

Due by: Nov 21, 2020

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**Instructions.**

- Solutions should be mandatorily LaTeXed using the template shared and submitted through GradeScope before time. Mention Group Numbers and member names in solutions (refer template instructions).
  - Clearly express solutions avoiding unnecessary details. Everything discussed in class is not required to be proved again. And anything non-trivial must be proved.
  - Write the solutions on your own. Acknowledge the source wherever required. Keep in my mind department's [Anti-Cheating Policy](#).
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1. (a) Find the generating function for the following recurrence relation.

$$f(n+1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n+1 = 0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^n f(i)f(n-i) & \text{if } n \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- (b) Using the generating function and generalised binomial theorem for  $\sqrt{1+y}$ , find a closed form for  $f(n)$ .

2. Define  $n$ -variate polynomials  $P_d$  and  $Q_d$  as:

$$P_d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{\substack{J \subseteq [1, n] \\ |J|=d}} \prod_{r \in J} x_r$$

$$Q_d(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \leq d \\ i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_n = d}} \prod_{r=1}^n x_r^{i_r},$$

and  $P_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 1 = Q_0(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . Show that for any  $d > 0$ :

$$\sum_{m=0}^d (-1)^m P_m(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) Q_{d-m}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0.$$

3. (a) Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $N$  be a natural number. Using pigeon-hole principle, show that there exists integers  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $1 \leq q \leq N$  and

$$|q\alpha - p| \leq \frac{1}{N}$$

- (b) Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $N$  be a natural number. Using pigeon-hole principle, show that there exists integers  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, q$  such that  $1 \leq q \leq N^n$  and for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$|\alpha_i - \frac{p_i}{q}| \leq \frac{1}{q^{1+1/n}}$$

4. Give a proof for Ramsey's theorem for general case.
5. Consider the set  $S_n = \{f \mid f : [n] \rightarrow [n] \text{ and } f \text{ is a bijection}\}$  which contains all bijective mapping from  $[n]$  to  $[n]$  where  $[n] = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . In other words, any  $f \in S_n$  simply permutes the elements in  $[n]$ .

- (a) A mapping  $f \in S_n$  is called a **transposition** if there exists  $(i, j)$  such that  $0 \leq i \neq j \leq n$  and

$$f(k) = \begin{cases} j & \text{if } k = i \\ i & \text{if } k = j \\ k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Show that any  $g \in S_n$  can be written as a finite product  $f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_m$  where each  $f_i$  is a transposition in  $S_n$ .

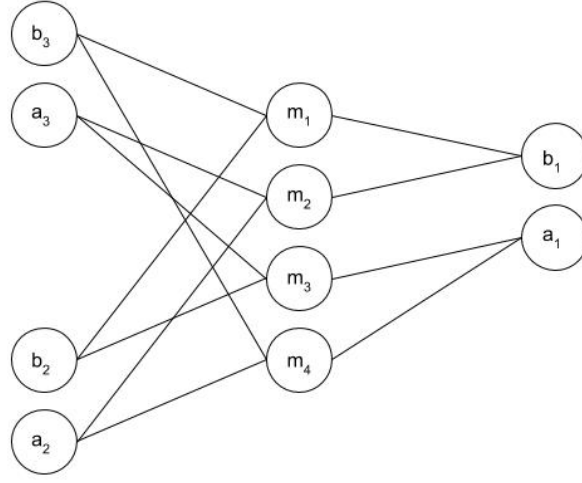
- (b) The **parity** of a function  $f$  in  $S_n$  denoted by  $N(f)$  is defined as the number of pairs  $(i, j)$  such that  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$  and  $f(i) > f(j)$ . Show that

$$N(f) \equiv m \pmod{2}$$

where  $f = g_1 \circ g_2 \circ \dots \circ g_m$  and each  $g_i$  is a transposition in  $S_n$ .

6. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph where  $V$  is the vertex set and  $E$  is the edge set. A

bijjective mapping  $f : V \rightarrow V$  is an **automorphism** if it has the property that  $(u, v) \in E \iff (f(u), f(v)) \in E$ . Consider the following graph.



Let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ ,  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3\}$ ,  $M = \{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4\}$ . Then, the vertex set of the above graph is  $V = A \cup B \cup M$ . Consider a bijective mapping  $g : A \cup B \rightarrow A \cup B$  such that  $g(a_i) \in \{a_i, b_i\}$  and  $g(b_i) \in \{a_i, b_i\}$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , i.e.,  $g$  maps the ordered pair  $[a_i, b_i]$  to either  $[a_i, b_i]$  (no swap) or  $[b_i, a_i]$  (swap).

Show that  $g$  can be extended to an automorphism  $f$  for the above graph if and only if the number of swaps performed by  $g$  is even.