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**Instructions.** Please write your name when you first receive this test, write clearly and justify all your answers. Every question or part of a question is worth two points (a total of 24 points). This test sheet is to be submitted with your answers.

- (1) Prove that  $n!$  is  $O(n^n)$ . Show carefully the witnesses  $C$  and  $k$  in your proof.
- (2) Prove that  $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3$  is  $O(n^4)$ . Show carefully the witnesses  $C$  and  $k$  in your proof.
- (3) Find the remainder of 5554781334323
  - (a) when divided by 5
  - (b) when divided by 9
- (4) (a) Write the decimal integer 1021 in base 3.  
 (b) represent the number  $(4B1AF)_{16}$  in decimal. (make sure you provide the final answer.)
- (5) Using just 7-cent and 10-cent stamps, any amount of money (or postage) greater than or equal to  $k$  can be made. Find  $k$  and prove the statement using mathematical induction.
- (6) (a) Use the Euclidean algorithm to find AND represent  $\gcd(18, 13)$  as a linear combination of 18 and 13.  
 (b) Find an inverse of 13 mod 18  
 (c) Find an inverse of 18 mod 13  
 (d) Solve the system of equations  $\begin{cases} x \equiv 7 \pmod{13} \\ x \equiv 3 \pmod{18} \end{cases}$   
 (make sure you write down the final answer for the solution(s)  $x$ )
- (7) Use mathematical induction to show that  $n^2 - 7n + 12$  is a nonnegative integer whenever  $n \geq 3$ .

Do one or more of these **Bonus Problems**. You receive two points for each 'round' answer:

B1 *Déjà Vue*. Use induction to show that a set with  $n$  elements has exactly  $2^n$  subsets.

B2 *moderately challenging*. Write a pseudo-code for an  $O(n)$  function that reports the second largest value of a list with  $n$  integers. (Note: you still get one point if your function is  $O(n^2)$ .)

B3 *Mind Teazer*. Use Induction to show that given any subset  $A$  with  $n+1$  elements of the set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}$ , then there is an integer in  $A$  that divides another integer in  $A$ .

*Bon Chance*

$$(1) n! = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1$$

but each term above (in the right hand side) is  $\leq n$ ,  
 since we have  $n$  terms, we get  $n! \leq \underbrace{n \cdots n}_n = n^n$   
 This is true for all  $n \geq 1$  so  $n! \leq C \cdot n^n \quad \forall n \geq 1$

$$\text{so } K = C = 1.$$

$$(2) \text{ Similar to (1) : } \left. \begin{array}{l} 1^3 \leq n^3; \\ 2^3 \leq n^3; \\ \vdots \\ n^3 \leq n^3 \end{array} \right\} 1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 \leq n \cdot n^3 = n^4 \quad \text{so } C = K = 1.$$

- 3 a) 3 (because a number mod 5 is the first digit  
 b) 8 [a number mod 9 equal the sum of its digits mod 9]

4) Divide repeatedly by 3 and "record" the remainders:

a)  $1021 = 3 \times 340 + 1$

$340 = 3 \times 113 + 1$

$113 = 3 \times 37 + 1$

$37 = 3 \times 12 + 1$

$12 = 3 \times 4 + 0$

$4 = 3 \times 1 + 1$

$1 = 3 \times 0 + 1$

so write the remainder  
starting with the last one  
first:

$$(1101211)_3 = (1021)_{10}$$

b)  $(4B1AF)_{16} = 15 + 10 \times 16 + 1 \times 16^2 + 11 \times 16^3 + 4 \times 16^4$   
 $= 15 + 160 + 256 + 45,056 + 262,144 = 307,631.$

5) K is 54 (note that 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 all work, but not 53!)

Base case:  $K=54$ : 2 sevens & 4 tens.

Ind. Hyp.: suppose it works for some  $K \geq 54$ .

Ind. Step: we need to show that it works for  $K+1$ :

- suppose we have 2 tens in the representation of  $K$ , then replace them by three seven-cent stamps. Hence in this case  $(K+1)$  can also "represented" by sevens & tens.
- we need to be able to represent  $(K+1)$  in all cases, so suppose the representation of  $K$  does not have 2 tens, i.e., it has one or less ten-cent stamps:

i) if it has no tens, then it must have at least 7 sevens (since  $K \geq 54$ )

ii) if it has one ten, remove it, so the remaining amount is at least 44, without tens, it still must have 7 sevens! (or more)

in either case, replace 7 sevens by 5 tens, making  $(K+1)$ . It follows by the principle of mathematical induction that any integer amount  $\geq 54$  can be made using sevens & tens.

$$6) 18 = 13 \times 1 + 5$$

$$13 = 5 \times 2 + 3$$

$$5 = 3 \times 1 + 2$$

$$3 = 2 \times 1 + 1 \quad \leftarrow \text{gcd}$$

$$2 = 1 \times 2 + 0$$

now going backwards:

$$1 = 3 - 2 \times 1$$

$$= 3 - (5 - 3) = 3 \times 2 - 5$$

$$= (\underline{13} - \underline{5} \times 2) \times 2 - 5$$

$$= \underline{13} \times 2 - \underline{5} \times 4 - \underline{5} = 13 \times 2 - 5 \times 5$$

$$= 13 \times 2 - (\underline{18} - \underline{13}) \times 5$$

$$= 13 \times 2 - 18 \times 5 + 13 \times 5$$

$$\text{so } 1 = 13 \times 7 - 18 \times 5$$

$$(\text{verify: } 13 \times 7 - 18 \times 5 = 91 - 90 = 1)$$

(b) From part (a) we see that  $13 \times 7 - 18 \times 5 \equiv 1 \pmod{18}$

hence  $13 \times 7 \equiv 1 \pmod{18}$ , hence 7 is an inverse of 13 mod 18

(c) similarly, (-5) is an inverse of 18 mod 13.

(d) we use the chinese remainder theorem:

since 13 & 18 are relatively prime we know that there is a solution to this system:

$$\begin{array}{l} m_1 = 13 \\ m_2 = 18 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} M_1 = 13 \times 18 / 13 = 18 \\ M_2 = 13 \times 18 / 18 = 13 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \bar{M}_1 \pmod{13} = -5 \quad [\text{part (c)}] \\ \bar{M}_2 \pmod{18} = 7 \quad [\text{part (b)}] \end{array}$$

so the solution is  $-5 \times 18 \times 7 + 7 \times 13 \times 3 = -357$

(Note: adding a multiple of  $13 \times 18$  gives another solution,  
e.g.  $-357 + 2 \times 13 \times 18 = 111$ )

(7) Base case:  $n=3 : 3^2 - 7 \times 3 + 12 = 0 \geq 0$ .

Ind. hyp.: suppose that for some  $k \geq 3$ ,  $k^2 - 7k + 12 \geq 0$

Ind. step: we want to show that  $(k+1)^2 - 7(k+1) + 12 \geq 0$ .

$$(k+1)^2 - 7(k+1) + 12 = k^2 + 2k + 1 - 7k - 7 + 12 = (k^2 - 7k + 12) + (2k - 6)$$

But  $(k^2 - 7k + 12) \geq 0$  by hypothesis; &  $2k \geq 6$  since  $k \geq 3$

so that  $(k+1)^2 - 7(k+1) + 12$  is the sum of two non-negative terms, hence it is non-negative. The result follows by math. ind.