

Due by: Oct 12, 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 **partition** of  $n$  objects is a collection of its mutually disjoint subsets, called blocks, whose union gives the whole set. Let  $S(n; k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n)$  denote the number of all partitions of  $n$  objects with  $k_i$   $i$ -element blocks (i.e.,  $k_1 + 2k_2 + \dots + nk_n = n$ ). In other words,

$k_i$  = the number of  $i$ -element blocks in a partition

Show that 
$$S(n; k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) = \frac{n!}{k_1!k_2! \dots k_n! (1!)^{k_1} (2!)^{k_2} \dots (n!)^{k_n}}.$$

2. Show that for every  $k$ , the product of any  $k$  consecutive natural numbers is divisible by  $k!$ .
3. Show that the number of pairs  $(A, B)$  of distinct subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  with  $A \subset B$  is  $3^n - 2^n$ .

4. There is a set of  $2n$  people ( $n$  males and  $n$  females). A good party is a set with the same number of males and females. How many ways are there to build such a good party?

5. (a) Show that the number of integer solution to the equation

$$x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = k$$

under the condition that  $x_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$  is  $\binom{n+k-1}{k}$ .

(b) Let  $n$  and  $k \geq l$  be positive integers. How many different integer solutions are there to the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = k$  such that  $0 \leq x_i < l$  for all  $i$ .