

National Examination – Dec 2015  
04-BS-16: Discrete Mathematics  
Duration: 3 hours

Examination Type: Closed Book.  
No aids allowed.

This exam paper contains 13 pages (including this one).  
**Answer 10 out of 12 questions.** Ten questions constitute a full paper.  
Please clearly indicate which two questions you don't want marked by  
drawing a diagonal line across the page.  
In case of doubt to any question, clearly state any assumptions made.  
One of two calculators is permitted any Casio or Sharp approved models.

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*Good Luck!*

**Question 1.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Rewrite the following without negation on qualifiers  $\neg\exists x\neg\forall y\neg\exists zP(x, y, z)$

**Part (b)** [2 MARKS]

Write the sentence "A necessary condition for  $P(x, y)$  to be true is that  $x > y$ " as a logic expression.

**Part (c)** [3 MARKS]

Is  $\exists x\forall yP(x, y) \rightarrow \forall x\exists yP(x, y)$  a tautology? Please either provide a proof or give a counterexample.

**Part (d)** [3 MARKS]

Consider the universe of discourse as positive integers. Let  $P_n(x, y, z)$  stand for  $x^n + y^n = z^n$ . Write the Fermat's Last Theorem as a logical proposition, i.e., the equation  $x^n + y^n = z^n$  does not have positive integer solution for  $n > 2$ .

**Question 2.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [5 MARKS]

Show that

$$\sum_{s_1=0}^1 \sum_{s_2=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{s_n=0}^1 \frac{1}{1^{s_1} 2^{s_2} \cdots n^{s_n}} = n + 1$$

**Part (b)** [5 MARKS]Show that the sum of even numbers from  $0, 2, \dots$  to  $2n$  is  $n(n + 1)$ .

**Question 3.** [10 MARKS]

Consider a sequence recursively defined as follows:  $a_0 = 2$ ,  $a_{n+1} = a_n^2$ .

**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Write down a closed-form expression for  $a_n$ .

**Part (b)** [3 MARKS]

Is  $a_n = O(2^n)$ ? Is  $a_n = O(n^n)$ ?

**Part (c)** [5 MARKS]

Prove that  $a_n - 1$  has at least  $n$  distinct prime divisors.

**Question 4.** [10 MARKS]

A 5-card poker hand is dealt from a 52-card deck. Find the probability of getting

a. Five cards of consecutive rank (2 is the smallest rank, A largest).

b. There is at least one card of each suite.

c. All five cards come from the same suite.

d. There is exactly one pair.

e. Full house: three cards of same rank, plus a pair of different rank.

**Question 5.** [10 MARKS]

In the world series, two teams play a sequence of up to 7 games. The first team that wins 4 games wins the series. Assume that the teams are evenly matched.

**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

What is the probability that the series ends after 4 games?

**Part (b)** [3 MARKS]

What is the probability that the series ends after the 5th game?

**Part (c)** [3 MARKS]

What is the probability that the series ends after the 6th game?

**Part (d)** [2 MARKS]

What is the probability that the series goes to the 7th game?



**Question 7.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [4 MARKS]

Consider the relation  $R$  defined on real numbers, where  $(a, b) \in R$  if and only if  $a - b$  is an integer. Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. Describe the equivalence classes.

**Part (b)** [6 MARKS]

Plot the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as  $f(x) = \sin(x) + x$  over  $x \in [-10, 10]$ . Is this function one-to-one? onto? Does it have an inverse? If not, specify the largest sets  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  for which the function  $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  has an inverse.

**Question 8.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [6 MARKS]

Show that a Fibonacci sequence with the initial condition  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_1 = 1$ , and  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$  can be written in closed-form as

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

**Part (b)** [4 MARKS]

Prove that  $\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$

**Question 9.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Provide a definition of what it means by  $f(n)$  is  $O(g(n))$ ?

**Part (b)** [4 MARKS]

Insertion sort builds a sorted list by inserting one item to the list at a time. Describe how the algorithm works. What is the best-case, the worst-case, and the average run-time complexity of insertion sort? Please explain and provide adequate justification.

**Part (c)** [1 MARK]

Write down the name of a sorting algorithm that has better average run-time complexity than insertion sort.

**Part (d)** [3 MARKS]

Please order the following run-time complexity in big-O notation from slowest to fastest.

$O(n^2)$ ,  $O(n\sqrt{n})$ ,  $O(\log(n))$ ,  $O((\log(n))^2)$ ,  $O(\log(\log(n)))$ ,  $O(2^n)$ ,  $O(n^2 \log(n))$ ,  $O(1)$

**Question 10.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Let  $G$  be a connected planar simple graph with  $e$  edges, and  $v$  vertices. Let  $f$  be the number of regions in the planar representation of  $G$  (including the outer region). What is the relation between  $e$ ,  $f$  and  $v$ ?

**Part (b)** [2 MARKS]

A truncated tetrahedron has 4 hexagonal faces and 4 triangle faces. How many vertices and how many edges does it have?

**Part (c)** [3 MARKS]

Suppose that you use 20 equilateral triangles of same size as faces to construct a polyhedron, you will get a regular icosahedron. How many triangles meet around each vertex?

**Part (d)** [3 MARKS]

A truncated rhombic dodecahedron consists of square faces and hexagon faces. It has 48 edges and 32 vertices. How many faces are squares and how many hexagons?

**Question 11.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

What is an Euler circuit of a graph? Under what condition does a graph have a Euler circuit?

**Part (b)** [3 MARKS]

For what values of  $(m, n)$  does  $K_{m,n}$ , the complete bipartite graph with  $m$  vertices on one side and  $n$  vertices on the other, have a Euler circuit? Explain.

**Part (c)** [2 MARKS]

What is a Hamilton path of a graph?

**Part (d)** [3 MARKS]

Illustrate whether tetrahedron (four triangle faces), cube (six square faces), and octahedron (eight triangle faces) have a Hamilton path or not.

**Question 12.** [10 MARKS]

In some cultures, families prefer boys to girls. Suppose that in a society all families keep having more children until a boy is born (and they stop having children as soon as a boy is born). Assume that boys and girls are born with equal probability.

**Part (a)** [3 MARKS]

Give an expression for the average number of children per family in this society.

**Part (b)** [2 MARKS]

Give an expression for the average number of girls per family in this society.

**Part (c)** [1 MARK]

What is the average number of boys per family in this society?

**Part (d)** [3 MARKS]

Would this society have an imbalance between males and females in the population over the long run? Please explain why or why not.

Total Marks = 100