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**Problem 1:** For each pseudocode below, give the number of letters printed as a function of n, using the  $\Theta$ -notation. For the first three programs give a recurrence and its solution. For the last two programs, give the solution and a brief justification (at most 20 words).

pseudocode	Solution and recurrence or justification
procedure PrintAs(n)  if $n > 1$ then  print("A")  PrintAs( $n/3$ )	$A(n) = A(n/3) + 1$ $A(n) = \Theta(\log n)$
procedure $PrintBs(n)$ if $n > 1$ then for $j \leftarrow 1$ to $4n$ do $print("B")$ PrintBs(n/3) PrintBs(n/3)	$B(n) = 2B(n/3) + 4n$ $B(n) = \Theta(n)$
procedure $PrintCs(n)$ if $n > 1$ then for $j \leftarrow 1$ to $n^2$ do $print("C")$ for $i \leftarrow 1$ to 5 do PrintCs(n/2)	$C(n) = 5C(n/2) + n^2$ $C(n) = \Theta(n^{\log 5})$
$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{procedure} \ \mathrm{PrintDs}(n) \\ \mathbf{for} \ j \leftarrow 1 \ \mathbf{to} \ n \ \mathbf{do} \\ k \leftarrow 1 \\ \mathbf{while} \ k < n \ \mathbf{do} \\ \mathrm{print}(\mathrm{"D"}) \\ k \leftarrow 2k \end{array}$	$D(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$ internal loop makes $\Theta(\log n)$ iterations because $k$ doubles at each step
procedure PrintEs $(n)$ for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n^2$ do for $j \leftarrow 1$ to $2n$ do print("E")	$E(n) = \Theta(n^3)$ for each of $n^2$ iterations of external loop internal loop makes $2n$ iterations

**Problem 2:** (a) Explain how the RSA cryptosystem works by filling in the table below.

zation	Determine $p, q, \text{ and } n$ :	p,q are different primes and $n=pq$		
Initiali	$\begin{array}{c c} \hline p, q, \text{ and } n \colon & p, q \text{ are different primes and } n = pq \\ \hline \\ Formula \\ \text{for } \phi(n) \colon & \phi(n) = (p-1(q-1)) \end{array}$			
	Determine $e$ and $d$ :	$e$ can be any number between 1 and $n$ that is relatively prime to $\phi(n)$ , and $d=e^{-1}\pmod{\phi(n)}$		
	Public and secret keys: $P = (n, e), S = d$			
Encryption: $E(M)$		$M(M) = M^e \pmod{n}$ Decryption: $D(C) = C^d \pmod{n}$		

(b) Below you are given five choices of parameters p, q, e, d of RSA. For each choice tell whether these parameters are correct<sup>1</sup> (write YES/NO). If yes, give an encoding of M=3. If not, give a brief justification (at most 10 words).

p	q	e	d	correct?	justify if not correct / encode $M=3$ if correct
5	7	5	5	Y	Computing modulo 35: $3^5 = 243 = 33$
11	27	13	55	N	27 is not a prime
17	5	5	13	Y	Computing modulo 85: $3^5 = 243 = 73$
11	11	3	67	N	p and $q$ cannot be equal
7	11	5	27	N	$5^{-1} \not\equiv 27 \pmod{60}$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To clarify, correctness refers to whether these parameters satisfy the conditions in the algorithm.

**Problem 3:** (a) Give a complete statement of Fermat's Little Theorem.

**Theorem:** Let p be a prime number and  $a \in \{1, 2, ..., p-1\}$ . Then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

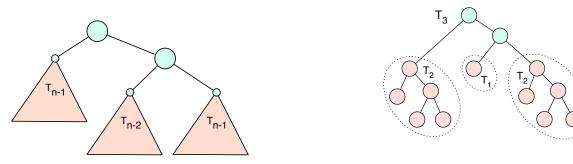
(b) Use Fermat's Little Theorem to compute the following values. In the second example, show your work.

 $35^{130} \operatorname{rem} 131 = 1$ 

 $3^{14074} \operatorname{rem} 71 = 10$ 

Computing modulo 71:  $3^{14074} = 3^{14070} \cdot 3^4 = 1 \cdot 81 = 10$ .

**Problem 4:** For each  $n \ge 0$  we define a binary tree  $T_n$  as follows.  $T_0$  is a single node and  $T_1$  is also a single node. For  $n \ge 2$ ,  $T_n$  is obtained by creating two new nodes and adding copies of  $T_{n-1}$  and  $T_{n-2}$  as their subtrees, as in the picture below on the left:



The picture on the right shows tree  $T_3$  (with subtrees  $T_2$  and  $T_1$  marked).

Let  $A_n$  be the number of leaves in  $T_n$ . (For example,  $A_0 = A_1 = 1$ ,  $A_2 = 3$  and  $A_3 = 7$ , as can be seen in the picture above.) Give a formula for  $A_n$ . You need to show your work, all steps. First, give a recurrence equation with a brief justification. Then solve this recurrence. At each step explain what you are computing.

The recurrence is

$$A_n = 2A_{n-1} + A_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \ge 2$$
  
$$A_0 = 1$$
  
$$A_1 = 1$$

Justification for the recurrence: the leaves of  $T_n$  are either the leaves of two subtrees  $T_{n-1}$  or one subtree  $T_{n-2}$ .

The characteristic equation is  $x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$ . The roots are  $1 + \sqrt{2}$  and  $1 - \sqrt{2}$ . So the general solution is

$$A_n = \alpha_1 (1 + \sqrt{2})^n + \alpha_2 (1 - \sqrt{2})^n.$$

Using the initial conditions, we get equations:

$$\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$$
 
$$\alpha_1(1+\sqrt{2}) + \alpha_2(1-\sqrt{2}) = 1$$

The solution is  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ . So the final solution is

$$A_n = \frac{1}{2}(1+\sqrt{2})^n + \frac{1}{2}(1-\sqrt{2})^n.$$

Problem 5: The Duggars are about to buy t-shirts for their 19 children, one for each. They need

- at least 2 blue t-shirts,
- at least 5 red t-shirts,
- at least 1 pink t-shirt, and
- at least 2 and not more than 10 yellow t-shirts.

How many different choices of t-shirt colors satisfy these requirements?

The answer is the number of non-negative integral solutions of

$$b+r+p+y=19$$
 
$$2 \le b$$
 
$$5 \le r$$
 
$$1 \le p$$
 
$$2 \le y \le 10$$

After eliminating lower bounds (by substitutions), this reduces to computing the number of non-negative integral solutions of

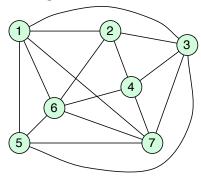
$$b + r + p + y = 9$$
$$y \le 8$$

Let S be the number of all non-negative integral solutions and S(P) the number of non-negative integral solutions that satisfy condition P. Then

$$S(y \le 8) = S - S(y \ge 9) = {12 \choose 3} - {3 \choose 3} = 220 - 1 = 119.$$

So the answer is 119.

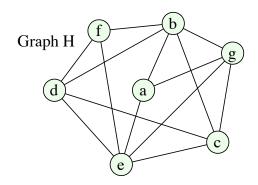
**Problem 6:** (a) Give Euler's inequality for planar graphs, and use it to show that the graph below is not planar.

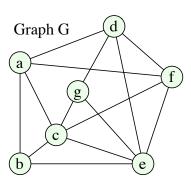


Euler's inequality: In a planar graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices the number of edges m satisfies  $m \leq 3n-6$ .

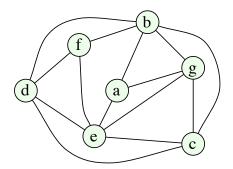
In this graph we have n=7 and m=16. These numbers do not satisfy Euler's inequality, so G is not planar.

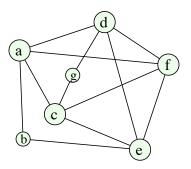
(b) Determine which of the following two graphs are planar. Justify your answer and show your work.





Graph H is planar. The picture below on the left shows a planar drawing of H. Graph G is not planar, because it contains a sub-division of  $K_5$ , shown below on the right.





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**Problem 7:** Use induction to prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$  for all integers  $n \ge 1$ .

**Base case:** For n = 1, the left-hand side is  $\sum_{k=1}^{1} k^3 = 1$  and the right-hand side is  $\frac{1}{4}1^2(1+1)^2 = 1$  as well.

**Inductive step:** Assume that  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$ . We want to show that this equation holds for the next value of n, that is  $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k^3 = \frac{1}{4}(n+1)^2(n+2)^2$ . Starting from the left-hand side, and using the inductive assumption, we proceed as follows:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k^3 = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k^3 + (n+1)^3$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} n^2 (n+1)^2 + (n+1)^3$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} (n+1)^2 [n^2 + 4(n+1)]$$
$$= \frac{1}{4} (n+1)^2 (n+2)^2.$$

as needed.

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**Problem 8:** We have a set of 2n players in a chess tournament, where  $n \ge 1$ . Let f(n) be the number of ways to divide them into pairs for the first round of the tournament. Prove that

$$f(n) = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!}.$$

For example, consider the case when n=2, that is have four players. Lets call them A, B, C, D. There are three possible pairings: (AB, CD), (AC, BD), and (AD, BC). This agrees with the formula, because  $f(2) = (2 \cdot 2)!/(2^2 \cdot 2!) = 4!/(4 \cdot 2) = 3$ .

Hint: One way to approach this is to derive a recurrence equation for f(n) and then prove that the above formula is its solution. Another way is to show a relation between pairings and permutations of the players.

**Solution 1:** For n = 1 we have two players and one pairing, so f(1) = 1. Consider some n > 1. The last player can be paired with any of the other 2n - 1 players. Once we choose the pairing for the last player, the remaining players can be paired in f(n-1) ways. Thus we have the recurrence

$$f(1) = 1$$
  
 
$$f(n) = (2n - 1)f(n - 1)$$

It remains to verify that the formula above satisfies this recurrence. Indeed:

$$(2n-1) \cdot f(n-1) = (2n-1) \frac{(2(n-1))!}{2^{n-1}(n-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(2n-1)(2n-2)!}{2^{n-1}(n-1)!} = \frac{2n(2n-1)(2n-2)!}{2^n n!} = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!} = f(n),$$

as claimed.

**Solution 2:** Consider any of the (2n)! permutations of the players, say  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_{2n}$ . This permutation defines a pairing where each odd-numbered player is paired with the next player:  $x_1x_2, x_3x_4, ..., x_{2n-1}x_{2n}$ . However, each pairing can be obtained in many ways from this construction: in each pair the two players can be exchanged in two ways, for the total of  $2^n$  ways, and the n pairs themselves can be obtained in any order, and there are n! such orders. Therefore the number of pairings will be (2n)! divided by  $2^n n!$ , which is exactly our formula.

**Solution 3:** Let's try brute force: pick the pairs one by one. The first pair can be selected in  $\binom{2n}{2} = 2n(2n-1)/2$  ways. Once we choose this pair, the second pair can be chosen in (2n-2)(2n-3)/2 ways, and so on. This will give us

$$\frac{2n(2n-1)(2n-2)...1}{2^n} = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n}$$

ways to choose the pairings. However, the n pairs in each pairing can be selected in all possible orderings, and there are n! such orderings. Thus we need to divide the above value by n!, which gives us  $f(n) = (2n)!/(2^n n!)$ .