

University of New Brunswick
Faculty of Computer Science
CS1303: Discrete Structures
Homework Assignment 5, Due Time, Date 11:59 PM, March 23, 2021

Student Name: _____ Matriculation Number: _____

Instructor: Rongxing Lu

The marking scheme is shown in the left margin and [100] constitutes full marks.

- [5] 1. Transform each of the following by making the change of variable $j = i - 1$.

(a)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{(i-1)^2}{i \cdot n}$$

(b)

$$\sum_{i=3}^n \frac{i}{i+n-1}$$

- [5] 2. Write each of following as a single summation or product.

(a)

$$3 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (2k-3) + \sum_{k=1}^n (4-5k)$$

(b)

$$\left(\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{k+1} \right) \cdot \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k+1}{k+2} \right)$$

- [10] 3. Compute each of the following. Assume the values of the variables are restricted so that the expressions are defined.

(a)

$$\frac{4!}{3!}$$

(b)

$$\frac{3!}{0!}$$

(c)

$$\frac{(n-1)!}{(n+1)!}$$

(d)

$$\frac{n!}{(n-k+1)!}$$

[28] 4. Prove each of the following statements using mathematical induction.

(a) For every integer $n \geq 1$,

$$1 + 6 + 11 + 16 + \cdots + (5n - 4) = \frac{n(5n - 3)}{2}.$$

(b) For every integer $n \geq 3$,

$$4^3 + 4^4 + 4^5 + \cdots + 4^n = \frac{4(4^n - 16)}{3}.$$

(c) For every integer $n \geq 1$,

$$1^2 + 2^2 + \cdots + n^2 = \frac{n(n + 1)(2n + 1)}{6}.$$

(d) For every integer $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i(i!) = (n + 1)! - 1.$$

[32] 5. Prove each of the following statements using mathematical induction.

(a) For each integer $n \geq 0$, $3^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 8.

(b) For each integer $n \geq 2$, $2^n < (n + 1)!$.

(c) For each integer $n \geq 0$, $1 + 3n \leq 4^n$.

(d) For every real number $x > -1$ and every integer $n \geq 2$, $1 + nx \leq (1 + x)^n$.

[20] 6. Prove each of the following statements using strong mathematical induction.

(a) Suppose b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots is a sequence defined as follows:

$$b_1 = 4, \quad b_2 = 12, \quad b_k = b_{k-2} + b_{k-1} \quad \text{for each integer } k \geq 3$$

Prove that b_n is divisible by 4 for every integer $n \geq 1$.

(b) Suppose f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots is a sequence defined as follows:

$$f_0 = 5, \quad f_1 = 16, \quad f_k = 7f_{k-1} - 10f_{k-2} \quad \text{for each integer } k \geq 2$$

Prove that $f_n = 3 \cdot 2^n + 2 \cdot 5^n$ for every integer $n \geq 0$.