

# Student Information

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## Answer 1

**a**

We can say that

- the set of possible green candy counts are  $\{0, 2, 4\}$
- the set of possible red candy counts are  $\{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$
- the set of possible blue candy counts are  $\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$

The generating functions for the aforementioned possible selections are as follows;

- $(x^0 + x^2 + x^4)$
- $(x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10})$
- $(x^1 + x^3 + x^5 + x^7 + x^9)$

Since the total sum must be equal to 10, in the product of the generating functions, the coefficient of the term with  $x^{10}$  would give us the number of ways.

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x^0 + x^2 + x^4) \cdot (x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10}) \cdot (x^1 + x^3 + x^5 + x^7 + x^9) \\ &= x^{23} + \dots + 9x^{11} + 6x^{10} + 6x^9 + \dots + x^5 \end{aligned}$$

Since the coefficient of the term with  $x^{10}$  is 6, there are 6 ways to select 10 candies in such ways.

**b**

We can say that

- the set of possible green candy counts are  $\{0, 2, 4\}$
- the set of possible red candy counts are  $\{4, 5\}$
- the set of possible blue candy counts are  $\{1, 3, 5\}$

The generating functions for the aforementioned possible selections are as follows;

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- $(x^4 + x^5)$

- $(x^1 + x^3 + x^5)$

Since the total sum must be equal to 10, in the product of the generating functions, the coefficient of the term with  $x^{10}$  would give us the number of ways.

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (x^0 + x^2 + x^4) \cdot (x^4 + x^5) \cdot (x^1 + x^3 + x^5) \\
&= x^{14} + x^{13} + 2x^{12} + 2x^{11} + 3x^{10} + 3x^9 + 2x^8 + 2x^7 + x^6 + x^5
\end{aligned}$$

Since the coefficient of the term with  $x^{10}$  is 3, there are 3 ways to select 10 candies in such ways.

**c**

Let us take an arbitrary  $G(x)$  where  $G(x) = \frac{1}{(1-2x)(1+3x)}$ . By applying the partial fractions method, we can get the following,

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{5} \cdot \left( \frac{3}{1+3x} + \frac{2}{1-2x} \right)$$

Since  $F(x) = 7x^2 \cdot G(x)$ , we can say that,

$$F(x) = \frac{7}{5} \cdot x^2 \cdot \left( \frac{3}{1+3x} + \frac{2}{1-2x} \right)$$

By using the following equation,

$$\frac{1}{1-ax} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^k x^k$$

we can rewrite  $F(x)$  as the following,

$$F(x) = \frac{7}{5} \cdot x^2 \cdot \left( 3 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} -3^k x^k + 2 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k x^k \right)$$

By rearranging the terms,

$$F(x) = \frac{7}{5} \cdot \left( 3 \cdot \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (-3^{k-2} \cdot x^k) + 2 \cdot \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2^{k-2} \cdot x^k) \right)$$

Since the upper and the lower limits of the summations are the same, we can gather them together.

$$F(x) = \frac{7}{5} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (-3^{k-1} \cdot x^k + 2^{k-1} \cdot x^k)$$

$$F(x) = \frac{7}{5} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (x^k \cdot (-3^{k-1} + 2^{k-1}))$$

**d**

First, let's try to find the value of  $s_0$ . By putting  $n = 1$  in the recurrence, we get,

$$s_1 = 8s_0 + 10^0$$

Since we know that  $s_1$  is 9, we can conclude that  $s_0$  is 1.

If we multiply both sides of the recurrence relation by  $x^n$ , we obtain,

$$s_n x^n = 8s_{n-1} x^n + 10^{n-1} x^n$$

Let  $G(x)$  be the generating function of the sequence  $s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots$  with the following equation,

$$G(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n x^n$$

By summing both sides of the multiplied recurrence relation starting with  $n = 1$ , we get,

$$\begin{aligned} G(x) - 1 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (8s_{n-1} x^n + 10^{n-1} x^n) \\ &= 8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_{n-1} x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10^{n-1} x^n \\ &= 8x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_{n-1} x^{n-1} + x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10^{n-1} x^{n-1} \\ &= 8x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_{n-1} x^{n-1} + x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10^{n-1} x^{n-1} \\ &= 8x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s_n x^n + x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (10x)^n \\ &= 8x \cdot G(x) + \frac{x}{1 - 10x} \\ G(x) - 1 &= 8x \cdot G(x) + \frac{x}{1 - 10x} \end{aligned}$$

By solving the equation for  $G(x)$ , we get,

$$G(x) = \frac{1 - 9x}{(1 - 8x)(1 - 10x)}$$

By using partial fractions, we get,

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1 - 8x} + \frac{1}{1 - 10x} \right)$$

By using the following equation (for  $|ax| < 1$ ) ,

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (ax)^n &= \frac{1}{1-ax} \\ G(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (8x)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (10x)^n \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} ((8x)^n + (10x)^n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (8^n + 10^n) x^n\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can conclude that

$$s_n = \frac{1}{2} (8^n + 10^n)$$

## Answer 2

**a**

- Let us pick  $n = 20$ ,  $m = 4$ , and  $k = 8$ .
- $C_{20} = \{4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20\}$
- $A_4 = \{4, 8, 12, 16, 20\}$
- $A_8 = \{8, 16\}$
- Since  $4|8$ ,  $A_8 \subseteq A_4$  must hold.
- Since  $\{8, 16\} \subseteq \{4, 8, 12, 16, 20\}$  is a valid statement, we can say that we verified that if  $m|k$ , then  $A_k \subseteq A_m$ .

**b**

- We need to prove that the prime roots of a composite number is always less than or equal to the square-root of the number.
  - Since  $n$  is a positive composite number, we can rewrite  $n$  as  $x \cdot y$ , where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $1 < x, y < n$ .
  - Let us suppose  $x \leq y$ .
  - In the case that  $x > \sqrt{n}$ ,  $y \geq x > \sqrt{n}$  also must hold.
  - However, if  $y \geq x > \sqrt{n}$  is a correct statement, then  $n = xy > \sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n} > n$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore our claim is incorrect.

- $x \leq \sqrt{n}$  is a correct claim.
- In that case, the  $x$  value can be a composite or a prime number, which does not affect the correctness of “the prime roots of a composite number is always less than or equal to the square-root of the number”.
- Since the  $A_i$  sets of non-prime numbers will be the subsets of their prime roots’ sets, the union of the prime  $A_i$  sets will be equal to the union of all  $A_i$  sets.
- Since we already proved that the “prime roots of a composite number is always less than or equal to the square-root of the number”, we can conclude that the following equation is correct:

$$\bigcup_{i=2}^{n-1} A_i = \bigcup_{\text{primes } p \leq \sqrt{n}} A_p$$

### c

- To explain this phenomena better, let us visualize it by giving  $n = 45$ , and  $m = 6$ . In that case,  $A_6 = \{12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42\}$ . We can clearly see that  $|A_6| = 6$ . (Which also can be calculated by  $|A_6| = \left\lfloor \frac{45}{6} \right\rfloor - 1 = 6$
- In any number  $n$ , there are  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \right\rfloor$  times  $m$  exist. Since while counting the  $A_m$  count we ignore the first  $n$ ,  $|A_m| = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \right\rfloor - 1$  must hold for any  $m \geq 2$ .

### d

- To understand this question easily, let us visualize it with picking  $a = 3, b = 4, n = 30$ .
- Since 3 and 4 are relatively prime, and since they both are less than 30, the first statement holds.
- $A_3 = \{6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30\}$
- $A_4 = \{8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28\}$
- $A_{12} = \{24\}$
- $(A_3 \cap A_4) - A_{12} = 12$
- From the example above we can see that the only element existing in the  $(A_a \cap A_b) - A_{ab}$  is the  $ab$  element itself; since due to the definition of  $A$ ,  $ab$  will exist in both  $A_a$  and  $A_b$ , but it will not exist in  $A_{ab}$ .

**e**

- We can generalize the  $A_p$  sets as the following;

$$A_p = \{x | x = p \cdot n, n \in N, n > 1\}$$

- Since for each  $p \in P$ , the  $p$  values will be relatively prime as well, the only common elements in the sets will be their least common multiple, and its multiples.
- For relatively prime numbers, the least common multiple will be the multiplication of the numbers. Therefore, the least common multiple value of every  $p \in P$  is basically the multiplication of each number.
- The least common multiple can be denoted as the following;

$$lcm(\forall p \in P) = \prod_{p \in P} p$$

- To find the cardinality of this set, we can simply apply the floor function. Therefore we can formulate it as follows;

$$\left| \bigcap_{p \in P} A_p \right| = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{\prod_{p \in P} p} \right\rfloor$$

**f**

- Let us write  $C_{45}, A_2, A_3$ , and  $A_5$ .
- $C_{45} = \{4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45\}$
- $A_2 = \{4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44\}$
- $A_3 = \{6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45\}$
- $A_5 = \{10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45\}$
- From the sets above, we can see that each set has common elements with each other. By using the Inclusion-Exclusion Principle, we can say the following;

$$|C_{45}| = |A_2| + |A_3| + |A_5| - |A_2 \cap A_3| - |A_2 \cap A_5| - |A_3 \cap A_5| + |A_2 \cap A_3 \cap A_5|$$

**g**

- Since  $|C_{45}| = 30$ , by the Inclusion-Exclusion Principle, the total number of primes up to 45 should be,

$$= 45 - |C_{45}| - 1$$

- Since there are 45 numbers between  $[1, 45]$ , subtracting  $C_{45}$  from this would give us the number of primes +1 (since we included 1 in our counting). Therefore we must subtract 1 from this calculation, which yields to 14 prime numbers.

## Answer 3

a

- Let us pick the ordered sets  $x = (a, b)$ ,  $y = (c, d)$ , and  $z = (e, f)$ ; where  $\{a, b, c, d, e, f\} \in Z$ . By the definition of *transitivity*, if  $(x, y) \in Z$  and  $(y, z) \in Z$ , then  $(x, z) \in Z$  for all  $x, y, z \in Z$ .

- For  $x$  and  $y$ , we can write the following logical statement:

$$(a, b) \ll (c, d) \leftrightarrow (a < c) \vee ((a = c) \wedge (b \leq d))$$

- For  $y$  and  $z$ , we can write the following logical statement:

$$(c, d) \ll (e, f) \leftrightarrow (c < e) \vee ((c = e) \wedge (d \leq f))$$

- If the logical statement is a *tautology* for  $x$  and  $y$ , and if the logical statement is also a *tautology* for  $y$  and  $z$ , we can merge the two statements if the  $\ll$  relation is transitive.

$$(a, b) \ll (c, d) \ll (e, f) \leftrightarrow (((a < c) \vee ((a = c) \wedge (b \leq d))) \wedge ((c < e) \vee ((c = e) \wedge (d \leq f))))$$

- Let us denote

1.  $p \equiv a < c$
2.  $q \equiv c < e$
3.  $r \equiv (a = c) \wedge (b \leq d)$
4.  $s \equiv (c = e) \wedge (d \leq f)$

- The right hand side of the logical statement becomes as the following;

$$(p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee s)$$

- By using **Distributive laws**, we get

$$(p \vee r) \wedge (q \vee s) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge s) \vee (r \wedge q) \vee (r \wedge s)$$

- If we rewrite the  $p, q, r, s$  values into the statement back, we get,

1.  $p \wedge q \equiv (a < c) \wedge (c < e) \equiv a < e$
2.  $p \wedge s \equiv (a < c) \wedge ((c = e) \wedge (d \leq f)) \equiv (a < c = e) \wedge (d \leq f)$
3.  $r \wedge q \equiv ((a = c) \wedge (b \leq d)) \wedge (c < e) \equiv (a = c < e) \wedge (b \leq d)$
4.  $r \wedge s \equiv ((a = c) \wedge (b \leq d)) \wedge ((c = e) \wedge (d \leq f)) \equiv (a = c = e) \wedge (b \leq d \leq f)$

- If the given  $\ll$  relation is *transitive*, it should hold if  $(a < e) \vee ((a = e) \wedge (b \leq f))$

- Since we are interested in the *transitive* property, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> statements do not say much since they have terms with  $c$  and  $d$ . In order to continue with our investigation, we are going to take a look at the statements with  $a, b, e, f$ .

1.  $p \wedge q \equiv a < e$

2.  $p \wedge s \equiv a < e$  (since the original statement had a  $\wedge$  relation, both sides of the statement must hold.)

3.  $r \wedge q \equiv a < e$  (since the original statement had a  $\wedge$  relation, both sides of the statement must hold.)

4.  $r \wedge s \equiv (a = e) \wedge (b \leq f)$

- Since the initial statement had 4 different logical statements conjoined using a logical or statement, in the case when only one of them is true, the given statement would yield a True value. By conjoining the aforementioned 4 statements, we get;

$$(a < e) \vee ((a = e) \wedge (b \leq f))$$

- Since we reached our initial statement, the given relation is **transitive** by logic rules.

## b

- To show that the  $\propto$  relation is an equivalence relation, we need to show that it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

### 1. Reflexivity

- Let us pick a real number that satisfies  $x \geq k$  for every  $x$ .
- We can select any  $k$  and the equations  $f(x) = f(x)$  and  $g(x) = g(x)$  will be satisfied.
- If  $f(x) = g(x)$  for  $\propto$  relation, then we can say that the  $\propto$  relation is reflexive for any  $x$  that is  $x \geq k$ .

### 2. Symmetricity

- Let us pick a real number that satisfies  $x \geq k$  for every  $x$ .
- We can select any  $k$  and the equation  $f(x) = g(x)$  will be satisfied for the relation  $f \propto g$ .
- Similarly, if  $f(x) = g(x)$ , then  $g(x) = f(x)$  must hold.
- Therefore, we can say that for any  $x \geq k$ , the relation  $g \propto f$  will be satisfied.
- Since both  $f \propto g$  and  $g \propto f$  holds for any  $k$  that satisfies  $x \geq k$ , we can conclude that the  $\propto$  relation is symmetric for any  $x$  that is  $x \geq k$ .

### 3. Transitivity

- Let us pick 3 functions  $f, g, h$ ; respectively.
- To prove transivity, we need to show that if  $f \propto g$  and  $g \propto h$ , then  $f \propto h$  must hold for any  $x$  that is  $x \geq k$ .



- For an arbitrary  $k$  such that  $x \geq k$ ,  $f(x) = g(x)$  and  $g(x) = h(x)$  holds by the definition of the relation.
  - By this equalities, we can say that  $f(x) = h(x)$  for any  $x$  that is  $x \geq k$ .
  - Therefore we can say that the given relation is transitive.
- Since we have shown that the given  $\alpha$  relation is **reflexive**, **symmetric**, and **transitive**, we can conclude that  $\alpha$  is an **equivalence relation**.