



**1. TRUE or FALSE — First Round (8 points, 1 point for each part)**

For any proposition  $P, Q, R$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , determine whether the following statements are true or false. Just circle the correct choice. No explanation is required. No partial credit will be given.

$$T \quad F \quad (P \implies Q) \implies (Q \implies P).$$

$$T \quad F \quad (P \vee \neg P).$$

$$T \quad F \quad \neg(P \wedge Q) \iff (\neg P \vee \neg Q).$$

$$T \quad F \quad ((P \implies Q) \wedge (Q \implies R)) \implies (P \implies R).$$

$$T \quad F \quad \neg(\forall x P) \iff \exists x (\neg P).$$

$$T \quad F \quad \forall y \exists x P \implies \exists x \forall y P.$$

$$T \quad F \quad \text{“}(x = 0 \vee y = 0) \text{ is true” means there exists exactly one of } x \text{ and } y \text{ being } 0.$$

$$T \quad F \quad \text{In } \mathbb{R}, 2015 \text{ points can determine a unique polynomial of degree } 2014.$$

**2. Counting Minions and Bananas (6 points, 3 points for each part)**

For the following two parts, just write down your answers. You do not need to calculate the exact value of  $\binom{a}{b}$  or  $a!$ . No explanation is required. No partial credit will be given.

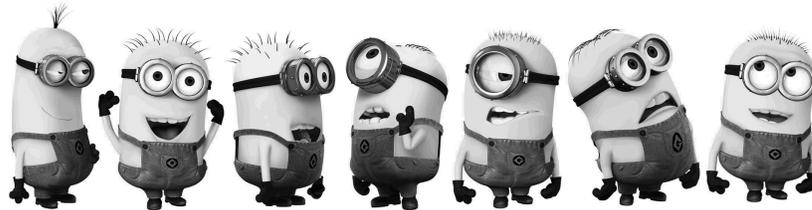


Figure 1: They are Kevin, Bob, Stuart, ... [<http://scifi.stackexchange.com/>].

(a) There are 7 different minions in the figure. Three of them are going to form a team and find their new master. How many different ways to form the team, where one member has exactly one eye and the other two members have two eyes?

(b) How many different anagrams of BANANA are there?

**3. Conceptual Questions (10 points, 1/1/2/3/3 points for each part)**

- (a) Kevin and Bob decide to apply the RSA cryptography so that Kevin can send a secret message to Bob. There are several important variables,  $p, q, N, e, d$ , defined in the RSA cryptography. Which of them are public? (No explanation is required. No partial credit will be given.)
- (b) Following Part (a), let's switch to private variables. Are those private variables kept by Kevin only, Bob only, or both Kevin and Bob? (No explanation is required. No partial credit will be given.)
- (c) Explain why it is difficult for an attacker to break the RSA cryptography. (We are expecting only one sentence.)
- (d) Explain why the two primes in RSA must be different. (We are expecting two reasons.)
- (e) Explain why  $p$  must be prime in the polynomial secret sharing with mod  $p$ . (We are expecting two reasons.)

**4. Stable Marriage (8 points, 3/5 points for each part)**

(a) Is the pairing  $\{(1,A),(2,B),(3,C)\}$  stable for the following case? Why?

Men	Preference Lists	Women	Preference Lists
1	C > A > B	A	2 > 1 > 3
2	B > C > A	B	3 > 1 > 2
3	B > C > A	C	3 > 2 > 1

(b) Find a stable pairing for the following case.

Men	Preference Lists	Women	Preference Lists
1	D > B > A > C	A	1 > 4 > 2 > 3
2	A > D > B > C	B	4 > 3 > 2 > 1
3	D > C > B > A	C	1 > 3 > 2 > 4
4	D > A > B > C	D	3 > 1 > 2 > 4

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**5. Minions Using RSA (8 points, 5/3 points for each part)**

Kevin and Bob decide to apply the RSA cryptography so that Kevin can send a secret message to Bob.

(a) Assuming  $p = 3$ ,  $q = 11$ , and  $e = 7$ , what is  $d$ ? Calculate the exact value.

(b) Following Part (a), what is the original message if Bob receives 4? Calculate the exact value.

**6. Minions Using Error Correction Codes (10 points, 5 points for each part)**

- (a) Kevin wants to send a message of 4 packets to Stuart and guard against 1 lost packet. Working over  $GF(7)$ , he finds the unique polynomial  $P(x)$  that passes through the points he wants to send, and sends Stuart 5 packets:  $(0, P(0))$ ,  $(1, P(1))$ ,  $(2, P(2))$ ,  $(3, P(3))$ ,  $(4, P(4))$ . Stuart receives the following packets:  $(0, 3)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(4, 0)$ . What is the value of the missing packet? Calculate the exact value.

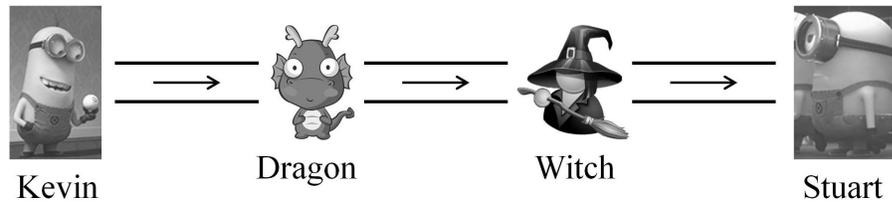


Figure 2: Minions using error correction codes [[http://despicableme.wikia.com/wiki/Despicable\\_Me\\_Wiki](http://despicableme.wikia.com/wiki/Despicable_Me_Wiki)].

- (b) Kevin wants to send a message of 60 ordered packets to Stuart. Those packets will first go through a hungry dragon who will eat at most  $\frac{1}{5}$  of all packets (do not ask why the dragon loves eating packets). The remaining packets will then go through a powerful but malicious witch who will change the data of at most  $\frac{1}{8}$  of all packets. Given this scenario, how many packets should Kevin send so that Stuart can recover the message?

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**7. TRUE or FALSE — Second Round (40 points, 10 points for each part)**

For any of the following statements, claim TRUE or FALSE first. If you claim TRUE, prove it. If you claim FALSE, disprove it (*e.g.*, provide a counterexample).

(a)  $a$  is an odd number if and only if  $a^2$  is an odd number.

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(b) If

$$a_0 = 0;$$

$$a_1 = 1;$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} + 2 \text{ for any integer } n \geq 2,$$

then  $a_n = 2^n - 1$  for any integer  $n \geq 0$ .

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(c) For all integers  $a, b, c$  where  $c > 0$ , if  $a$  has no multiplicative inverse mod  $c$ , then  $ax \equiv b \pmod{c}$  has no solution.

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(d) Given  $n$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) integers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  and a prime  $p$ ,

$$(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)^p \equiv x_1^p + x_2^p + \dots + x_n^p \pmod{p}.$$

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**8. Simple But Not Easy (10 points)**

Prove that, for any positive integer  $n$ ,  $(3 + \sqrt{5})^n + (3 - \sqrt{5})^n$  is divisible by  $2^n$ .

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**9. TRUE or FALSE — Ultimate and Bonus Round (15 bonus points)**

For the following statement, claim TRUE or FALSE first. If you claim TRUE, prove it. If you claim FALSE, disprove it.

For any preference lists of 3 men and 3 women, it is impossible to have 5 or more stable pairings in the stable marriage problem.

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