

# MATH 239 W2009 Final

1.  $\binom{n}{k}$  is the number of  $k$ -element subsets of an  $n$ -element set.

Let  $x$  be an element in the  $n$ -element set. We also can count the number of these subsets by first counting the number of these subsets with  $x$ , which is equivalent choosing  $(k-1)$  elements out of an  $(n-1)$ -element set, which is  $\binom{n-1}{k-1}$ . We also want to add the count of the number of these subsets where  $x$  is not in the set, which is  $\binom{n-1}{k}$ .

$$2. [x^n] (1+x)^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{k+n-1}{n-1} 3^k x^{2k}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \binom{\frac{n}{2}+n-1}{n-1} 3^{\frac{n}{2}} + \binom{\frac{n-2}{2}+n-1}{n-1} 3^{\frac{n-2}{2}}, & n \text{ is even} \\ 2 \binom{\frac{n-1}{2}+n-1}{n-1} 3^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

3. The first  $k$  parts must be even; their allowed values are  $P_1 = \{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$ . The last  $k$  parts must be at least 2; their allowed values are  $P_2 = \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ . The generating series for a single part is, respectively

$$\Phi_{P_1}(x) = \frac{x^2}{1-x^2}$$

$$\Phi_{P_2}(x) = \frac{x^2}{1-x}$$

By the Product lemma, the generating series for the compositions of  $n$  into these  $2k$  parts is

$$\Phi(x) = \Phi_{P_1}(x)^k \Phi_{P_2}(x)^k = \left( \frac{x^2}{1-x^2} \right)^k \left( \frac{x^2}{1-x} \right)^k$$

4. The expression  $(\varepsilon - 0 - 00 - 0^*0000) ((1 - 1^*111) (0 - 00 - 0^*0000))^* (\varepsilon - 1 - 1^*111)$  is the block decomposition for this set of strings.

5. a) 1100, 1111, 0000, 0111, 0011

b) 0

$$c) \Phi(x) = \frac{1}{1-x^2} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \left( \frac{x^2}{(1-x^2)^2} + \frac{x^4}{(1-x^2)^2} \right)} \right) \frac{1}{1-x^2} = \frac{1}{1-2x^2-x^4}$$

- d) By theorem 4.8,  $b_n$  satisfies the linear recurrence relation with initial conditions given by

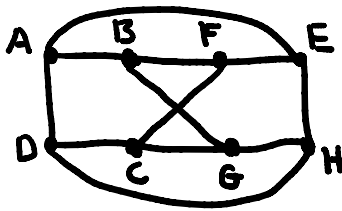
$$b_n - 2b_{n-2} - b_{n-4} = \begin{cases} 1, & n=0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$b_0 = 1 \quad b_2 = 2$$

$$b_1 = 0 \quad b_3 = 0$$

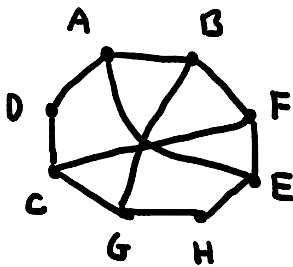
$$b_n = 2b_{n-2} + b_{n-4}, \quad n \geq 4$$

6. a) We have the isomorphism 1A, 2B, 3F, 4E, 5D, 6C, 7G, 8H



- b) The shortest path between the two vertices with degree 1 in graph 1 is 5 edges, while it is 4 edges in graph 2.

- c) This subgraph is an edge subdivision of  $K_{3,3}$ , so by Kuratowski's Theorem, the graph is non-planar.

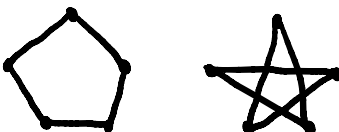


7. a) 1, 2, 10, 3, 11, 9, 4, 6, 8, 12, 5, 7

- b) There is an odd cycle 4, 11, 10, 9, 12, so the graph is not bipartite.

- c)  $C = \{4, 9, 11, 1, 3, 6, 7\}$ . This implies the maximum matching is less than or equal to 7.

8. a)



b) Assume  $G$  is planar and has  $p = 11$  vertices and  $q$  edges. We must have

$$q \leq 3p - 6$$

Its complement  $\bar{G}$  must have  $\binom{p}{2} - q$  edges. Suppose  $\bar{G}$  is also planar. Then we have

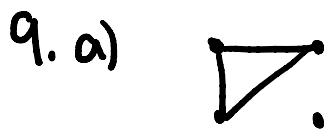
$$\frac{p(p-1)}{2} - q \leq 3p - 6$$

Combining the 2 equations, we obtain

$$\frac{p(p-1)}{2} \leq 6p - 12$$

$$p \leq 10.772$$

That contradicts our statement that  $p = 11$ . Hence at least one of  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$  must be nonplanar.



b) Suppose  $G$  is a graph with one face of odd degree and the rest being even. We have that

$$\sum \deg(f) = 2|E(G)|$$

So the sum of the degrees of all the faces must be even. But the sum of degrees of faces in  $G$  is odd, since there is exactly one face of odd degree. This is a contradiction. Hence there cannot be exactly one face of odd degree.

10. Let  $G$  be a planar graph with no cycles of length less than 6.

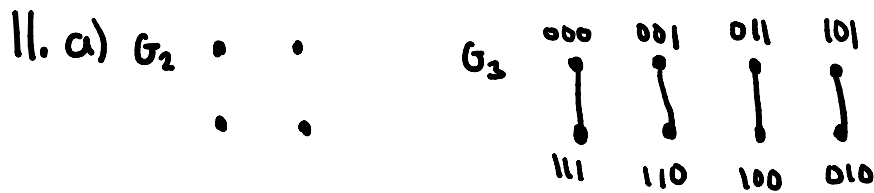
We prove the statement by induction on the number of vertices.

Base case: All graphs on one vertex are 3-colourable.

Inductive hypothesis: Assume the result is true for all planar graphs with no cycles of length less than 6 on  $p \leq k$  vertices, where  $k \geq 1$ .

Inductive step: Consider the planar graph  $G$  on  $p = k + 1$  vertices. We have that  $G$  must have a vertex of degree 2 or less, let's call it  $v$ . Suppose we remove vertex  $v$ , and all edges incident to  $v$ , from  $G$ , and call the resulting graph  $G'$ . Then  $G'$  has  $k$  vertices, and is a planar graph with no cycles less than 6, so must be 3-colourable. There are at most 2 vertices in  $G'$  adjacent to  $v$  in  $G$ , so we

can assign these vertices 2 different colours in the 3-colouring of  $G'$ . Thus there is at least one of the 3 colours remaining. Assign one of these remaining colours to  $v$ , so that  $v$  has a different colour from all of its adjacent vertices in  $G$ . Thus we have a 3-colouring of  $G$ , and the result is true for  $p=k+1$ . Hence we have proved the result by induction.



- b)  $G_n$  has  $2^n$  vertices. For each vertex string, there are  $\binom{n}{3}$  strings of length  $n$  that differ in exactly 3 positions. Hence each vertex is of degree  $\binom{n}{3}$ , and we have

$$|E(G_n)| = \frac{1}{2} \sum \deg(v) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2^n \cdot \binom{n}{3} = 2^{n-1} \binom{n}{3}$$

12. a)  $X_0 = \{1, 4\}$   
 $X = \{1, 4\}$   
 $Y = \{\}$   
 $X = \{1, 4\}$   
 $Y = \{d, e, c\}$   
 $X = \{1, 4, 3, 2, 5\}$   
 $Y = \{d, e, c, g, h\}$   
 $X = \{1, 4, 3, 2, 5, 7, 8\}$   
 $Y = \{d, e, c, g, h, j\}$

$j$  is an unsaturated vertex in  $Y$ , so we have the augmenting path  $4c5g7j$

