## Question 1. [7 MARKS]

#### **Solution:**

$$P(n) : 3^n < n!$$

For a contradiction, assume that there is some  $j \in \mathbb{N}, j \geq 7$ , such that P(j) does not hold.

Let S be the set of all natural numbers greater than or equal to 7, for which the predicate does not hold. By our assumption S is not empty. By definition, S is a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . By PWO, S contains a least element a.

a must be strictly greater than 7 since  $3^7 = 2187 < 5040 = 7!$  meaning that P(7) holds. So a - 1 is greater than or equal to 7.

Moreover, since a is the min elements of S, a-1 is not in S, and so P(a-1) holds.

Since  $a-1 \ge 7$ , we have  $3^{(a-1)} < (a-1)!$ . Then we have

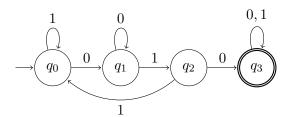
$$3^{a} = 3 \times 3^{(a-1)}$$
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 $= a!$ 
# since  $3^{(a-1)} < (a-1)!$ 
# since  $a \ge 7 > 3$ 

That is, P(a) holds!

This, however, contradicts our assumption that a is an element of S because by definition elements of S do not satisfy the predicate. Thus we conclude that our initial assumption is false. That is, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 7, P(n)$  holds.

# Question 2. [11 MARKS]

### Solution:



Here are the state invariants

$$\delta^*(q_0,x) = \begin{cases} q_0 \text{ iff } x = \epsilon \text{ or } x = 1 \text{ or } (010 \text{ is not a substring of } x \text{ and } x \text{ ends with } 11); \\ q_1 \text{ iff } 010 \text{ is not a substring of } x \text{ and } x \text{ ends with } 0; \\ q_2 \text{ iff } 010 \text{ is not a substring of } x \text{ and } x \text{ ends with } 01; \\ q_3 \text{ iff } 010 \text{ is a substring of } x; \end{cases}$$

## Question 3. [12 MARKS]

#### **Solution:**

P(f): There exists g such that  $g \in L$  and g and f are logically equivalent.

**Base Case:** For f = x, where x is a propositional variable.

Then  $c_{not}(f) = 0 = c_{and}(f)$ . Therefore P(f) holds.

### **Induction Step:** Assume $f_1, f_2 \in G$ . Suppose $P(f_1)$ and $P(f_2)$ . [IH]

That is, there exist  $g_1, g_2$  such that  $g_1, g_2 \in L$  and  $g_1$  is logically equivalent to  $f_1$ , and  $g_2$  is logically equivalent to  $f_2$ .

Case (A): Let  $f = \neg f_1$ , and  $g = \neg (g_1 \land g_1)$ .

Then  $c_{not}(g) = 1 + 2 \times c_{not}(g_1)$  and  $c_{and}(g) = 1 + 2 \times c_{and}(g_1)$ .

By IH,  $c_{not}(g_1) = c_{and}(g_1)$ .

So,  $c_{not}(g) = c_{and}(g)$ .

By the IH,  $\neg(g_1 \land g_1)$  is logically equivalent to  $\neg(f_1 \land f_1)$ , which is logically equivalent to  $\neg f_1$ , which by assumption is f.

Therefore g and f are logically equivalent, and so P(f).

Case (B): Let  $f = (f_1 \wedge f_2)$ , and  $g = (\neg \neg g_1 \wedge (g_2 \wedge g_2))$ .

Then  $c_{not}(g) = 2 + c_{not}(g_1) + 2 \times c_{not}(g_2)$  and  $c_{and}(g) = 2 + c_{and}(g_1) + 2 \times c_{and}(g_2)$ .

By IH,  $c_{not}(g_1) = c_{and}(g_1)$  and  $c_{not}(g_2) = c_{and}(g_2)$ .

So,  $c_{not}(g) = c_{and}(g)$ .

By the IH,  $(\neg \neg g_1 \land (g_2 \land g_2))$  is logically equivalent to  $(\neg \neg f_1 \land (f_2 \land f_2))$ , which is logically equivalent to  $(f_1 \land f_2)$ , which by assumption is f.

Therefore g and f are logically equivalent, and so P(f).

# Question 4. [10 MARKS]

Solution:

P(n): for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if n is even, then  $T(x,n) = x(2^{n+2} - 1)$ 

We prove that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , P(n) holds.

Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  be arbitrary.

**Base Case:** Let k = 0. Then  $T(x, 0) = 3x = x(2^2 - 1) = x(2^{0+2} - 1)$ . So P(0) holds.

**Induction Step:** Suppose  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \geq 2$ . Assume for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 \leq j < k$ , P(j) holds. [IH]

Suppose k is even (otherwise P(k) is vacuously true).

Then, by the induction hypothesis,

So for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T(x,k) = x(2^{k+2} - 1)$ , i.e. P(k). By induction, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , P(n).