

Harvard University
Computer Science 20

Midterm 1

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PROBLEM 1

Prove that if you pick 5 integers from $\{1, \dots, 100\}$, some two differ by at most 24.

Solution.

PROBLEM 2

Let $A = \neg(\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow r$ and $B = \neg r \oplus (\neg p \wedge q)$. For which value(s) of p, q , and r do A and B differ? Use a truth table.

Solution.

PROBLEM 3

Perform the following operations in binary.

(A) $1111_2 + 1111_2$

(B) $1010_2 - 100_2$

Solution.

PROBLEM 4

Let the domain of discourse be all Harvard CS courses. The predicate $P(c, d)$ means that course c is a prerequisite for course d . Assume that it is not possible for a course to be a prerequisite of itself. Write the following English sentences using quantificational formulas.

(A) There is a course that is a prerequisite for every other course.

(B) At least one course is a prerequisite for exactly one other course.

Solution.

PROBLEM 5

The Tribonacci numbers are defined by $T_0 = 1, T_1 = 1, T_2 = 2$, and $T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + T_{n-3}$ for all $n \geq 3$. The beginning of the Tribonacci sequence is 1, 1, 2, 4, 7, 13, Use strong induction to prove that $T_n \leq 3^n$ for all natural numbers n .

Solution.

PROBLEM 6

Prove that in any group of six people, at least two of them know the same number of people. Note that you don't know yourself, and that if A knows B then B knows A (thus "knows" is a symmetric relation).

Solution.