CS 70 Spring 2024

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HW 01

Due: Saturday, 1/27, 4:00 PM Grace period until Saturday, 1/27, 6:00 PM

Sundry

Before you start writing your final homework submission, state briefly how you worked on it. Who else did you work with? List names and email addresses. (In case of homework party, you can just describe the group.)

1 Logical Equivalence?

Note 1 Decide whether each of the following logical equivalences is correct and justify your answer.

(a)
$$\forall x (P(x) \land Q(x)) \stackrel{?}{=} \forall x P(x) \land \forall x Q(x)$$

(b)
$$\forall x \ (P(x) \lor Q(x)) \stackrel{?}{=} \forall x \ P(x) \lor \forall x \ Q(x)$$

(c)
$$\exists x \ (P(x) \lor Q(x)) \stackrel{?}{=} \exists x \ P(x) \lor \exists x \ Q(x)$$

(d)
$$\exists x \ (P(x) \land Q(x)) \stackrel{?}{=} \exists x \ P(x) \land \exists x \ Q(x)$$

2 Prove or Disprove

Note 2 For each of the following, either prove the statement, or disprove by finding a counterexample.

- (a) $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})$ if *n* is odd then $n^2 + 4n$ is odd.
- (b) $(\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R})$ if $a + b \le 15$ then $a \le 11$ or $b \le 4$.
- (c) $(\forall r \in \mathbb{R})$ if r^2 is irrational, then r is irrational.
- (d) $(\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+)$ $5n^3 > n!$. (Note: \mathbb{Z}^+ is the set of positive integers)
- (e) The product of a non-zero rational number and an irrational number is irrational.

3 Twin Primes

- Note 2
- (a) Let p > 3 be a prime. Prove that p is of the form 3k + 1 or 3k 1 for some integer k.
- (b) Twin primes are pairs of prime numbers p and q that have a difference of 2. Use part (a) to prove that 5 is the only prime number that takes part in two different twin prime pairs.

4 Airport

Note 3

Suppose that there are 2n + 1 airports, where n is a positive integer. The distances between any two airports are all different. For each airport, exactly one airplane departs from it and is destined for the closest airport. Prove by induction that there is an airport which has no airplanes destined for it.

5 A Coin Game

Note 3

Your "friend" Stanley Ford suggests you play the following game with him. You each start with a single stack of n coins. On each of your turns, you select one of your stacks of coins (that has at least two coins) and split it into two stacks, each with at least one coin. Your score for that turn is the product of the sizes of the two resulting stacks (for example, if you split a stack of 5 coins into a stack of 3 coins and a stack of 2 coins, your score would be $3 \cdot 2 = 6$). You continue taking turns until all your stacks have only one coin in them. Stan then plays the same game with his stack of n coins, and whoever ends up with the largest total score over all their turns wins.

Prove that no matter how you choose to split the stacks, your total score will always be $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$. (This means that you and Stan will end up with the same score no matter what happens, so the game is rather pointless.)

6 Grid Induction

Note 3

Pacman is walking on an infinite 2D grid. He starts at some location $(i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2$ in the first quadrant, and is constrained to stay in the first quadrant (say, by walls along the x and y axes).

Every second he does one of the following (if possible):

- (i) Walk one step down, to (i, j-1).
- (ii) Walk one step left, to (i-1, j).

For example, if he is at (5,0), his only option is to walk left to (4,0); if Pacman is instead at (3,2), he could walk either to (2,2) or (3,1).

Prove by induction that no matter how he walks, he will always reach (0,0) in finite time.

(*Hint*: Try starting Pacman at a few small points like (2,1) and looking all the different paths he could take to reach (0,0). Do you notice a pattern in the number of steps he takes? Try to use this to strengthen the inductive hypothesis.)

7 (Optional) Calculus Review

In the probability section of this course, you will be expected to compute derivatives, integrals, and double integrals. This question contains a couple examples of the kinds of calculus you will encounter.

(a) Compute the following integral:

$$\int_0^\infty \sin(t)e^{-t}\,\mathrm{d}t\,.$$

(b) Compute the values of $x \in (-2,2)$ that correspond to local maxima and minima of the function

$$f(x) = \int_0^{x^2} t \cos(\sqrt{t}) dt.$$

Classify which x correspond to local maxima and which to local minima.

(c) Compute the double integral

$$\iint_{R} 2x + y \, \mathrm{d}A,$$

where *R* is the region bounded by the lines x = 1, y = 0, and y = x.