

## Second Quiz for CSI35

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**Directions:** This quiz is due Thursday March 5, at 6:00 PM.

1. For an integer  $n$  let  $g_n$  be the number of ways that  $n$  can be written as a sum of ones and twos, where the order that the summands are written is important. For example,  $g(1) = 1$ ,  $g(2) = 2$  since 2 can be written either as 2 or as  $1 + 1$ , and  $g(3) = 3$  because 3 can be written as  $1 + 1 + 1$  or as  $1 + 2$  or as  $2 + 1$ .
  - (a) Find a recursive definition of  $g(n)$
  - (b) Prove that this recursive definition is correct.

**For the next three questions  $f_n$  stands for the  $n$ th Fibonacci number.**

2. Prove that for all  $n \geq 1$  we have:

$$f_1^2 + f_2^2 + \cdots + f_n^2 = f_n f_{n+1}$$

3. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Prove that for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $A^n = \begin{pmatrix} f_{n+1} & f_n \\ f_n & f_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$ .

4. Let  $\varphi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,  $\bar{\varphi} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

- (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

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

**For the next four questions recall that if  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  then the elements of  $\Sigma^*$ , i.e. the words on the alphabet  $\Sigma$ , are called *bit strings*.**

5. How many bit strings of length  $n$  are there, where  $n$  is any natural number? Prove your answer.
6. For a bit string  $s$ , let  $O(s)$  and  $I(s)$  be number of zeroes and ones, respectively, that occur in  $s$ . So for example if  $s = 01001$ , then  $O(s) = 3$  and  $I(s) = 2$ .

- (a) Give recursive definitions of  $O(s)$  and  $I(s)$ .  
 (b) If  $l(s)$  stands for the length of  $s$ , prove that:

$$l(s) = O(s) + I(s)$$

7. The reverse of a string  $s$  is the string obtained by “reading  $s$  backwards”, for example the reverse of the string “sub” is “bus”. The reverse of a string  $s$  is denoted by  $s^R$ . Give a recursive definition of  $s^R$ , for bit strings  $s$ .
8. A *palindrome* is a string  $s$  such that  $s^R = s$ , in other words a string that reads the same when we read it backwards. For example the string “bob” is a palindrome.
- (a) Give a recursive definition of the set  $\Pi$  of all bit strings that are palindromes.  
 (b) For a natural number  $n$ , how many bit string palindromes of length  $n$  are there? Prove your answer.
9. The set of *binary trees*, is recursively defined as follows:

- There is a a binary tree consisting of a single vertex  $r$ . The root of this tree is  $r$ .
- If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are two binary trees with roots  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  respectively, we can make a new binary tree by adding one new vertex  $r$  and two new edges connecting  $r$  to  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . The root of this new tree is  $r$ .
- All binary trees are constructed this way

For a binary tree,  $T$  let  $v(T)$  and  $e(T)$  denote the number of vertices and edges of  $T$  respectively.

- (a) Give recursive definitions of  $v(T)$  and  $e(T)$ .  
 (b) Prove that for all binary trees:

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

10. **Extra Credit:** Give a recursive definition for  $R(n)$  the number of rooted trees with  $n$  vertices.