 2 = 2^1$$

$$a_2 - a_1 = 7 - 3 = 4 = 2^2$$

$$a_3 - a_2 = 15 - 7 = 8 = 2^3 \dots$$

$$\therefore a_r = a_{r-1} + 2^r, \quad r \geq 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Figure 4: Answer of the question 3-b(i)

Part-2:- we have to solve the recurrence relation

$$a_r = a_{r-1} + 2^r, \quad r \geq 1 \quad \text{with the initial condition } a_0 = 1.$$

$$\therefore \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} a_r z^r = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} a_{r-1} z^r + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} 2^r z^r$$

$$\text{or, } \left(\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} a_r z^r - a_0 \right) = z \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} a_{r-1} z^{r-1} + \left[\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (2z)^r - 1 \right]$$

$$\text{or, } A(z) - 1 = z A(z) + \frac{1}{1-2z} - 1$$

$$\text{or, } A(z) (1-z) = \frac{1}{1-2z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or, } A(z) &= \frac{1}{(1-2z)(1-z)} \\ &= \frac{2}{1-2z} - \frac{1}{1-z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_r = 2 \cdot 2^r - 1$$

$$\text{or, } a_r = 2^{r+1} - 1, \quad r \geq 0. \quad \triangle$$

Figure 5: Answer of the question 3-b-(ii)