
CS 131 – SPRING 2017 – LAB 7

Question 1 A vending machine dispensing books of stamps accepts only one-dollar coins, \$1 bills, and \$5 bills.

- a) Find a recurrence relation for the number of ways to deposit n dollars in the vending machine, where the order in which the coins and bills are deposited matters.
- b) What are the initial conditions?
- c) How many ways are there to deposit \$10 for a book of stamps?

Question 2

- a) Find a recurrence relation for the number of bit strings of length n that contain two consecutive 0's.
- b) What are the initial conditions?
- c) How many bit strings of length seven contain two consecutive 0's?

Question 3 Let $T(n) = 1 + T(\frac{n}{2})$ and $T(1) = 0$. Find a closed-form solution for $T(n)$ when n is a power of 2 and prove that it is correct.

Question 4 Let $T(n) = 3T(n-1) + 4$ and $T(0) = 5$. Find a closed-form solution for $T(n)$ and prove that it is correct.

Hint: Remember that $\sum_{j=0}^n ar^j = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r-1}$.