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**CSC B36 Midterm Examination**

**Aids allowed:** One 8.5 × 11 'cheat sheet' (may be written on both sides)

**Duration:** One hour and fifty minutes

- There should be 6 pages in this exam booklet, including this cover page.
- Answer all questions.
- Put all answers in this booklet, in the spaces provided.
- For rough work, use the backs of the pages; *these will not be marked.*
- Good luck!

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Problem	Marks Rec'ved	Marks Worth
1.		15
2.		15
3.		20
4.		20
5.		30
TOTAL		100

**QUESTION 1.** (15 marks)

Let  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be the function defined recursively as follows:

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 2, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4, & \text{if } n = 2 \\ f(n-3) + 2n, & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 6$ ,  $f(n) \leq n^2/2$ .

PROOF:

**QUESTION 2.** (15 marks)

Recall the binary Boolean connective  $|$  (nand): A truth assignment satisfies the propositional formula  $(P | Q)$  if and only if it falsifies at least one of  $P$  and  $Q$ . Thus,  $(P | Q)$  is logically equivalent to  $\neg(P \wedge Q)$  (hence the name “not-and” or “nand”).

Give a formula that is logically equivalent to  $(x \rightarrow \neg y) \vee \neg z$  and uses only the connective  $|$ . In the space below your formula, explain why it is correct.

FORMULA:

EXPLANATION:

**QUESTION 3.** (20 marks)

Let  $P$  be any *unsatisfiable* formula, and  $Q, R$  be any *tautologies*. For each of the statements (a)–(e) below, indicate whether it is true or false. Do not justify your answers.

**Do not guess:** 4 for each correct answer, 0 for no answer,  $-2$  for wrong answer.

- (a)  $P$  logically implies  $Q$
- (b)  $Q$  logically implies  $P$
- (c)  $Q \vee \neg R$  is logically equivalent to  $R$
- (d)  $Q \rightarrow P$  is logically equivalent to  $P$
- (e)  $(P \leftrightarrow Q) \rightarrow R$  is a tautology

**QUESTION 4.** (20 marks)

Recall the binary Boolean connective  $\oplus$  (exclusive-or): A truth assignment satisfies the propositional formula  $(P_1 \oplus P_2)$  if and only if it satisfies exactly one of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Following is a recursive definition of the set  $\mathcal{F}$  of propositional formulas that use only the binary Boolean connectives  $\vee$  and  $\oplus$ .  $\mathcal{F}$  is the smallest set of formulas such that:

**BASIS:** Every propositional variable is in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**INDUCTION STEP:** If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are in  $\mathcal{F}$  then so are the formulas  $(P_1 \vee P_2)$  and  $(P_1 \oplus P_2)$ .

**a.** (15 marks) Let  $\tau_0$  be the truth assignment that assigns the value 0 (false) to each propositional variable. Prove that  $\tau_0$  falsifies every formula in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

PROOF:

**b.** (5 marks) Use part (a) to prove that the set of connectives  $\{\vee, \oplus\}$  is not complete.

PROOF:

**QUESTION 5.** (30 marks)

The program  $\text{DIV}(m, n)$  below computes the quotient of the division of  $m$  by  $n$ . More precisely, the program satisfies the following specification:

**Precondition:**  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \neq 0$ .

**Postcondition:**  $\text{DIV}(m, n)$  returns an integer  $q$  such that  $m = q \cdot n + r$ , where  $r$  is some integer in the range  $0 \leq r < n$ .

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DIV( $m, n$ )
 $x := m$ 
 $i := 0$ 
while  $x \geq n$  do
     $x := x - n$ 
     $i := i + 1$ 
end while
return  $i$ 
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Prove that this program is correct with respect to its specification.

PROOF OF CORRECTNESS:

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