

**Untimed Midterm. Morally Due Feb 28, 9:00AM**  
**WARNING: THIS MIDTERM IS FOUR PAGES LONG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

1. (10 points) In this problem  $L_n$  is the linear order on  $n$  points. In this problem you may assume that,

*for all  $k$  there is a  $n$  such that DUP wins the DUP-SPOILER game with  $L = L_n$  and  $L' = \mathbf{N} + \mathbf{N}^*$  and  $k$  moves. (In class we agreed that  $n$  was roughly  $2^k$ . For this problem it does not matter what  $n$  is.)* (Recall that  $\mathbf{N}^*$  is  $\mathbf{N}$  backwards  $\dots, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0$ .

- (a) Give a strategy for Duplicator to win the DUP-SPOILER game with

$$L = \mathbf{N}$$

$$L' = \mathbf{N} + \mathbf{Z}$$

Any value of  $k$

- (b) Give a strategy for Duplicator to win the DUP-SPOILER game with

$$L = \mathbf{Z}$$

$$L' = \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}$$

Any value of  $k$ .

(You may use the last part in this part.)

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2. (20 points) In this problem you will write a program that, given  $n, m$ , outputs a formula on  $n$  variables that has *exactly*  $m$  satisfying assignments. That is an informal description which I formalize soon.

You will be outputting boolean formulas in DNF form. We illustrate the format we want with an examples.

If your formula is

$$(x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \neg x_3) \vee (\neg x_1 \wedge x_{10})$$

you output

$$(1, 2, n3)(n1, 10).$$

The *length* of a formula is the sum of the following (and we give examples from the above formula).

The number of parenthesis: 4.

The number of commas: 3.

The number of  $n$ 's: 2.

The number of occurrences of numbers: 5. This is 1,2,3,1,10. Note that we don't count the 10 as two characters.

The length of the above formula is  $4 + 3 + 2 + 5 = 14$ .

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- (a) (0 points but you need it for the next part) Write a program that will, on input  $n, m$  output one of the following:
- If  $m = 0$  then output the formula  $x \wedge \neg x$ . (Note that this has 0 satisfying assignments.)
  - If  $m \geq 2^n + 1$  then output THERE IS NO SUCH FORMULA. (Note that there really is no such formula.)
  - If  $1 \leq m \leq 2^n$  then output a DNF formula on  $n$  variables that has exactly  $m$  satisfying assignments. (There may be many, just output one of them.) Also output the formulas length.
- (b) (5 points) Run your program on (2,2), (3,3), (4,4), ... (10,10) and plot the graph of  $n$  vs. the length of what you get on input  $(n, n)$ . Hand in your data and the graph.
- (c) (0 points) Speculate what the function  $n$  goes to length of the formula for  $(n, n)$  roughly is.
- (d) (15 points) Email Emily your code. She will run it on many values so make sure that it is correct.

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3. (20 points) Let  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ .  $\text{NCU}(n)$  is the least number such that  $n$  can be written as the sum of  $\text{NCU}(n)$  cubes. Clearly  $\text{NCU}(n) \leq n$  since

$$n = 1^3 + \cdots + 1^3.$$

It is known that  $\text{NCU}(n) \leq 9$ .

In this problem you will write one programs that will, given  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , find a bound on  $\text{NCU}(n)$ .

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- (a) (0 points but you need to do this for the next part.) Write a program that will, given  $n$ , find, for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , a number  $A[i]$  such that  $i$  can be written as the sum of  $A[i]$  cubes.
- $A[0] \leftarrow 0$  (0 can be written as the sum of 0 cubes).
  - $A[1] \leftarrow 1$  (1 can be written as the sum of 1 cube).
  - For  $i \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$

$$A[i] \leftarrow 1 + \min\{A[i - j^3]: i - j^3 \geq 0\}$$

(We are speculating that if we used  $j^3$  there is  $i - j^3$  left.)

- (b) (4 points- 1 points each) Run the program on  $n = 1, 2, \dots, 1000$ .
- i. How many required 9 cubes? List them all. (23 should be one of them.)
  - ii. How many required 8 cubes? List all that are  $\leq 100$ . (50 should be one of them.)
  - iii. Write 50 as the sum of 8 cubes.
  - iv. Prove that 50 cannot be written as the sum of 7 cubes. (You may use that 23 cannot be written as the sum of 8 cubes.)
- (c) (16 points) Email your code to Emily. She will run it on many numbers so make sure it is correct