

1. [Marks 10]

Fill-in the missing numbers in the following row in Pascal's triangle,

1 7 21 35 35 21 7 1

2. [Marks 10]

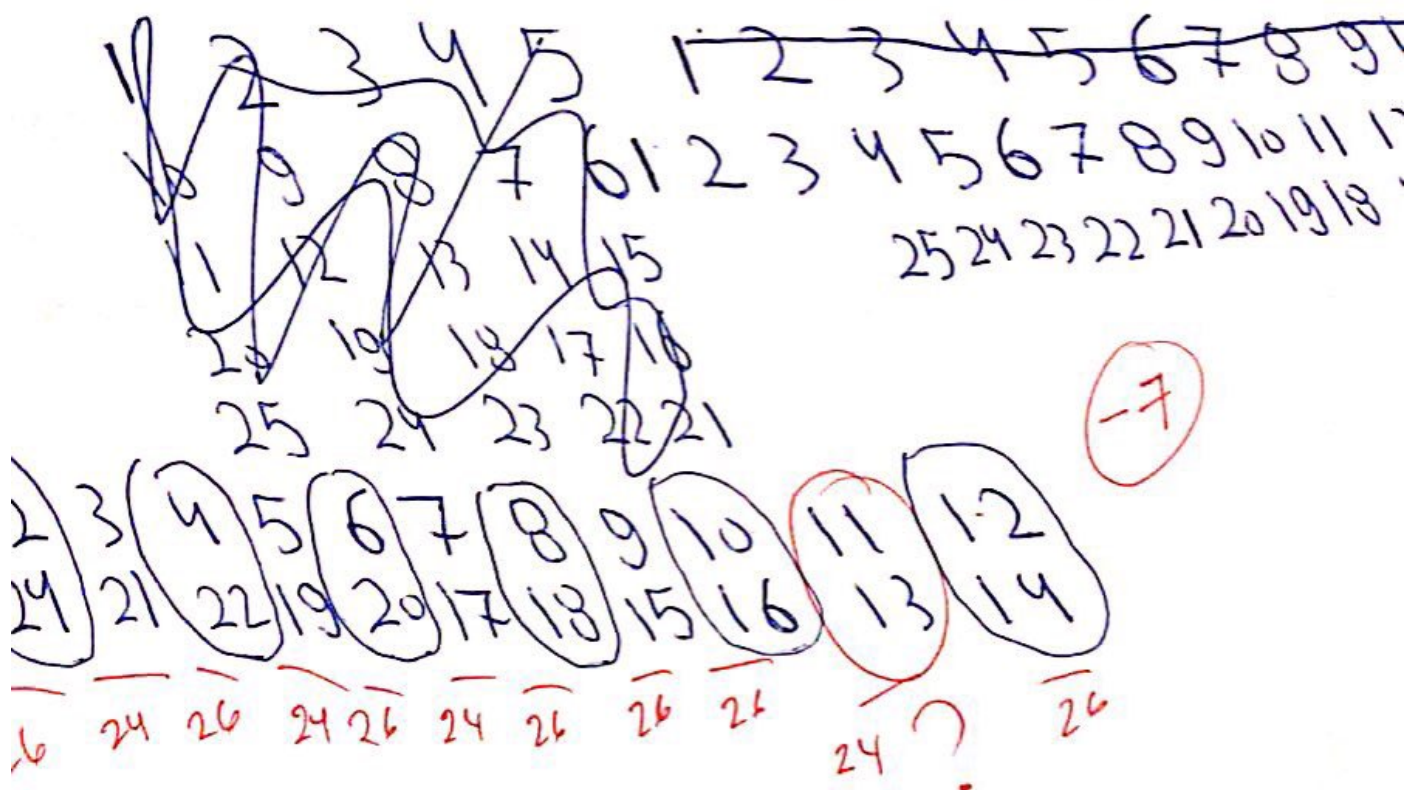
How many distinct words can you make by re-arranging the letters in the word "ABBAS".

ANSWER

cancel

3. [Marks 15]

Show that if any 14 integers are selected from the set $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 25\}$, there are at least two integers whose sum is 26. HINT: Use pigeonhole principle. Explain.



4. [Marks 15]

Compute $25^{666} \bmod 61$. Show all the steps.

ANSWER

$$25^{60} = 1 \bmod 61 \Rightarrow (25^{60})^{10} = 25^{600} = 1 \bmod 61$$

$$25^{666} = \underbrace{25^{600}}_{1} \cdot 25^{66} \bmod 61$$

$$25^{32} = 25^2 \bmod 61 = 15$$

$$25^{64} = 15^2 \bmod 61 = 42$$

$$25^{66} = (42 \times 15) \bmod 61 = 20$$

$$25 = 25 \bmod 61 = 25$$

$$25^2 = 625 \bmod 61 = 15$$

$$25^4 = 225 \bmod 61 = 42$$

$$25^8 = 1764 \bmod 61 = 56$$

$$25^{16} = 56^2 \bmod 61 = 25$$

5. [Marks 15]

Use induction to show that $2^n < n!$ for all $n \geq 4$.

Base case ($n=4$) let $P(n)$

$$\text{RHS } 2^4 = 16; \text{ LHS } 4! = 24$$

$16 < 24$ The base case is true

Inductive case Assume base case is true for some n we show that for next N

let $P(n+1)$

$$\text{RHS} = 2^{n+1} \Rightarrow 2^n \cdot 2; \text{ LHS } (n+1)!$$

from base case $2^n < n!$ and because that

$$2^n \cdot 2 < (n+1)!$$

inductive is true and that what we need

5. [Marks 10]

If p, q are two different primes, show that if $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$ and $a \equiv b \pmod{q}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{pq}$.

$$a \equiv b \pmod{p} \Rightarrow p \mid a-b \Rightarrow a-b = px$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{q} \Rightarrow q \mid a-b \Rightarrow a-b = qy$$

So we have $px = qy$ for some ints x, y

Now

$$\begin{aligned} p \mid qy \\ \text{but } p \nmid q \\ \Rightarrow p \mid y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q \mid px \\ \text{but } q \nmid p \\ \Rightarrow q \mid x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } p \mid y \Rightarrow y = pz \text{ for some int } z.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } a-b = qy = pqz &\Rightarrow pq \mid a-b \\ \text{or } a &\equiv b \pmod{pq} \end{aligned}$$

6. [Marks 10]

Suppose x is rational, and y is irrational. Use proof by contradiction to show that $x+y$ is irrational. \downarrow let $x = a/b$ a, b integers

Assume $x+y$ is rational.

$$\text{So, let } x+y = c/d \Rightarrow c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{then } y = \frac{c}{d} - x$$

$$= \frac{c}{d} - \frac{a}{b} = \frac{bc - ad}{bd} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{integer} \\ \text{integer} \end{array}$$

that is y is rational, a contradiction.

6. [Marks 15]

Find the coefficient of x^{10} in the expansion of $(2 + 3x^2)^{15}$.

ANSWER

$$(2 + 3x^2)^{15} = \sum_{k=0}^{15} \binom{15}{k} a^k \cdot b^{n-k}$$

$$2^k \cdot (3x^2)^{n-k} \Rightarrow 3^{n-k} \cdot (x^2)^{n-k} \Rightarrow x^{2n-2k}$$

$$30-2k$$

$$30-2k = 10 \Rightarrow k = 10$$

~~$$k = \frac{30-10}{2} = 10$$~~

~~we can't because it has to be an integer~~

$$x^{10} = \binom{15}{10} 2^{10} \cdot 3^5$$

7. [Marks 20=6+7+7]

How many bit strings of length 8 contains (no need to calculate):

a. Exactly 3 zeros.

ANSWER

$$P(n, r) \Rightarrow \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \cancel{P(8, 3)}$$

$$= \frac{8!}{3!(8-3)!} = 56$$

b. Exactly 3 zeros where one of the zeros must be at the rightmost bit.

ANSWER

$$\frac{P(n, r)}{P(8, 3)} = \frac{8!}{(8-3)!} = 336 \quad \times$$

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c. Odd number of zeros.

ANSWER

$$\cancel{P(8, 1)}$$

$$\cancel{P(8, 3)}$$

$$\frac{8!}{1!(8-1)!}$$

$$+ \frac{8!}{3!(8-3)!}$$

$$+ \frac{8!}{5!(8-5)!} + \frac{8!}{7!(8-7)!}$$