Question 1. [20 MARKS]

In this question you have to prove that

" $10^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 11 for all $n \ge 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$ " in two different ways.

Part (a) [10 MARKS]

Use simple induction.

Basis: n = 0. Then 1-1= 0 which is divisible by 11.

I.H.: Suppose the theorem is true for n = k, that is, 11 divides $10^{2k} - 1$. We must prove that 11 divides $10^{2(k+1)} - 1$.

We can write $10^{2(k+1)} - 1 = 10^{2(k+1)} - 100 + 99 = 10^2 \cdot (10^{2k+1}) + 99$.

Since 11 divides both terms of this sum, it must divide $10^{2(k+1)} - 1$.

Part (b) [10 MARKS]

Use the Well-Ordering Principle. Do not use induction directly.

SOLN:

Let $C = \{n | 10^{2n} - 1 \neq 11k, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Notice that n = 0 is not in C since 0 is divisible by 11. By WOP there exists a smallest element $a \ge 1$ in C. Notice that then $10^{2a} - 1 = 10^{2a} - 100 + 99 = 10^2(10^{2(a-1)} + 99)$. Since $0 \le a-1 < a, a-1 \notin C$ so 11 divides $(10^{2(a-1)})$ and 11 divides 99, so 11 divides $10^{2a} - 1$, contradicting that $a \in C$.

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Question 2. [10 MARKS]

Recall the Fibonacci Numbers:

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & n = 0\\ 1, & n = 1\\ F(n-1) + F(n-2), & n \ge 2 \end{cases}$$

The Lucas Numbers are similar to the Fibonacci Numbers and are defined as

$$L(n) = \begin{cases} 2, & n = 0\\ 1, & n = 1\\ L(n-1) + L(n-2), & n \ge 2 \end{cases}$$

The first few *Lucas* numbers are: 2, 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 18, ...

Prove $\forall n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ that

$$L(n) = F(n-1) + F(n+1)$$

Soln:

(Marks) are in paranthesis.

- (1) Let S(n) be L(n) = F(n-1) + F(n+1). RTP: S(n) is true $\forall n \ge 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- (3) Base Case: n = 1. Then F(0) + F(2) = 1 = L(1)., n = 2, then F(1) + F(3) = 3 = L(2).
- (2) Induction Hypothesis: Assume that S(k) is true for all $2 \le k < n$.
- (4) Induction Step: RTP S(n):

$$L(n) = L(n-1) + L(n-2) = F(n-2) + F(n) + F(n-3) + F(n-1)$$
 by I.H, since $0 \le n-1, n-2 < n$

(2 marks for the induction hypothesis used properly. 1 mark for using the definitions of L(n) and F(n) properly. 1 for correct answer.)

$$L(n) = F(n) + F(n-1) + F(n-2) + F(n-3) = F(n+1) + F(n-1).$$

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Question 3. [10 MARKS]

Suppose that there exists an algorithm with the following complexity T(n):

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} a & n = 1 \text{ or } n = 0\\ 9T(n-2) + n & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

where a is a constant. You may assume that n is even.

Use repeated substitution to find a closed form formula for T(n).

Sample Solution.

Assume n is even:

$$\begin{split} T(n) &= 9T(n-2) + n \\ &= 9^2T(n-4) + 9(n-2) + n \\ &= 9^iT(n-2i) + \sum_{j=0}^{j=i-1} 9^j(n-2j) \\ &= 9^{\frac{n}{2}}T(0) + \sum_{j=0}^{j=n/2-1} 9^j(n-2j) \\ &= 3^n + n \sum_{j=0}^{n/2-1} 9^j - 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n/2-1} j9^j \\ &= 3^n + n(\frac{(9^{\frac{n}{2}-1}-1)}{8}) - 2(\frac{9-(n/2-1)9^{n/2-1}+(n/2-2)9^{n/2}}{(1-9)^2}) \\ &= 3^n a + n(\frac{(\frac{3^n}{3}-1)}{8}) - (\frac{9-(n/2-1)\frac{3^n}{3}+(n/2-2)3^n}{32}) \\ &= 3^n a + \frac{(\frac{4n3^n}{3}-4n) - 9 + (n/2-1)\frac{3^n}{3} - (n/2-2)3^n}{32} \end{split}$$

 $\leq c3^n + bn3^n$

Question 4. [10 MARKS]

The following algorithm iteratively computes $\sum_{i=0}^{n} i^{3}$.

Precondition: $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \ge 0$. **Postcondition:** Returns $\sum_{i=0}^{n} i^{3}$.

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def Sum(n)

1. i = 0

2. sum = 0

3. while (i \le n):

4. sum = sum + i*i*i

5. i = i+1

6. return sum
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Prove that Sum meets the postcondition, given the precondition. Make sure that you *clearly* define your loop invariant and that you show termination and total correctness.

Solns.

First we prove *partial correctness*.

LI(j): "After the jth iteration (if it exists), $sum_j = \sum_{i=0}^{i=j} i^3$, $i_j = j + 1$."

We will prove by simple induction LI(j) for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$.

Base Case: j = 0. Then by the code $sum_0 = 0\checkmark$ and $i_0 = 1 = 0 + 1\checkmark$.

I.H. Assume that LI(j) holds for arbitrary $j \in \mathbb{N}$.

I.S. Prove that LI(j+1).

By the code $sum_{j+1} = sum_j + i_j * i_j * i_j$. Since LI(j) holds, $sum_{j+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{j} i^3 + (j+1) * (j+1) * (j+1) = \sum_{i=0}^{j+1} i^3$. By the code $i_{j+1} = i_j + 1$ and by the induction hypothesis, $i_{j+1} = j + 1 + 1 = (j+1) + 1$ proving that LI(j+1) holds.

Now we need to prove that the loop terminates. Let $d_j = n + 1 - i_j$. Then d_j is a decreasing sequence of natural numbers and further when $n + 1 = i_j$, the loop exits.

To show total correctness, we note that when the loop exits $i_j = n + 1$ and by the loop invariant $i_j = j + 1 = n + 1$ so j = n and therefore by LI(j), $sum = \sum_{i=0}^{n} i^3$

NOTE: if they don't write it up exactly as I have but write a correct proof, please give the marks - use your judgement, rather than following the marking scheme exactly.

Question 5. [10 Marks]

The following algorithm recursively computes $\sum_{i=0}^{n} i^{3}$.

Precondition: $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \ge 0$. **Postcondition:** Returns $\sum_{i=0}^{n} i^{3}$.

def SumRec(n):

- 1. **if** (n==1 or n==0):
- 2. return n
- 3. else:
- 4. return n*n*n + (n-1)*(n-1)*(n-1) + SumRec(n-2)

Use induction to prove that SUMREC meets the postcondition give the precondition.

Solns.

We use strong induction to prove that S(n) is true for all $n \ge 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$ where:

$$S(n)$$
: "SUMREC(int n) returns $\sum_{i=0}^{n} i^3$

I.H. Assume that S(k) holds for $k \in \mathbb{N}$ $0 \le k \le n$ where n is some arbitrary natural number.

I.S.

n = 0 then the code returns $n = 0 = \sum_{i=0}^{0} i^{3}$.

- n = 1 then the code returns $n = 1 = \sum_{i=0}^{1} i^{3}$.
- $n \ge 2$ then by the code, SUMREC returns $n^3 + (n-1)^3 + \text{SUMREC}(n-2)$. By the induction hypothesis, SUMREC(n-2) returns $(n-2)^3$. The induction hypothesis holds since $n \ge 2$, $n > n-2 \ge 0$.

Question 6. [10 MARKS]

Prove that $x \land (\neg y \leftrightarrow z)$ is logically equivalent to $((x \to y) \lor \neg z) \to (x \land \neg (y \to z))$

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