

CMSC 231: Discrete Mathematics  
Practice Exam #2  
Fall 2017

- This review exam has *not* been tested for length. The real exam might be shorter or longer.
- The actual exam will have 90 points of standard-difficulty problems and 15 points of challenge problems.
- You will be able to bring one standard sheet of US-letter-sized paper with notes. The notes may appear on both sides of the sheet.
- No calculators or other electronic devices will be allowed on the exam.
- You must give only *one* answer to each question. Attempting to give two different answers to one question will earn no credit.

**Definition:** If  $n$  is an integer, then  $n$  is *even* iff:

$$\exists(k \in \mathbb{Z}), n = 2k$$

**Definition:** If  $n$  is an integer, then  $n$  is *odd* iff:

$$\exists(k \in \mathbb{Z}), n = 2k + 1$$

1. Prove that if  $m$  is an even integer, then  $m + 7$  is odd. Do this proof in two ways: proof by contraposition and proof by contradiction.

**Definition:** If  $n$  and  $d$  are integers and  $d \neq 0$ , then we say that  $d$  divides  $n$  (or  $d \mid n$ ) iff:

$$\exists(k \in \mathbb{Z}), n = dk$$

We can write  $d \nmid n$  to mean  $\sim(d \mid n)$ .

2. Using proof by contradiction, prove:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, 4 \nmid (n^2 + 2)$ .

3. (a) Write using summation notation ( $\Sigma$ ):  $(x^2 + 1) + (x^2 + 1)^2 + (x^2 + 1)^3 + \cdots + (x^2 + 1)^n$ .

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- (b) Write using product notation ( $\Pi$ ):  $1 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 4^4 \cdot \cdots \cdot k^k$ .

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Using induction, prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $2^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 3. In other words, prove:  $\forall (n \in \mathbb{Z}), (n \geq 1) \rightarrow 3 \mid (2^{2n} - 1)$ .

5. Using induction, prove:

$$\forall (n \in \mathbb{Z}), (n \geq 0) \rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n 3^i = \frac{3^{n+1} - 1}{2}$$

**Loop Invariant Theorem:** Let a **while** loop with guard  $G$  be given, together with pre- and post-conditions that are predicates in the algorithm variables. Also let a predicate  $I(n)$ , called the *loop invariant*, be given. If the following four properties are true, then the loop is correct with respect to its pre- and post-conditions.

- I. **Basis Property:** The pre-condition for the loop implies that  $I(0)$  is true before the first iteration of the loop.
- II. **Inductive Property:** For all integers  $k \geq 0$ , if the guard  $G$  and the loop invariant  $I(k)$  are both true before an iteration of the loop, then  $I(k + 1)$  is true after the iteration of the loop.
- III. **Eventual Falsity of Guard:** After a finite number of iterations of the loop, the guard  $G$  becomes false.
- IV. **Correctness of the Post-Condition:** If  $N$  is the least number of iterations after which  $G$  is false and  $I(N)$  is true, then the values of the algorithm variables will be as specified in the post-condition of the loop.

6. Use the Loop Invariant Theorem to prove that the algorithm below is correct with respect to its pre- and post-conditions.

Pre-conditions:

- (1)  $s$  is an integer such that  $s > 0$ .
- (2)  $A$  is an array of integers with indices  $1, \dots, s$ .
- (3)  $i$  is an integer such that  $i = 1$ .
- (4)  $m$  is an integer such that  $m = A[1]$ .
- (5)  $r$  is an integer such that  $r = 1$ .

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while (i <= s)
  if A[i] > m, then:
    set r := i
    set m := A[i]
  set i := i + 1
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Post-conditions:

- (1)  $1 \leq r \leq s$
- (2)  $A[r]$  is the maximum integer in the array  $A$ .

Loop invariants:  $I(n) =$

- (1)  $i = n + 1$
- (2)  $m$  is the maximum element in the range  $A[1], \dots, A[i-1]$  (if  $i-1 < 1$ , then  $m = A[1]$ )
- (3)  $A[r] = m$

Write your proof here:



7. (**Challenge problem**) The recursive `mergesort` algorithm takes three inputs: an array `A` of integers, an integer `lo` containing the lowest index (inclusive) in the array which should be sorted, and an integer `hi` containing the highest index (inclusive) in the array which should be sorted. Here is its definition:

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mergesort(A, lo, hi):
  if hi > lo, then:
    let mid = floor((lo + hi) / 2)
    mergesort(A, lo, mid)
    mergesort(A, mid+1, hi)
    merge(A, lo, mid, hi)
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The algorithm refers to two functions. The `floor` function rounds a number down to the nearest integer. In other words,  $\text{floor}(n) = \lfloor n \rfloor$ . The `merge` function merges two sorted arrays into one bigger sorted array; its implementation is not important for this problem.

Let  $s_n$  denote the number of steps it takes to run `mergesort(A, lo, hi)`, where  $n = \text{hi} - \text{lo}$ . Here, we can consider one step to be performed by one line of code. Let  $m_n$  be the number of steps it takes to run `merge(A, lo, mid, hi)`, where  $n = \text{hi} - \text{lo}$ .

Write a recursive definition of  $s_n$  in terms of  $m_n$ . (You do *not* have to define  $m_n$ .) Write down any assumptions you have had to make in order to write down this definition.

8. Define a set  $S$  recursively as follows:

I. BASE:  $\mathbf{a} \in S$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in S$

II. RECURSION: If  $s_1 \in S$ ,  $s_2 \in S$ , and  $s_3 \in S$ , then

$$s_1 s_2 s_3 \in S$$

III. RESTRICTION: Nothing is in  $S$  other than objects defined in I and II above.

Use structural induction to prove that every string in  $S$  has an odd number of letters.

9. Given sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  in the same universe  $U$ , determine if each of the following statement is true or false. If it is true, then prove it. If it is false, then give a counterexample.

(a)  $((C \subseteq A) \wedge (C \subseteq B)) \rightarrow (C \subseteq (A \cup B))$

(b)  $(C \subseteq (A \cup B)) \rightarrow ((C \subseteq A) \wedge (C \subseteq B))$

(c)  $A^c \cap (A \cup B) = B - A$

10. Define  $f : \mathbb{Z}^{nonneg} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{nonneg}$  such that  $f(n)$  is the sum of the digits in the decimal representation of  $n$ .

(a) Is  $f$  injective (one-to-one)? If so, prove. If not, provide a counterexample.

(b) Is  $f$  surjective (onto)? If so, prove. If not, provide a counterexample.

11. (**Challenge problem**) Suppose  $A$  is a set, and we have  $g : \mathbb{Z}^{nonneg} \rightarrow A$  and  $h : \mathbb{Z}^{nonneg} \rightarrow A$ . Furthermore, suppose  $g$  and  $h$  are both bijections (= one-to-one correspondences = injective and surjective = one-to-one and onto). Define  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow A$  as follows:

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} g(n) & n \geq 0 \\ h(-n) & n < 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Is  $f$  injective (one-to-one)? If so, prove. If not, provide a counterexample.

- (b) Is  $f$  surjective (onto)? If so, prove. If not, provide a counterexample.