

CS270: LAB #18

Gray Code

You may work in teams of ideally one or two people (three is acceptable in the event of an unscheduled absence). Unless stated otherwise, the lab is due to be submitted into Gradescope at the end of the class day (11:59pm)

In order to receive credit, follow these instructions:

[a] Every team member should be discussing simultaneously the same problem – do NOT try to divvy up the labor and assign different problems to different students since the material is cumulative.

[b] Directly edit this lab PDF using Sedja/PDFescape with your answers (extra pages can be added in the rare event you need more than the allotted space)

[c] Each lab, rotate which member has the responsibility of being the Scribe. This is the person that is typing the answers and uploading the final PDF – note that only a single copy of the filled in PDF is turned into Gradescope. Only one lab needs to be submitted for the entire team, and all members receive the same score. Make sure to use a font that your PDF editor is compatible with (otherwise you might find your answers appear as weird shapes/sizes or simply disappear entirely!)

[d] The Gradescope submission must have each answer properly tagged with the appropriate question. Moreover, every member of the team must be listed as a submitter. Although it is the Scribe which executes these actions, it is still the responsibility of the entire team to make certain this is done properly (thus it is highly recommended that the Scribe share their screen so the entire team can witness it). Answers which are improperly tagged cannot be seen by the grader and thus cannot be scored.

[e] **FOR REMOTE ONLY:** Each lab, rotate which member has the responsibility of being the Recorder. This is the person who hits the Zoom Record button (once the technical permission is granted by the TA/RCF/Professor) and ensures that everyone has their camera/microphone on. They are also the member that is responsible to make sure the DrexelStream video is marked as viewable and entered into the <https://tinyurl.com/VidLinkForm> webform before 11:59pm (they should also email the rest of their team as confirmation.) Note that the video file doesn't get created/processed until after the Recorder has quit Zoom.

[f] Each lab, rotate which member has the responsibility of being the Manager. This is the person that ensures that everyone is participating equally and honestly, keeps the group on task, ensures that all team members understand a solution before going on to the next question, and presses the “hand up” button in Zoom to summon a TA or the professor (but they only do so after surveying the group to make sure everyone has the same question).

Team Name (CS pioneer): _____

Scribe name: _____

Recorder name: _____

Manager name: _____

Other team member (if any): _____

Question 1: 8 points

Gray Codes are an important method for representing sequential values.

Read the following description of Gray Codes and answer the following questions.

<https://www.allaboutcircuits.com/technical-articles/gray-code-basics/>

- (a) (1 point) What researcher at Bell Labs submitted the patent Pulse Code Communication?
- (b) (1 points) Are Gray Codes well suited for mathematical operations?
- (c) (1 points) How many bits of the Gray Code sequence change as the number count progresses?
- (d) (1 points) How can summing the bits of a Gray Code Sequence be used for error detection?
- (e) (1 points) What was the problem caused by the standard binary system going from 7 to 8?
- (f) (1 points) Was the problem with mechanical or digit systems changing the bits?
- (g) (1 points) Why does a Gray Code reduce the chances of an error when going from 7 to 8?
- (h) (1 points) In the Gray Code image, what do the red and white boxes represent?
- (i) (1 points) How are Gray Codes used in modern aircraft?

Question 2 : 6 points

The smallest Gray Code is 1-bit.

$$G_1 = [0, 1]$$

Any larger Gray Code can be created using a recursive formula.

$$G_n = [0G_{n-1}, 1G'_{n-1}]$$

To create G , the following algorithm is followed:

1. Add a 0 to the beginning of all values in the previous Gray Code.
 $0G_{2-1} = 0G_1 = [00, 01]$
2. Reverse the previous Gray Code
 $G'_{2-1} = G'_1 = \text{reverse}([0, 1]) = [1, 0]$
3. Add a 1 to the beginning of the reversed code.
 $1G'_{2-1} = 1G'_1 = [11, 10]$
4. Append the two sequences created together.
 $[0G_{2-1}, 1G'_{2-1}] = [0G_1, 1G'_1] = [00, 01] + [11, 10] = [00, 01, 11, 10]$

Now let's create G_3 by performing those four steps from above.

- (a) (1 point) Create $0G_2$
- (b) (1 point) Create G'_2 (Just reverse the elements of the list, not the individual bits)
- (c) (1 point) Create $1G'_2$
- (d) (1 point) Create G_3
- (e) (2 points) Verify you have created a Gray Code. Draw an arrow between each pair of binary values to show which bit changes. (if you do not have a drawing tool in your pdf editor, you can use color coding)
Remember: Gray Codes are Cycles, so remember to draw a line from the last element to the first.

Question 3: 25 points

- (a) (15 points) Develop a Racket Function that takes a value and adds it to the front of every element in a list. **Include a screenshot of your implementation. Give both a recursive version and non-recursive version**
- ```
(define (prepend x L) ...)
```

Make sure your code passes all the below tests.

```
(equal? (prepend 0 '())
 '())
(equal? (prepend 0 '((0) (1)))
 '((0 0) (0 1)))
(equal? (prepend 0 '((0 0) (0 1) (1 1) (1 0)))
 '((0 0 0) (0 0 1) (0 1 1) (0 1 0)))
(equal? (prepend 1 '((0) (1)))
 '((1 0) (1 1)))
(equal? (prepend 1 '((0 0) (0 1) (1 1) (1 0)))
 '((1 0 0) (1 0 1) (1 1 1) (1 1 0)))
```

- (b) (10 points) Develop a Racket Function to make Gray Codes and include a screenshot below

```
(define (gray-code n) ...)
```

Make sure your code passes all the below tests.

```
(equal? (gray-code 1)
 '((0) (1)))
(equal? (gray-code 2)
 '((0 0) (0 1) (1 1) (1 0)))
(equal? (gray-code 3)
 '((0 0 0) (0 0 1) (0 1 1) (0 1 0)
 (1 1 0) (1 1 1) (1 0 1) (1 0 0)))
```

Question 4 : 10 points

Two steps in creating a Gray Code require prepending a value to a Gray Code.

Assume that  $G_n = [g_0, g_1, \dots, g_x]$  is a Gray Code.

The first step to making  $G_n$  is prepending a 0 to each value.

$$0G_n = [0g_0, 0g_1, \dots, 0g_x]$$

- (a) (2 points) Explain (in plain English) why only one bits changes between  $0g_y$  and  $0g_{y+1}$  for all  $0 \leq y < n$ .

- (b) (2 points) A Gray Code must cycle. Explain why only one bit changes between  $0g_x$  and  $0g_0$ .

- (c) (2 points) Do the same arguments hold true if a 1 is prepended instead of 0? Why?

- (d) (4 points) **Theorem 1:**

Prepending \_\_\_\_\_ to a Gray Code keeps the property that only \_\_\_\_\_ changes between elements.

Question 5 : 12 points

Two steps in creating a Gray Code requires reversing all elements in a Gray Code.

Assume that  $G_n = [g_0, g_1, \dots, g_x]$  is a Gray Code.

$$G'_n = [g_x, g_{x-1}, \dots, g_0]$$

- (a) (4 points) Explain (in plain English) why only one bits changes between  $g_y$  and  $g_{y-1}$  for all  $0 < y \leq n$ .

- (b) (4 points) A Gray Code must cycle. Explain why only one bit changes between the first and last element.

- (c) (4 points) **Theorem 2:**

\_\_\_\_\_ a Gray Code keeps the property that only \_\_\_\_\_ changes between elements.

Question 6: 39 points

Prove by Induction that the following recursive formula creates a Gray Code.

To be a Gray Code, the list must satisfy each of the four requirements in the red box here:

You may use Theorems from previous questions.

$$G_1 = [0, 1]$$

$$G_n = [0G_{n-1}, 1G'_{n-1}]$$

(a) (3 points) **Base Case:** Explain why  $G_1$  is a Gray Code

(b) (4 points) **Inductive Hypothesis:** What should be assume about  $G_n = [g_1, g_2, \dots, g_x]$ ?

(c) (8 points) We need to append two lists together to make  $G_{n+1} = [0G_x, 1G'_x]$ .

Explain why the last element in  $0G_{n-1}$  only differs by 1 bit from the first element in  $1G'_{n-1}$

(d) (8 points) Explain why the first element in  $0G_{n-1}$  only differs by 1 bit from the last in  $1G'_{n-1}$

(e) (8 points) Explain why  $G_{n+1}$  must have  $2^{n+1}$  elements in it.

(f) (8 points) Explain why  $G_{n+1} = [0G_n, 1G'_n]$  fulfills are four requirement to be a Gray Code (see Red box above).

The 4 requirements to be a GrayCode:

[a] each member is n bits [i.e. 0s and 1s]

[b] there are exactly  $2^n$  members

[c] each value 0 to  $2^n - 1$  is represented exactly once (no repeats, no duplicates)

[d] exactly one bit changes from one member to the next (including the wrap around from the last back to the first)