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**Midterm 1 (MACM101-D2)**

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Test duration: 50 minutes

**There are eight questions in this test. Answer questions worth 60 points.**

1. (10 points) Consider selecting 4 objects from the set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ .

(a) How many ordered sequences without repetition can be chosen from  $A$ ?  
**ans=  $P(8,4)$**

(b) How many ordered sequences with repetition can be chosen from  $A$ ?  
**ans=  $8^4$ ; there are 8 choices for each position.**

(c) How many unordered sequences without repetition can be chosen from  $A$ ? **ans=  $C(8,4)$**

(d) How many unordered sequences with repetition can be chosen from  $A$ ?  
 **$\binom{8+4-1}{8-1}$ ; this r-combinations with repetitions.**

(e) How many strictly increasing sequences can be chosen from  $A$ ?  
 $\{ < 2, 4, 4, 7 >$  is not a strictly increasing sequence.  
**It is the same as the number of 4-combinations without repetitions, since every such 4-element combination, there is only one strictly increasing sequence. Hence the answer is  $C(8,4)$ .**

2. (10 points) Consider a eight letter word *aeemrryt*.

(a) How many different arrangements of these seven letters are there?  
**no constraint:  $\frac{8!}{2!2!}$**

(b) How many such arrangements are there that contain *eye*?  
**Arrangements with eye: use  $\{eye, a, r, m, r, t\} : \frac{6!}{2!}$**

(c) How many such arrangements are there that contain *eye* and *ram*?  
**Arrangements with eye and ram: use  $\{ram, eye, r, t\} : 4!$**

(d) How many such arrangements are there that do not contain either *eye* or *ram*?  
**Arrangements with neither eye nor ram =  $\frac{8!}{2!2!} - \frac{6!}{2!} - \frac{6!}{2!} + 4!$**

3. (10 points) Suppose you are interested in buying pizzas, and each pizza gets up to 10 toppings from 10 possible types (no double toppings).

- (a) How many ways can you choose toppings for a pizza?  
**Each pizza can have 0 to 10 toppings. Therefore, there are  $2^{10}$  different pizzas.**
- (b) How many ways can you choose two pizzas with the same toppings?  
**It is the same as the number of different pizzas. The answer is  $2^{10}$ .**
- (c) How many ways can you choose toppings for two pizzas?  
**Since we can have two pizzas with the same toppings, the problem is combination with repetitions. There are  $2^{10}$  different pizzas, and we need to select two of them where repetitions are allowed. Therefore, the answer is  $\binom{2^{10}+2^{10}-1}{2^{10}-1} = \binom{2^{10}+1}{2}$**
- (d) How many ways can you choose toppings for  $n$  pizzas?  
**We now select  $n$  pizzas from  $2^{10}$  different toppings ones. The answer is  $\binom{n-1+2^{10}}{2^{10}-1}$ .**
4. (10 points) We have seen that the following problem captures many counting problems.  
Determine the number of non-negative integer solutions to

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k &= n \\ x_i &\geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, k. \end{aligned}$$

Formulate each of the following problems as a variation of the above problem.

- (a) Determine the number of ways to select  $k$  objects with replacements from a set of  $n$  objects.

**Ans:**

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n &= k \\ x_i &\geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Determine the number of ways to place  $n$  nondistinguishable balls in  $k$  boxes.

**Ans:**

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k &= n \\ x_i &\geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, k. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Determine the number of ways to distribute  $n$  pennies to  $k$  kids such that each kid gets at least 1 penny.

**Ans:**

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = n$$

$$x_i \geq 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

- (d) Determine the number of times the following pseudocode prints the PRINT statement:

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for i = 1 to 20
  for j = i to 20
    for k = j to 20
      PRINT(i,j,k)
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**Ans:**

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{20} = 3$$

$$x_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, 20.$$

Once the three integers are selected, we assign the largest one to  $k$ , the smallest one to  $i$  and the third one to  $j$ .

5. (10 points) For each of the following deductive arguments, translate it into propositional logic notation using logical operators ( $\neg, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$ ), and then identify the premises (hypotheses) and conclusions, followed by a validity test.

- (a) Either *John* or *Mary* is telling the truth. Either *Tim* or *Cathy* is lying. Thus either *John* is telling the truth or *Tim* is lying.

**Ans: It is valid**

The arguments can be written as:

$p$ : *John* is telling the truth.  
 $q$ : *Mary* is telling the truth.  
 $r$ : *Tim* is telling the truth.

$$\begin{array}{l} 1. \quad p \vee q \\ 2. \quad \neg r \vee \neg q \\ \hline \text{Therefore, } p \vee \neg r. \end{array}$$

From (1), either  $p$  is true, or  $q$  is true. If  $q$  is true,  $\neg r$  is true (from (2)). In this case the conclusion is true. If  $q$  is false,  $p$  is true. In this case also the conclusion is true.

- (b) The main course will be chicken or fish, but not both. The vegetable will be carrots or broccoli, but not. We will not have both chicken as a main course and broccoli as a vegetable. Therefore, we will not have

both fish as a main course and carrots as a vegetable.

**Ans: It is not valid.**

The arguments can be written as:

p: The main course will be chicken.

q: The main course will be fish.

r: Carrots will be served.

s: Broccoli will be served.

$$1. \quad p \oplus q$$

$$2. \quad r \oplus s$$

$$3. \quad \neg(p \wedge s)$$

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Therefore,  $\neg(q \wedge r)$

Let  $p = \text{false}$ ,  $s = \text{false}$ . Therefore from (1) and (2), we can conclude that  $q$  and  $r$  are true. Now conditions (1), (2) and (3) are all satisfied, But the conclusion is false. We now have a contradiction. Therefore, the above arguments do not imply the conclusion.

6. (5 points) Let  $p, q$  be primitive statements for which the implication  $p \rightarrow q$  is false. Determine the truth values for each of the following.

(a)  $p \wedge q$ ,    (b)  $\neg p \vee q$ ,    (c)  $q \rightarrow p$     (d)  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ .

**Answer:**

Since  $p \rightarrow q$  is false, we know that  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false. Therefore,

- $p \wedge q$  is false.
- $\neg p \vee q$  is false.
- $q \rightarrow p$  is true.
- $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$  is false.

7. (5 points) Determine a truth value assignment, if any, for the primitive statements  $p, q, r, s, t$  that make each of the following statements false. I have used  $\oplus$  to indicate **exclusive-or** connective.

(a)  $[(p \wedge q) \wedge r] \rightarrow (s \vee t)$

**Answer:**

Clearly, we need to set the left side of the implication statement to false. This is achieved when  $p, q$  and  $r$  are set to true, and  $s$  and  $t$  are set to false.

(b)  $[p \wedge (q \wedge r)] \rightarrow (s \oplus t)$

**Answer:**

We can make the implication false by setting  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $r$  true and setting  $s \oplus t$  false. We know that  $s \oplus t$  is false when both  $s$  and  $t$  are true, or both  $s$  and  $t$  are false.

8. (10 points) We have seen in the class that any compound statement can be transformed to an equivalent statement involving only  $\neg$ ,  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  connectives. Show that  $p \oplus q$  is equivalent to  $(p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$ . Proving equivalence through truth table is not acceptable.

**Answer:**

We know that  $p \oplus q$  is true when  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false, or  $p$  is false and  $q$  is true. Using the techniques developed in the class, we know that  $p \oplus q$  is equivalent to  $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$ . We have shown in the class that  $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$  is then equivalent to  $(p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$ .