

# Math 150: Discrete Mathematics

Midterm 2

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- MTH150A students, if you wish the exam returned in a class, please mark that instructor in addition to the MTH150A box.
- You have 75 minutes to work on this exam.
- You are responsible for checking that this exam has all 14 pages.
- No calculators, phones, electronic devices, books, notes are allowed during the exam.
- Show all work and justify all answers. You may not receive full credit for a correct answer if insufficient work is shown or insufficient justification is given.
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## Pledge of Honesty

I affirm that I will not give or receive any unauthorized help on this exam, and that all work will be my own.

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QUESTION	VALUE	SCORE
1	15	
2	20	
3	15	
4	15	
5	15	
6	20	
TOTAL	100	

**1. (15 points)**

(a) Consider the number 407, written in base 10.

(i) Write 99 in base 2.

(ii) Write 7798 in hexadecimal.

(iii) Write 3 in base 7.

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(d) Find  $(2AE01)_{16} + (AA1)_{16}$ , giving your answer in base 16.

(e) Find  $(222)_3 \times (27)_9$ , giving your answer in base 3 or base 9.

**2. (20 points)**

Find  $x$  such that  $0 \leq x < 450$  and

$$x \equiv 0 \pmod{2},$$

$$x \equiv 24 \pmod{25},$$

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{9}.$$

**3. (15 points)**

- (a) Let  $n$  be any positive integer. Prove that one can tile a  $10^n \times 4^n$  chess board with exactly one of the four corner tiles removed (could be any of the four) only using the right triominos. [*Hint: There should be four base cases.*]

- (b) Prove that you can make any stamp amount of 30 cents or above using only 6 cents and 7 cent stamps.

**4. (15 points)**

(a) What is  $43 \bmod 21$ ?

(b) Find  $43^{230} \bmod 21$ .

(c) Find  $x$  such that  $0 \leq x < 13$  such that  $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{13}$ .



(d) Show that if  $\gcd(x, p) = 1$  then there is an integer  $y$  such that  $xy \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

**5. (15 points)**

(a) Define what it means for  $f(x)$  to be  $\Theta(g(x))$ . Your answers should feature four constants  $C_1, C_2$  and  $k_1, k_2$ .

(b) Show that  $x^2 - 6x + 7$  is  $\Omega(x)$ , please note the values you use for  $C$  and  $k$ .

(c) Show that  $x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x - 8$  is  $O(x^3)$ .

(d) Show  $\log_2(x)$  is  $\Theta(\log_{10}(x))$ .

(e) Show that  $x$  is not  $\Omega(x \log(x))$ .

**6. (20 points)**

For this question you may assume the fundamental theorem of arithmetic:

**Theorem** (Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, FTA)

Every integer greater than 1 can be written uniquely as the product of primes (up to the reordering of the primes in the product).

(a) Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two integers. Define both the greatest common divisor (gcd) of  $a$  and  $b$ .

(b) Write the  $\gcd(a, b)$  in terms of the primes which divide  $a$  or  $b$ . [*Hint: First write out that  $a = p_1 \cdots p_n$ ,  $b = q_1 \cdots q_m$  where  $p_i, q_j$  are primes.*]

(c) Show that if  $p$  is a number such that

$$\text{If } p \mid ab \text{ then } p \mid a \text{ or } p \mid b,$$

then  $p$  must be prime. [*Hint: Prove the contrapositive i.e. start with  $p$  being not prime and show that it cannot satisfy the condition. It will be useful to remember how to negate a logical or.*]

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