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Final Exam

Duration: 90 minutes

Name: Correct Answers /Student No: Grade: 

P1 [15 points]

Solutions

- (a) Suppose that there is a knowledge contest, and high schools are allowed to send at most two groups containing three students each. Assume that a high school has 100 students. In how many ways can this school attend (or may not attend) this contest? (Number of possible team configurations?)

$$\underbrace{\binom{100}{3} \binom{97}{3} / 2}_{\text{Attending with 2 teams}} + \underbrace{\binom{100}{3}}_{1 \text{ team}} + \underbrace{1}_{n=0 \text{ teams}}$$

- (b) A football team has 3 goalkeepers, 10 defenders, 10 midfielders, and 6 forwards. In how many ways can a manager select the starting eleven players if he wants a 4-4-2 (meaning 4 defenders, 4 midfielders, 4 forwards, and of course a goalkeeper) or 3-5-2 (meaning 3 defenders, 5 midfielders, 2 forwards, and a goalkeeper) tactics? (Think simply, forget about right-left-center distinction).

$$\binom{3}{1} \binom{10}{4} \binom{10}{4} \binom{6}{2} + \binom{3}{1} \binom{10}{3} \binom{10}{5} \binom{6}{2} = \binom{3}{1} \binom{6}{2} (\binom{10}{4}^2 + \binom{10}{3} \binom{10}{5})$$

- (c) For which positive integer  $n$  will the equations

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_{19} = n, \text{ and}$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + \dots + y_{64} = n$$

have the same number of positive integer solutions?

Substitute  $x_i = a_i + 1$  or  $a_i = x_i - 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{19} a_i = n - 19 \Rightarrow \# \text{ sol} = \binom{n-19+18}{18}$

"  $y_i = b_i + 1$  or  $b_i = y_i - 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{64} b_i = n - 64 \Rightarrow \# \text{ sol} = \binom{n-64+63}{63}$

P2 [10 points] Questions on integers:

$$\binom{n-1}{18} = \binom{n-1}{63} \Rightarrow n-1 = 18+63 = 81 \Rightarrow n = 82 //$$

- (a) Do there exist integers  $x, y, z$  so that  $5x + 9y + 15z = 105$  and  $x \cdot y = 144$ ? Explain why/why not.

No. Because since all  $5x, 15z$  and  $105$  are divisible by  $5$ , so is  $9y$ .

Since  $5 \nmid 9$ ,  $5$  has to divide  $y$ . But then

$xy$  must also be divisible by  $5$  but  $144$  is not! QED.

- (b) Prove that for any positive integer  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\gcd(5n+3, 7n+4) = 1$ . Hint: Consider odd even cases of  $n$  and try to find out the gcd in both cases.

$$\text{Let } n \text{ be even} \Rightarrow n = 2k \Rightarrow \gcd(5n+3, 7n+4) = \gcd(10k+3, 14k+4)$$

$$= \gcd(10k+3, 4k+1) = \gcd(6k+2, 4k+1)$$

$$= \gcd(2k+1, 4k+1) = \gcd(2k+1, 2k) = \gcd(1, 2k) = 1.$$

$$\text{Let } n \text{ be odd} \Rightarrow n = 2k+1 \Rightarrow \gcd(5n+3, 7n+4) = \gcd(10k+8, 14k+11)$$

$$= \gcd(10k+8, 4k+3) = \gcd(2k+2, 4k+3)$$

$$= \gcd(2k+2, 2k+1) = 1$$

So, no matter  $n$  is even or odd, it turns out that the gcd is 1. QED.

P3 [12 points] Let  $|A| = 5$ .

(a) What is  $|A \times A|$ ?

Answer: 25

(b) How many functions  $f: A \times A \rightarrow A$  are there?

Answer:  $5^{25}$

(c) Can there be a injective function  $f: A \times A \rightarrow A$ ?

Answer: Y . N

(d) Can there be a surjective function  $f: A \times A \rightarrow A$ ?

Answer: Y . N

P4 [20 points] (Clearly state pigeons and pigeonholes)

(a) Let  $S = \{2, 16, 128, 1024, 8192, 65536\}$ . If four numbers are selected from  $S$ , prove that two of them must have the product 131072.

Let the subsets  $\{2, 65536\}$ ,  $\{16, 8192\}$ , and  $\{128, 1024\}$  be our pigeonholes. Let the four numbers to be selected be our pigeons. By P.H.P., if we choose 4 numbers at least two of them will be in the same subset. Then, their product is 131072. QED.

(b) If  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_7\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^+$ , show that for some  $i \neq j$ , either  $x_i + x_j$  or  $x_i - x_j$  is divisible by 10.

If for some  $i, j: x_i = x_j \pmod{10}$ , we are done. Assume otherwise: all  $x_i$ 's are different mod 10. Now, let our pigeonholes be the sets  $\{0\}, \{1, 9\}, \{2, 8\}, \{3, 7\}, \{4, 6\}$  and  $\{5\}$ . By P.H.P. if we select 7 integers  $x_i$ , at least two will be in the same set, since we have only 6 sets. And for these  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ ,  $x_i + x_j$  is div. by 10. QED.

P5 [15 points] What will this Java program print on the screen?

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int count = 0;
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for(int a=2; a<7; a++)
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for(int b=2; b<7; b++)
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for(int c=2; c<7; c++)
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for(int d=2; d<7; d++)
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if(a+b+c+d==18)
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count++;
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System.out.println(count);
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This can be translated into mathematics as follows:

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 18$$

$$2 \leq x_i < 7 \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq 4.$$

$$\text{Substitute } y_i = x_i - 2 \Rightarrow y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 = 10$$

$$y_i < 5.$$

We'll use inclusion-exclusion principle:

Let our conditions be  $c_i: y_i \geq 5$ . Now, we need  $\bar{N} = N(\bar{c}_1 \bar{c}_2 \bar{c}_3 \bar{c}_4)$

$$\bar{N} = S_0 - S_1 + S_2 - S_3 + S_4 = \binom{13}{3} + 4\binom{8}{3} + 6.$$

$$S_0 = \binom{10+3}{3} = \binom{13}{3}$$

$$S_1 = \binom{4}{1} \binom{5+3}{3} = 4\binom{8}{3}$$

$$S_2 = \binom{4}{2} \binom{3}{3} = 6$$

$$S_3 = 0$$

$$S_4 = 0$$



**P6 [20 points]** Solve each of the questions below using generating functions. Write down the generating function that represents this problem clearly [5 points each]. Then, find the needed coefficient. [5 points each]

- a) In how many ways can a farmer distribute 20 apples to 3 children and 5 adults so that everyone gets at least one apple but no child gets more than four?

$$(x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4)^3 (x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots)^5 \rightarrow \text{We need the coeff. of } x^{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + x + x^2 + x^3)^3 (1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^5 \rightarrow \text{we need the coeff. of } x^{12}$$

$$(1 - x^4)^3 (1 - x)^{-5} = (1 - x^4)^3 (1 - x)^{-8} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Needed} \\ \text{Term} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \binom{3}{0} \cdot 1 \rightarrow [x^{12}] = \binom{-8}{12} (-x)^{12} = \binom{19}{12} (-1)^{12} (-1)^{12} x^{12} \\ \binom{3}{1} \cdot -x^4 \rightarrow [x^8] = \binom{-8}{8} (-x)^8 = \binom{15}{8} (-1)^8 (-1)^8 x^8 \\ \binom{3}{2} \cdot x^8 \rightarrow [x^4] = \binom{-8}{4} (-x)^4 = \binom{11}{4} (-1)^4 (-1)^4 x^4 \\ \binom{3}{3} \cdot -x^{12} \rightarrow [1] = \binom{-8}{0} (-x)^0 = \binom{7}{0} (-1)^0 (-1)^0 x^0 \end{array}$$

So, the coeff is:

$$\binom{19}{12} - 3\binom{15}{8} + 3\binom{11}{4} - 1$$

$$\text{The term we need, } 1 \cdot \binom{19}{12} x^{12} + (-x^4) \binom{15}{8} x^8 + x^8 \binom{11}{4} x^4 + (-x^{12}) \binom{7}{0} x^0$$

- b) You play a game with Bill Gates. He tells you that he'll give you 1 million dollars if you win the game. Rules are simple: you'll choose an integer  $n$  first. Then you'll roll a fair die 10 times and if the sum is exactly  $n$ , you win. 1. What  $n$  will you choose to maximize your chance? (This is very easy.) 2. With this  $n$ , what is your chance (probability) of winning?

1. When you roll a die you get 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 with the same probability. The average is 3.5. So, after 10 rolls 35 is the most probable sum.  $n = 35$ .

2. We'll find in how many ways we can get 35 and divide it by  $6^{10}$  to get the probability

$$(x + x^2 + \dots + x^6)^{10} \Rightarrow \text{coeff of } x^{35} = ? \quad \text{This is the same as:}$$

$$(1 + x + \dots + x^5)^{10} \Rightarrow \text{coeff of } x^{25} = ?$$

$$(1 - x^6)^{10} (1 - x)^{-10} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Needed term} \\ \text{from right} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \binom{10}{0} \cdot 1 \rightarrow [x^{25}] = \binom{-10}{25} (-x)^{25} = \binom{34}{25} (-1)^{25} (-1)^{25} x^{25} = \binom{34}{25} x^{25} \\ \binom{10}{1} \cdot -x^6 \rightarrow [x^{19}] = \binom{-10}{19} (-x)^{19} = \binom{28}{19} (-1)^{19} (-1)^{19} x^{19} = \binom{28}{19} x^{19} \\ \binom{10}{2} \cdot x^{12} \rightarrow [x^{13}] = \binom{-10}{13} (-x)^{13} = \binom{22}{13} (-1)^{13} (-1)^{13} x^{13} = \binom{22}{13} x^{13} \\ \binom{10}{3} \cdot -x^18 \rightarrow [x^7] = \binom{-10}{7} (-x)^7 = \binom{16}{7} (-1)^7 (-1)^7 x^7 = \binom{16}{7} x^7 \\ \binom{10}{4} \cdot x^{24} \rightarrow [x^1] = \binom{-10}{1} (-x)^1 = \binom{10}{1} (-1)^1 (-1)^1 x^1 = \binom{10}{1} x \end{array}$$

$$\text{Overall needed term: } \binom{34}{25} x^{25} - 10 \binom{28}{19} x^{19} + 45 \binom{22}{13} x^{13} - 120 \binom{16}{7} x^7 + 252 \binom{10}{1} x$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{needed coeff} = \binom{34}{25} - 10 \binom{28}{19} + 45 \binom{22}{13} - 120 \binom{16}{7} + 252 \binom{10}{1}$$

**P7 [15 points]** Remember Lucas Numbers are defined as  $L_0 = 2$ ;  $L_1 = 1$ ; and  $L_{n+2} = L_{n+1} + L_n$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Consider the summation:

$$S_n = L_1^2 + L_2^2 + L_3^2 + \dots + L_n^2$$

- (a) Simply fill the table to see the first few terms of the Lucas Series, and the sum series  $S_n$ . (b) By looking at the first few numbers in the series, conjecture (hypothesize) a formula for  $S_n$ . (So, you need to guess a nice and simple formula for  $S_n$ ) [Hint: look for a formula having  $L_n$  and  $L_{n+1}$ ]

$n$	$L_n$	$L_n^2$	$S_n$
0	2	4	-
1	1	1	1
2	3	9	10
3	4	16	26
4	7	49	75
5	11	121	196

$$= 3 \cdot 1 - 2$$

$$= 4 \cdot 3 - 2$$

$$= 7 \cdot 4 - 2$$

$$= 11 \cdot 7 - 2$$

$$S_n = L_n \cdot L_{n+1} - 2$$

- (c) Prove your conjecture (your guess) by using mathematical induction.

• Base step — It works for  $n=1$ .  $1 \cdot 3 - 2 = 1$ .

• Inductive hypothesis: Assume for  $k$ :  $S_k = L_k L_{k+1} - 2$ .

• Show for  $k+1$ :  $S_{k+1} = S_k + L_{k+1}^2 = L_k L_{k+1} - 2 + L_{k+1}^2$

$$= L_{k+1} (L_k + L_{k+1}) - 2$$

$$= L_{k+1} L_{k+2} - 2$$

$$= L_n L_{n+1} - 2 \quad \bigg|_{n=k+1} \quad \text{QED.}$$

Table 1: Some generating functions that can be useful. For all  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

1)  $(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x + \binom{n}{2}x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^n$

2)  $(1+ax)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}ax + \binom{n}{2}a^2x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n}a^nx^n$

3)  $(1+x^m)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}x^m + \binom{n}{2}x^{2m} + \dots + \binom{n}{n}x^{nm}$

4)  $(1-x^{n+1})/(1-x) = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots+x^n$

5)  $1/(1-x) = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots$

6)  $1/(1-ax) = 1+ax+a^2x^2+a^3x^3+\dots$

7)  $1/(1+x)^n = \binom{-n}{0} + \binom{-n}{1}x + \binom{-n}{2}x^2 + \dots = 1 + (-1)^{n+1-1}x + (-1)^{n+2-1}x^2 + \dots$

8)  $1/(1-x)^n = \binom{-n}{0} + \binom{-n}{1}(-x) + \binom{-n}{2}(-x)^2 + \dots = 1 + (-1)^{n+1-1}(-x) + (-1)^{n+2-1}(-x)^2 + \dots$