

1. [10 marks]

**Conjecture:** For all networks  $N$ ,  $C(N) = 2L(N)$ , where  $C(N)$  is the sum of the connectivities of all hubs of  $N$  and  $L(N)$  is the total number of links of  $N$ .

**Predicate:** Let  $P(n)$  be the statement “for all networks  $N$  with  $n$  links,  $C(N) = 2L(N)$ ”. We prove  $\forall n, P(n)$  by induction on  $n$ .

**Base Case:** Let  $N$  be a network with 0 links. Then, the connectivity of each hub is 0 so  $C(N) = 0 = 2 \cdot 0 = 2L(N)$ .

**Ind. Hyp.:** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose that for every network  $N$  with  $n$  links,  $C(N) = 2L(N)$ .

**Ind. Step:** Let  $N$  be a network with  $n + 1$  links. Let  $N'$  be obtained from  $N$  by removing a single link (this is always possible because  $n + 1 \geq 1$ ). Then,  $N'$  contains  $n$  links and by the IH,  $C(N') = 2n = 2L(N')$ . However,  $C(N') = C(N) - 2$  because the removal of one link from  $N$  reduces the connectivity of both endpoints of that link by 1, and  $L(N') = L(N) - 1$  because we’ve remove a single link. Hence,  $C(N) = C(N') + 2 = 2L(N') + 2 = 2(L(N') + 1) = 2L(N)$ , as desired.

Note that it was also possible to prove this by induction on the number of hubs in the network. Obviously, you did not have to give *both* proofs (one is sufficient), but we include both of them here for your reference.

**Predicate:** Let  $P(n)$  be the statement “for all networks  $N$  with  $n$  hubs,  $C(N) = 2L(N)$ ”. We prove  $\forall n, P(n)$  by induction on  $n$ . In the proof, we use  $C(h)$  to denote the connectivity of a hub  $h$ .

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**Ind. Step:** Let  $N$  be a network with  $n + 1$  hubs. Let  $N'$  be obtained from  $N$  by removing a single hub  $h$ , along with each link involving  $h$  (this is always possible because  $n + 1 \geq 1$ ). Then,  $N'$  contains  $n$  hubs and by the IH,  $C(N') = 2L(N')$ . However,  $C(N') = C(N) - 2C(h)$  because the removal of hub  $h$  from  $N$  removes  $C(h)$  from the connectivity of  $N$  twice: once for  $h$  and a second time for each hub  $h$  was linked with. Also,  $L(N') = L(N) - C(h)$  because the removal of hub  $h$  from  $N$  removes  $C(h)$  links. Hence,  $C(N) = C(N') + 2C(h) = 2L(N') + 2C(h) = 2(L(N') + C(h)) = 2L(N)$ , as desired.

2. [10 marks] First, a little review of modulo arithmetic. For all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \bmod 11$  denotes the remainder when dividing  $n$  by 11 (i.e.,  $n \bmod 11 = n - 11 \lfloor \frac{n}{11} \rfloor$ ). It can be proved that for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(n \bmod 11) \bmod 11 = n \bmod 11$  and  $(m + n) \bmod 11 = (m \bmod 11 + n \bmod 11) \bmod 11$ . In particular, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $-n \bmod 11 = (11 - n) \bmod 11 = (11 - n \bmod 11) \bmod 11$ . For example,  $-26 \bmod 11 = (11 - 26 \bmod 11) \bmod 11 = (11 - 4) \bmod 11 = 7$  and  $-33 \bmod 11 = (11 - 33 \bmod 11) \bmod 11 = 11 \bmod 11 = 0$ .

**Predicate:** Let  $P(n)$  be the predicate “ $n \bmod 11 = (S_0(n) - S_1(n)) \bmod 11$ ”. We prove  $\forall n, P(n)$  by induction on  $n$ .

**Base Cases:** • For  $0 \leq n \leq 9$ ,  $n \bmod 11 = (n - 0) \bmod 11 = (S_0(n) - S_1(n)) \bmod 11$ .

•  $10 \bmod 11 = (11 - 1) \bmod 11 = -1 \bmod 11 = (0 - 1) \bmod 11 = (S_0(10) - S_1(10)) \bmod 11$ .

**Ind. Hyp:** Let  $n > 10$  and suppose  $j \bmod 11 = (S_0(j) - S_1(j)) \bmod 11$  for  $0 \leq j < n$ .

**Ind. Step:** Say  $n = d_k d_{k-1} \dots d_1 d_0$  is the decimal representation of  $n$  and let  $m = d_k d_{k-1} \dots d_1$ , i.e.,  $m = \lfloor n/10 \rfloor$ , so  $n = 10m + d_0$ . Then,  $0 \leq m < n$  because  $n > 10$  so the IH implies  $m \bmod 11 = (S_0(m) - S_1(m)) \bmod 11$ . Also,  $S_1(n) = S_0(m)$  and  $S_0(n) = S_1(m) + d_0$  and  $d_0 \bmod 11 = d_0$ , so we get exactly what we need:

$$\begin{aligned}
n \bmod 11 &= (10m + d_0) \bmod 11 \\
&= (11m - m + d_0) \bmod 11 \\
&= (-m + d_0) \bmod 11 \\
&= (-m \bmod 11 + d_0 \bmod 11) \bmod 11 \\
&= (11 - m \bmod 11 + d_0) \bmod 11 \\
&= (11 - (S_0(m) - S_1(m)) \bmod 11 + d_0) \bmod 11 \\
&= (-(S_0(m) - S_1(m)) + d_0) \bmod 11 \\
&= (S_1(m) + d_0 - S_0(m)) \bmod 11 \\
&= (S_0(n) - S_1(n)) \bmod 11
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \bmod 11 = 0$  iff  $S_0(n) - S_1(n) \bmod 11 = 0$ , *i.e.*,  $n$  is divisible by 11 iff  $S_1(n) - S_0(n)$  is divisible by 11.

3. [5 marks]

Let  $S(n)$  be the number of sequences of  $n$  bits in which there are no consecutive 1s.

- $S(0) = 1$  because there is a single sequence of 0 bits (the empty sequence) and it does not contain consecutive 1s.
- $S(1) = 2$  because there are two sequences of 1 bit (0 and 1), neither of which contain consecutive 1s.
- For  $n > 1$ ,  $S(n) = S(n-1) + S(n-2)$  because every sequence of  $n$  bits in which there are no consecutive 1s either ends with 0 or with 1. There are  $S(n-1)$  sequences of  $n$  bits that end with 0 and in which there are no consecutive 1s (one for every sequence of  $n-1$  bits in which there are no consecutive 1s), and there are  $S(n-2)$  sequences of  $n$  bits that end with 1 and in which there are no consecutive 1s (one for every sequence of  $n-2$  bits in which there are no consecutive 1s), because such sequences must end with last two bits 01 (we know that there are at least two bits because  $n > 1$ ).

4. [15 marks]

- $T(n) = 0$  for all even  $n$ , because no full binary tree contains an even number of nodes (proved in textbook).
- $T(1) = 1$ , because there is only one full binary tree with 1 node.
- $T(n) = \sum_{i=1,3,\dots,n-2} T(i) \cdot T(n-1-i)$  for all odd  $n > 1$ , for the following reasons:
  - Every full binary tree with  $n > 1$  nodes consists of a root together with some odd number of nodes  $i \geq 1$  in the left subtree, which leaves  $n-i-1$  nodes for the right subtree. Moreover, the full binary trees for one value of  $i$  are distinct from those for different values of  $i$ , so we account for all possibilities exactly once.
  - For each odd value of  $i \geq 1$ , there are  $T(i)$  distinct subtrees with  $i$  nodes (for the left subtree) and for each one of those, there are  $T(n-1-i)$  distinct subtrees with  $n-1-i$  nodes (for the right subtree). In total, this makes  $T(i) \cdot T(n-1-i)$  distinct ways to arrange the nodes in both subtrees.

Proof that  $T(n) \geq \frac{2^{(n-1)/2}}{n}$  for all odd  $n \geq 1$ , by induction.

**Base Cases:**  $T(1) = 1 \geq 1 = \frac{2^{(1-1)/2}}{1}$ .

$$T(3) = T(1) \cdot T(1) = 1 \geq \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2^{(3-1)/2}}{3}.$$

**Ind. Hyp.:** Let  $n > 3$ ,  $n$  odd, and suppose that  $T(j) \geq \frac{2^{(j-1)/2}}{j}$  for all odd  $j$  such that  $1 \leq j < n$ .

Ind. Step:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= \sum_{i=1,3,\dots,n-2} T(i) \cdot T(n-i-1) \\
 &\geq \sum_{i=1,3,\dots,n-2} \frac{2^{(i-1)/2}}{i} \cdot \frac{2^{(n-i-1-1)/2}}{n-i-1} \\
 &\geq \sum_{i=1,3,\dots,n-2} \frac{2^{(n-3)/2}}{i(n-i-1)} \quad (\text{need } n > 3 \text{ for next step}) \\
 &\geq 2^{(n-3)/2} \left( \frac{1}{1(n-1-1)} + \frac{1}{(n-2)(n-(n-2)-1)} + \sum_{i=3,5,\dots,n-4} \frac{1}{i(n-i-1)} \right) \\
 &\geq 2^{(n-3)/2} \frac{2}{n-2} \quad (\text{actually strictly greater}) \\
 &\geq \frac{2^{(n-1)/2}}{n-2} \\
 &\geq \frac{2^{(n-1)/2}}{n}
 \end{aligned}$$