

## Final Examination

CS 336

- 1. The important issue is the logic you used to arrive at your answer.**
- 2. Use extra paper to determine your solutions then neatly transcribe them onto these sheets.**
- 3. Do not submit the scratch sheets. However, all of the logic necessary to obtain the solution should be on these sheets.**
- 4. Comment on all logical flaws and omissions and enclose the**  

comments in boxes

1. [10] For  $n \geq 7$ , how many subsets of size 7 from  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  are there that either contain both  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  or both  $a_3$  and  $a_4$  (or all four)?

2. [10] Given  $n \geq r \geq 1$ , in how many ways can  $n$  identical balls be placed into  $r$  distinct bins such that each bin contains at least one ball? (Hint: Consider dot diagrams.)

3. a. [10] Using a combinatorial argument, prove that for  $n \geq 2$  and  $m \geq 2$ :

$$\binom{n+m}{2} = n \cdot m + \binom{n}{2} + \binom{m}{2}$$

b. [10] Using a combinatorial argument, prove that for  $n \geq 1$ :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} = n2^{n-1}$$

(Hint: Let  $A$  be a set of cardinality  $n$ . Consider pairs  $\langle B, a \rangle$  where  $B \subseteq A$  and  $a \in A \sim B$ .)

4. a. [10] For  $n \geq 5$ , consider strings of length  $n$  using elements of  $\{1,2,3\}$ . Assume all such strings are equally likely. What is the probability that a string has exactly two 3's?

b. [5] What is the probability that such a string has exactly three 2's given that it has exactly two 3's?

5. [10] Using definition 2' (and no cardinality theorems) prove that the set of all integral multiples of 17 (i.e.,  $\{17k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ) is infinite.

6. [10] Let  $S = \{f \mid f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\}\}$  (i.e., the set of functions mapping the natural numbers into  $\{0,1\}$ ). Is  $S$  finite, countably infinite, or uncountably infinite? State then prove your assertion.

7. [10] Prove that  $n^3 + n^2 + n = o(n^4)$ .

8. a. [10] .Recalling that  $\log_a x = \log_b x \cdot \log_a b$ , prove that for all  $a, b > 1$ , if  $f = O(\log_a n)$  then  $f = O(\log_b n)$ .

b. [10]. Consider the following assertion:

For all  $a, b > 1$ , if  $f = O(a^n)$  then  $f = O(b^n)$ .

Using a simple example, prove that this assertion is false. Notice your example function must be  $O(a^n)$  but not  $O(b^n)$ .

9. [10] Prove the following code is partially correct with respect to precondition “ $n \geq 1$ ” and postcondition “ $m = \max\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ ”:

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m := a[1]
i := 2
while i ≤ n do
    if m < a[i] then
        m := a[i]
    endif
    i := i + 1
endwhile
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You may assume that  $m, i, n$ , and the array  $a$  are integer variables. You may also assume that the array components  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are defined. Finally you may use the following axioms:

$$a_i \leq \max\{a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}\} \Rightarrow \max\{a_1, \dots, a_i\} = \max\{a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}\}$$
$$a_i > \max\{a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}\} \Rightarrow \max\{a_1, \dots, a_i\} = a_i$$

10. a. [10] Prove the following code is partially correct with respect to precondition “ $m \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 1$ ” and postcondition “ $b = \binom{m}{n}$ ” (assume  $b, m, n$ , and  $k$  are integer variables.):

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b := m
k := 2
while k ≤ n do
    b := (b*(m-k+1))/k
    k := k+1
endwhile
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You may use the following axiom:

$$\text{For } m \geq 1 \text{ and } k \geq 2, \binom{m}{k-1} \cdot \frac{m-k+1}{k} = \binom{m}{k}.$$

...b. [5] Prove that the loop terminates.

11. [10] Determine the weakest precondition with respect to the postcondition " $z=10$ " for the following code (assume  $z, y$ , and  $x$  are integer variables and that  $y$  is defined):

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x := 3
z := x-y
if  $y < 0$  then
    z := 0
else
    z :=  $2 * z$ 
endif
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12. [10] Determine the weakest precondition with respect to the postcondition " $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ " for the following (assume  $a, b, c, y$ , and  $x$  are integer variables and that  $a, b, c$ , and  $x$  are defined):

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y := ax
y := (y+b)*x
y := y+c
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(Hint: Be careful regarding  $x = 0$ .)