University of Asia Pacific Department of Computer Science and Engineering Class Test - 01

Course Code: CSE 401(B) Course Title: Mathematics for Computer Science

Total Marks: 20 Time: 45(35+10) mins

1. Suppose, n = (Last 2 digits of your id)%3

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m = Last 2 digits of your id

Note that, % refers to the **mod** operation.

If n=0: find the maximum number of regions created by m lines.

If n=1: find the maximum number of regions created by m zigs.

If *n*=2: find the maximum number of regions created by *m* zig-zags.

2. Find the position of the last survivor in a Josephus problem, using an algorithm, where there are *n* people, and every *q*-th person is eliminated.

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Here, n = (Last 2 digits of your id)%4 + 12

and, q = (Last 2 digits of your id)%3 + 3

Note that, % refers to the **mod** operation.

For example, if the last 2 digits of someone's id is 16.

Then, n = 16%4 + 12

$$= 0 + 12$$

And,
$$q = 16\%3 + 3$$

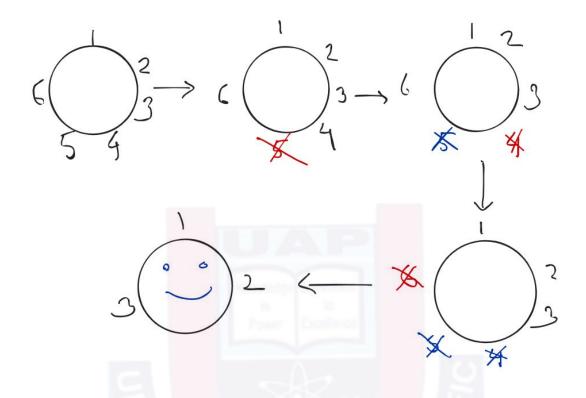
$$= 1 + 3$$

So, he will find the position of the last survivor in a Josephus problem, using an algorithm, where there are **12** people, and every **4**-th person is eliminated.

3. Suppose there are **2n** people in a Josephus problem, where the first **n** people are good, and last **n** people are bad. Show that there is always an integer **q** (depending on **n**) such that, if we go around the circle executing every **q**-th person, all the bad guys are first to go.

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For example, if $\mathbf{n} = 3$, That means the 1st, 2nd and 3rd person are good people and 4th, 5th and 6th person are bad people. Now , if we set $\mathbf{q} = 5$, meaning we eliminate every 5th person, then the following situation will occur:



So, after some iteration, we see that all the bad guys are eliminated. But this is just a simulation. Can you think of a strategy for setting the value of **q**, so that in a Josephus problem with **2n** people, always the people numbered **n**+1, **n**+2,, 2**n** will be eliminated first?

[Hint: Some kind of multiples? Also note that for the above simulation, q=5 is just one of many possible values and the general strategy for setting the q may not give q=5. But any value of q works, if the 4th,5th and 6th person are eliminated first in the above example.]

[P.S.: A section did not get this type of question in their first CT. Don't worry, in the next CT, they will get one question like this and you won't :v]