

Homework 02, MORALLY Due Feb 17

1. (40 points) For this problem FIRST write the program and make conjectures THEN look up whats true.

(a) (0 points) Write a program that does the following: For every  $1 \leq n \leq 900$ :

- Using the greedy method (Leo will tell you about that in class) determine natural numbers  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  such that  $x_1^3 + \dots + x_k^3 = n$ . Using brute force (Leo will tell you about that in class) determine natural numbers  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_L)$  such that  $x_1^3 + \dots + x_L^3 = n$  with  $L$  minimum.
- Below I have the first 9 rows of the output. We use Gr- $k$  and Br- $L$  so the table fits on the page.

$n$	Gr- $k$	Greedy- $x_i$ 's	Br- $L$	Brute- $x_i$ 's
1	1	$1 = 1^3$	1	$1 = 1^3$
2	2	$2 = 1^3 + 1$	2	$2 = 1^3 + 1^3$
3	3	$3 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$	3	$3 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$
4	4	$4 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$	4	$4 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$
5	5	$5 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$	5	$5 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$
6	6	$6 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$	6	$6 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$
7	7	$7 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$	7	$7 = 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3 + 1^3$
8	1	$8 = 2^3$	1	$8 = 2^3$
9	2	$9 = 2^3 + 1^3$	2	$9 = 2^3 + 1^3$

DO NOT hand in the program or the output.

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(b) (30 points)

- i. (15 points) Create a table that shows how many numbers  $\leq 900$  require 1 cube, 2 cubes, 3 cubes, and so on for both the Greedy and Brute Force solutions. Below is a sample table (THIS DOES NOT CONTAIN THE CORRECT ANSWER):

# of Cubes	Greedy	Brute Force
1	3	8
2	4	2
3	28	17
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

- ii. (15 points) Based on this data make conjectures of the following forms:
- A. Every  $n$  is the sum of  $\leq XXX$  cubes. Write your conjecture in quantifiers.
  - B. All but a finite number of  $n$  is the sum of  $\leq XXX$  cubes. Write your conjecture in quantifiers.
  - C. For large  $n$ , the Greedy algorithm gives the same answer as brute force for approximately XXX fraction of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . (Note that brute force gives the *correct* answer so we are wondering how often Greedy gives the correct answer.)

(c) (10 points) Look on the web and/or use AI to determine what is known and what is conjectured about these problems.

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2. (30 points) In this problem I will give a property of a domain  $\mathbb{D}$  and I want you to give me both:

- That property expressed as quantifiers.
- Either a domain  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $\mathbb{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , that has that property or the statement (without proof) that there is no such domain.

I give an EXAMPLE:

$\mathbb{D}$  has a least element

Expressed as quantifiers:  $(\exists x \in \mathbb{D})(\forall y \in \mathbb{D})[x \leq y]$ .

Domain that works:  $\mathbb{N}$  or you could write  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

- (10 points)  $\mathbb{D}$  is infinite and has both a least element and a greatest element.
- (10 points) Every element  $x \in \mathbb{D}$  has both a successor element  $y$  (so  $x < y$  and there is nothing inbetween) and also a predecessor element  $w$  (so  $w < x$  and there is nothing inbetween).
- (10 points)  $\mathbb{D}$  satisfies all the following properties
  - $\mathbb{D}$  has a least element.
  - $\mathbb{D}$  has a greatest element.
  - Every element in  $\mathbb{D}$  except the least has a predecessor.
  - Every element in  $\mathbb{D}$  except the greatest has a successor.

(So the question here is to determine if such a  $\mathbb{D}$  exists, and either give me the  $\mathbb{D}$  or state, without proof, there is no  $\mathbb{D}$ .)

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3. (30 points) In this problem the only symbols you can use are

- The usual logical ones:  $\forall, \exists, \wedge, \vee, \neg$ .
- Variables that range over the domain:  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$
- These math symbols:  $<, \leq, >, \geq, =, \neq$ .

For each of the following either give me the sentence I want OR state (without proof) that there is no such sentence.

- (a) (15 points) A sentence which is true with domain  $\mathbb{Z}$  but false with domain  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- (b) (15 points)  $(0, 1)$  is the set of all reals between 0 and 1 but not including 0 or 1.) A sentence which is true with domain  $(0, 1)$  but false with domain  $\mathbb{Q}$ . (Warning: You can't use  $(\exists x)[x^2 = \frac{1}{2}]$  since this cannot be stated just using  $<$ .)

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4. **Honors HW 2** This is graded separately as Honors HW02.

Let  $\mathbb{I}$  be the set of irrationals. As usual  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the set of rationals.

- (a) (0 points, nothing to hand in) Find someone in the class to play the DUP-SPOILER game  $(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{Q}, 5)$ .
- (b) (100 points) Determine which of the following statements is true and give an informal proof of it:
- There is a  $k$  such that SPOILER wins  $(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{Q}, k)$ . The informal proof is a value  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and a strategy for SPOILER to win  $(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{Q}, k)$ . You DO NOT have to prove that the strategy works, which is why I called it an *informal proof*. BUT the strategy has to be well enough written so that I could carry it out if asked to play the game.
  - There is no  $k$  such that SPOILER wins  $(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{Q}, k)$ . The informal proof is to give, for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , a strategy for DUP to win  $(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{Q}, k)$ . You DO NOT have to prove that the strategy works, which is why I called it an *informal proof*. BUT the strategy has to be well enough written so that I could carry it out if asked to play the game.