

CS311H

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Tricky problem from Piazza

- Prove that when $n \geq 1$, $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $a_i > 0$, if $a_1 \times a_2 \times \dots \times a_n = 1$, then

$$(1 + a_1)(1 + a_2)\dots(1 + a_n) \geq 2^n$$

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- (see proof in the book)

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- Which amounts of money can be formed using just \$2 and \$5 bills?

More tiling

- Prove: When $n > 1$, Assume we have three kinds of tiles: 1 by 2 tiles, 2 by 1 tiles and 2 by 2 tiles. Prove given a n by 2 board, there are

$$\frac{2^{n+1} + (-1)^n}{3}$$

ways to fill it using these three kinds of tiles.

Prove:

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