

Engineering 9867 Advanced Computing Concepts  
Assignment #1

Due: Tuesday, March 12 at 0900

1. [10 points] Express the following in predicate logic, using the given predicate symbols and types.

- a) [3 points] There is a smallest integer.

Predicates:  $\leq$

Types: **Integer**

$$\boxed{\exists i : \mathbf{Integer}, \forall j : \mathbf{Integer}, i \leq j}$$

- b) [3 points] The array  $\mathbf{A}[\mathbf{N}]$  is bitonic. (An array is said to be *bitonic* iff the elements are in non-decreasing order in some initial portion of the array, and in non-increasing order for the remainder. For example,  $[1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1]$  is bitonic, but  $[1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 2, 1]$  is not.)

Predicates:  $<, \leq, >, \geq$

$$\boxed{\exists i, 0 \leq i < \mathbf{N} \wedge (\forall j, 0 < j < i \rightarrow \mathbf{A}[j] \geq \mathbf{A}[j - 1]) \wedge (\forall j, i < j < \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}[j] \leq \mathbf{A}[j - 1])}$$

- c) [4 points] The definition of “ $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$ ”. (Hint: Quantify variables  $x, \epsilon$  and  $\delta$  over **Real** and relate  $|f(x) - L|$  to  $\epsilon$  and  $|x - a|$  to  $\delta$ .)

Predicates:  $<, \leq$

Types: **Real**

$$\boxed{\forall \epsilon : \mathbf{Real}, \left( \epsilon > 0 \rightarrow \exists \delta : \mathbf{Real}, \left( \delta > 0 \wedge \forall x : \mathbf{Real}, (0 < |x - a| < \delta \rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \epsilon) \right) \right)}$$

2. [10 points] A *permutation* of an array is an array containing exactly the same values in another order, i.e.,

$$\text{permutation}(a, b) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \left( \text{length}(a) = \text{length}(b) \wedge \left( \forall i, (0 \leq i < \text{length}(a)) \rightarrow \left( \text{card}(\{j \mid 0 \leq j < \text{length}(b) \wedge a[i] = b[j]\}) = \right) \right) \right)$$

Prove that the number of permutations of an array of length  $N$  is  $N!$ .

Proof by natural induction. Let  $\text{perm}(N) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=}$  the number of permutations of an array of length  $N$ .

**Base case**  $N = 1$  —  $\text{perm}(1) = 1 = N!$ .

**Induction** Inductive hypothesis:  $\text{perm}(N - 1) = (N - 1)!$

Let  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{N-2}$  denote the values in an array of length  $(N - 1)$  (in some canonical order). An array of length  $N$  contains one additional value,  $a_{N-1}$ . There are  $N$  possible positions for this in the array (i.e., at the beginning, following the first value, following the second value,  $\dots$ , at the end). For each of these positions of  $a_{N-1}$ ,  $a_0$  through  $a_{N-2}$  may be in any of their possible orders, so

$$\begin{aligned} \text{perm}(N) &= N \times \text{perm}(N - 1) \\ &= N \times (N - 1)! && \text{by I.H.} \\ &= N! \end{aligned}$$

3. [15 points] In this question you are to reason about a C++ function `int gcd(int x, int y)` which returns the greatest common divisor of the natural numbers `x` and `y`.

- a) [5 points] Give the specification for this function. You may find it helpful to recall that any common divisor,  $d$ , of natural numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , will also be a divisor of the GCD of  $x$  and  $y$ . You may use the following predicate in your specification:

$$\text{divisor}(d, x) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} (\exists q : \mathbf{int}, 0 < q \wedge x = d \times q)$$

**pre:**  $x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0$

**post:**  $\text{result} \geq 0 \wedge \text{divisor}(\text{result}, x_0) \wedge \text{divisor}(\text{result}, y_0) \wedge$

$\forall i : \mathbf{int}, i \geq 0 \rightarrow (\text{divisor}(i, x_0) \wedge \text{divisor}(i, y_0)) \rightarrow \text{divisor}(i, \text{result})$

- b) [10 points] Implement the function in C++ and add comments to your implementation to reason, as formally as possible, that it is correct. You may find it helpful to recall the property of natural numbers, that

$$\forall x, y : \mathbf{int}, (0 \leq x \wedge 0 \leq y) \rightarrow \text{gcd}(x, y) = \text{gcd}(y, x \% y)$$

```
int
gcd(int x, int y)
{
    while (y > 0) {
        // INV: gcd(x, y) = gcd(x_0, y_0)
        // VAR: y
        int z;
        // gcd(y, x % y) = gcd(x_0, y_0)
        z = x % y;
        // gcd(y, z) = gcd(x_0, y_0)
        x = y;
        // gcd(x, z) = gcd(x_0, y_0)
        y = z;
    }
    return x;
}
```

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4. [15 points] A *palindrome* is a string that is the same when read forward and backward. Some examples of palindromes are “ABBA”, “radar” and “200202202002”. In this question you are to reason about a C++ function `bool isPalindrome(const string& s)`, which returns `true` if `s` is a palindrome and `false` otherwise.

- a) [5 points] Give the specification for this function.

**pre:** `true`

**post:** `result =  $\forall i, (0 \leq i < s.size()/2 \rightarrow s[i] = s[s.size() - 1 - i])$`

- b) [10 points] Implement the function in C++ and add comments to your implementation to reason, as formally as possible, that it is correct.

```
bool
isPalindrome(const string& s)
{
    bool result = true;
    int size = s.size();
    int i = 0;

    while (result && i < size/2) {
        // INV: result = (A)j, (0 <= j < i -> s[j] == s[size-1-j])
        // VAR: size/2 - i
        result = (s[i] == s[size-1-i]);
        i++;
    }
    return result;
}
```