

Second Quiz for CSI35

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Directions: This quiz is due Thursday September 25, at 2:00 PM.

1. Recall that a *bit string* is a word on the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$. Let O be the function that counts the number of zeros in a bit string s .
 - (a) Give a recursive definition of $O(s)$.
 - (b) Use structural induction to prove that for two string bits s and t we have:

$$O(st) = O(s) + O(t)$$

where, st stands for the concatenation of the two strings s and t .

2. For a rooted tree T let $n(T)$ and $e(T)$ denote the number of vertices and the number of edges of T respectively. Use structural induction to prove that for all rooted trees T ,

$$n(T) - e(T) = 1$$

3. Let T be a full binary tree. Use structural induction to show that $n(T) \geq 2h(T) + 1$ where $n(T)$ is the number of vertices of T and $h(T)$ is the height of T .
4. Recall the definition of the Fibonacci numbers $\{f_n\}$:

$$f_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=0, \\ 1 & \text{if } n=1, \\ f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Prove that for all positive integers n we have:

$$f_{n+1}f_{n-1} - f_n^2 = (-1)^n$$

5. **Extra Credit:** Let $\varphi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$, $\bar{\varphi} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$ and let f_n be the n th Fibonacci number for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(a) Prove that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \varphi^n = f_{n-1} + f_n\varphi$ and $\bar{\varphi}^n = f_{n-1} + f_n\bar{\varphi}$.

(b) Prove that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad f_n = \frac{\varphi^n - \bar{\varphi}^n}{\sqrt{5}}$$