

CSC 236H1S February Midterm 2005

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Duration — 50 minutes

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**Question 1.** [6 MARKS]

Suppose  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$x + \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Prove that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hint: what is  $(x + \frac{1}{x}) \cdot (x^n + \frac{1}{x^n})$ ?

**Question 2.** [8 MARKS]

Let  $f$  be defined for natural numbers  $n$  by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & n = 0 \\ 2, & n = 1 \\ 3, & n = 2 \\ 23, & n = 3 \\ 236, & n = 4 \\ f(n-2) + 4f(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) - 3, & n \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $f(n) \geq n^2$  for all  $n \geq 3$ .

(Note: you may not use the “Master Theorem”)

**Question 3.** [10 MARKS]

Consider the following algorithm.

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// Pre: n is a natural number,  $n \geq 1$ 
//      list is an array of n real numbers
a := 0
i := 0
while i  $\neq$  n
  a := a + (list[i] - a)/(i + 1)
  i := i + 1
// Post: a is the average of the numbers in list:
//        (list[0] + ... + list[n-1]) / n
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**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Express each of  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  and  $a_3$  non-recursively.

**Part (b)** [2 MARKS]

Complete the following loop invariant for the algorithm:

Let  $I(k)$  be:  $i_k = k$  and

**Part (c)** [6 MARKS]

Prove the partial correctness of the algorithm.

Total Marks = 24

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