

**Electrical and Computer Engineering
BREADTH EXAM**

Problem 1 Engineering Mathematics P1: Discrete Math

1. Consider the following Boolean function:

$$f(w, x, y, z) = wxyz + wxyz' + wx'yz + wx'yz' + wxy'z + wx'y'z$$

- (a) Minimize f . (You may use any method but show your work.)
- (b) What is the minimum number of inputs required to implement f ?
Explain.
- (c) Draw the schematic diagram (logic gates) that implements the minimized f .

2. The first Biologically-Inspired NOT gate was implemented with 40 cells per Petri plate in 2020. The number of cells per plate has grown on average 10% every year.

- (a) Write the recurrence relation with the initial condition(s).
- (b) Find the closed form. Show your work and be sure to justify your answer.
- (c) How many cells will there be in the year 2030?

3. For each of the following functions, use order analysis (big-O) notation to identify a reasonable upper bound.

- (a) $f_0(n) = 3n^4 + \log_3 n$
- (b) $f_1(n) = 3n^2 + 3n^3$
- (c) $f_2(n) = 3n^2 + 3n + n$
- (d) $f_3(n) = n(3 + \log_2 n)$

4. For each of the following functions, use order analysis (big-O) notation to identify a reasonable upper bound *and* provide a C and n_0 that justifies your answer.

- $f_4(n) = 3n + 30$
- $f_5(n) = (n + 1)(2n + 2)$
- $f_6(n) = n! + 1$

5. Place function f_4 through f_6 in the order of their growth rate. (I.e., list the highest upper bound to lowest upper bound.)