

CSE 015: Discrete Mathematics

Homework #12

Solution

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Chapter 5.4

1. **Question 4: Trace Algorithm 3 when it finds $\gcd(12, 17)$. That is, show all the steps used by Algorithm 3 to find $\gcd(12, 17)$.**

(a) 4: We have the recursive definition that $\gcd(0,b) = b$, $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(\text{mod } a,b)$ when a is greater than 0. If we evaluate for the recursive definition at $n = 5$, we will be having $\gcd(12,17) = \gcd(17 \bmod 12, 12)$ with the following steps: $\gcd(5,12) = \gcd(12 \bmod 5,5) = \gcd(2,5) = \gcd(5 \bmod 2,2) = \gcd(1,2) = \gcd(2 \bmod 1, 1) = \gcd(0,1)$ which equals 1.

Chapter 6.1

1. **Question 16: How many strings are there of four lowercase letters that have the letter x in them?**

(a) 16: We will do the product rule to solve this. We will find the complete combination of the strings with a length of 4 which is $26*26*26*26$, which is 456,976. And the strings without an x is $25*25*25*25$, which is 390,625. So if we have strings with at least one x with a length of 4, we will do $456,976 - 390,625$. This will give us 66,351. strings.

2. **Question 35: How many one-to-one functions are there from a set with five elements to sets with the following number of elements?**

(a) 35a: 4, this function can not be one to one, because we know that there are two elements that will need to have the same image.

(b) 35b: 5, the 1st element has 5 ways, the 2nd element has 4 ways, the 3rd element has 3 ways, the 4th element has 2 ways, the 5th element has 1 way. This is all because the subsequent images have to be different. Hence there are 120 one-to-one functions that exist ($5*4*3*2*1$).

(c) 35c: 6, the 1st element has 6 ways, the 2nd element has 5 ways, the 3rd element has 4 ways, the 4th element has 3 ways, the 5th element has 2 way. This is all because the subsequent images have to be different. Hence there are 720 one-to-one functions that exist ($6*5*4*3*2$).

(d) 35d: 7, the 1st element has 7 ways, the 2nd element has 6 ways, the 3rd element has 5 ways, the 4th element has 4 ways, the 5th element has 3 way. This is all because the subsequent images have to be different. Hence there are 2520 one-to-one functions that exist ($7*6*5*4*3$).

Chapter 6.2

1. **Question 10:** Show that if f is a function from S to T , where S and T are finite sets with $|S| > |T|$, then there are elements s_1 and s_2 in S such that $f(s_1) = f(s_2)$, or in other words, f is not one-to-one.

(a) 10: So to prove that f is not one to one, lets assume that for the sake of contradiction that f is one to one. Lets let n and m be positive integers such that $|S| = n$, and $|T| = m$. Know that S and T are finite sets. n is definitely greater than m . So if we have our sets in S and T , we can assume without loss of generality that $f(s_i) = t_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ for each element to be renamed as t_1, \dots, t_m if the order of the elements didn't match up with the images. And since n is greater than m , we have a term s_{m+1} while we do not have a term t_{m+1} . This then implies that s_{m+1} needs to have the same image as some s_k with k as a positive integer from 1 to m . So $f(s_{m+1}) = f(s_k) = t_k$. But this is in contradiction with the fact that f is one-to-one. Since we derive a contradiction, our assumption is that f is one-to-one is incorrect. Hence f is not one-to-one.

2. **Question 28:** Show that in a group of five people (where any two people are either friends or enemies), there are not necessarily three mutual friends or three mutual enemies.

(a) 28: Let's say that B and C are friends of A , and D and E are enemies of A . If B and C are enemies to each other, and D and E are friends between them, then there is no group of three people containing A have three mutual friends or enemies. So that group has to come from the rest of the four. So if D is a friend to B while an enemy to C , and E is the opposite of D , then we can not have three mutual friends or enemies from them too.

Chapter 6.3

1. **Question 20:** How many bit strings of length 10 have

(a) 20a: exactly three 0s? We can use combination for this. We will have $C(10,3) = 10!/3!(10-3)! = 10!/3!7! = 120$. There are 120 bit strings.

(b) 20b: more 0s than 1s? We can use combination for this in different ways in that we have $C(10,4)$, $C(10,3)$, $C(10,2)$, $C(10,1)$, and $C(10,0)$. We have to add them up though, because there are more 0s than 1s is the ten bits. So for $C(10,4) = 10!/(4!(10-4)!) = 10!/(4!6!) = 210$. For $C(10,3) = 10!/(3!(10-3)!) = 10!/(3!7!) = 120$. For $C(10,2) = 10!/(2!(10-2)!) = 10!/(2!8!) = 45$. For $C(10,1) = 10!/(1!(10-1)!) = 10!/(1!9!) = 10$. For $C(10,0) = 10!/(0!(10-0)!) = 10!/(0!10!) = 1$. So when adding the number of bit strings up, we will have $210+120+45+10+1 = 386$, which is the number that we will have when it is over. There are 386 bit strings this way.