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**DISCRETE MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY**

Monday, 21 May 2:00 pm

Time allowed: 2:00 hours

**There are FOUR questions on this paper.**

**Q1 is compulsory.**

**Answer Q1 and any two of questions 2-4.**

**Q1 carries 40% of the marks. Questions 2 to 4 carry equal marks (30% each).**

**Any special instructions for invigilators and information for candidates are on page 1.**

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## NOTATION

The following notation is used throughout this paper:

$\mathbb{R}$ : The set of real numbers.

$\mathbb{Z}$ : The set of integers.

$\mathbb{Z}_+$ : The set of positive integers.

$\mathbb{C}$ : The set of complex numbers.

$\mathbb{N}$ : The set of natural numbers.

$\mathcal{P}(S)$ : The power set of set  $S$ .

# The Questions

## 1. [Compulsory]

a) For the sets  $S_1 = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{2, 3\}$ , list the elements of

- i)  $S_1 \cup S_2$ ,
- ii)  $S_1 \cap S_2$ ,
- iii)  $S_1 - S_2$ ,
- iv)  $S_1 \times S_2$ ,
- v)  $\mathcal{P}(S_1)$ .

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b) Consider the relation  $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)\}$  on the set  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- i) Let  $R$  be a function from  $A$  to  $B$ . Find the smallest cardinality  $A$  and  $B$  for this to be possible.
- ii) List the elements of  $R \cdot R$ .
- iii) List the elements of the transitive closure of  $R$ .
- iv) Draw the digraph of  $R$ .
- v) How many functions are there from the set  $R$  to itself?

[ 9 ]

c) Express each of the following statements using appropriate logical syntax. You should take the set of complex numbers as the universe of discourse, and make use of a predicate  $P(x)$ , meaning 'x is a real number'.

- i) Every real number, when squared, gives a non-negative real number.
- ii) Every quadratic equation with complex coefficients has two complex roots.
- iii) There are two distinct real numbers that are solutions to  $x^2 - 1 = 0$ .

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d) i) Consider two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ .  $f(x)$  is known to be  $\Theta(x^2)$  and  $g(x)$  is known to be  $\Theta(x)$ . Find functions  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  such that  $f(x) + g(x)$  is  $O(p(x))$  and  $f(x)g(x)$  is  $O(q(x))$ .

- ii) Write some pseudo-code for a function  $\text{fun1}(x)$  that has worst-case execution time  $O(g(x))$  and for a function  $\text{fun2}(x)$  that has worst-case execution time  $O(f(x))$ .
- iii) Show that if  $r(x)$  is  $\Theta(s(x))$  then  $s(x)$  is  $\Theta(r(x))$ .

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- e) Write some pseudo-code for a function whose worst-case execution time satisfies  $f(n) = 3f(n/2) + n$  whenever  $n$  is an even number. Find a big-O expression for the worst-case execution time of this function.

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2. a) Consider the function  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{e^{jx}}{1-x}$ , where  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ .
- i) If  $A = \mathbb{R} - K$ , what is the smallest  $K$ , in the sense that if  $A = \mathbb{R} - K'$  then  $K \subseteq K'$ ?
  - ii) Show that for this choice of  $K$ , the function  $f$  is an injection.
  - iii) Show that  $f$  is not a surjection for this choice of  $K$ .

[ 10 ]

- b) i) Show that the transitive closure of a relation  $R$  is equal to its connectivity relation  $R^*$ . You may assume that for an arbitrary relation  $Q$ , (i)  $Q$  is transitive iff  $Q^n$  is transitive for all positive integers  $n$ , (ii)  $Q$  is transitive iff  $Q^n \subseteq Q$  for all positive integers  $n$ .
- ii) Consider the function  $g : S \rightarrow S$  defined by  $g(x) = \lfloor \sqrt{x} \rfloor$ . For  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 16\}$ , list the elements of  $g \cdot g$  and the transitive closure  $g^*$  of  $g$ .

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3. This question uses predicate logic to describe the behaviour of the simple circuit shown in Figure 3.1. Let the universe of discourse, corresponding to the set of clock periods, be  $\mathbb{N}$ . Each wire  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  is associated with a predicate  $P_i(t)$ . A logic-0 is present on a wire at a particular cycle  $t$  if the corresponding proposition  $P_i(t)$  is false, and a logic-1 is present if the corresponding proposition  $P_i(t)$  is true.

An axiom describing the function of the D-type flip-flop is given in equation (3.1).

$$\neg P_1(0) \wedge \forall t (P_1(t+1) \leftrightarrow P_2(t)). \quad (3.1)$$

- a) Write a corresponding axiom for the inverter. [ 4 ]
- b) Write a proposition corresponding to the English sentence 'the inverter output at cycle 1 will have the opposite logical value to the inverter output at cycle 0'. [ 5 ]
- c) From the inverter and the flip-flop axioms, formally derive your proposition as conclusion. State the rule of inference used at each step in your working. [ 15 ]
- d) Show further that the conclusion  $P_1(1)$  can be reached. State the rule of inference used at each step in your working. [ 6 ]

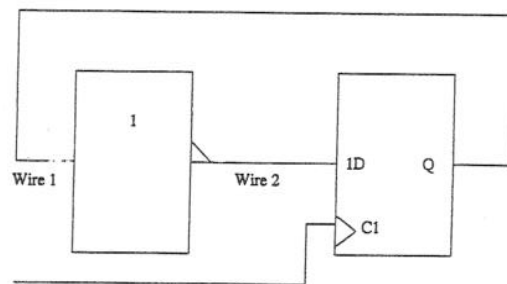


Figure 3.1 A circuit

4. This question is about multiplying two  $n$ -bit numbers, where  $n$  is a power of two, using only addition and shift arithmetic operations, each of which takes  $\Theta(n)$  time for  $n$  bits. We shall use the operator ' $\ll$ ' to denote left-shift, *i.e.*  $x \ll y$  means 'x left-shifted by y bits'. We shall also represent  $n$ -bit numbers by binary arrays of length  $n$ , where the most-significant bit is element  $n - 1$  and the least significant bit is element 0.

a) A possible multiplication algorithm is shown in Figure 4.1. Derive a big- $\Theta$  expression for the execution time of this algorithm.

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b) Let us denote the least-significant  $n/2$  bits of  $A$  by  $A_L$  and the most-significant  $n/2$  bits by  $A_H$ , and similarly for  $B$ , so that  $A = 2^{n/2}A_H + A_L$  and  $B = 2^{n/2}B_H + B_L$ . Notice that  $AB = 2^n(A_HB_H) + 2^{n/2}\{(A_L + A_H)(B_L + B_H) - A_HB_H - A_LB_L\} + A_LB_L$ . Use this observation to propose a recursive multiplication algorithm.

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c) State the Master Theorem.

[ 8 ]

d) Derive a big-O expression for the recursive execution time, and comment on the result.

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multiply( binary A[n], binary B[n] )
begin
  result := 0
  for i := n - 1 downto 0
    if( A[i] = 1 ) then
      result := (result << 1) + B
    else
      result := (result << 1)
  end
end

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Figure 4.1 An algorithm for multiplying two numbers

Q1

a) (i)  $S_1 \cup S_2 = \{1, 2, 3\}$

(NEW COMPUTED  
EXAMPLE)

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E3.20

(ii)  $S_1 \cap S_2 = \{2\}$

(iii)  $S_1 - S_2 = \{1\}$

Master -

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(iv)  $S_1 \times S_2 = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3)\}$

(v)  $P(S_1) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$

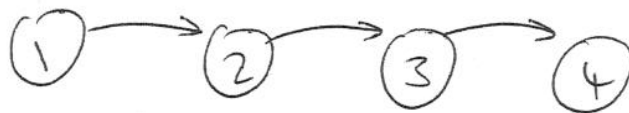
[7]

b) (i)  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}, B = \{2, 3, 4\}$

(ii)  $R \circ R = \{(1, 3), (2, 4)\}$

(iii)  $R^* = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$

(iv)



(v)  $|R| = 3 \quad |R|^{|R|} = 3^3 = 27$

[9]

(NEW COMPUTED  
EXAMPLE)



c) i)  $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow (x^2 > 0))$

ii)  $\forall a \forall b \forall c \exists x_1, \exists x_2 (ax_1^2 + bx_1 + c = 0 \wedge ax_2^2 + bx_2 + c = 0)$

iii)  $\exists x_1, \exists x_2 (x_1 \neq x_2 \wedge P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge x_1^2 - 1 = 0 \wedge x_2^2 - 1 = 0)$

d) i)  $p(x) = x^2$  (say) (NEW COMPUTED EXAMPLE) [9]  
 $q(x) = x^3$  (say)

ii)

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fun1(x)
{
  total := 0
  for i = 1 to x
    for j = 1 to x
      total := total + 1
}

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fun2(x)
{
  total := 0
  for i = 1 to x
    total := total + 1
}

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(iii)  $r(x)$  is  $\Theta(s(x))$

$\exists c_1, c_2, k$  s.t.

$$\Rightarrow c_1 |s(x)| \leq |r(x)| \leq c_2 |s(x)|$$

when  $x \geq k$

$$c_1 |s(x)| \leq |r(x)|$$

$$\Rightarrow |s(x)| \leq \frac{1}{c_1} |r(x)| \quad (\text{as } c_1 \text{ +ve})$$

$$\Rightarrow s(x) \text{ is } O(r(x)) \quad (c = \frac{1}{c_1}, k \text{ as before})$$

$$c_2 |s(x)| \geq |r(x)|$$

$$\Rightarrow |s(x)| \geq \frac{1}{c_2} |r(x)| \quad (c = \frac{1}{c_2}, k \text{ as before})$$

$$\Rightarrow s(x) \text{ is } \Omega(r(x))$$

$\therefore s(x)$  is  $\Theta(r(x))$ .

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(NEW COMPUTED EXAMPLE)

e)

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fun (n: integer)
{
  total := 0;
  for i = 1 to 3
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  fun (Ln [2])
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  for i = 1 to n
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    total := total + 1;
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}
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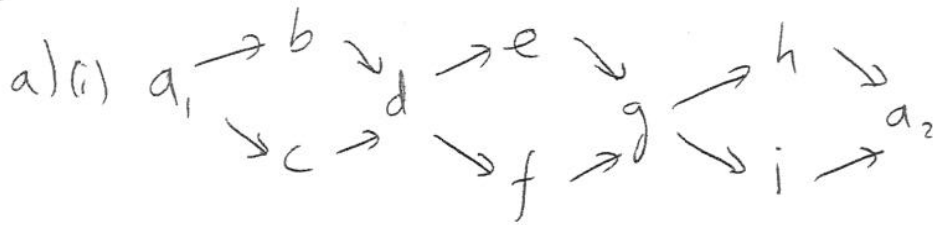
(NEW COMPUTED EXAMPLE)

c.f.  $f(n) = a f(n/b) + cn^d$   
 $a=3, b=2, c=1, d=1$

$a > b^d$  [6]

$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(n^{\log_2 3})}}$

Q2


 $\text{reach}(R, a_1, a_2)$ 

 calls  $\text{reach}(R, b, a_2)$ 

 &  $\text{reach}(R, c, a_2)$ 
 $\text{reach}(R, b, a_2)$  calls  $\text{reach}(R, d, a_2)$ 
 $\text{reach}(R, c, a_2)$  calls  $\text{reach}(R, d, a_2)$ 

Total of 4 subroutine calls

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Thus total} &= 1 + 4 + 2 \times 4 + 2^2 \times 4 - \cancel{2^2 \times 2} \\
 &= \cancel{29 \text{ times}} = \cancel{25 \text{ times}} \\
 &= \underline{\underline{21 \text{ times}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

~~(ii)~~ (ii)  $a_1 \rightarrow b \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_2$ 
 $\text{reach}(R, a_1, a_2)$ 

 calls  $\text{reach}(R, b, a_2)$ 

etc.

Total of 11 subroutine calls + original call

$$= \underline{\underline{12 \text{ calls}}}$$

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 (NEW COMPUTED  
EXAMPLE)

b) Extending the instance from Fig 2.2(a) gives a digraph with  $1 + 3k$  nodes and  $|R| = 4k$  edges.

Total # ~~of~~ substate calls is

$$4 + 2 \times 4 + \dots + 2^{k-1} \times 4 - 2^{k-1} \times 2$$

$$= 4(1 + 2 + \dots + 2^{k-1}) - 2^{k-1} \times 2$$

$$= 4 \left( \frac{1 - 2^k}{1 - 2} \right) - 2^k$$

$$= 4(2^k - 1) - 2^k$$

$$= 4(2^{|R|/4} - 1) - 2^{|R|/4}$$

$$\approx \Omega(2^{|R|})$$

$\Rightarrow$  Exponential time.

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(NOW COMPUTED  
EXAMPLE)

c) Two main improvements

(i) early exit

(ii) mark visited nodes

visited[]  $\rightarrow$  init to false

reach( $R, a_1, a_2$ )

begin

if  $(a_1, a_2) \in R$  then

result := true

else begin

result := false

while (result = false) do

select next  $a$  s.t.  $(a_1, a) \in R$

if reach( $R, a, a_2$ ) then  
result := true

else

if NOT visited [ $a$ ] then

if reach( $R, a, a_2$ ) then

result := true

end

end

end

UBD

c) [continued]

Total # subroutines calls is at most #nodes.

$\Rightarrow \Rightarrow$  poly time. ( $R \subseteq V \times V$ ).

[18]

Q3

a) (i) Every real  $x$  has a corresponding  $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}$  except 1. So  $K = \{1\}$ .

$$(ii) f(x) = f(y)$$

$$\frac{e^{jx}}{1-x} = \frac{e^{jy}}{1-y} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{e^{jx}}{1-x} \right| = \left| \frac{e^{jy}}{1-y} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{1}{1-y} \Rightarrow 1-y = 1-x$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x=y}}$$

$$(iii) \frac{1}{1-\pi} \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{for } f(x) = \frac{1}{1-\pi}$$

$$\text{we would require } \frac{e^{jx}}{1-x} = \frac{1}{1-\pi}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{1}{1-\pi} \Rightarrow x = \pi$$

$$\text{But at } x = \pi, f(x) = \frac{1}{1-\pi} \neq \frac{1}{1-\pi}$$

CONTRADICTION.

~~Q3~~

[10]

$$b) (i) \quad R^* = R \cup R^2 \cup \dots$$

We want to show  $R^*$  is the smallest transitive relation containing  $R$ .

Proof: a)  $R \subseteq R^*$  directly

We must show b)  $R^*$  is transitive

c)  $R^* \subseteq S$  for any transitive  $S$  s.t.  $R \subseteq S$ .

$$b) (a,b) \in R^*, (b,c) \in R^*$$

$R^*$  is set of all paths  $\Rightarrow (a,c) \in R^*$   
follow path  $a \Rightarrow b$  & then  $b \Rightarrow c$ .

c) Since  $S$  is transitive,  $S^n$  is transitive and  $S^n \subseteq S$ .

$$S^* = S \cup S^2 \cup \dots, \quad S^n \subseteq S$$

$$\Rightarrow S^* \subseteq S$$

$$R \subseteq S \Rightarrow R^* \subseteq S^*$$

$$\therefore R^* \subseteq S^* \subseteq S$$

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(BOOKWORK)



$$(ii) \quad g = \{(1,1), (2,1), (3,1), (4,2), (5,2), \\ (6,2), (7,2), (8,2), (9,3), (10,3), \\ (11,3), (12,3), (13,3), (14,3), (15,3), \\ (16,4)\}$$

$$g \cdot g = \{(1,1), (2,1), (3,1), (4,1), (5,1), \\ (6,1), (7,1), (8,1), (9,1), (10,1), \\ (11,1), (12,1), (13,1), (14,1), (15,1), \\ (16,2)\}$$

$$g^* = \{(1,1), (2,1), (3,1), (4,1), (5,1), \\ (6,1), (7,1), (8,1), (9,1), (10,1), \\ (11,1), (12,1), (13,1), (14,1), (15,1), \\ (16,1), (4,2), (5,2), (6,2), (7,2), \\ (8,2), (16,2), (9,3), (10,3), (11,3), \\ (12,3), (13,3), (14,3), (15,3), (16,4)\}$$

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(NEW  
COMPUTED  
EXAMPLE)

4. a)  $\forall t (P_2(t) \leftrightarrow \neg P_1(t))$  ~~[4]~~

b)  $P_2(1) \leftrightarrow \neg P_2(0)$  ~~[5]~~

c)  $\forall t (P_1(t+1) \leftrightarrow P_2(t))$

(Simplification from 4.1)

$P_1(1) \leftrightarrow P_2(0)$  (\*)

(Universal instantiation)

$P_2(1) \leftrightarrow \neg P_1(1)$  (+)

(Universal instantiation of (b))

$P_2(1) \rightarrow \neg P_1(1)$

(Simplification)

$P_2(0) \rightarrow P_1(1)$

(Simplification of \*)

$\neg P_1(1) \rightarrow \neg P_2(0)$  [Contrapositive]

$P_2(1) \rightarrow \neg P_2(0)$

(Hypothetical Syllogism)

Also  $P_1(1) \rightarrow P_2(0)$  (Simplification of \*)

$\neg P_2(0) \rightarrow \neg P_1(1)$  [Contrapositive]

$\neg P_1(1) \rightarrow P_2(1)$  (Simplification of +)

$\neg P_2(0) \rightarrow P_2(1)$  (Hypothetical syllogism)

~~[10]~~ [15]

d) We have

$$P_2(1) \leftrightarrow \neg P_2(0)$$

and  $\neg P_1(0)$  (simplify for 4.1)

The latter gives  $P_2(0)$

(Universal instant + modus ponens)

Thus for (c) we get  $\neg P_2(1)$   
(modus tollens)

Finally, we obtain  $P_1(1)$

(Universal instant + modus tollens)

~~[7]~~

[6]

Q5 a) "for" loop executes  $\Theta(n)$  times.

Assuming tests take  $\Theta(1)$  time, each iteration is  $\Theta(n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total is } & \Theta(n) \times \Theta(n) + \Theta(1) \\ & = \underline{\underline{\Theta(n^2)}} \end{aligned}$$

(NEW COMPUTED EXAMPLE) ~~[7]~~

b) newmult(binary  $A[n]$ , binary  $B[n]$ )

begin

~~return~~

if ( $n = 1$ )

if ( $A[1] = 0$ )

result := 0

else result := B

else begin

$A_H = A[n-1 \dots n/2]$

$A_L = A[n/2 - 1 \dots 0]$

$B_H = B[n-1 \dots n/2]$

$B_L = B[n/2 - 1 \dots 0]$

$T1 = \text{newmult}(A_H, B_H)$

$T2 = \text{newmult}(A_L + A_H, B_L + B_H)$

$T3 = \text{newmult}(A_L, B_L)$

result :=  $(T1 \ll n) + (T2 - T1 - T3) \ll (n/2)$

+  $(T3)$

end  
end

~~[8]~~

c) let  $a > 1$  be real,  $b > 1$  be integer,  
 $c > 0$  be real,  $d > 0$  be real

let  $f(n)$  be well-defining s.t.

$$f(n) = a f(n/b) + c n^d \quad \text{when} \\ n = b^k, \text{ for the integer } k.$$

- (i) If  $a < b^d$ ,  $f(n)$  is  $O(n^d)$   
 (ii) If  $a = b^d$ ,  $f(n)$  is  $O(n^d \log n)$   
 (iii) If  $a > b^d$ ,  $f(n)$  is  $O(n^{\log_b a})$

d) We have

$$f(n) = 3f(n/2) + \theta(n)$$

$$a > b^d$$

so  $f(n)$  is  $O(n^{\log_2 3})$

and so is run time. This is  
 an improvement on the  $\theta(n^2)$   
 algorithm.

(NOW COMPUTED  
 EXAMPLE)

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