

A1. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are roots of  $x^3 + 6x + 1 = 0$ , then find the value of

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} + \frac{\beta}{\gamma} + \frac{\gamma}{\beta} + \frac{\gamma}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}.$$

A2. Let  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $F = \{1893, 1972\}$ , and  $G = \{7, 13, 29\}$ . Consider the following two functions

$$f : X \rightarrow F, \quad \text{and} \quad g : X \rightarrow G.$$

Determine the number of possible functions  $h(x)$ , where

$$h(x) = f(x) \times g(x), \quad x \in X.$$

A3. Consider the definite integral

$$I = \int_1^3 \frac{dx}{1+x^2}.$$

Show that  $I$  lies between  $\frac{3}{10}$  and  $\ln 2$ .

A4. A queue,  $Q$ , contains the integers  $1, 2, \dots, 2m$ , in that order, with 1 being at the head. You are also given an empty stack  $S$ . Write pseudocode to show how you would rearrange the elements of  $Q$  in the following order:

$$1, 2m, 3, 2m - 2, 5, 2m - 4, \dots, 6, 2m - 3, 4, 2m - 1, 2$$

using the operations below.

- ENQUEUE( $i$ ,  $Q$ )
- $x =$  DEQUEUE( $Q$ )
- PUSH( $j$ ,  $S$ )
- $y =$  POP( $S$ )

A5. Consider the function definition given below:

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int isiJRFTest (int a, int b, int c, int d)
{
    if (b == a)
        return c * (a - 1) + 1;

    return isiJRFTest (a, b + 1, c + d, d * a);
}
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What does `isiJRFTest (2024, 0, 0, 1)` return? Justify your answer. Assume that your computer can store and manipulate as large integers as necessary without any error.

A6. In a 100 meter running competition, 25 students are competing for 3 prizes. There are 5 running tracks, each of length 100 meter, and thus a maximum of 5 students can take part in a single race. You are allowed to arrange as many races as you wish to determine the winners of the 3 prizes.

Consider the following assumptions.

- If student  $A$  defeats student  $B$  in a race,  $A$  can be concluded to be faster than  $B$  across all races.
- The students run at distinct speeds, so that no race ends up in a tie.
- There is no way to measure the speeds of the students from a race.

Design an arrangement of 7 races, which determines the top 3 fastest students.

A7. Let  $A$  be a  $10 \times 10$  matrix such that each column of  $A$  represents a permutation of the numbers in the set  $B = \{2, 5, 8, \dots, 26, 29\}$ . Show that 155 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

A8. Recall that a single variable polynomial in  $x$  is of the form

$$f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$$

where all  $a_i$ s are integers, and the degree of  $f$  be the maximum  $i$  such that  $a_i$  is non-zero. Let `poly` be a data structure that stores a polynomial and `int` be the integer data type. The following operations you are allowed to perform on `poly`.

- `poly create_poly(int n)`: returns a zero polynomial, that is,  $f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$  with all  $a_i$ s set to zero,
- `int get_coeff(poly f, int i)`: returns the coefficient  $a_i$  of  $x^i$  of  $f$ ,
- `int set_coeff(poly f, int a, int i)`: sets the coefficient of  $x^i$  of  $f$  to  $a$ ,

Only  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$  are the allowed operations on the data structure `int` with the usual meanings. You can use the following for looping.

- `for i = j to k`: represents a for loop indexed at  $i$  with the start value as  $j$  and the end value as  $k$  with unit increment.

For a given  $f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$ , we define  $f^2 = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i^2 x^{2i}$ . Your task is to write pseudocode for computing  $f^2$  given  $f$  and its degree  $n$  with the help of the above allowed operations.

A9. Consider a reservoir fitted with a set of taps and drains. The partial pseudocode given below takes as input - (i) the capacity of the reservoir, and (ii) details about the taps and drains attached to the reservoir. Fill in the blanks below, so that the pseudocode produces the correct output.

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**Input:**

$L$  capacity of the reservoir in litres

$T$  number of taps attached to the reservoir

$D$  number of drains attached to the reservoir

$t_i$  time in minutes that it takes to fill an initially empty reservoir if all drains are stopped, and only the  $i$ -th tap is opened ( $1 \leq i \leq T$ )

$d_j$  time in minutes that it takes to drain an initially full reservoir if all taps are shut off, and only the  $j$ -th drain is opened ( $1 \leq j \leq D$ )

**Pseudocode**

I Initially, set variables  $X$  and  $Y$  to 0.

II **for**  $i$  in  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, T\}$   
 $X \leftarrow X + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

III **for**  $j$  in  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, D\}$   
 $Y \leftarrow Y + \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

IV **If**  $X \underline{\hspace{1cm}} Y$   
**then** print “*A partially empty reservoir never fills up if all*”

*taps and drains are kept open.”*

**else** print “*An initially empty reservoir fills up in \_\_\_\_\_ minutes if all taps and drains are kept open.*”

V **If**  $X$  \_\_\_\_\_  $Y$

**then** print “*A partially full reservoir never becomes empty if all taps and drains are kept open.*”

**else** print “*An initially full reservoir becomes empty in \_\_\_\_\_ minutes if all taps and drains are kept open.*”

- A10. Suppose a fair die is rolled 7 times independently. What is the probability that at least one of the six sides of the die never shows up in these 7 rolls?