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Foundations of Computing: Discrete Mathematics

Reexam
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Instructions (Read Carefully)

What to check. In the multiple-choice questions, there is one and only one correct answer. You should only check 1 box.

Useful Definitions. At the end of this document, you can find some definitions that could be useful for answering some questions.

Info about you. Write *clearly* your full name and your date of birth on every page (top-right).

1. Answer the following multiple choice questions:

(a) (2 pt.) In this problem, we will be using base-7 numbers, instead of base-10. What is $346_7 + 165_7$ when expressed in base-7?

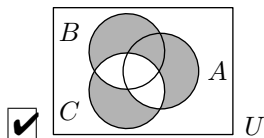
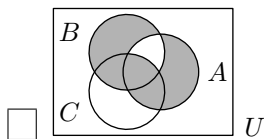
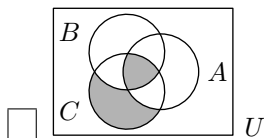
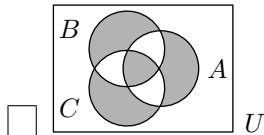
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(b) (2 pt.) Let A and B and C be subsets of a universal set U . Which of the following Venn diagrams describes the set $(C^c \cap (A \cup B)) \cup (C - (A \cup B))$?



(c) (2 pt.) Suppose $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, where \mathbb{N} is the set of natural numbers and

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n^2 & \text{if } n < 8 \\ n + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

Which of the following statements is TRUE?

☐ f is not a function because $f(3) = 9$ and $f(8) = 9$.

☐ f is a function.

☒ f is not a function because $f(6)$ is equal to both 36 and 7.

☐ f is not a function because there is no natural number n such that $f(n) = 2$.

(d) (2 pt.) Let S be the relation $\{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 1)\}$, and let R be the relation $\{(2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 2)\}$. Find $R \circ S$.

- ☐ $\{(2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 3), (4, 4)\}$.
- ☐ $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 2), (1, 4), (3, 4)\}$.
- ☐ $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 1)\}$.
- ☒ $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)\}$.

(e) (2 pt.) A number $n \geq 3$ of persons meet at a party, and some of them shake hands. It is known that at least one person does not shake hands with everybody (that is, maybe he/she shakes hands with someone, but not with everyone). What is the maximum number of persons that may have shaken hands with everyone?

- ☐ $n/2$
- ☐ $n - 1$
- ☒ $n - 2$
- ☐ None of the above.

(f) (2 pt.) Let us define an Autonomous Turing Machine (ATM) to be a turing machine that doesn't take an input, but simply starts on a blank tape. Which of the following languages about ATMs is decidable?

- ☒ $\{w \mid w \text{ is an ATM that never uses more than 4 million tape cells}\}$
- ☐ $\{w \mid w \text{ is an ATM that terminates in the accept state}\}$
- ☐ $\{w \mid w \text{ is an ATM that writes "Hello World" on the tape}\}$
- ☐ $\{w \mid w \text{ is an ATM that writes an infinite list of prime numbers on the tape}\}$

(g) (2 pt.) An ITU username is lucky, if it has exactly four characters (there are 26 characters from a-z), and three consecutive characters are identical. E.g.,

- aaab is lucky, since there are three consecutive a's.
- ccabc is not lucky; even though there are three c's, they are not consecutive.
- beee is lucky, since there are three consecutive e's.
- abdc is not lucky

How many lucky usernames are there?

- ☐ $67600 = \binom{26}{3} \cdot 26$
- ☐ $5200 = \binom{26}{3} \cdot 2$
- ☒ $1300 = \binom{26}{2} \cdot 4$
- ☐ $650 = \binom{26}{2} \cdot 2$

The following questions are “open-answer”, which means that you must write an answer instead of checking a box. Be brief but precise, your correct use of mathematical notation is an important aspect.

2. (4 pt.) Prove that the following formula is a contradiction:

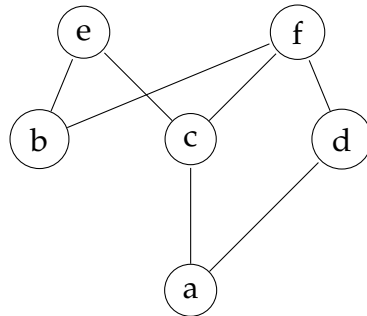
$$(\sim (A \rightarrow B)) \wedge (B \vee \sim A)$$

by constructing the truth table for all sub expressions. $\sim A$ means the negation of A .

Solution:

A	B	$A \rightarrow B$	$\sim (A \rightarrow B)$	$\sim A$	$B \vee \sim A$	$(\sim (A \rightarrow B)) \wedge (B \vee \sim A)$
T	T	T	F	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	F	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	T	T	F

3. The following is the Hasse diagram of a partial order.



- (a) (1 pt.) List all ordered pairs contained in the relation.

Solution:

$(a, a), (b, b), (c, c), (d, d), (e, e)$

$(a, c), (a, d), (a, e), (a, f)$

$(b, e), (b, f), (c, e), (c, f), (d, f)$

- (b) (1 pt.) Find the maximal and minimal elements.

Solution: Maximal: $\{e, f\}$ Minimal: $\{a, b\}$

- (c) (1 pt.) Is there a greatest element?

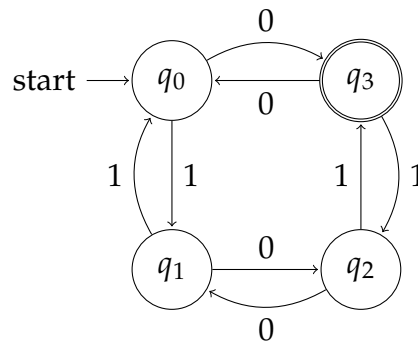
Solution: No.

- (d) (1 pt.) Is there a least element?

Solution: No.

4.

- (a) (2 pt.) What is the language recognized by the following deterministic finite-state automaton?



Solution:

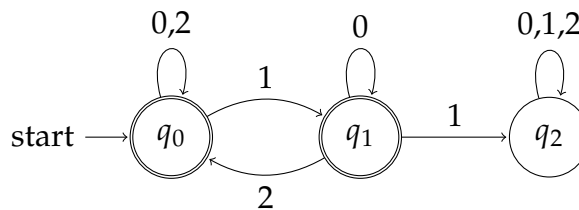
$$L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ has an odd number of 0s and an even number of 1s}\}$$

- (b) (2 pt.) Build (draw) a deterministic finite-state automaton that recognizes the following language:

$$\{w : w \in \{0,1,2\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ has at least one 2 between any pair of 1s}\}$$

e.g. 0012001001 is not in the language, since there are no 2's between the second and third 1.

Solution: There are several correct answers to this. Here is one of the simplest:



5. (4 pt.) Construct a context free grammar that generates the same language as the regular expression "a(ab | c)*ab+".

Solution: There are several possible solutions. Here is one:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &::= aA \\
 A &::= abA \mid cA \mid B \\
 B &::= abB \mid ab
 \end{aligned}$$

6. (4 pt.) Let the “Tribonacci sequence” be defined by $T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = 1$ and $T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + T_{n-3}$ for $n \geq 4$. Prove using induction that $T_n < 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Solution:

Basis: $n \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$T_1 = 1 < 2^1$$

$$T_2 = 1 < 2^2$$

$$T_3 = 1 < 2^3$$

IH: $P(k) = “T_i < 2^i, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, k\}”$

Assuming $P(k)$, we need to prove $P(k+1)$.

$$T_{k+1} = T_k + T_{k-1} + T_{k-2}$$

$$< 2^k + 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-2}$$

$$= 2^{k+1} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \right)$$

$$< 2^{k+1}$$

by definition

by the induction hypothesis

rewriting

since $\frac{7}{8} < 1$

Together with $P(k)$, this proves $P(k+1)$.

Some useful information for the exam

Logics. Here are some of the rules for arguments in propositional logic.

$$\text{(Modus Ponens)} \quad \frac{p \quad p \rightarrow q}{\therefore q}$$

$$\text{(Modus Tollens)} \quad \frac{\neg q \quad p \rightarrow q}{\therefore \neg p}$$

$$\text{(Addition)} \quad \frac{p}{\therefore p \vee q}$$

$$\text{(Simplification)} \quad \frac{p \wedge q}{\therefore p}$$

$$\text{(Conjunction)} \quad \frac{p \quad q}{\therefore p \wedge q}$$

$$\text{(Or Elimination)} \quad \frac{p \vee q \quad \neg q}{\therefore p}$$

$$\frac{p \vee q \quad \neg p}{\therefore q}$$

Sets. A set is an (unordered) collection of objects, called *elements* or *members*.

The *union* of two sets A and B is the set

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\}.$$

The *intersection* of A and B is the set

$$A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \wedge x \in B\}.$$

Given n sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n ,

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i = A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n.$$

The *difference* of two sets A and B , denoted by $A - B$ (or by $A \setminus B$), is the set containing those elements in A but not in B .

The *Cartesian product* of two or more sets A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , denoted by $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$, is the set of all ordered n -tuples (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) , where $a_i \in A_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

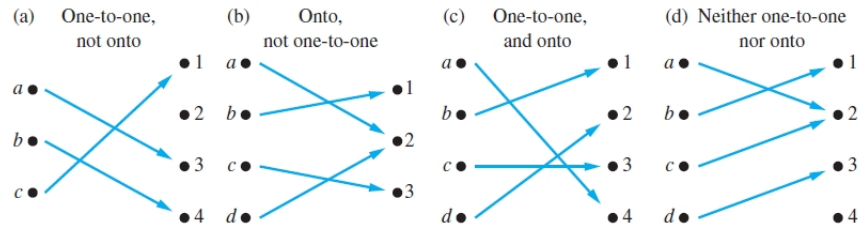
Functions. Given two non-empty sets A and B , a *function* f from A to B is an assignment of exactly one element of B to each element of A .

A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is *onto* (or a *surjection*) if and only if for every element $b \in B$ there is an element $a \in A$ such that $f(a) = b$.

A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is *one-to-one* (or an *injection*) if $f(a) = f(b)$ implies $a = b$ for all a and b in the domain of f .

A function f is a *bijection* if it is both one-to-one and onto.

Example:



Relations. A relation \mathcal{R} on a set A is a subset of the cartesian product $A \times A$.

A relation \mathcal{R} on A is *reflexive* whenever

$$\forall a \in A. (a, a) \in \mathcal{R}$$

A relation \mathcal{R} on A is called *symmetric* if

$$\forall a, b \in A, (a, b) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow (b, a) \in \mathcal{R}.$$

A relation \mathcal{R} on A is *antisymmetric* if

$$\forall a, b \in A, ((a, b) \in \mathcal{R} \wedge (b, a) \in \mathcal{R}) \Rightarrow a = b.$$

A relation \mathcal{R} on A is *transitive* if

$$\forall a, b, c \in A, ((a, b) \in \mathcal{R} \wedge (b, c) \in \mathcal{R}) \Rightarrow (a, c) \in \mathcal{R}.$$

The *reflexive closure* of a binary relation \mathcal{R} on A is the smallest reflexive relation on A that contains \mathcal{R} .

The *symmetric closure* of a binary relation \mathcal{R} on A is the smallest symmetric relation on A that contains \mathcal{R} .

The *transitive closure* of a binary relation \mathcal{R} on A is the smallest transitive relation on A that contains \mathcal{R} .

Probability Theory *Bayes' Theorem* allows to manipulate conditional probabilities:

$$p(A_i|B) = \frac{p(B|A_i)p(A_i)}{p(B)}$$

such that $p(B) = p(B|A_1)p(A_1) + p(B|A_2)p(A_2)$.

Choose r objects from n	Order matters, not all elements (r -permutations)	Order matters, all elements (permutations)	Order does not matter, not all elements (combinations)
Without repetitions	$P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$	$P(n, n) = n!$	$C(n, r) = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$
With repetitions	n^r	$\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\cdots n_k!}$ where $n = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k$	$\binom{n+r-1}{r}$

Number Theory. Given two integers a and b , with $a \neq 0$, we say that a divides b if there is an integer c such that $b = ac$, or in other words, if $\frac{b}{a}$ is an integer. If a divides b then a is a *factor* (or *divisor*) of b , and b is said to be a *multiple* of a .

The *greatest common divisor* of two integers a and b , denoted by $\gcd(a, b)$, is the largest integer that divides both a and b .

The *Euclidean algorithm* provides a very efficient way to compute the greatest common divisor of two integers.

Given two positive integers a and b , the smallest positive integer that is a multiple of both a and b is the *least common multiple*, denoted by $\text{lcm}(a, b)$.

The Quotient-Remainder Theorem. Let a be an integer and d a positive integer. Then there exist unique integers q and r , with $0 \leq r < d$, such that $a = dq + r$.

The value d is called the *divisor*, a is the *dividend*, q is the *quotient*, and r is the *remainder*. Then $q = a \text{ div } d$, $r = a \text{ mod } d$. Remember that the remainder cannot be negative.

Graph Theory. A graph $G = (V, E)$ is a structure consisting of a set of *vertices* (or nodes) V , and a set of *edges* E connecting some of these vertices.

Handshake Theorem. Let G be an undirected graph. Then,

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2m$$

where m is the number of edges of G and V is the set of vertices.

Let n be a nonnegative integer, and v, w two vertices in an undirected graph G .

A *walk from v to w* is an alternating sequence of vertices and edges

$$v_0 e_1 v_1 e_2 \cdots v_{n-1} e_n v_n$$

Algorithm 4.8.2 Euclidean Algorithm

[Given two integers A and B with $A > B \geq 0$, this algorithm computes $\gcd(A, B)$. It is based on two facts:

1. $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$ if a, b, q , and r are integers with $a = b \cdot q + r$ and $0 \leq r < b$.
2. $\gcd(a, 0) = a$.]

Input: A, B [integers with $A > B \geq 0$]

Algorithm Body:

$a := A, b := B, r := B$

[If $b \neq 0$, compute $a \bmod b$, the remainder of the integer division of a by b , and set r equal to this value. Then repeat the process using b in place of a and r in place of b .]

while ($b \neq 0$)

$r := a \bmod b$

[The value of $a \bmod b$ can be obtained by calling the division algorithm.]

$a := b$

$b := r$

end while

[After execution of the **while** loop, $\gcd(A, B) = a$.]

$\gcd := a$

Output: \gcd [a positive integer]

going from $v = v_0$ to $w = v_n$. We can repeat edges and vertices.

A *trail* from v to w is a walk from v to w with no repeated edges.

A *path* from v to w is a trail with no repeated vertices. Thus it is a sequence of vertices and edges with no repeated edges nor vertices.

A *circuit* is a trail that starts and ends at the same vertex, and has length greater than zero.

A circuit is *simple* if it does not contain repeat vertices (except the first and last).

An undirected graph is called *connected* if there is a walk between every pair of distinct vertices of a graph. Otherwise, it is called *disconnected*.

A *tree* is an undirected simple graph G that satisfies any of the following equivalent conditions:

1. G is connected and has no cycles.
2. G has no cycles, and a simple cycle is formed if any edge is added to G .
3. G is connected, but is not connected if any single edge is removed from G .

4. Any two vertices in G can be connected by a unique simple path.

A *trivial tree* is a graph that consists of a single vertex. A graph is called a *forest* if, and only if, it does not have any circuit and is not connected.

Decidability.

- A program can either *accept* an input or *reject* it.
- The set of strings accepted by a program P is the language *recognised* by P . A language is *Turing recognisable* if there exists some program recognising it.
- A program may *loop*, because either it terminates (accepting or rejecting), or it doesn't terminate.
- A program may fail to accept an input by either entering a rejecting configuration or by looping.
- A non-looping program is called a *decider*, it always accepts or rejects an input.
- A decider that recognises a language L is said to decide L . A language is *decidable* if some program decides it.