

2301 COL 202 Tutorial 8.4

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TOTAL POINTS

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QUESTION 1

1 Problem for group 4 **2 / 2**

✓ - **0 pts** Correct

- **2 pts** Incorrect

- **1 pts** Partly correct

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Tut 8 Problem 4

$$(a) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}$$

Combinatorial logic:

Let there be $2n$ objects kept in 2 boxes (n objects in each box) and we are to select n out of these $2n$ objects $\left\{ \binom{2n}{n} \text{ ways} \right\}$ which is equivalent to choose k objects from one box and $n-k$ from other, where $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$.

$$\therefore \binom{2n}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$$\text{but- } \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$$\boxed{\binom{2n}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2}$$

Algebraic Proof:

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \underbrace{[x^n] (1+x)^{2n}}_{\text{coefficient of } x^n \text{ in } (1+x)^{2n}}$$

$$= [x^n] (1+x)^n \cdot (1+x)^n$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \left([x^k] (1+x)^n \right) \left([x^{n-k}] (1+x)^n \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2$$

(b)

$$c_n = n^2$$

consider a generating function $A(x)$.

$$A(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$B(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$M(x) = x B(x) = x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 4x^4 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow M'(x) = 1 + 2^2x + 3^2x^2 + 4^2x^3 + \dots$$

$$= B(x) + xB'(x)$$

$$C(x) = x M'(x)$$

$$= xB(x) + x^2 B'(x)$$

$$C(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} + x^2 \cdot \frac{2}{(1-x)^3}$$

$c_n = n^2$ has generating function $C(x)$

$$C(x) = \sum k^2 \cdot x^k$$

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