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## Exercise 5

[2] Let  $Y := \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 600\}$ . Use the inclusion-exclusion principle to find the number of positive integers  $Y$  that are not divisible by 3, 5 or 7.

[3] Use the principle of induction to show that for all natural numbers  $n$ ,

$$4 \sum_{i=1}^n i(i+2)(i+4) = n(n+1)(n+4)(n+5)$$

[7] Use the laws of set theory to show for arbitrary sets  $A, B, C$  that:

a) If  $(A \cup B) \subseteq (A \cap B)$  then  $A = B$ .

b)  $\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$ .

c)  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

## Section 4.1

[8] Prove each of the following for all  $n \geq 1$  by the Principle of Mathematical induction

a)  $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$

b)  $1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 5 + \dots + n(n+2) = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+7)}{6}$

c)  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$

[12] a) Prove that  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^2 = \cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta$  where  $i \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $i^2 = -1$ .

b) Using induction, prove that for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta,$$

c) Verify that  $1 + i = \sqrt{2}(\cos 45^\circ + i \sin 45^\circ)$ , and compute  $(1 + i)^{100}$ .

16 a) For  $n = 3$  let  $X_3 = 1, 2, 3$ . Now consider the sum

$$s_3 = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = \sum_{\emptyset \neq A \subseteq X_3} \frac{1}{p_A}$$

where  $p_A$  denotes the product of all elements in a non-empty subset  $A$  of  $X_3$ . Note that the sum is taken over all the non-empty subsets of  $X_3$ . Evaluate this sum

b) Repeat the calculation in ?? a) for  $s_2$  and  $s_4$ .

c) Conjecture a general result suggested by the calculations from ?? a)?? b). Prove your conjecture using the Principle of Mathematical induction.

17 For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . We define the  $n$ 'th harmonic number  $H_n$  as the sum of the first  $n$  reciprocals (of the natural integers),  $H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n 1/i$ .

a) For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  prove that  $1 + \frac{n}{2} \leq H_{2^n}$ .

b) Prove that for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n jH_j = \left\lfloor \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right\rfloor H_{n+1} - \left\lfloor \frac{n(n+1)}{4} \right\rfloor$$