

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 $(\varepsilon \cup 0 \cup 00 \cup 0^*0000) ((1 \cup 1^*111) (0 \cup 00 \cup 0^*0000))^* (\varepsilon \cup 1 \cup 1^*111)$ 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

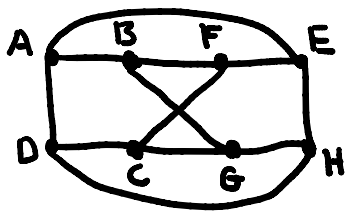
$$b_n - 2b_{n-2} - b_{n-4} = \begin{cases} 1, & n=0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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

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

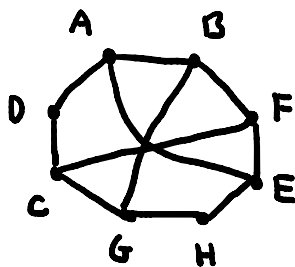
$$b_n = 2b_{n-2} + b_{n-4}, \quad n \geq 4$$

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, while it is 4 in graph 2.

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

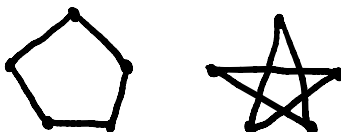


7. a) 1, 2, 10, 3, 11, 9, 4, 6, 8, 12, 5, 7

- 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

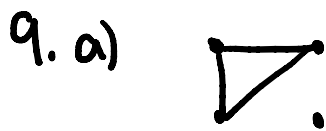
$$\frac{p(p-1)}{2} - q \leq 3p - 6$$

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.

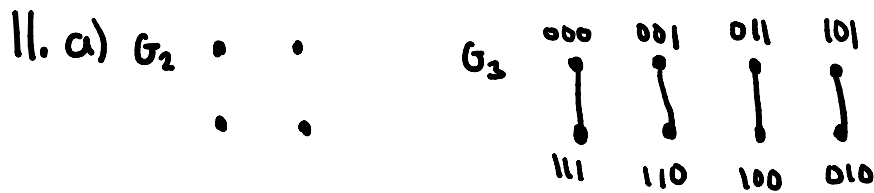
We prove the statement by induction on the number of vertices.

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

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

