

**CISC 203 - Assignment 3** (Fall 2019)

Due: Thursday November 7 by **2:30 PM**

(in the locked CISC 203 drop-off box on Goodwin 2nd floor)

*One bonus mark for neatly written student information:* Papers that have your name, student number and other information written exactly as requested in the regulations (found at the end), will receive one bonus mark.

1. (3 marks) A deck of cards contains 52 cards and four of the cards are kings (of four different suits).

What is the probability that a randomly selected 5 card poker hand contains exactly two kings? (This is called a “pair of kings”: the hand should not have more than two kings.)

2. (2 marks) Roll two fair dice and let the results be  $i$  and  $j$ , respectively. Define random variables  $X_1((i, j)) = i$  and  $X_2((i, j)) = j$ , that is,  $X_1$  is the value of the first die and  $X_2$  the value of the second die. Let  $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$  and  $Y_2 = 3 \cdot X_1 - X_2$ .

Show that the random variables  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are not independent.

*Hint.* To show a negative result you should give a concrete counter-example for the condition of independence.

3. (3 marks) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables on sample space  $S$ . Recall that  $V(X)$  is the variance of  $X$ . Prove that

$$V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y)$$

*Hint.* You can assume known that for independent random variables  $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$  (Theorem 34.14 in the text).

4. (3 marks) Let  $X$  be a random variable that counts the number of heads that come up when a fair coin is tossed ten times. What is the variance of  $X$ ? Justify your answer.

*Hint.* You can use the equality from question 3.

5. (3 marks) Let  $D_n$  be the set of positive divisors of the integer  $n$  and consider the partially ordered set  $(D_n, |)$  ordered by divisibility.

Draw the Hasse diagrams for the following partially ordered sets:

- (a)  $(D_6, |)$

(b)  $(D_{12}, |)$

(c)  $(D_{18}, |)$

6. (2 marks) Let  $A = \{2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$  ( $= \mathbb{N} - \{0, 1\}$ ) be ordered by setting  $x \leq y$  if  $x$  divides  $y$  ( $x, y \in A$ ).

(a) Find all minimal elements of the infinite poset  $A$ .

(b) Find all maximal elements of the infinite poset  $A$ .

Justify your answers!

7. An alphabet is a finite set  $\Sigma$  and elements of  $\Sigma$  are called symbols. The set of strings over  $\Sigma$  (denoted  $\Sigma^*$ ) is defined inductively as follows:

Base step:  $\varepsilon \in \Sigma^*$  (where  $\varepsilon \notin \Sigma$  is the empty string containing no symbols).

Inductive step: If  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and  $b \in \Sigma$  then  $wb \in \Sigma^*$ .

The *reversal* (or mirror-image) of a string  $w$ , denoted  $w^R$ , is the string obtained from  $w$  by writing the symbols in reverse order. For example,  $(abcd)^R = dcba$  (where  $a, b, c, d$  are individual alphabet symbols).

The concatenation of strings  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , denoted  $w_1 \cdot w_2$ , is the string obtained by appending symbols of  $w_2$  after the last symbol of  $w_1$ . Note that  $w_1 \cdot \varepsilon = w_1$  and  $\varepsilon^R = \varepsilon$  (where  $\varepsilon$  is the empty string).

(a) (1 mark) Give an inductive definition of the reversal of a string.

*Hint.* First define the reversal of the empty string. For the inductive step should consider a string of the form  $w = xb$ , where  $x \in \Sigma^*$  and  $b \in \Sigma$  and define  $w^R$  in terms of  $x^R$  and  $b$ .

(b) (3 marks) Using structural induction prove that for all strings  $x, y$ ,

$$(x \cdot y)^R = y^R \cdot x^R \tag{1}$$

The proof should be based on the inductive definition of strings given in the statement of the question. As part of the proof you can assume known that string concatenation is associative, that is,  $(wu)v = w(uv)$  for all strings  $w, u, v$ .

*Hint.* The inductive step can be done on the “second string  $y$ ”. That is, as the inductive assumption  $C(y)$  you can state that (1) holds for string  $y$  (and all strings  $x$ ), and then show that  $C(yb)$  must hold where  $b \in \Sigma$ .

## Regulations on assignments

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<http://research.cs.queensu.ca/home/cisc203/index.html>
- At the top of the first page of the assignment, type or write in clear capital letters the following information on four different lines and in the order listed below:
  - CISC-203 ASSIGNMENT X (where  $X \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  is the number of the current assignment)
  - LAST-NAME, FIRST-NAME (your name as it appears on solus, e.g., “SMITH, NANCY”)
  - your student number (e.g., “1234 4321”)
  - your signature (the signature need not be easily readable)
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The assignment is worth 20 marks. Papers that receive the bonus mark, may get more than 20 marks. For the bonus mark there is no partial credit for incomplete information or unclear handwriting.
- The assignment should be put into the locked CISC 203 drop-off box on the 2nd floor of Goodwin hall by the due date. The assignments must be submitted in hardcopy. Assignments sent by email are not accepted.
- If the submission consists of more than one page, the pages must be stapled together.
- *Note:* You are asked to write your solutions using non-erasable pen (or to type the solutions). Solutions written in pencil or erasable ink will be marked, but they will not be considered for remarking after the assignments are returned.