

# Exam in Discrete Mathematics

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This exam consists of 11 numbered pages with 12 problems. All the problems are “multiple choice” problems. **The answers must be given on these sheets.**

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*There is only one correct answer to each question.*

**Problem 1 (8 %)**

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a relation on the set of all integers and defined by  $x \geq y^2$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  be a relation on the set of all integers and defined by  $x = y^2$ .

What are the truth values of the following statements?

1.  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive.  True  False
2.  $\mathcal{R}$  is antisymmetric.  True  False
3.  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation.  True  False
4.  $\mathcal{S} \circ \mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}$ .  True  False

**Problem 2 (8 %)**

Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false.

1. The set of integers with the absolute value less than 1000 is countable.  
 TRUE  FALSE
2. If  $A$  is an uncountable set and  $B$  is a countable set then  $A - B$  (the difference of  $A$  and  $B$ ) must be uncountable.  
 TRUE  FALSE
3. It is true that  $x^2 = y^2$  if and only if  $x = y$  or  $x = -y$ .  
 TRUE  FALSE
4. If  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $n$  is odd if and only if  $5n + 6$  is odd.  
 TRUE  FALSE

**Problem 3 (8 %)**

1. Which one of the following integers  $x$  satisfies that

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$$

- 10     34     7     32     13     24     14

2. Find the value of  $x$  satisfying  $27x \equiv 1 \pmod{392}$ .

- 101     347     367     363     138     242     141

**Problem 4 (8 %)**

Determine whether each of the following theorems is true or false.

1.  $(\mathbb{Z}, =)$  is a poset.

TRUE

FALSE

2.  $(\mathbb{Z}, \dagger)$  is a poset.

TRUE

FALSE

**Problem 5 (9 %)**

Answer the following true/false problems.

1.  $2^x + 17$  is  $O(3^x)$   True  False
2.  $3x + 7$  is  $\Omega(x)$   True  False
3.  $2x^2 + x - 7$  is  $\Theta(x^2)$   True  False

**Problem 6 (8 %)**

1. What is the value of  $4^{532} \bmod 11$ ?  
 2     3     1     5     4     8     7
2. What is  $50! \bmod 50$ ?  
 49     3     7     51     47     46     0

**Problem 7 (8 %)**

Consider the following algorithm:

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procedure count ones ( $a_1a_2 \dots a_n$ : bit string)
  count:=0 {no 1's yet}
  for  $i := 1$  to  $n$ 
    if  $a_i = 1$  then count:=count+1
  return count {count contains the number of 1's}
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Give a big- $O$  estimate for the number of comparisons used by this algorithm.

- $O(\frac{\log n}{n})$       $O(\frac{1}{n})$       $O(1)$       $O(n)$       $O(\sqrt{n})$

**Problem 8 (9 %)**

1. Find a recurrence relation for the number of bit strings of length  $n$  that contain three consecutive 0s.

$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3} + 2^{n-3}$  for all  $n \geq 3$ .

$a_n = a_{n-2} + a_{n-1} + 2^n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .

$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + 2^{n-2}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ .

$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}$  for all  $n \geq 3$ .

2. What are the initial conditions?

$a_0 = a_1 = a_2 = 0$ .

$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$  og  $a_2 = 0$ .

$a_0 = 0, a_1 = 2$  og  $a_2 = 0$ .

$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$  og  $a_2 = 2$ .

3. How many bit strings of length five contain three consecutive 0s?

1

5

12

8

20

3

47

**Problem 9 (8 %)**

1. What is the coefficient of  $x^{101}y^{99}$  in  $(2x - 3y)^{200}$ ?

$-2^{101}3^{99}C(200, 99)$

0

$-2^{101}3^{99}P(200, 99)$

$-2^{101}3^{99}$

$C(200, 99)$

2. Suppose that  $k, n$  are integers with  $1 \leq k < n$ . Which one is equal to

$$C(n-1, k-1) \cdot C(n, k+1) \cdot C(n+1, k)?$$

$C(n-1, k) \cdot C(n, k-1) \cdot C(n+1, k+1)$

$C(n-1, k-1) \cdot C(n+1, k+1) \cdot C(n, k)$

$C(n, k) \cdot C(n-1, k-1) \cdot C(n, k+1)$

$C(n-1, k-2) \cdot C(n+1, k+1)$

where  $P(n, k)$  is the  $k$ -permutation of a set with  $n$  elements and where  $C(n, k)$  is the  $k$ -combination of a set with  $n$  elements..

**Problem 10 (8 %)**

**Theorem** For every positive integer  $n$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})^2}{2}$ .

Basis Step: The formula is true for  $n = 1$ .

Inductive Step: Suppose that  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})^2}{2}$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i = (\sum_{i=1}^n i) + (n+1)$ .

By the inductive hypothesis,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i = \frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})^2}{2} + n+1 = (n^2 + n + \frac{1}{4})/2 + n+1 = (n^2 + 3n + \frac{9}{4})/2 = (n + \frac{3}{2})^2/2 = [(n+1) + \frac{1}{2}]^2/2$ , completing the inductive step.

What is wrong with this "proof"?

- Basis step must be verified for  $n = 0$ .
- The inductive step is wrong.
- Basis step is wrong.
- There is nothing wrong with this proof.

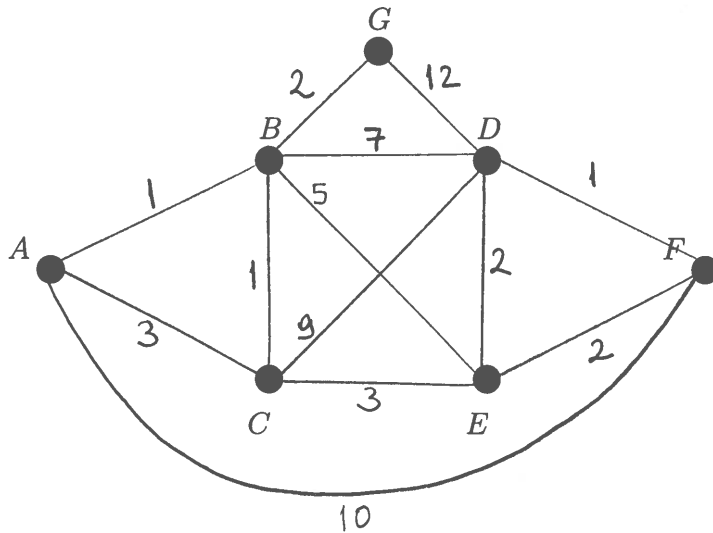


Figure 1: The graph  $G$ , considered in Problem 11.

**Problem 11** (9 %)

In this problem we use Dijkstra's algorithm (see Figure 2) on the graph  $G$  in Figure 1.

1. What is the length of the shortest path from  $A$  to  $F$ ?

- 10                       9                       8                       7

2. In what order are vertices added to the set  $S$  in Dijkstra's algorithm (see Figure 2)?

- $A, C, G, B, D, E, F$   
  $A, B, C, D, E, F$   
  $A, B, C, G, E, D, F$   
  $A, C, E, F$



3. What is the weight of a minimum spanning tree of the graph  $G$  in Figure 1.

- 8
- 7
- 5
- 10

**Problem 12 (9%)**

Let  $K_n$  denote the complete, undirected graph with  $n$  nodes (i.e. every pair of the  $n$ -nodes contains an edge between them).

1. When (for what values of  $n$ ) does  $K_n$  have an Euler path?

- When  $n$  is odd
- When  $n$  is even
- For all  $n$
- None

2. When (for what values of  $n$ ) does  $K_n$  have a Hamilton path?

- When  $n$  is even
- When  $n$  is odd
- For all  $n$
- None

3. Is it possible to have a graph that has a Hamilton path but no Euler path?

- YES  NO

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procedure Dijkstra( $G$ : weighted connected simple graph, with
    all weights positive)
{ $G$  has vertices  $a = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n = z$  and lengths  $w(v_i, v_j)$ 
    where  $w(v_i, v_j) = \infty$  if  $\{v_i, v_j\}$  is not an edge in  $G$ }
for  $i := 1$  to  $n$ 
     $L(v_i) := \infty$ 
 $L(a) := 0$ 
 $S := \emptyset$ 
{the labels are now initialized so that the label of  $a$  is 0 and all
    other labels are  $\infty$ , and  $S$  is the empty set}
while  $z \notin S$ 
     $u :=$  a vertex not in  $S$  with  $L(u)$  minimal
     $S := S \cup \{u\}$ 
    for all vertices  $v$  not in  $S$ 
        if  $L(u) + w(u, v) < L(v)$  then  $L(v) := L(u) + w(u, v)$ 
        {this adds a vertex to  $S$  with minimal label and updates the
        labels of vertices not in  $S$ }
return  $L(z)$  { $L(z)$  = length of a shortest path from  $a$  to  $z$ }

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Figure 2: