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### CIT Autumn Examinations 2018/19

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**Instructions:** Answer all four questions.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Required Items:**

**Question 1.**

- (a) The number of function calls  $C(n)$  to a recursive function designed to calculate Fibonacci numbers is given by the following recursive definition.

$$C(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ C(n-1) + C(n-2) + 1 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- i. List the first 6 terms of this sequence.
- ii. Write  $C(100)$  in terms of  $C(998)$  and  $C(997)$ .

[7 marks]

- (b) Consider the sequence

$$12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, \dots$$

- i. Give a recurrence relation that describes this sequence.
- ii. Is this an arithmetic or geometric sequence?
- iii. Sum the first 100 terms.

[10 marks]

- (c) A charitable fund, set up to alleviate the suffering of unwanted pets at Christmas, gives an annual donation of €50,000 to pet shelters at the end of each year.

Let  $F(n)$  be the amount in the fund at the end of the year after the donation has been paid.

The fund is invested at 3% p.a. and is valued at €2,000,000 at the end of year 0 after the donation has been paid.

- i. Write down a recurrence relation for the value of the fund at the end of each year after the donation has been paid.
- ii. The benefactor did some spreadsheet calculations and decided that the donation should increase annually by €100. Adjust your recurrence relation for the fund value to reflect the revised level of donation.

[8 marks]

**Question 2.**

- (a) Write the following argument in symbols. State whether it represents a valid argument or a fallacy. Quote the appropriate rule of inference or fallacy.

*If you gamble, then you're stupid. You don't gamble. Therefore you're not stupid.*

[6 marks]

- (b) Construct a truth table for the logical expression

$$(p \vee (q \wedge r)) \rightarrow \neg p.$$

[11 marks]

- (c) Find truth values for  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $r$  given that

$$[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \wedge r)] \rightarrow (r \rightarrow p)$$

is false.

[8 marks]

**Question 3.**

(a) Justify each of the following conclusions with either an equivalence rule or an inference rule.

i. *Ciara is both athletic and intelligent. Therefore, Claire is athletic.*

ii. *Liam has never been to Cork or Donegal. In other words, Liam has never been to Cork and Liam has never been to Donegal.*

[4 marks]

(b) Use the equivalence rules of logic to show that the following proposition is a tautology.

$$(q \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow q$$

[12 marks]

(c) Write a proof sequence for the following assertion. Justify each step.

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ \neg p \\ \hline q \rightarrow r \\ \therefore q \wedge r \end{array}$$

[9 marks]

**Question 4.**

(a) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculate  $BA - 2C$ .

**[8 marks]**

(b) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation that represents a reflection about the  $x$ -axis.

i. Write the standard matrix  $M$  for the transformation.

ii. Is the transformation invertible? Explain your answer.

iii. Find  $T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $T \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ .

**[8 marks]**

(c) Consider the system

$$2x + 4y = 8$$

$$x + 2y = 4$$

i. Write this system as a matrix equation in the form  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

ii. Find the determinant of  $A$ . Does  $A^{-1}$  exist?

iii. Does this system have a unique solution, no solution or infinitely many solutions? Justify your answer. Write the solution(s) if there are any.

**[9 marks]**

## Logical equivalences

**Conditional / Implication**  $A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B$  and  $A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg(A \wedge \neg B)$

**Biconditional**  $A \leftrightarrow B \equiv (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A)$

**De Morgan**  $\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$  and  $\neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B$

**Negation / Inverse**  $A \vee \neg A \equiv T$  and  $A \wedge \neg A \equiv F$

**Identity**  $A \wedge T \equiv A$  and  $A \vee F \equiv A$

**Double negation**  $\neg(\neg A) \equiv A$

**Idempotent**  $A \wedge A \equiv A$  and  $A \vee A \equiv A$

**Commutative**  $A \wedge B \equiv B \wedge A$  and  $A \vee B \equiv B \vee A$

**Associative**  $(A \wedge B) \wedge C \equiv A \wedge (B \wedge C)$  and  $(A \vee B) \vee C \equiv A \vee (B \vee C)$

**Distributive**  $A \wedge (B \vee C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$  and  $A \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$

**Annihilation**  $A \vee T \equiv T$  and  $A \wedge F \equiv F$

**Absorption**  $A \vee (A \wedge B) \equiv A$  and  $A \wedge (A \vee B) \equiv A$

## Rules of inference

Name	Tautology	Rule
Modus ponens / Direct reasoning	$[A \wedge (A \rightarrow B)] \rightarrow B$	$\frac{A \quad A \rightarrow B}{\therefore B}$
Modus tollens / Indirect reasoning	$[\neg B \wedge (A \rightarrow B)] \rightarrow \neg A$	$\frac{\neg B \quad A \rightarrow B}{\therefore \neg A}$
Hypothetical syllogism	$[(A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow C)] \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$	$\frac{A \rightarrow B \quad B \rightarrow C}{\therefore A \rightarrow C}$
Disjunctive syllogism	$[(A \vee B) \wedge \neg A] \rightarrow B$	$\frac{A \vee B \quad \neg A}{\therefore B}$
Addition	$A \rightarrow (A \vee B)$	$\frac{A}{\therefore A \vee B}$
Simplification	$(A \wedge B) \rightarrow A$	$\frac{A \wedge B}{\therefore A}$
Resolution	$[(A \vee B) \wedge (\neg A \vee C)] \rightarrow (B \vee C)$	$\frac{A \vee B \quad \neg A \vee C}{\therefore B \vee C}$
Conjunction	$[(A) \wedge (B)] \rightarrow (A \wedge B)$	$\frac{A \quad B}{\therefore A \wedge B}$

## Fallacies

**Affirming the conclusion** is incorrectly assuming that  $[(A \rightarrow B) \wedge B] \rightarrow A$  is a tautology.

**Denying the hypothesis** is incorrectly assuming that  $[(A \rightarrow B) \wedge \neg A] \rightarrow \neg B$  is a tautology.