Friday 18/12/2020

Midterm

Duration: 90 minutes

P1 [10 points]

- (a) A group of 15 students want to have a futsal tournament. Since a futsal team has 5 players, they will form three teams. In how many ways can they do this?
- (b) What will be the answer if there is a twin couple who have to be in the same team?

P2 [20 points]

- (a) Five friends decide to buy a ball for 50 TL. Since each of them must pay at least 5 TL and they can only pay a multiple of 1 TL, in how many different ways can they pay (Regarding who pays how much)?
- (b) What if nobody should pay more than 15 TL? (So each of them will pay at least 5 TL, at most 15 TL)

P3 [20 points]

P4 [30 points] Prove the following statement by using mathematical induction:

- (a) Fibonacci numbers are defined as follows: $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$ $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ with } n \geq 2$ Prove that: $F_0F_1 + F_1F_2 + \ldots + F_{2n-1}F_{2n} = F_{2n}^{-2}$
- (b) By looking at first few values of n, find a formula for $\frac{1}{1\cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2\cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3\cdot 4} + \ldots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ for $n \ge 1$. Then, prove that your formula is correct.

P5 [20 points] When using the Pigeonhole Principle, clearly indicate pigeons and pigeonholes.

- (a) Show that if we choose nine points having integer coordinates from the 3D Cartesian space, the midpoint of at least one pair of these points has to have integer coordinates.
- (b) Suppose that there are t people in a room having ages a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_t who want candles for their birthday cake. To celebrate their birthday, each person needs as many candles as their age. Show that if we randomly distribute $a_1 + a_2 + \ldots + a_t t + 1$ candles to these people, at least one person can celebrate his/her birthday.