

Assignment 1
Due Thursday, 14th October, 2010 at **6:10pm in tutorial**

On the cover page of your assignment, you must write and sign the following statement: “*I have read and understood the policy on collaboration on homework stated on the course web page.*” Without this signed statement your homework will not be marked.

1. (5 marks) Prove by induction that $\forall n \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i(i+1)(i+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{4}.$$

2. (10 marks) Let $T(n, m) = T(n, m-1) + T(n-1, m)$ and $T(s, 2) = T(2, s) = s$ for all $s \in \mathbb{N}$.

Use induction to prove that $T(n, m) \leq \binom{n+m-1}{n-1}$ for all $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n, m \geq 2$.

[Hint: The trick to this question is coming up with the *correct* induction hypothesis.]

3. (10 marks) Recall the Fibonacci numbers,

$$fib(n) = \begin{cases} fib(n-1) + fib(n-2) & n \geq 2 \\ 1 & n = 1 \\ 0 & n = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that the Fibonacci numbers satisfy the following identities

$$\begin{aligned} fib(2n-1) &= (fib(n))^2 + (fib(n-1))^2 \\ fib(2n) &= (fib(n))^2 + 2fib(n)fib(n-1) \end{aligned}$$

for all natural numbers $n \geq 1$.

4. (10 marks) Consider a chocolate bar of dimensions $2 \times n$. How many different ways are there to split the bar up into 2×1 size pieces? For example, a 2×2 bar has 2 ways, a 2×3 bar has 3 ways, a 2×4 bar has 5 ways, etc.

Prove your answer using induction for all natural numbers $n > 1$.

5. (10 marks) Let M be the smallest set of real-valued matrices such that

- $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in M$,
- if $m_1, m_2 \in M$, then $m_1 \cdot m_2 \in M$, and
- if $m \in M, r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $r \neq 0$, then $m_r \in M$, where m_r is obtained from m by multiplying every entry in the first row of m by r .

Prove inductively that every matrix in M is invertible (HINT: prove that the determinant is not 0).

6. (10 marks)

Prove that the following program is correct with respect to the following Precondition/Postcondition pair.

(Definition of **div**: if a, b are integers with $b > 0$, then $a \text{ div } b$ and $a \text{ mod } b$ are the unique integers such that $a = (a \text{ div } b)b + a \text{ mod } b$.)

(HINT: You may use without proof the fact that $y = \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor$ if and only if $y^2 \leq m$ and $(y+1)^2 > m$.)

Precondition: m is an integer, $m \geq 0$.

Postcondition: The program returns $\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor$.

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SQRT( $m$ ) {  
  if  $m = 0$  then  
    return 0  
  else  
     $x := \text{SQRT}(m \text{ div } 4)$   
    if  $(2 * x + 1) * (2 * x + 1) \leq m$  then  
      return  $2 * x + 1$   
    else  
      return  $2 * x$   
    end if  
  end if }
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7. (15 marks) Prove that the following program is correct with respect to the following Precondition/Postcondition pair. (Intuitively, the program is testing whether an array is sorted.)

Precondition: m is an integer, $m \geq 1$. A is an integer array.

Postcondition: If for all i, j such that $1 \leq i < j \leq m$ it is the case that $A[i] \leq A[j]$, then TRUE is returned; otherwise FALSE is returned.

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 $k := 1$   
while  $k < m$  and  $A[k] \leq A[k + 1]$  do  
   $k := k + 1$   
end while  
if  $k = m$  then  
  return TRUE  
else  
  return FALSE  
end if
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