

5/11/2022 Saturday

Midterm

Duration: 90 minutes

Name:

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P1 [30 pts] Suppose that in a ripped-apart DNA strand, there are 4 adenine(A), 4 cytosine(C), 4 guanine(G) and 4 thymine(T) nucleotides. (For example CATCAGGGCATTCGAT. Note that reverse of a strand is the same as the original one.)

(a) How many such DNA segments can there be? (b) Suppose that As and Ts must alternate. (If Gs and Cs are deleted, there must be no consecutive As or Ts. For example CATCAGGGCATTCGAT will not be counted because when we only take As and Ts, we get ATAATTAT where we can see an AA) (c) Suppose that in no prefix of this stand, the number of As cannot be greater than the number of Ts. (For example, CATCAGGGCATTCGAT will not be counted since the prefix CATCA contains more As than Ts)

(a)

(b)

(c)

P2 [20 points]

(a) How many of the 90000 five-digit integers 10000 to 99999 have five distinct digits that are increasing (as in 23579 or 14578)?

(b) How many of the 90000 five-digit integers 10000 to 99999 have five digits that are non-decreasing (as in 23377 or 14567 or 55555)?

(c)

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int a,b,c,d,count = 0;
for(a = 0; a<30; a++)
  for(b=a+3; b<30; b++)
    for(c=b+6; c<30; c++)
      if(c==20)
        for(d=c+2; d<30; d++){
          printf("%d %d %d %d\n",a,b,c,d);
          count += 1;
        }
printf("count=%d\n",count);
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What will be the count above?

P3 [10 points]

Provide the reasons for the steps verifying the following argument. (In the proof, a denotes a specific but arbitrarily chosen element from the given universe.) Two reasons are already given, fill the rest.

$$\frac{\forall x[p(x) \rightarrow ((q(x) \wedge r(x)))]}{\forall x[p(x) \wedge s(x)]} \quad \therefore \forall x[r(x) \wedge s(x)]$$

Steps

Reasons

1. $\forall x[p(x) \rightarrow ((q(x) \wedge r(x)))]$.
2. $\forall x[p(x) \wedge s(x)]$
3. $p(a) \rightarrow ((q(a) \wedge r(a)))$ S1,Un.Sp.
4. $p(a) \wedge s(a)$
5. $p(a)$
6. $q(a) \wedge r(a)$
7. $r(a)$
8. $s(a)$
9. $r(a) \wedge s(a)$
10. $\forall x[r(x) \wedge s(x)]$ S9,Un.Gn.

P4 [20 points] Prove the following statements **by using mathematical induction**:

(a) $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$[1/2^1 + 1/2^2 + 1/2^3 + \dots + 1/2^n = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}]$$

(b) $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \geq 35$:

$$\exists i, j, k \in \mathbb{N} [n = 6i + 7j + 13k]$$

(For all integers $n \geq 35$, there exists natural numbers i, j and k such that n can be written as $6i + 7j + 13k$. $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$)

P5 [20 points] (In this question, define your pigeons and pigeonholes clearly.)

(a) Suppose that there are 100 people in a party where everybody will shake everybody else's hand. All possible handshakes will be done in a random order. Show that after every handshake, we can find two people who had equal number of handshakes. (For example if there were 5 people A,B,C,D,E, after some random handshakes, say AB, BC, CD, we can find B and C who both had 2 handshakes)

(b) We know that any binary string of length n must contain the same 10-bit substring at least twice for sure. Then what is the smallest value for n ? (For example $n = 15$ is not possible because all of the 10 bit substrings of 111110000011111 are distinct. So n must be larger than 15. Can it be 16? 17?... What is the smallest possible n that guarantees the given condition?)