



**B.Sc. in Computing
(Information Technology)**

Derivation of Algorithms

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Instructions to candidates:

- 1) ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**
- 2) ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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(ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS)

Question 1

- a) Is the given code fragment correct?

```
[[
    var x: int;
    ...
    {x < 3}
    x := x + 2;
    x := x - 7
    {x < -3}
]]
```

(5 marks)

- b) Write down an invariant **P** for the given loop and prove that the body of the loop is correct. Your answer must also show program termination.

```
[[ con N : int; {N ≥ 0}
   var x : int;
   x := 0;
   do (x + 1) * (x + 1) ≤ N →
       {P ∧ (x + 1)2 ≤ N}
       x := x + 1
       {P}
   od
   { x2 ≤ N < (x + 1)2 }
]]
```

(10 marks)

- c) Using an invariant diagram derive an $O(N)$ solution to the following problem. Your answer should include a complete solution.

```
[[ con N : int; { N ≥ 0}
   var f : array[0..N) of bool;
   n : int;
   S
   { 0 ≤ n ≤ N ∧ ( ∀j : 0 ≤ j < n : f.j = true )
     ∧ ( ∀j : n ≤ j < N : f.j = false ) }
]]
```

Note : Only swap operations are allowed on f.

(10 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

Question 2

Write down the invariants **P0** and **P1** which describe the program below and hence derive the programs formal proof. An annotated program should be included in your answer along with a proof for program termination.

```
[[ con N : int; { N ≥ 0 }
    f : array[0..N) of boolean;
    var n : int;
        b : bool;
    b,n := true,0;
    do n < N →
        b := b ∧ f.n;
        n := n + 1;
    od
    { b ≡ (∀i : 0 ≤ i < N : f.i) }
]]
```

(25 marks)

Question 3

Formally derive a solution to the given specification. Your answer should include a complete solution.

```
[[ con
    N : int; { N ≥ 0 }
    f : array[0 .. N ) of int;
    var
        x, freq : int;
    S
    { x = maxj : 0 ≤ j < N : f.j ∧ freq = #j: 0 ≤ j < N : f.j = x }
]]
```

(25 marks)

Question 4

Write a specification and derive a solution for the following problem. Your answer must include a complete solution.

Given a character array $f[0..N)$, $N \geq 0$, determine if the array contains at least one '*'.

(25 marks)

Question 5

Using the specification below formally derive the sorting algorithm known as selection sort.

```
[[ con N: int; { N ≥ 0 }  
  var  
    f : array[0 .. N ) of int;  
    Sort  
    {  $\forall i : 0 \leq i < N : (\forall j : i \leq j < N : f.i \leq f.j)$  }  
]]
```

Note: You are only allowed to swap elements in f , thereby ensuring that the final array is a permutation of the original.

(25 marks)

Laws of the Calculus

Let P, Q, R be propositions

1. Constants

$$P \vee \text{true} \equiv \text{true}$$

$$P \vee \text{false} \equiv P$$

$$P \wedge \text{true} \equiv P$$

$$P \wedge \text{false} \equiv \text{false}$$

$$\text{true} \Rightarrow P \equiv P$$

$$\text{false} \Rightarrow P \equiv \text{true}$$

$$P \Rightarrow \text{true} \equiv \text{true}$$

$$P \Rightarrow \text{false} \equiv \neg P$$

2. Law of excluded middle : $P \vee \neg P \equiv \text{true}$

3. Law of contradiction: $P \wedge \neg P \equiv \text{false}$

4 Negation : $\neg \neg P \equiv P$

5. Associativity: $P \vee (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \vee R$

$$P \wedge (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \wedge R$$

6. Commutativity: $P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P$

$$P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$$

7. Idempotency: $P \vee P \equiv P$

$$P \wedge P \equiv P$$

8. De Morgan's laws : $\neg (P \wedge Q) \equiv \neg P \vee \neg Q$

$$\neg (P \vee Q) \equiv \neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

9. Implication $P \Rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q$

$$P \Rightarrow Q \equiv \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

$$(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow R \equiv P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)$$

10. (If and only if) \equiv : $P \equiv Q \equiv (P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$

11. Laws of distribution: $P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$

$$P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$$

12. Absorption: $[P \wedge (P \vee R) \equiv P]$

$$[P \vee (P \wedge R) \equiv P]$$

13. Predicate Calculus

Negation

$$\forall x \neg P(x) \equiv \neg \exists x P(x)$$

$$\exists x \neg P(x) \equiv \neg \forall x P(x)$$

$$\exists x P(x) \equiv \neg(\forall x \neg P(x))$$

Universal Quantification

$$[(\forall x : P(x)) \wedge (\forall x : Q(x)) \equiv (\forall x : P(x) \wedge Q(x))]$$

$$[(\forall x : P(x)) \vee (\forall x : Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x : P(x) \vee Q(x))]$$

$$[Q \vee (\forall x : P(x)) \equiv (\forall x : Q \vee P(x))], \text{ where } x \text{ not free in } Q$$

$$[Q \wedge (\forall x : P(x)) \equiv (\forall x : Q \wedge P(x))], \text{ where } x \text{ not free in } Q$$

Existential Quantification

$$[(\exists x : P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Rightarrow (\exists x : P(x)) \wedge (\exists x : Q(x))]$$

$$[(\exists x : P(x)) \vee (\exists x : Q(x)) \equiv (\exists x : P(x) \vee Q(x))]$$

$$[Q \vee (\exists x : P(x)) \equiv (\exists x : Q \vee P(x))], \text{ where } x \text{ not free in } Q$$

$$[Q \wedge (\exists x : P(x)) \equiv (\exists x : Q \wedge P(x))], \text{ where } x \text{ not free in } Q$$

$$[(\exists x : P(x)) \equiv \neg(\forall x : \neg P(x))]$$

$$[(\neg \exists x : P(x)) \equiv (\forall x : \neg P(x))]$$

14. Universal Quantification over Ranges

$$[\forall i : R : P \equiv \forall i : \neg R \vee P] \text{ Trading}$$

$$[\forall i : \text{false} : P \equiv \text{true}]$$

$$[\forall i : i = x : P \equiv P(i := x)] \text{ One-point rule}$$

$$[(\forall i : R : P) \wedge (\forall i : R : Q) \equiv (\forall i : R : P \wedge Q)]$$

$$[(\forall i : R : P) \wedge (\forall i : S : P) \equiv (\forall i : R \vee S : P)]$$

$$[(\forall i : R : P) \vee (\forall i : R : Q) \Rightarrow (\forall i : R : P \vee Q)]$$

$$[Q \vee (\forall i : R : P) \equiv (\forall i : R : Q \vee P)]$$

$$[Q \wedge (\forall i : R : P) \equiv (\forall i : R : Q \wedge P)]$$

15. Existential Quantification over Ranges

$$[\exists i : R : P \equiv \exists i : R \wedge P] \text{ Trading}$$

$$[\exists i : \text{false} : P \equiv \text{false}]$$

$[\exists i : i = x : P \equiv P(i := x)]$ One-point rule

$[(\exists i : R : P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow (\exists i : R : P) \wedge (\exists i : R : Q)]$

$[(\exists i : R : P) \vee (\exists i : R : Q) \equiv (\exists i : R : P \vee Q)]$

$[Q \vee (\exists i : R : P) \equiv (\exists i : R : Q \vee P)]$

$[Q \wedge (\exists i : R : P) \equiv (\exists i : R : Q \wedge P)]$