

# Discrete Mathematics - Solutions

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## 1 Set 1: Fundamentals

### Exercise 1.1

*(Regions formed by  $n$  lines on a plane)*

### Exercise 1.2

*(Fibonacci sequence properties)*

(i) *Sum of first  $n+1$  Fibonacci numbers*

(ii) *Divisibility property*

(iii) *Upper bound*

### Exercise 1.3

*(Tournament graph property - two-step reachability)*

### Exercise 1.4

*(Hamiltonian path in tournaments)*

**Exercise 1.5***(Virus spread on chessboard)***Exercise 1.6***(Equal number of acquaintances)***Exercise 1.7***(Ambassadors and flags problem)***Exercise 1.8***(Subsequence with sum divisible by  $n$ )***Exercise 1.9***(Subset containment in large families)***Exercise 1.10***(Element in at least half of large subsets)***Exercise 1.11***(Covering chessboard with  $2 \times 2$  and  $3 \times 3$  tiles)***Exercise 1.12***(Covering  $2 \times 2$  chessboard with L-shaped tiles)*

## 2 Set 2: Binomial Coefficients and Counting

### Exercise 2.1

*(Non-attacking rooks on  $n \times n$  chessboard)*

### Exercise 2.2

*(Non-attacking rooks on  $n \times m$  chessboard)*

### Exercise 2.3

*(Recurrence relations)*

(i) *Words without consecutive 1s*

(ii) *Domino tilings of  $2 \times n$  rectangle*

### Exercise 2.4

*(Solutions to equation  $x+x+x+x=7$ )*

(i) *Non-negative integer solutions*

(ii) *Positive integer solutions*

### Exercise 2.5

*(Ways to cut out  $k \times k$  squares from  $m \times n$  chocolate)*

### Exercise 2.6

*(Summation rule for upper index)*

**Exercise 2.7**

*(Parallel summation rule)*

**Exercise 2.8**

*(Monotonic functions count)*

**Exercise 2.9**

*( $k$ -element subsets without adjacent numbers)*

**Exercise 2.10**

*(Combinatorial identity proof)*

**Exercise 2.11**

*(Multiple combinatorial identities)*

(a) First identity

(b) Second identity

(c) Third identity

### **3 Set 3: Stirling Numbers and Catalan Numbers**

**Exercise 3.1**

*(Unimodality of Stirling numbers of the second kind)*

**Exercise 3.2**

*(Bell number recurrence relation)*

**Exercise 3.3**

*(Stirling numbers identity)*

**Exercise 3.4**

*(Numerical procedure and Bell numbers)*

**Exercise 3.5**

*(Partitions without adjacent numbers)*

**Exercise 3.6**

*(Binary trees and Catalan numbers)*

**Exercise 3.7**

*(Triangulations of a convex polygon)*

- (i) Total triangulations
  
- (ii) Triangulations with boundary edges

**Exercise 3.8**

*(Labeled trees count)*

## 4 Set 4: Stirling Numbers and Bell Numbers

### Exercise 4.1

*(Calculate  $S(n,2)$ )*

### Exercise 4.2

*(Permutations by cycle structure)*

### Exercise 4.3

*(Combinatorial identity for Stirling numbers)*

### Exercise 4.4

*(Multinomial coefficient value)*

### Exercise 4.5

*(Harmonic number sum identity)*

### Exercise 4.6

*(Falling and rising factorial identities)*

## 5 Set 5: Inclusion-Exclusion Principle and Counting

### Exercise 5.1

*(Prove inclusion-exclusion principle by induction)*

**Exercise 5.2***(Count of surjections)***Exercise 5.3***(Sequences with each number appearing twice without adjacency)***Exercise 5.4***(Derangement recurrence relation)***Exercise 5.5***(Combinatorial representations)***Exercise 5.6***(Partition procedures)*