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MATH 211  
FINAL EXAMINATION  
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Closed Book, 2 HOURS

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE QUESTION SHEET

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Problem	Out of	Grade
1	10	
2	10	
3	10	
4	10	
5	10	
6	10	
TOTAL	60	

1. (10 points)

(a) (3 points) Prove without using truth tables that the implication

$$(\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p,$$

is a tautology.

(b) (5 points) Let  $a, b, c$  be any three consecutive positive integers. Prove that  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$  is divisible by 9

(c) (2 points) Let  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  be predicates on a universal set  $U = \{x_1, x_2\}$ . Prove the equivalence :

$$(\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))) \equiv (\forall x P(x)) \wedge (\forall x Q(x)).$$

2. (10 points) Let  $M = 2^p - 1$ , ( $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

(a) (3 points) Show that  $M$  prime implies that  $p$  is prime.

(b) (3 points) Let  $N = (2^p - 1)2^{p-1}$ , where  $p$  is prime. Give the elements of the set  $S_N$  that consists of the divisors of  $N$ , **others than**  $N$  :

$$S_N = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\},$$

with  $\{\forall i = 1, 2 \dots n : x_i | N, x_i \neq N\}$ . What is the cardinality of  $S_N$ .

(c) (2 points) Show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = N.$$

(d) (2 points) Give  $N$  and  $S_N$  for  $p = 2, 5$

3. (10 points) Consider the recurrence relation :

$$(1) \quad a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 2^n + 3n, \quad a_0 = 0, \quad a_1 = 1.$$

(a) (4 points) Find the general solution of the recurrence equation :

$$a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 0.$$

(b) (4 points) Find a particular solution to :

$$a_n - 5a_{n-1} + 6a_{n-2} = 2^n + 3n.$$

(Hint : find first particular solutions for each of  $2^n$  and  $3n$ ).

(c) (3 points) Find the solution to the recurrence relation (1)

4. (10 points) Given a sequence of  $n + 1$  real numbers  $\{a(0), a(1), \dots, a(n)\}$  and a real number  $c$ , consider the following algorithm :

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y :=a(0)
p :=1
for i from 1 to n
    p :=p*c
    y :=y+a(i)*p
end
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- (a) (4 points) Give  $f(n)$  the number of arithmetic operations needed to execute this algorithm.

- (b) (2 points) Give  $\alpha$  in  $f(n) = \Theta(n^\alpha)$ .

- (c) (4 points) (independent from (a) and (b)) Assume that  $f(n) = \Theta(n^3)$  and  $g(n) = \Theta(n)$ . Give  $\Theta(f(n) + g(n))$  and  $\Theta(\frac{f(n)}{g(n)})$ .

5. (10 points) Let  $S$  be a set with  $n$  elements. Answer the following justifying your answer.

(a) (2 points) How many ordered pairs are there in  $S \times S$ ?

(b) (3 points) How many relations are there on  $S$  (subsets of  $S \times S$ )?

(c) (5 points) Let  $A, B, C$  be 3 sets. Suppose  $|A| = |B| = |C| = 100$ ,  $|A \cap B| = 70$ ,  $|A \cap C| = 50$ ,  $|B \cap C| = 45$  and  $|A \cup B \cup C| = 175$ . How many elements are there in  $A \cap B \cap C$ ?

6. (10 points) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$ .

(a) (3 points) Let  $S_n$  be the set of all non-empty subsets,  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \mid 1 \leq k \leq n\}$  of the set of first  $n$  integers  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Give a recursive definition of the sets  $S_n$ . Indicate the basis and recursive steps.

Hint : The recursive step should include 3 cases.

(b) (2 points) Let

$$s_n = \sum_{\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\} \in S_n} \left( \frac{1}{a_1 \cdot a_2 \dots a_{k-1} \cdot a_k} \right).$$

Give the expressions and values of  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$  and  $s_3$ .



(c) (5 points) Prove by Mathematical induction that  $s_n = n$ .

Additional space for answers