

CPSC 121,  
2007/8 Winter Term 2  
Quiz 4, Section 203

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- You have **20 minutes** to write the **3 questions** on this examination.
- A total of 18 marks are available. **You may want to complete what you consider to be the easiest questions first!**
- Justify all of your answers.
- No notes or electronic equipment are allowed.
- 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 right of the question indicates the number of marks allocated to that question.
- Good luck!

Question	Marks	Out of
1		6
2		4
3		8
Total		18

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1. [6] Design a DFA over the input alphabet  $\Sigma = \{1,2,3\}$  that accepts all strings that have at most one 2 and do not contain the substring 121. For example, **11, 1312, 21133, 3113211, 113112, 21, 2, 11111, 333333** and **1** would be accepted and **212, 121, 1232, 222, 322, 2121, 121311, 33121** and **22121** would be rejected.

[4] Consider the following “proof” that,  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 3.

$$P(n) : 3 \mid n^3 - n$$

**Base case:**  $n = 0$

$$n^3 - n = 0^3 - 0 = 0$$

So, our base case holds.

**Inductive Step:** Prove that  $\forall n \geq 1$ ,  $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$

Assume that  $P(n)$  is true, or that that  $3 \mid n^3 - n$  (Inductive Hypothesis)

We must show that  $P(n+1)$  is true or that,  $3 \mid (n+1)^3 - (n+1)$

$(n+1)^3 - (n+1)$	
$= (n^2+2n+1)(n+1) - (n+1)$	expand
$= (n^3 + n^2 + 2n^2 + 2n + n + 1) - (n+1)$	expand further
$= n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n - n$	group like terms
$= n^3 - n + 3n^2 + 3n$	re-order
$= 3r + 3n^2 + 3n$	by the inductive hypothesis
$= 3(r + n^2 + n)$	factor out the 3

Let  $z = (r + n^2 + n)$ . We know  $z$  is an integer since the products and sums of integers are integers. So,  $(n+1)^3 - (n+1) = 3z$  where  $z$  is an integer and therefore by our definition of divisibility,  $3 \mid (n+1)^3 - (n+1)$

Since,  $P(0)$  and  $\forall n \geq 1$ ,  $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$ , by the principle of mathematical induction,  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,  $P(n)$ .

**The above “proof” is invalid. What is wrong with the “proof”?**

[8] 3. A sequence  $a_0, a_1, a_2 \dots$  is defined by letting  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_k = 2a_{k-1} + 2$  for all integers  $k \geq 1$ . Prove that  $a_n = 3(2^n) - 2$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .