

## Mini-Quiz Apr. 20

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- This quiz is **closed book**. Total time is 25 minutes.
- There are four (4) problems totalling 15 points.
- Write your solutions in the space provided. If you need more space, write on the back of the sheet containing the problem. Please keep your entire answer to a problem on that problem's page.
- GOOD LUCK!

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Problem	Points	Grade	Grader
1	5		
2	2		
3	4		
4	4		
Total	15		

**Problem 1** (5 points).

Circle each of the true statements below:

- $3n = o(n^2)$
- $\ln n = O(n^k), k > 1$  a constant
- $3^{n/2} = O(3^n)$
- $(3n - 7)/(n + 4) = \Theta(1)$
- $(3n - 7)/(n + 4) \sim 1$
- $n^k = O(k^n), k > 1$  a constant
- $k^n = O(n^k), k > 1$  a constant
- $3^n = O(2^n)$
- $2^n = o(3^n)$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n i = O(n)$

**Problem 2** (2 points). Show that

$$\ln(n^2!) = \Theta(n^2 \ln n)$$

**Problem 3** (4 points). A license plate consists of either:

- 3 letters followed by 3 digits (standard plate)
- 5 letters (vanity plate)
- 2 characters – letters or numbers (big shot plate)

Let  $L$  be the set of all possible license plates.

**(a) (2 points)** Express  $L$  in terms of

$$\mathcal{A} = \{A, B, C, \dots, Z\}$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$$

using unions ( $\cup$ ) and set products ( $\times$  or the compact exponent notation).

**(b) (2 points)** Compute  $|L|$ , the number of different license plates, using the sum and product rules.

**Problem 4** (4 points). There are 20 different books arranged in a row on a shelf.

**(a) (1 point)** Describe a bijection between ways of choosing  $x$  distinct books,  $0 \leq x \leq 20$ , and 20-bit sequences with exactly  $x$  ones.

**(b) (1 point)** How many ways are there of choosing at least 2 books from the 20? (Hint: How many ways are there of not choosing at least 2 books?)

**(c) (1 point)** Describe a bijection between ways of choosing 6 of these books so that no two adjacent books are selected and 15-bit sequences with exactly 6 ones.

**(d) (1 point)** Using your answer from part (c), give the bit representation corresponding to the selection of the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 10th, 13th, and 19th books.

# 1 Appendix

**Lemma** (Stirling's Formula).

$$n! \sim \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n},$$

For functions  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we say  $f$  is *asymptotically equal* to  $g$ , in symbols,

$$f(x) \sim g(x)$$

iff

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)/g(x) = 1.$$

For functions  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we say  $f$  is *asymptotically smaller* than  $g$ , in symbols,

$$f(x) = o(g(x)),$$

iff

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)/g(x) = 0.$$

Given functions  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ , with  $g$  nonnegative, we say that<sup>1</sup>

$$f = O(g)$$

iff

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f(x)|/g(x) < \infty.$$

An alternative, equivalent, definition is

$$f = O(g)$$

iff there exists a constant  $c \geq 0$  and an  $x_0$  such that for all  $x \geq x_0$ ,  $|f(x)| \leq cg(x)$ .

Finally, we say

$$f = \Theta(g) \quad \text{iff} \quad f = O(g) \wedge g = O(f).$$

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$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) ::= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \text{lub}_{y \geq x} h(y).$$