

# Exam One

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1.

- a. True
- b. True
- c. False
- d. True
- e. True
- f. True
- g. False

2.

- a. Let  $n^3 - 5 = 2k + 1$  for some integer  $k$ . Adding 5:  $n^3 = 2(k + 3)$ . Since  $k + 3$  is an integer,  $n^3$  is even. Since odd numbers multiply into odd numbers,  $n$  has to be even.
- b. When  $n = 3$  the claim fails.  $3^2 - 1 = 9 - 1 = 8$ . Since  $2 \mid 8$ , 8 is not prime.
- c. Let  $x = 2$  and  $y = 1/2$ . Since  $(2^{1/2})^2 = 2^{1/2 \times 2} = 2$  and  $\sqrt{2}^2 = 2$ ,  $2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}$ . In class we have proven that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

3.

- a.  $\frac{8!}{2!2!}$
- b.  $\binom{n}{k}$
- c.  $3^{100}$
- d.  $\binom{10}{3} \times 2^7$
- e.  $\binom{28}{24}$

4. For contradiction assume that  $13\sqrt{2}$  is rational or  $13\sqrt{2} = p/q$  for some integers  $p$  and  $q$ . Since 13 is an integer we can divide by 13:  $\sqrt{2} = p/13q$ . Since both 13 and  $q$  are integers,  $13q$  is an integer. This would mean  $\sqrt{2}$  is rational, but its we have previously proven otherwise. This is a contradiction, so  $13\sqrt{2}$  must be irrational.
5. Everyone gets 1:  $8 \times 7 \times 6$ . Pick the candy:  $\binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4}$ . Order the children:  $3!$ . In

general:  $8 \times 7 \times 6 \times (\binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4}) \times 3!$

6.

a.  $\binom{22}{20}$

b.  $\sum_{i=0}^4 \binom{21-i}{1} = 21 + 20 + \dots + 17 = 95$

c. Every child must have at least 5 cookies.  $20 - 4 = 16$ , 4 can't be given to a child and it be fair.  $\binom{7}{5}$  when each child must of have 5. If all cookies are given to 1 child they

would have 10. So the answer is  $\binom{7}{5} - 3$ .

7. BC: When  $n = 1$ ,  $1 = 0 + 1$ . ( $f_2 = f_0 + f_1 = 0 + 1$ ).

IH: The claim is true when  $n = k$ .

IS: Prove that the claim holds for  $n = k + 1$ . LHS:  $f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_{2(k+1)-1}$ . Expanding:

$(f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_{2k-1}) + f_{2k+1}$ . Using the IH:  $f_{2k} + f_{2k+1}$ . Using the property of the (Fibonacci) numbers:  $f_{2k} + f_{2k+1} = f_{2(k+1)}$ . The claim holds for  $n = k + 1$ .

8. If one of the 3 integers is 0, multiplying it with anything will get 0 (non-negative). Otherwise the numbers are either negative or positive. Due to the PHP, there are at least 2 numbers with the same sign. Multiplying those 2 numbers will get a non-negative number.

9. Let the 2 numbers be  $a/b$  and  $c/d$ . Making the denominators the same:  $ad/bd$  and  $bc/bd$ . Since the numbers are different,  $|ad - bc| \geq 1$ . That means  $|2ad - 2bc| \geq 2$ . Matching the denominators gives:  $2ad/2bd$  and  $2bc/2bd$ . Since the nominators defer by at least 2, there is another nominator between the numbers.

10. Consider the problem of how many way are there to: pick a committee from  $n$  people, from which that committee there should be a chair and an optional substitute chair. To solve this problem let  $k$  be an instance of a committee size. Choosing a committee is  $\binom{n}{k}$ . Picking a

committee chair can be done in  $k$  ways. The substitute chair can be picked in  $k - 1$  ways, but +1 if there is no substitute chair. That way one answer to this question is:  $\sum_{k=0}^n k^2 \binom{n}{k}$ .

Another way to answer the question is as follows. Pick the chair and substitute in  $n(n - 1)$  ways then the rest of the  $n - 2$  people can either be in or out of the committee:  $n(n - 1)2^{n-2}$ . Also, if there is no substitute then  $n2^{n-1}$ . Combining the terms:

$n(n-1)2^{n-2} + n2^{n-1}$ . Because both  $\sum_{k=0}^n k^2 \binom{n}{k}$  and  $n(n-1)2^{n-2} + n2^{n-1}$  are

solutions to the same problem, the expressions are equivalent.

11. The number of combinations of at least 3 increasing students is:  $3! \times \binom{5}{3} - 2 \times \binom{5}{4}$ .

Simplifying  $6 \times 10 - 2 \times 5 = 60 - 10 = 50$ . The number of permutations is  $5!$  or 120. The answer is  $120 - 50$  or 70 combinations.

12.  $\{2, 3, 6\}$

13. The inductive Hypothesis doesn't say  $p' - 1 = q' - 1$ , because one or more of the two expressions could be 0 (not positive)

14. There are 15 combinations of  $(a, b)$  that will be in  $T$ 's power-set. There are 3 shared elements so it is  $3 \times (6 - 1)$ .

15. BC: When  $n = 2$ : The last person (a man) is behind the first person (woman), claim holds.

IH: For all  $n = k$ , the claim holds.

IS: Trying to prove the claim holds when  $n = k + 1$ . Doing this is the same as adding a person as the second to last person in the new line. There are 2 cases:

Case 1: Adding a woman: This will mean there will be the recently added woman right in front of the last man.

Case 2: Adding a man: This will be the same as adding a man into the last place. Using the IH, the  $k$  sized line works. After that, adding a man to the end of the line doesn't change the reason a  $k$  sized line works.

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