

CPSC 121 Midterm 2  
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- You have 60 minutes (individual), 30 minutes (group) to write the 13 questions on this examination. A total of 45 marks are available.
- **Justify all of your answers.**
- You are allowed to bring in any written materials, and a non-programmable non-graphing calculator.
- Keep your answers short. If you run out of space for a question, you have written too much.
- The number in square brackets to the left of the question number indicates the number of marks allocated for that question. Use these to help you determine how much time you should spend on each question.
- Use the back of the pages for your rough work.
- **Good luck!**

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[4] 1. Oh, a Question  
Prove  $5n^5 + 3n^2 \in \mathcal{O}(n^5)$ .

[4] 2. Oh No, a Question  
Prove  $3n^2 \notin \mathcal{O}(n)$ .

[1] 3. How Many Moos?  
The number of cows in field  $A$  is prime. The number of cows in field  $B$  is prime. Must the number of cows, taken together (that is, the number of cows in field  $A$  plus the number of cows in field  $B$ ) be even? Justify your answer in no more than three sentences.

[1] 4. What Becomes of This?  
Let  $R = \emptyset$ ,  $S = \emptyset$ , and  $L = \{cow, bunny, puppy\}$ . What is  $(R \cup S) \cup (L \setminus L)$ ?

[6] 5. Predicates Abound

Consider predicates  $F(x)$ ,  $G(x)$ , and  $H(x, y)$ , on domain  $D$  (you can think of these three predicates and the domain in the abstract — they can have any meaning that you please). We know the following three statements are true:

- 1.  $\exists a \in D$  s.t.  $F(a)$
- 2.  $\forall b \in D, \sim G(b) \vee H(b, b)$
- 3.  $\forall c \in D, \forall d \in D, F(c) \rightarrow G(d) \wedge H(c, d)$

Using these known facts, prove  $\exists e \in D$  s.t.  $H(e, e)$ . Explicitly state the rule used in each step of your proof, referring to previous line numbers in your proof as “inputs” to the rule.

[12] 6. A Little Inductive Fun, With Lemmas

In this question, you will prove a statement in three stages. You are free to invoke the conclusion of an earlier part in a later part, even if you did not successfully prove the earlier part. That is, even if you did not solve Part “a”, you are free to use the statement you are trying to prove in Part “a” in your answer to Part “b” or Part “c”.

[4] a. Prove, via induction, that  $2^n \geq 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $n \geq 1$ .

[4] b. Next, prove, via induction, that  $2^n \geq 2n + 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $n \geq 3$ .

[4] c. Finally, prove, via induction, that  $2^n \geq n^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $n \geq 4$ .

[3] 7. Think Backwards About This One

Prove that, for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $n^2 + 4n - 3$  is even, then  $n$  is odd.

[1] 8. Puppies Are Silly

Assume  $p$  is some puppy in the set of all puppies,  $P$ . Assume that  $p$  likes chasing its own tail. Let  $C(x)$  mean that  $x$  likes chasing its own tail. Do we know that  $\forall z \in P, C(z)$ ? Justify your answer in no more than three sentences.

[1] 9. Powerful Power Sets

What is  $\mathcal{P}(\{\emptyset\})$ ?

[2] 10. What a Nice Compliment

Assume you have an 8-bit signed (i.e., 2's-complement) number. The number stored is 0xE9. What value, in base-10, does this number represent.

[4] 11. A Bijective Function

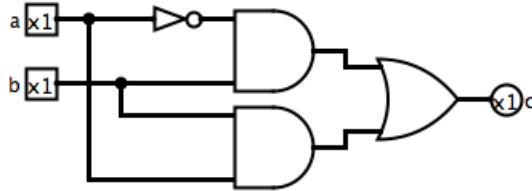
Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $f(x) = x^5 + 8$ . Prove that  $f$  is bijective.

[2] 12. A Tricky Conversion

Convert  $320_7$  into base-12.

[4] 13. A Subtle Glitch

Consider the following circuit. Denote the inputs to the circuit as  $a$  and  $b$ , and the output of the circuit as  $c$ .



- [2] a. The circuit has a glitch in it, such that its output is not stable. That is, there exist inputs  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  that produce output  $c'$ , and there exists other inputs  $a_2$  and  $b_2$  that also produce output  $c'$ .

However, each gate takes time to change its output after its input changes. Because of this delay, when you change the inputs to the circuit from  $a_1$  and  $b_1$ , to  $a_2$  and  $b_2$ , the circuit may briefly output the opposite of  $c'$ .

Identify inputs  $a_1$ ,  $b_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $b_2$  that trigger this glitch.

- [2] b. Assume each gate takes 5 ns to operate (that is, to change its output when its input changes). For what period of time will the circuit be outputting the incorrect output? Justify your answer by describing the timeline.

(Denote the moment when inputs  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  change to  $a_2$  and  $b_2$  as  $t = 0$  ns.)



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