

1 Circle at most one answer per question. 10 points for each correct answer and -5 points for each incorrect answer (blank answer is 0 points). Don't guess!

- (a) $P(n)$ is a predicate ($n \in \mathbb{N}$). $P(1), P(2), P(3)$ are true, and $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+4)$ is true for $n \geq 1$. For which n can we be sure $P(n)$ is true?

- ☐ A All $n \geq 1$ except multiples of 2.
☐ B All $n \geq 1$ except multiples of 4.
☐ C All $n \geq 1$
☐ D Only $n = 1, 2, 3$.

- (b) Of the following five sets, list *all* that are countable (\mathcal{A} is countable if $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\text{surj}} \mathcal{A}$):
 (I) Prime numbers; (II) Rational numbers; (III) Integers; (IV) Even numbers; (V) Infinite binary strings.

- ☐ A I and III.
☐ B I and II and III and IV.
☐ C I and III and V.
☐ D II and III and IV.

- (c) A class with 25 students needs to choose a representative committee which is a subset of 5 students. How many different committees can be formed?

- ☐ A 25^5 .
☐ B $\frac{25!}{20! \times 5!}$.
☐ C $\frac{25!}{5!}$.
☐ D $25 \times 24 \times 23 \times 22 \times 21 = \frac{25!}{20!}$.

- (d) A friendship network has 7 people and each person has at least 1 friend. 6 of the people have *exactly two friends*. How many friends can the 7th person have? Give all possibilities.

- ☐ A The seventh person could have either 2 or 4 friends.
☐ B The seventh person could have either 2 or 4 or 6 friends.
☐ C The seventh person could have either 1 or 2 or 3 friends.
☐ D The seventh person could have any number of friends that is greater than 1.

- (e) Compute the summation $(0+1) + (1+2) + (2+4) + (3+8) + \dots + (10+2^{10}) = \sum_{i=0}^{10} (i+2^i)$

- ☐ A 2048.
☐ B 2102.
☐ C 1078.
☐ D 2200.

- (f) You have a known fact that $0 = 0$ and all the standard operations of algebra you learned in high-school math. Which of the following is a valid proof that $7 = 7$:

I	II	III
$\begin{array}{rcl} 1. & 7 & = 7 \\ 2. & 7-7 & = 7-7 \\ 3. & 0 & = 0 \quad \checkmark \\ \hline & \rightarrow & 7 = 7 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{rcl} 1. & 7 & \neq 7 \\ 2. & 7-7 & \neq 7-7 \\ 3. & 0 & \neq 0 \quad \text{!FISHY} \\ \hline & \rightarrow & 7 = 7 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{rcl} 1. & 0 & = 0 \\ 2. & 0+7 & = 0+7 \\ 3. & 7 & = 7 \quad \checkmark \\ \hline & \rightarrow & 7 = 7 \end{array}$

- ☐ A I & II & III. ☐ B II & III. ☐ C I & II ☐ D I & III.

- (g) Let $f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i$ and $g(n) = 2^{3 \log_2 n}$. What is the big-Oh relationship between f and g ?

- ☐ A $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $g(n) = O(f(n))$.
☐ B $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $g(n) \neq O(f(n))$.
☐ C $f(n) \neq O(g(n))$ and $g(n) = O(f(n))$.
☐ D $f(n) \neq O(g(n))$ and $g(n) \neq O(f(n))$.

- (h) You independently generate the ten bits of a binary sequence $b_1 b_2 \dots b_{10}$ with $\mathbb{P}[b_i = 0] = \frac{1}{2}$. Compute the probability that the sequence is sorted from low to high. For example 0000111111 is sorted.

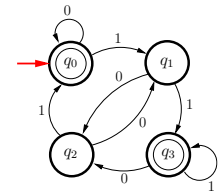
- ☐ A $\frac{10}{1024}$
☐ B $\frac{11}{1024}$
☐ C $\frac{20}{1024}$
☐ D $\frac{12}{1024}$

- (i) x_1, x_2, x_3 are non-negative integers. Compute the number of different solutions to $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 100$. (For example two different solutions are $1 + 2 + 97 = 100$ and $97 + 1 + 2 = 100$.)

- ☐ A 10302
☐ B 5151
☐ C 4949
☐ D 5050

- (j) For the automaton on the right, which input string is accepted? (Strings are processed from left to right.)

- ☐ A 010101
☐ B 0101011
☐ C 01010110
☐ D 010101100



2 Proofs

1. Prove that for all integers $n \geq 1$: $n2^n \leq 3^n$

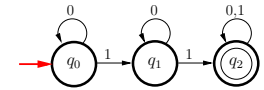
2. Prove that *every* odd natural number is the difference of two square numbers.

3 Finite Automaton with a Random Input String

The automaton to the right processes a random binary string $b_1b_2 \dots b_n$ of length n generated as follows: you independently generate each bit b_i with $\mathbb{P}[b_i = 1] = p$ and $\mathbb{P}[b_i = 0] = 1 - p$. Show that the probability that the string is accepted is

$$\mathbb{P}[\text{random input string is accepted}] = 1 - (1 - p)^n - np(1 - p)^{n-1}.$$

[Hints: (i) Figure out a simple property of a string for it to be accepted. (ii) Binomial distribution.]



4 Probability and Expectation

(a) You independently roll 3 fair dice D_1, D_2, D_3 and let $S = D_1 + D_2 + D_3$ be the sum. Compute:

(i) $\mathbb{P}[S = 8]$

(ii) $\mathbb{P}[S = 8 \mid D_1 = 1]$

(iii) Compute the expectation and variance of S .

(b) You toss a fair coin independently until you get two heads *in a row*. Let X be the number of tosses. Compute $\mathbb{E}[X]$ using the law of total expectation:

(i) Consider the 3 cases T, HT, HH for how the tosses may start and show that

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \mathbb{E}[X]) + \frac{1}{4}(2 + \mathbb{E}[X]) + \frac{1}{2}.$$

(ii) Use (i) to show that $\mathbb{E}[X] = 6$.

5 Context Free Grammars

This problem is about the language \mathcal{L} generated by the CFG:

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow 1T \mid 0T \\ T &\rightarrow 1T1 \mid 0T0 \mid \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

(a) Is the string 1010010 in \mathcal{L} ? If yes then give a derivation or parse tree; if no then explain why.

(b) Prove that the length of every string in \mathcal{L} is odd.

6 Turing Machine

- (a) What is the difference between a Turing-recognizable language and a Turing-decidable language?
- (b) Consider the arithmetic task of squaring, which corresponds to the language $\mathcal{L} = \{0^n \# 0^{n^2} | n \geq 1\}$.
- (i) Circle the simplest model of computing that you think solves the problem \mathcal{L} :
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|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Finite Automaton | Context Free Grammar | Turing Machine |
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- (ii) Give your machine from (i) that solves \mathcal{L} (for a TM , a high level description will do).

1 Circle at most one answer per question. 10 points for each correct answer.

- (1) The **negation** of “All Malik’s friends are big and strong” is
- ☐ A None of Malik’s friends are big and strong.
- ☐ B Malik has a friend who is either small or weak (or both).
- ☐ C All Malik’s friends are small and weak.
- ☐ D All Malik’s friends are either small or weak (or both).
- ☐ E Malik has no friends who are small or weak.
- (2) What is the most accurate order relation between $3^{\log_2 n}$ and n^2 ?
- ☐ A $3^{\log_2 n} \in o(n^2)$.
- ☐ B $3^{\log_2 n} \in O(n^2)$.
- ☐ C $3^{\log_2 n} \in \Theta(n^2)$.
- ☐ D $3^{\log_2 n} \in \Omega(n^2)$.
- ☐ E $3^{\log_2 n} \in \omega(n^2)$.
- (3) Compute the summation $\sum_{i=1}^{20} (-1)^i i^2$
- ☐ A 190.
- ☐ B 200.
- ☐ C 210.
- ☐ D 220.
- ☐ E 230.
- (4) Let $f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i$ and $g(n) = 4^{\log_2 n}$. What is the most accurate order relationship between f and g ?
- ☐ A $f \in o(g)$.
- ☐ B $f \in O(g)$.
- ☐ C $f \in \Theta(g)$.
- ☐ D $f \in \Omega(g)$.
- ☐ E $f \in \omega(g)$.
- (5) Let $f(n)$ be a function satisfying the recurrence $f(0) = 0$; $f(n) = f(n-1) + \sqrt{n}$. Which order relationship describes f .
- ☐ A $f \in \Theta(n)$.
- ☐ B $f \in \Theta(n \log n)$.
- ☐ C $f \in \Theta(n\sqrt{n})$.
- ☐ D $f \in \Theta(n^2)$.
- ☐ E $f \in \Theta(n^3)$.

- (6) A class with 10 students needs to choose a president, vice-president and secretary (a student cannot fill multiple roles). In how many ways can this be done?

☐ A 1000.
☐ B 720.
☐ C 120.
☐ D $10!$
☐ E $\binom{10}{3}$.

- (7) A fraternity orders 5 pizzas (eg. 2 with sausage and 3 with meatballs & onion). There are 5 toppings. A pizza can have 0,1 or 2 toppings. How many ways are there for the fraternity to make its order?

☐ A 16.
☐ B 16^5 .
☐ C $\binom{16}{5}$.
☐ D $\binom{20}{15}$.
☐ E $16 \times 15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12$.

- (8) A friendship network has 6 people $\textcircled{A} \textcircled{B} \textcircled{C} \textcircled{D} \textcircled{E} \textcircled{F}$. If you add up the number of friends of each person, you get a total of 26. How many *different* social network graphs could correspond to this friendship network. (Two graphs are different if they don't have exactly the same edges.)

☐ A 0.
☐ B 95.
☐ C 105.
☐ D 115.
☐ E 125.

- (9) You are thinking of a graph with 5 nodes $\textcircled{A} \textcircled{B} \textcircled{C} \textcircled{D} \textcircled{E}$. Approximately how many such graphs are there?

☐ A 100.
☐ B 500.
☐ C 1000.
☐ D 5000.
☐ E 10000.

- (10) X and Y are random variables (not necessarily independent). Which of the following is an expression for $\text{Var}(X + Y)$ (variance of the sum)?

☐ A $\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$.
☐ B $\mathbb{E}[(X + Y)^2]$.
☐ C $\mathbb{E}[X^2] + \mathbb{E}[Y^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 - \mathbb{E}[Y]^2$.
☐ D $\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\mathbb{E}[XY] - 2\mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$.
☐ E $\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) - 2\text{Var}(XY)$.

- (11) You independently generate two random ten bit binary sequences and compute a new sequence using the BITWISE-OR of the two random sequences (treating 0 as FALSE and 1 as TRUE). Let X be the number of 1s in the result. What is $\mathbb{E}[X]$. (for example, 0001110010 BITWISE-OR 1000111000 = 1001111010.)

☐ A 2.5
☐ B 3.5
☐ C 5
☐ D 6.5
☐ E 7.5

- (12) About 1 in a 1000 people have Coeliac disease. The outcome of a test for Coeliac is random: the test makes a mistake on 1 in 10 people who have it (90% accuracy if you have Coeliac); the test makes a mistake on 1 in 100 people who do not have it (99% accuracy if you do not have Coeliac). You got tested, and the result was positive. *Approximately* what are the chances that you have Coeliac?

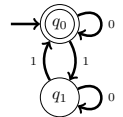
☐ A 0.1%
☐ B 10%
☐ C 40%
☐ D 80%
☐ E 90%

- (13) Which set is not countable?

☐ A $\{1,3,5,7\}$.
☐ B The prime numbers $\{2,3,5,7,\dots\}$.
☐ C All possible angles between 0 and 360.
☐ D All even numbers which are not a sum of two primes.
☐ E All possible pairs of integers, \mathbb{Z}^2 .

- (14) A random binary string $b_1b_2\dots b_{10}$ of length 10 is the input to the automaton. What is the probability that the string is accepted?

☐ A 0.25
☐ B 0.4
☐ C 0.5
☐ D 0.6
☐ E 0.75



- (15) Which string below is not in the language of the CFG: $S \rightarrow \varepsilon \mid 0S \mid 1S$

☐ A ε
☐ B 1111
☐ C 11011
☐ D 0011000
☐ E 001010

2 Positive Integer Partitions

A positive partition of n is a sequence of positive integers that add up to n . For example, $(6, 4)$, $(4, 6)$ and $(2, 4, 2, 2)$ are different partitions of 10. How many positive partitions of n are there? Prove your answer.

3 Proofs

(a) Prove that $n^2 \leq 3^n$ for integer $n \geq 0$.

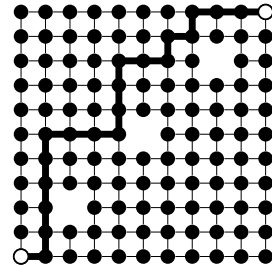
(b) Prove that $n^3 \notin O(n^2)$. You must prove that there is no constant C for which $n^3 \leq Cn^2$ for all $n \geq 1$.

4 Counting Paths on Graphs with Holes

A grid is missing nodes at $(2, 2)$, $(5, 5)$ and $(8, 8)$. A *shortest* path from the bottom left node $(0, 0)$ to the top right node $(10, 10)$ is shown.

How many different shortest paths go from $(0, 0)$ to $(10, 10)$? (Two paths are different if they do not have exactly the same edges).

You may leave your answer in the form of a combination of binomial coefficients – you do not need to compute a numerical answer.



5 Turing Machine and Exponentiation

(a) Prove: the problem (language) $\mathcal{L} = \{0^n \# 1^{2^n} \mid n \geq 1\}$ cannot be solved (accepted) by a finite automaton.

(b) Give a high-level description of a Turing Machine that solves $\mathcal{L} = \{0^n \# 1^{2^n} \mid n \geq 1\}$.

1 Circle at most one answer per question. 10 points for each correct answer.

- (1) The **negation** of “Every student is a friend of some other student” is

- ☐ A Some student has a friend who is a student.
☐ B Some student is a friend of all students.
☐ C Some student is not a friend of some other student.
☐ D Some student is not a friend of all other students.
☐ E Some student has no friends.

- (2) Estimate $2^1 \times 2^2 \times 2^3 \times \cdots \times 2^{20} = \prod_{i=1}^{20} 2^i$.

- ☐ A 1.65×10^{61}
☐ B 1.65×10^{63}
☐ C 1.65×10^{65}
☐ D 1.65×10^{67}
☐ E 1.65×110^{69}

- (3) What is the most accurate order relation between 2^n and e^n ?

- ☐ A $2^n \in o(e^n)$.
☐ B $2^n \in O(e^n)$.
☐ C $2^n \in \Theta(e^n)$.
☐ D $2^n \in \Omega(e^n)$.
☐ E $2^n \in \omega(e^n)$.

- (4) $f(n)$ satisfies the recurrence $f(0) = 1$; $f(n) = nf(n-1)$. Which order relationship describes f .

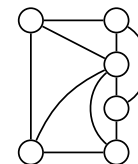
- ☐ A $f \in \Theta(2^n)$.
☐ B $f \in O(2^n)$.
☐ C $f \in o(2^n)$.
☐ D $f \in \Theta(n^n)$.
☐ E $f \in o(n^n)$.

- (5) What is the greatest common divisor of 756 and 840?

- ☐ A 12.
☐ B 28.
☐ C 63.
☐ D 84.
☐ E 189.

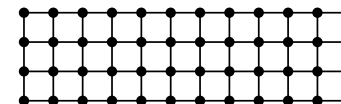
- (6) What is the minimum number of colors needed to color the graph on the right?

- ☐ A 2.
☐ B 3.
☐ C 4.
☐ D 5.
☐ E 6.



- (7) On the right is the 4×12 grid graph. What is the average degree of a node?

- ☐ A 3.
☐ B $3\frac{1}{4}$.
☐ C $3\frac{1}{3}$.
☐ D $3\frac{1}{2}$.
☐ E $3\frac{2}{3}$.



- (8) Shirts come in 6 colors. 4 students are in a row. You must assign shirts to the students, and two students standing next to each other cannot get the same color shirt. In how many ways can you do this?

- ☐ A $\binom{9}{3}$.
☐ B $6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3$.
☐ C $\binom{6}{4}$.
☐ D 6×5^3 .
☐ E 6^4 .

- (9) Pokemons have 4-digit serial numbers, e.g. 0255. A pokemon is defective if any digit repeats (e.g. 0255, 5250, 5255 are defective). *Approximately* what fraction of the possible serial numbers are defective?

☐ A 0.
☐ B 0.25.
☐ C 0.5.
☐ D 0.75.
☐ E 1.

- (10) A senate committee of 10 senators must pick a president. 3 candidates will be proposed from the 10 senators, and everyone votes. In how many ways can the 3 candidates be chosen.

☐ A 1000.
☐ B 720.
☐ C 120.
☐ D 10!
☐ E $\frac{10!}{3!}$.

- (11) Three integers z_1, z_2, z_3 satisfy $0 \leq z_1 \leq z_2 \leq z_3 \leq 6$ (the sequence is non-decreasing and bounded between 0 and 6). How many such sequences are there?

☐ A 28.
☐ B 42.
☐ C 84.
☐ D 165.
☐ E 168.

- (12) You are thinking of a graph with 4 nodes $\textcircled{\text{A}} \textcircled{\text{B}} \textcircled{\text{C}} \textcircled{\text{D}}$. How many such graphs are there?

☐ A 24.
☐ B 64.
☐ C 81.
☐ D 256.
☐ E 4096.

- (13) \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} are random variables (not necessarily independent) and $\mathbf{Z} = a\mathbf{X} + b\mathbf{Y}$. What is $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Z}]$?

☐ A $a \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] + b \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}]$
☐ B $a^2 \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] + b^2 \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}]$
☐ C $(a + b)(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}])$
☐ D $a(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}]) + b(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] + \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}])$
☐ E None of the above are true in general.

- (14) This test has 20 multiple choice questions, each with 5 possible choices. If you answer questions randomly, what is the expected number of multiple questions you get correct?

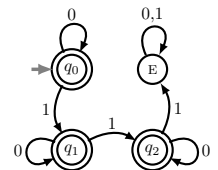
☐ A 3
☐ B 4
☐ C 5
☐ D 6
☐ E 10

- (15) About 1 in a 1000 people have Coeliac disease. The test for Coeliac randomly makes a mistake 5% of the time (95% accuracy). You tested positive. *Approximately* what are the chances you have Coeliac?

☐ A 0.2%
☐ B 2%
☐ C 20%
☐ D 50%
☐ E 95%

- (16) A random binary string $b_1 b_2 \dots b_{10}$ of 10 bits is the input to the automaton. What is the probability that the string is accepted?

☐ A $\frac{2}{1024}$
☐ B $\frac{45}{1024}$
☐ C $\frac{56}{1024}$
☐ D $\frac{90}{1024}$
☐ E $\frac{512}{1024}$



(17) What is a computing problem?

- ☐ A A Person.
- ☐ B An automaton (machine which transitions between states as it reads the input).
- ☐ C An automaton with stack memory.
- ☐ D An automaton with random access memory.
- ☐ E A set containing finite binary strings.

(18) The computing problem $\mathcal{L} = \{\text{strings with an even number of 1s}\}$ can be solved by:

- (I) DFA. (II) CFG. (III) Turing Machine.

- ☐ A I,II,III
- ☐ B I,III
- ☐ C II,III
- ☐ D III only
- ☐ E None of these models of computing

(19) The computing problem $\mathcal{L} = \{\text{strings corresponding to programs which HALT}\}$ can be solved by:

- (I) DFA. (II) CFG. (III) Turing Machine.

- ☐ A I,II,III
- ☐ B I,III
- ☐ C II,III
- ☐ D III only
- ☐ E None of these models of computing

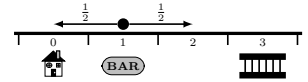
(20) A DFA has *two* states a start state q_0 and a second state q_1 . The DFA is described by a list of its accept states and a list of its transition instructions. The order in which you list the accept states and the transition instructions does not matter. We draw a DFA as a graph with nodes q_0, q_1 and add a directed arrow for each transition instruction (the accepting states have double circles).

How many different DFA's are there with two states? (*Different* DFA's *can* have the same YES-set)

- ☐ A 4.
- ☐ B 8.
- ☐ C 16.
- ☐ D 32.
- ☐ E 64.

2 Random Walk

A drunk leaves the bar (at position 1), and takes independent steps: left (L) with probability $\frac{1}{2}$ or right (R) with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. The drunk stops when he reaches home (at 0) or the jail (at 3). Compute the *expected* number of steps the drunk makes.



3 Induction

- (a) $G(1) = 1$; Prove that $G(n) = \frac{1}{n}$ for integer $n \geq 1$.
 $G(n) = G(n-1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)$ for $n > 1$;

4 Turing Machine

Give a high-level description of a Turing Machine that solves the problem $\mathcal{L} = \{0^n \# 1^{n^2} \mid n \geq 0\}$ (squaring).
(You may find it useful to illustrate how your TM works on `00#1111`.)

- (b) The n th Harmonic number is $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$. Prove that $H_1 + H_2 + \dots + H_n = (n+1)H_n - n$.

5 [Hard] Unsolvable Problems

Prove: There is an undecidable computing problem which is a subset of $\{1\}^*$.

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- (1) Every card has a letter and a number. **Rule:** If a card has a P on it, then the other side *must* be a 5.



Which of the above cards *must* be turned over to verify the rule has not been broken.

☐ A ☐ S ☐ 5

☐ B ☐ 5 ☐ P

☐ C ☐ S ☐ 3

☐ D ☐ P ☐ 3

☐ E None of the above.

- (2) Which set relationship does not hold in general.

☐ A $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$.

☐ B $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$.

☐ C $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$.

☐ D $(A \cup B) \cap \overline{A} = B \cap \overline{A}$.

☐ E They all hold in general.

- (3) $T_0 = 2$ and $T_n = T_{n-1}^2$ for $n > 0$. Estimate T_{20} .

☐ A $10^{3,156,500}$

☐ B $10^{1,156,500}$

☐ C $10^{315,650}$

☐ D $10^{156,500}$

☐ E $10^{31,565}$

- (4) $T_0 = 2$ and $T_n = T_{n-1}^2$ for $n > 0$, as in problem (3). Which order relationship is accurate?

☐ A $T_n \in O(n)$.

☐ B $T_n \in O(2^n)$.

☐ C $T_n \in O(n!)$.

☐ D $T_n \in O(2^{n!})$.

☐ E None of the above.

(5) What is the last digit of $3^{1000} \times 5^{2000} + 7^{3000} \times 9^{4000}$?

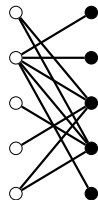
- ☐ A 1.
- ☐ B 2.
- ☐ C 3.
- ☐ D 4.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(6) Let $d = \gcd(m, n)$, where $m, n > 0$. Bezout's identity gives $d = mx + ny$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. Which of the statements A, B, C or D are false?

- ☐ A It is always possible to choose $x > 0$.
- ☐ B It is always possible to choose $x < 0$.
- ☐ C It is possible to find another $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ for which $0 < mx + ny < d$.
- ☐ D It is always possible to find $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ for which $ax + by = 1$.
- ☐ E All the statements A, B, C and D are true.

(7) The left nodes are tasks and the right nodes are resources. A resource can perform at most one task. What is the maximum number of tasks that can be performed?

- ☐ A 1.
- ☐ B 2.
- ☐ C 3.
- ☐ D 4.
- ☐ E 5.



(8) A queen covers a square if that square is on the same row, column or diagonal as the queen. What is the minimum number of queens required to cover all squares on a 5×5 chessboard?

- ☐ A 1.
- ☐ B 2.
- ☐ C 3.
- ☐ D 4.
- ☐ E 5.

(9) A friendship network has 100 people (vertices) and 2000 edges (friendships). You pick a person at random. What is the expected number of friends this person has?

- ☐ A 10.
- ☐ B 20.
- ☐ C 30.
- ☐ D 40.
- ☐ E None of the above, or not enough information to say for sure.

(10) To get into a certain US-college, all students submit at least one of SAT or ACT. 80% of students submit SAT; 40% of students submit ACT. How many students submit both SAT and ACT?

- ☐ A 10%.
- ☐ B 20%.
- ☐ C 30%.
- ☐ D 40%.
- ☐ E None of the above, or not enough information to say for sure.

(11) How many 4 digit strings (digits are 0,1,...,9) from 0000 to 9999 have digits which sum to 8. For example 0071, 0233 and 2033 are different digit-strings with digit-sum 8.

- ☐ A $\binom{8}{4} = 70$.
- ☐ B $\binom{11}{3} = 165$.
- ☐ C $10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 = 5040$.
- ☐ D $10^4 = 10,000$.
- ☐ E None of the above.

- (12) How many different friendship networks are possible with the 5 people, $\textcircled{A}\textcircled{B}\textcircled{C}\textcircled{D}\textcircled{E}$? (Two networks are different if they have different edge-sets.)

☐ A Approximately 10.
☐ B Approximately 100.
☐ C Approximately 1000.
☐ D Approximately 10,000.
☐ E Approximately 100,000.

- (13) A friendship network has 5 people, $\textcircled{A}\textcircled{B}\textcircled{C}\textcircled{D}\textcircled{E}$. Each pair of people independently flips a fair coin and forms a friendship-edge if the flip is H. What is the probability that the network has exactly 5 edges?

☐ A Approximately 1%.
☐ B Approximately 2%.
☐ C Approximately 10%.
☐ D Approximately 25%.
☐ E Approximately 50%.

- (14) A friendship network has 5 people, $\textcircled{A}\textcircled{B}\textcircled{C}\textcircled{D}\textcircled{E}$. Each pair of people independently flips a coin and forms a friendship if they get H. What is the expected number of edges in the friendship network?

☐ A 2.
☐ B 3.
☐ C 4.
☐ D 5.
☐ E None of the above.

- (15) A tennis club has 20 members who are paired up in twos for the first round of a tournament. In the first round, we only care about who plays whom. How many ways are there of forming the first round matches? [Hint: With 4 members, there are 3 ways to form the first round matches.]

☐ A $20!$.
☐ B $\binom{20}{2}^{10}$.
☐ C $\binom{20}{2} \times \binom{18}{2} \times \binom{16}{2} \times \binom{14}{2} \times \binom{12}{2} \times \binom{10}{2} \times \binom{8}{2} \times \binom{6}{2} \times \binom{4}{2} \times \binom{2}{2}$.
☐ D $20!/(2^{10} \times 10!)$
☐ E None of the above.

- (16) \mathbf{X} is a random variable and $\mathbf{Z} = a\mathbf{X} + b\mathbf{X}^2$. What is $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Z}]$?

☐ A $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Z}] = a \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] + b \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}]^2$
☐ B $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Z}] = a \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] + b^2 \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}]^2$
☐ C $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Z}] = a \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] + b \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}^2]$
☐ D $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Z}] = a \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] + b^2 \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}^2]$
☐ E None of the above are true in general.

- (17) \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} are independent random variables and $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{XY}$. What is $\sigma^2(\mathbf{Z})$, the variance of the product? [Hint: Tinker with simple random variables. Make a conclusion and justify it.]

☐ A $\sigma^2(\mathbf{Z}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X})\sigma^2(\mathbf{Y})$
☐ B $\sigma^2(\mathbf{Z}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}) \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}^2] + \sigma^2(\mathbf{Y}) \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}^2]$
☐ C $\sigma^2(\mathbf{Z}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}) \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}]^2 + \sigma^2(\mathbf{Y}) \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}]^2$
☐ D $\sigma^2(\mathbf{Z}) = \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}) \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}^2] + \sigma^2(\mathbf{Y}) \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}]^2$
☐ E None of the above are true in general.

- (18) About 1 in a 100 people have Coeliac disease. The test for Coeliac has 90% accuracy, randomly making a mistake only 10% of the time. You tested positive. What are the chances you have Coeliac?

☐ A 1/100.
☐ B 1/12
☐ C 1/8
☐ D 1/4
☐ E 9/10

- (19) The computing problem $\mathcal{L} = \{0^n 1^{n+m} 0^m \mid m, n \geq 0\}$ can be solved by:

(I) DFA. (II) CFG. (III) Turing Machine.

☐ A I,II,III
☐ B I,III
☐ C II,III
☐ D III only
☐ E None of these models of computing

- (20) Which of these problems can be solved by a computer (Turing Machine)?

☐ A Determine if some other program halts or loops forever – ULTIMATEDEGUGGER
☐ B Determine ☐ YES or ☐ NO if some other program says ☐ YES on its input and halts.
☐ C Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, compute $f(n)$, where $f(n) = 1$ if the n th Turing Machine halts and 0 otherwise.
☐ D Given m -bit and n -bit binary sequences $b_1 \cdots b_m$ and $c_1 \cdots c_n$ with $m < n$, is it possible to add $n - m$ bits into various positions of the first sequence so that the two sequences match exactly?
☐ E None of these problems can be solved.

2 Independent Sets and Vertex Covers in a Graph. (Tinker, tinker,...)

A graph G has vertices $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ and edges $E = \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$. Let $S \subseteq V$ be a subset of the vertices.

S is a **vertex cover** if every edge in E has at least one endpoint in S .

S is an **independent set** if no pair of vertices in S is connected by an edge.

Prove: The subset S is a vertex cover *if and only if* \bar{S} (the vertices not in S) is an independent set.

3 Conditional Probability and Expected Value.

A box has 1 fair coin and 1 two-headed coin. You picked a random coin, flipped it 2 times and both flips were H. You now keep flipping the *same* coin you picked until you flip *two heads in a row*. Let \mathbf{X} be the number of additional flips you make. Compute $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}]$, the expected value of \mathbf{X} .

4 Sums and Induction. (Tinker, tinker,...)

Obtain a formula that does not use a sum for $S(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (-1)^i i^2$. Prove your formula by induction.

5 Transducer Turing Machine for Unary to Binary.

Give a high-level description of a transducer Turing Machine to solve unary to binary conversion. The input is 0^n (if not reject). The Turing Machine should halt with the tape showing $0^n \# w$, where w is the binary representation of n . (E.g. for input 00000, the the tape should be 00000#101 when the machine halts.)

1 Circle at most one answer per question. 10 points for each correct answer.

- (1) Is this claim true or false. $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z} : n^2 \geq 0$.
- ☐ A True.
- ☐ B False.
- ☐ C You can't say because it depends on n .
- ☐ D You can't assign true or false to quantified statements.
- ☐ E It is not a proper statement to which you can assign true or false.
- (2) If it rains on a day, it must rain the next day. Today it did not rain. What can you conclude?
- ☐ A It won't rain tomorrow.
- ☐ B It won't rain on any future day.
- ☐ C It rained yesterday.
- ☐ D It did not rain yesterday but it could have rained on some day prior to yesterday.
- ☐ E It did not rain yesterday and it did not rain on any day prior to yesterday.
- (3) To prove $P(n)$ by induction, which is *not* a valid induction step to prove $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$.
- ☐ A Assume that $P(n)$ is true and *prove* that $P(n+1)$ is true.
- ☐ B Assume two things, that $P(n)$ is true and that $P(n+1)$ is false. Now derive a contradiction.
- ☐ C Assume that $P(n)$ is false and *prove* that $P(n+1)$ is false.
- ☐ D Assume that $P(n+1)$ is false and *prove* that $P(n)$ is false.
- ☐ E All of the above are valid induction steps.
- (4) What is the approximate value of the sum $\sum_{i=0}^{20} (2^i + i)(2^i - i)$.
- ☐ A 1.5×10^{11} .
- ☐ B 4.0×10^{11} .
- ☐ C 1.5×10^{12} .
- ☐ D 4.0×10^{12} .
- ☐ E 1.5×10^{13} .
- (5) $T_1 = 1$ and $T_n = T_{n-1} + n^2$ for $n > 1$. Which order relationship is accurate?
- ☐ A $T_n \in \Theta(n)$.
- ☐ B $T_n \in \Theta(n^2)$.
- ☐ C $T_n \in \Theta(n^3)$.
- ☐ D $T_n \in \Theta(2^n)$.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(6) What is the remainder when 2^{2019} is divided by 5?

- ☐ A 0.
- ☐ B 1.
- ☐ C 2.
- ☐ D 3.
- ☐ E 4.

(7) Define the set $A = \{3x + 7y \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are in } \mathbb{Z}\}$. Which numbers are *not* in A ?

- ☐ A -11.
- ☐ B 11.
- ☐ C 37.
- ☐ D 142.
- ☐ E They are all in A .

(8) Ayfos is in a social network with 14 others, so 15 people in all with Ayfos. There are 25 friendship links in this network. Everyone but Ayfos has 3 friends. How many friends does Ayfos have?

- ☐ A 6.
- ☐ B 7.
- ☐ C 8.
- ☐ D 9.
- ☐ E Can't be determined or such a social network cannot exist.

(9) In the previous problem regarding Ayfos' social network, you pick a person randomly. What is the expected number of friends that person has.

- ☐ A $3\frac{1}{3}$.
- ☐ B $3\frac{1}{2}$.
- ☐ C $3\frac{3}{4}$.
- ☐ D 4.
- ☐ E None of the above, or not enough information to say for sure.

(10) From 1000 students, 900 are CS and 200 are MATH. How many are CS-MATH duals?

- ☐ A 50.
- ☐ B 100.
- ☐ C 150.
- ☐ D 200.
- ☐ E None of the above, or not enough information to say for sure.

(11) Digits are 0,1,...,9. How many of the three digit strings 000 to 999 have a digit-sum 10? (For example, 307 and 811 have digit sum 10, but 846 and 213 do not.)

- ☐ A 60.
- ☐ B 63.
- ☐ C 66.
- ☐ D 69.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(12) A and B are sets. $|A| = 5$ and $|B| = 3$. How many functions are there from A to B ?

- ☐ A 3^5 .
- ☐ B 5^3 .
- ☐ C $5!$.
- ☐ D $\binom{5}{3}$.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(13) A and B are sets. $|A| = 5$ and $|B| = 3$. How many injections (1-to-1) are there from A to B ?

- ☐ A 0.
- ☐ B 100.
- ☐ C 150.
- ☐ D 200.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(14) A and B are sets. $|A| = 5$ and $|B| = 3$. How many surjections (onto) are there from A to B ?

- ☐ A 0.
- ☐ B 100.
- ☐ C 150.
- ☐ D 200.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(15) You roll a die 4 times. What is the probability to get (exactly) 2 sixes?

- ☐ A $6/6^4$.
- ☐ B $12/6^4$.
- ☐ C $36/6^4$.
- ☐ D $150/6^4$.
- ☐ E None of the above.

- (16) Al and Jo each independently pick 4 restaurants randomly from 10 restaurants r_1, \dots, r_{10} . They must eat at a restaurant that both picked. Compute the probability they can eat at (exactly) 2 restaurants.

☐ A $2/7$
☐ B $3/7$
☐ C $4/7$
☐ D $5/7$
☐ E None of the above

- (17) Compute the expected number of restaurants Al and Jo from the previous problem can eat at.

☐ A 1.2.
☐ B 1.4
☐ C 1.6.
☐ D 1.8
☐ E None of the above

- (18) Which computing problem *cannot* be solved by a DFA?

☐ A Strings with an even number of 1s.
☐ B Strings which have more 1s than 0s.
☐ C Strings whose number of 1s is a multiple of 3.
☐ D Strings whose number of 1s is not a multiple of 3.
☐ E Each problem is solvable using a DFA

- (19) Which string cannot be generated by the CFG $S \rightarrow \varepsilon | 0S | 1S$?

☐ A $11111111110000000000 = 1^{\bullet 10} 0^{\bullet 10}$.
☐ B $10101010101010101010 = (10)^{\bullet 10}$.
☐ C $00000000000000000000 = 0^{\bullet 20}$.
☐ D $00110011001100110011 = (0011)^{\bullet 5}$.
☐ E They can all be generated.

- (20) Which answer is a valid conclusion about the decidability of the language \mathcal{L}_B ?

☐ A \mathcal{L}_A is decidable. A decider for \mathcal{L}_B can be converted to a decider for \mathcal{L}_A . So, \mathcal{L}_B is decidable.
☐ B \mathcal{L}_A is decidable. A decider for \mathcal{L}_A can be converted to a decider for \mathcal{L}_B . So, \mathcal{L}_B is decidable.
☐ C \mathcal{L}_A is undecidable. A decider for \mathcal{L}_A can be converted to a decider for \mathcal{L}_B . So, \mathcal{L}_B is undecidable.
☐ D \mathcal{L}_A is undecidable. A decider for \mathcal{L}_B can be converted to a decider for \mathcal{L}_A . So, \mathcal{L}_B is decidable.
☐ E None of the above is valid.

2 Determine the Type of Proof and Prove

Prove that for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sqrt{n(n+1)} \leq n + \frac{1}{2}$.

3 Induction and Sums. Tinker, Tinker, Tinker.

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, obtain a formula for the sum $S(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (-1)^i i$ and prove your formula by induction.

4 Expected Waiting Time to 3 Heads In A Row

You flip a fair coin until you get 3 heads *in a row*. Compute the expected number of flips you make.

5 CFGs and Induction. (Tinker, tinker, ...)

For the CFG $S \rightarrow 0|0S1$, prove that every string that can be generated has odd length.

6 Turing Machine for Squaring.

Give a high level pseudo-code description of a Turing Machine that solves the problem $\mathcal{L} = \{0^n 1^{\bullet n \times n} | n \geq 1\}$. (You do not need to give machine level details but your pseudo-code should demonstrate understanding of how the Turing Machine moves back and forth to solve the problem. Tinker.)

1 Circle at most one answer per question. 10 points for each correct answer.

- (1) "For a constant $c > 0$, $1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > c\sqrt{n}$, where n is any natural number." Which claim is this?

- ☐ A $\exists c > 0 : (\exists n \in \mathbb{N} : 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > c\sqrt{n})$.
☐ B $\exists c > 0 : (\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > c\sqrt{n})$.
☐ C $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} : (\forall c > 0 : 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > c\sqrt{n})$.
☐ D $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : (\exists c > 0 : 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > c\sqrt{n})$.
☐ E None of the above.

- (2) You will pick a constant $C > 0$ such that no matter which $n \in \mathbb{N}$ I pick, $\sum_{i=1}^n i \leq Cn$. Which is true?

- ☐ A You can pick a C satisfying $C \leq 10$.
☐ B You can pick a C satisfying $10 < C < 100$.
☐ C You can pick a C satisfying $100 < C < 1000$.
☐ D You can pick a C satisfying $1000 < C$.
☐ E There is no constant $C > 0$ that you can pick.

- (3) $T_1 = 2$ and $T_n = T_{n-1} + 2n$ for $n > 1$. What is T_{100} ?

- ☐ A 5050.
☐ B 10100.
☐ C 20200.
☐ D 40400.
☐ E None of the above.

- (4) $T_1 = 1$ and $T_n = n \times T_{n-1}$ for $n > 1$. Which is true?

- ☐ A $T(n) \in O(n^2)$.
☐ B $T(n) \in o(2^n)$.
☐ C $T(n) \in \Theta(2^n)$.
☐ D $T(n) \in \omega(2^n)$.
☐ E None of the above.

- (5) You divide 2^{2016} candies evenly among 11 kids. How many candies are left over?

- ☐ A 0.
☐ B 3.
☐ C 6.
☐ D 9.
☐ E None of the above.

- (6) Estimate the sum $S = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$.

- ☐ A $0 < S \leq 2$.
☐ B $2 < S \leq 2000$.
☐ C $2000 < S \leq 20000$.
☐ D $20000 < S \leq 200000$.
☐ E None of the above.

- (7) How many of the numbers $100, 101, 102, \dots, 999$ do not contain the digit 2?

- ☐ A 100.
☐ B 504.
☐ C 648.
☐ D 729.
☐ E None of the above.

- (8) Let S be the sum of the reciprocals of all natural numbers not containing the digit 2. Estimate S .

- ☐ A $0 < S \leq 2$.
☐ B $2 < S \leq 2000$.
☐ C $2000 < S \leq 20000$.
☐ D $20000 < S \leq 200000$.
☐ E None of the above.

$$S = 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{11} + \frac{1}{13} + \frac{1}{14} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{17} + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{19} + \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{31} + \frac{1}{33} + \frac{1}{34} + \frac{1}{35} + \dots$$

- (9) Shirts come in 3 colors R, G or B. In how many ways can you distribute shirts to 7 students?

- ☐ A $\binom{7}{3}$.
☐ B 7^3 .
☐ C 3^7 .
☐ D $7!/3!$.
☐ E None of the above.

- (10) Repeat problem 9 if at least two shirts of each color are distributed to students (7 shirts in total).

- ☐ A 570
☐ B 600.
☐ C 630.
☐ D 660.
☐ E None of the above.

(11) Every vertex in a graph G has degree 1. Which is true?

- ☐ A The graph G must be disconnected.
- ☐ B The graph G could have 5 vertices.
- ☐ C The graph G must have a cycle.
- ☐ D The graph G is not possible.
- ☐ E None of the above

(12) You rolled a pair of dice. What are the chances you rolled exactly one 5?

- ☐ A 9/36.
- ☐ B 10/36.
- ☐ C 11/36.
- ☐ D 12/36.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(13) You rolled a pair of dice. What are the chances you rolled exactly one 5 if the sum is even?

- ☐ A 4/10.
- ☐ B 5/10.
- ☐ C 4/11.
- ☐ D 5/11.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(14) Which of the following random variables \mathbf{X} is not a binomial random variable.

- ☐ A Randomly throw 100 darts at a dart board. \mathbf{X} is the number of darts hitting the bulls-eye.
- ☐ B Randomly answer 100 5-choice multiple choice questions. \mathbf{X} is the number of questions correct.
- ☐ C Randomly answer 100 5-choice multiple choice questions. \mathbf{X} is the number of questions wrong.
- ☐ D 1000 students randomly line up, 500 are boys. \mathbf{X} is the number of boys in the first 100 students.
- ☐ E They are all binomial random variables.

(15) A social network (graph) is a *tree* with 20 people. The edges are friendships. Each person randomly picks red or blue. Friends compare to see if they match. What is the expected number of matches.

- ☐ A 4.75.
- ☐ B 5.
- ☐ C 9.5
- ☐ D 10.
- ☐ E None of the above or not enough information.

(16) On BlueToe, your first child is equally likely to be a boy or girl. From then on, the sex of a child is the same as the previous child with probability $2/3$ and different with probability $1/3$. What is the expected number of kids to get a girl?

- ☐ A 1.5.
- ☐ B 2.
- ☐ C 2.5.
- ☐ D 3.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(17) On BlueToe, as in problem 16, what is the expected number of kids to two girls?

- ☐ A 3.25.
- ☐ B 4.
- ☐ C 4.5.
- ☐ D 5.25.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(18) Estimate the number of DFA you can draw with 4 states, q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3 . Tinker!

- ☐ A About a hundred.
- ☐ B About a thousand.
- ☐ C About a million.
- ☐ D About a billion.
- ☐ E About a trillion.

(19) Which string can be generated by the CFG $S \rightarrow 0|1|SSS$?

- ☐ A 1111.
- ☐ B 0000.
- ☐ C 000111.
- ☐ D 111000.
- ☐ E None of the above.

(20) If \mathcal{L}_A is decidable, then \mathcal{L}_B is decidable. We know that \mathcal{L}_B is undecidable. Therefore:

- ☐ A \mathcal{L}_A must be finite.
- ☐ B \mathcal{L}_A must be infinite.
- ☐ C $|\mathcal{L}_A| > |\mathcal{L}_B|$.
- ☐ D $|\mathcal{L}_B| < |\mathcal{L}_A|$.
- ☐ E None of the above.

2 Determine the Type of Proof and Prove

Prove that there is a constant $c > 0$ for which, no matter which $n \in \mathbb{N}$ you pick,

$$1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > c\sqrt{n}.$$

3 Product of 5 Consecutive Numbers.

Prove that the product of any 5 consecutive natural numbers is divisible by $5!$ (e.g. $5! | 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 7$).

4 Expected Waiting Time to All Colors of Starburst.

Starburst is sold in 2-packs, and there are 3 colors of starburst. What is the expected number of 2-packs you will buy if your goal is to get all colors?

5 DFA or no DFA

Give a DFA for $\mathcal{L} = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1\} = \{0, 0000, 000000000, \dots\}$, or prove that \mathcal{L} can't be solved with DFA.

6 Transducer Turing Machine for Reversal.

Give a high level pseudo-code description of a transducer Turing Machine for reversal. The input on the tape is any binary string w . When the Turing Machine halts, the reversal of w should have replaced w . E.g:

Start

*	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	~
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End

*	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	~
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(Don't give machine level details, but you should make it clear how the Turing Machine moves back and forth. Tinker.)