

1. Which of the following is a combinatorial class? Give reasons.

(a) $\mathcal{S} = \text{SEQ}(\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\})$, where $\text{SIZE}((s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k)) = \sum_{i=1}^k s_i$.

(b) $\mathcal{T} = \text{SEQ}(\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\})$, where $\text{SIZE}((s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k)) = k$.

(c) $\mathcal{U} = \text{SEQ}(\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\})$, where $\text{SIZE}((s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k)) = k + \sum_{i=1}^k s_i$.

2. Suppose that the OGF of a combinatorial set \mathcal{G} is

$$G(z) = \frac{1 + 3z}{1 - 6z + 9z^2}$$

Find G_n , for all $n \geq 0$.

3. Find the coefficient

$$[z^3](1 - 8z)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

4. Suppose that the ordinary generating function of combinatorial class \mathcal{C} is $C(z) = \frac{7z + 1}{1 - z - 6z^2}$.

Find the number C_n of objects having size n .

5. Let \mathcal{W} be the set of binary words where every nonempty block of 1s has length 2, 3, or 5.

(a) Describe the class \mathcal{W} with a regular expression, using the symbols 0, 1, +, $(\cdot)^*$, ϵ .

(b) Find the ordinary generating function $W(z)$.

(c) Using a computer, we find the factorization

$$1 - z - z^3 - z^4 - z^6 = (1 - az)(1 - bz)(1 - cz)(1 - dz)(1 - ez)$$

6. Let $\mathcal{H} = \text{SEQ}(\{0, 1, 2\})$ the class of ternary sequences with $\text{SIZE}((h_1, h_2, \dots, h_k)) = k$.

(a) Find the OGF $H(z)$.

(b) Use $H(z)$ to find a formula for H_n .

7. For $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, find the coefficient of z^n in the series expansion of $\frac{1 + 5z - 2z^2}{1 - 2z}$.

8. Describe the first step in extracting the coefficient of z^n in the series of the following rational function? (Do **not** attempt to find the coefficient, just show and/or describe what must be done.)

$$G(z) = \frac{2z - 3}{(1 - 3z)^3(1 + z)(1 - 4z)}$$

9. How many objects of the combinatorial class \mathcal{A} have size one, if its ordinary generating function is

$$A(z) = \frac{1 + 5z^2 - \sqrt{1 - 6z^2 + z^4}}{4z} \quad ?$$

10. Let $\mathcal{W}^{(k)}$ be the class of binary strings counted by length, which have no more than k consecutive 0s. Show that the generating function for $\mathcal{W}^{(k)}$ is

$$W^{(k)}(z) = \frac{1 - z^{k+1}}{1 - 2z + z^{k+2}}.$$