

# Recitation 4 solutions - CSCI 2200 (FOCS)

## Problem I

I. Prove the following using basic induction:

$\forall n \geq 2$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ), a  $2^n \times 2^n$  square grid with a  $2 \times 2$  corner removed can be precisely tiled using L-shaped tiles of size 3. (“Precisely tiled” means covering the full area with no tiles overlapping or hanging off the edge of the board. Tiles may be rotated or flipped. A sample L-tile, board with  $n=2$ , and board with  $n=3$  are show.)

We will prove this by induction.

**Base case:**  $n = 2$

- (1) For  $n = 2$ , we have a  $4 \times 4$  grid with a  $2 \times 2$  corner removed
- (2) This leaves 12 squares to be covered.
- (3) As shown in the example diagram A, this can be covered exactly by 4 L-shaped tiles

**Inductive step:** Assume that for some  $k \geq 2$ , a  $2^k \times 2^k$  grid with a  $2 \times 2$  corner removed can be tiled with L-shaped pieces. We will prove this holds for  $n = k + 1$ . Refer to example diagram B.

- (1) For  $n = k + 1$ , we have a  $2^{k+1} \times 2^{k+1}$  grid with a  $2 \times 2$  corner removed
- (2) Divide this grid into four quadrants, each of size  $2^k \times 2^k$
- (3) The  $2 \times 2$  removed corner lies entirely within one quadrant
- (4) For the quadrant containing the removed corner:
  - By our inductive hypothesis, this can be tiled with L-shaped pieces
- (5) Where the other three quadrants meet, place one L-shaped tile to connect them
- (6) The remaining areas in each of these three quadrants are now  $2^k \times 2^k$  grids with  $2 \times 2$  corners removed
- (7) By our inductive hypothesis, each of these can be tiled with L-shaped pieces

Since we’ve shown both the base case and inductive step, we have proved by induction that a  $2^n \times 2^n$  square grid with a  $2 \times 2$  corner removed can be precisely tiled using L-shaped tiles for all  $n \geq 2$ . ■

Diagram A

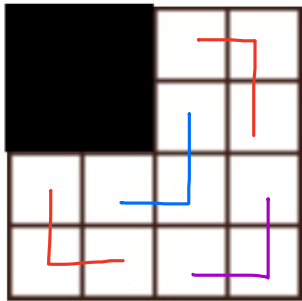
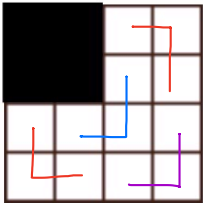
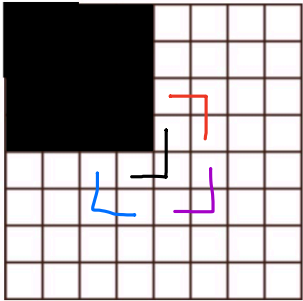
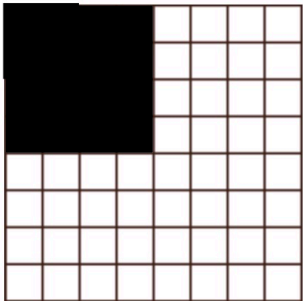
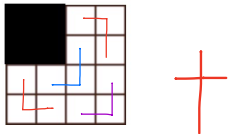
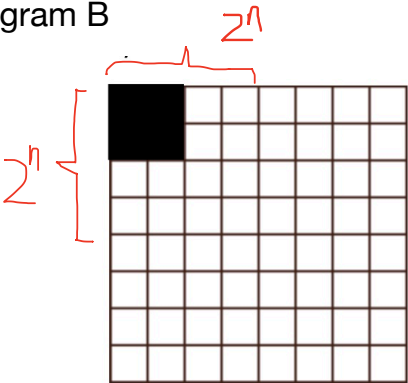


Diagram B



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## Problem II and Problem V

**II. Prove using Leaping Induction: for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the expression  $n^2 + n + 1$  is not divisible by 5.**

Using step size of 5:

**Base Cases:**

$$\begin{aligned}n = 0, \quad 0^2 + 0 + 1 &= 1, \quad \text{not divisible by 5} \\n = 1, \quad 1^2 + 1 + 1 &= 3, \quad \text{not divisible by 5} \\n = 2, \quad 2^2 + 2 + 1 &= 7, \quad \text{not divisible by 5} \\n = 3, \quad 3^2 + 3 + 1 &= 13, \quad \text{not divisible by 5} \\n = 4, \quad 4^2 + 4 + 1 &= 21, \quad \text{not divisible by 5}\end{aligned}$$

**Inductive Step:**

Assume that for  $n = k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the expression  $k^2 + k + 1$  is not divisible by 5. for  $n = k + 5$ :

$$\begin{aligned}(k + 5)^2 + (k + 5) + 1 \\&= k^2 + 10k + 25 + k + 5 + 1 \\&= (k^2 + k + 1) + 10k + 25 + 5 \\&= (k^2 + k + 1) + 5(2k + 5 + 1)\end{aligned}$$

Since  $k^2 + k + 1$  is not divisible by 5,  $(k^2 + k + 1) + 5(2k + 5 + 1)$  is also not divisible by 5.

This proves that if it holds for  $n = k$ , it holds for  $n = k + 5$ . Thus by leap induction, we proved that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , the expression  $n^2 + n + 1$  is not divisible by 5.

**V. Recursive Definition of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, \dots\}$ :**

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 2 & n = 2 \\ 3 & n = 3 \\ 4 & n = 4 \\ f(n - 4) + 5 & n > 4 \end{cases}$$

## Problem III

- (III) **Claim** In any directed graph in which every pair of vertices has a single one-way link between them, there is some route that touches all vertices. Prove this claim using strong induction.

**Proof** We will prove that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  that a directed graph with  $n$  vertices in which every pair of vertices has a single one-way link between them, there is some path that touches all vertices.

[**Base Case**] A graph with one vertex clearly has a path that touches all the vertices (just the vertex itself).

[**Induction Step**] Suppose that for all  $1 \leq n \leq k$ , any directed graph with  $n$  vertices in which every pair of vertices has a single one-way link between them has path that touches all vertices. We will show that a directed graph with  $k + 1$  vertices in which every pair of vertices has a single one-way link between them has a path that touches all vertices.

Let  $G$  be a directed graph that satisfies the criteria given above where  $|V| = k + 1$  and let  $v$  be an arbitrary vertex of  $G$ . By the construction of  $G$ , we know that for every other vertex  $u$  in  $G$ , there exists exactly one directed edge that connects  $u$  and  $v$ . Therefore, we can partition the set of vertices excluding  $v$  into two sets  $V_{\text{in}}$  and  $V_{\text{out}}$  where  $V_{\text{in}}$  contains all vertices  $u$  such that the edge  $(u, v)$  is in  $G$  and  $V_{\text{out}}$  contains all vertices  $u$  such that the edge  $(v, u)$  is in  $G$ .

Let  $G_{\text{in}}$  and  $G_{\text{out}}$  be the subgraphs of  $G$  induced by  $V_{\text{in}}$  and  $V_{\text{out}}$  respectively.

By construction of  $G$ , both of these subgraphs must both satisfy the property that every pair of vertices has a single one-way link between them.

Since  $|V| = |V_{\text{in}}| + |V_{\text{out}}| + 1$ , it follows that if one of these partitions is non-empty, then the corresponding induced subgraph will have between 1 and  $k$  vertices which means that by our induction hypothesis that there exists a path that touches all vertices.

In addition, since  $G$  must have at least 2 vertices, at least one of these graphs is guaranteed to be non-empty. Therefore we can consider three cases:

- (1)  $V_{\text{in}} = \emptyset$  and  $V_{\text{out}} \neq \emptyset$
- (2)  $V_{\text{in}} \neq \emptyset$  and  $V_{\text{out}} = \emptyset$
- (3)  $V_{\text{in}} \neq \emptyset$  and  $V_{\text{out}} \neq \emptyset$

In case (1), we know that for every vertex  $u$  not equal to  $v$ , there exists an edge  $(v, u)$ . Since  $G_{\text{out}}$  is non-empty, it has a path that touches all vertices and thus there exists a path in  $G$  starting at  $v$  that connects to the start of the path in  $G_{\text{out}}$ .

In case (2) we know that for every vertex  $u$  not equal to  $v$ , there exists an edge  $(u, v)$ . Since  $G_{\text{in}}$  is non-empty, it has a path that touches all vertices and thus there exists a path in  $G$  which is precisely the path in  $G_{\text{in}}$  with  $v$  appended.

In case (3), we know that both  $G_{\text{in}}$  and  $G_{\text{out}}$  are both non-empty, both graphs must have paths  $P_{\text{in}}$  and  $P_{\text{out}}$  such that these paths touch all vertices in their respective graphs. Therefore we can construct the path  $P_{\text{in}} \rightarrow v \rightarrow P_{\text{out}}$  which will touch all vertices in  $G$ .

Therefore, we have shown that if any directed graph with  $n$  vertices in which every pair of vertices has a single one-way link between them has path that touches all vertices for all  $1 \leq n \leq k$  then a graph with the same construction with  $k + 1$  vertices has a path that touches all vertices.

Thus we have proven our claim by strong induction. ■

## Problem IV

IV.

a)

$$T_0 = 2; T_n = T_{n-1} + 3n \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

Create a table to find out the difference:

#	0	1	2	3	4
0th	2	5	11	20	32
1st	-	3	6	9	12

for each  $n$ ,  $3n$  is added to final value. So, we can set up summation rule for 3,

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 3n = 3 \times \sum_{i=0}^n n = 3 \times \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

This will make the final values:

#	0	1	2	3	4
-	0	3	9	18	30

So simply add 2 at the end, so the final formular will be:

$$T_n = \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} + 2$$

b)

$$T_0 = 3; T_n = 2 \times T_{n-1} + n \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

Similar approach:

#	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0th	3	7	16	35	74	153	312
1st	-	4	9	19	39	79	159
2nd	-	-	5	10	20	40	80

From here, we can find out that for each  $n$ , the value grows exponentially, or, by  $5 \times 2^{n-2}$  at 2nd order difference row.

Then, to calculate 1st order row...

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-2} 5 \times 2^i = 5 \times \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} 2^i = 5 \times (2^{n-1} - 1)$$

...and +4 as a constant.

Here, since we conclude that for every  $n$ ,  $5(2^{n-1} - 1) + 4$  is added to the final value, we can set up:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n 5(2^{i-1} - 1) + 4 &= 4n + 5 \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^n 2^{i-1} - 1 \right) \\ &= 4n - 5n + 5 \times \sum_{i=0}^n 2^{i-1} = 4n - 5n + 5 \times (2^n - 1) = 5(2^n - 1) - n \end{aligned}$$

The final formula makes table:

#	0	1	2	3	4
-	0	4	13	32	71

...so don't forget to add constant 3.

$$T_n = 5(2^n - 1) - n + 3, \text{ or, } = 5 \times 2^n - n - 2$$

## Problem VI

(VI) What is contained in the following recursively defined set  $\mathcal{S}$ ?

- (1)  $3, 4 \in \mathcal{S}$
- (2)  $x, y \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow x + y \in \mathcal{S}$

Assuming minimality, we know that 3 and 4 are both in  $\mathcal{S}$ . We can clearly generate the following values using our constructor rule:

$$3 + 3 = 6 \in \mathcal{S}, \quad 3 + 4 = 7 \in \mathcal{S}, \quad 4 + 4 = 8 \in \mathcal{S}$$

Therefore, since we have three consecutive values in  $\mathcal{S}$ , we can generate all natural numbers greater than or equal to 6. A good guess for what our set  $\mathcal{S}$  should be is  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\}$  which is all the natural numbers excluding 1, 2, and 5. Here is a proof (not required for this specific problem) that these two sets are equal.

**Claim**  $\mathcal{S} = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\}$ .

**Proof** To prove that these sets are equal, we must show that  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\}$  and that  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ .

We will first show that  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\}$  by showing that  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and that  $\{1, 2, 5\} \cap \mathcal{S} = \emptyset$ .

To show that  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , we will use structural induction using the claim if  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**[Base Case]** It is clear that both  $3, 4 \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**[Induction Step]** Suppose that for some  $x, y \in \mathcal{S}$  that  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\mathbb{N}$  is closed under addition, we know that  $x + y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Therefore,  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  by structural induction. We will now show that  $\mathcal{S} \cap \{1, 2, 5\} = \emptyset$  by contradiction.

Suppose for the sake of contradiction that  $\mathcal{S} \cap \{1, 2, 5\} \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore, there exists some  $n \in \{1, 2, 5\}$  such that  $n \in \mathcal{S}$ . Since we have already shown that  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , we know that  $n = x + y$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using this knowledge, it follows that  $n \geq 2$  which means that  $n \neq 1$ . That then tells us that  $x, y \geq 2$  which means that  $n \geq 4$ . Therefore we know that 3 must be the minimum element of  $\mathcal{S}$  and thus  $n \geq 6$ . This however is a contradiction since we assumed that  $n \in \{1, 2, 5\}$  which means that  $n < 6$ .

Therefore, we have shown that  $\mathcal{S} \cap \{1, 2, 5\} = \emptyset$  by contradiction which tells us that  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\}$ .

Next, we will show that  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\}$ . We consider two cases:  $n \in \{3, 4\}$  and  $n \geq 6$ . If  $n \in \{3, 4\}$  then it is clear by our basis that  $n \in \mathcal{S}$ . Otherwise, if  $n \geq 6$ , we will show that  $n \in \mathcal{S}$  by 3-leaping induction.

**[Base Cases]** We will use three base cases of 6, 7, 8. We can represent  $6 = 3 + 3$ ,  $7 = 4 + 3$ , and  $8 = 4 + 4$  which means that by our constructor,  $6, 7, 8 \in \mathcal{S}$ .

**[Induction Step]** Suppose that for some  $n \geq 6$ ,  $n \in \mathcal{S}$ . Therefore, since  $3 \in \mathcal{S}$ , it follows that  $n + 3 \in \mathcal{S}$  by our constructor.

Therefore we have shown that if  $n \geq 6$  then  $n \in \mathcal{S}$  by 3-leaping induction. This means that  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ .

Since we have shown that  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\}$  and  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ , we have proven our claim that  $\mathcal{S} = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2, 5\}$ . ■