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50 minutes. No notes, books or devices allowed. Please SHOW YOUR WORK and/or explain answers for full credit!

1. (10 pts) Let  $L = \{a, b, c, d, r\}$ .

- Decide whether or not each of the following relations on  $L$  is an equivalence relation. Prove your answer.
- If it is an equivalence relation, describe and/or draw the partition.

(a)  $R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ and } y \text{ appear the same number of times in the word "abracadabra."}\}$

(b)  $R = \{(x, y) : x \text{ and } y \text{ appear next to each other in the word "abracadabra."}\}$

2. SHORT ANSWER (5 pts each, 30 pts total)

(a) Compute  $\binom{10}{0} + \binom{10}{1} + \binom{10}{2} + \dots + \binom{10}{10}$ .  
*Hint: There are fast and slow ways to do this.*

(b) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $B = \{5, 6, 7\}$ . For each description below, choose a final ordered pair to obtain a relation from  $A$  to  $B$  which satisfies the description.

- $f = \{(1, 5), (2, 5), (3, 6), (\_, \_)\}$  where the relation  $f$  is not a function.
- $f = \{(1, 5), (2, 5), (3, 6), (\_, \_)\}$  where the relation  $f$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$  but is not onto  $B$ .
- $f = \{(1, 5), (2, 5), (3, 6), (\_, \_)\}$  where the relation  $f$  is a function from  $A$  to  $B$  and is onto  $B$ .

- (c) You are visiting an ice cream store which has 7 different flavors. How many ways can you choose a quadruple cone with 4 different flavors (order matters)?

Simplify your answer.

- (d) You are visiting an ice cream store which has 7 different flavors. How many ways can you choose a quadruple cone with 4 scoops (order matters and repetition is allowed)?

You do not need to simplify your answer.

- (e) You are visiting an ice cream store which has 7 different flavors. How many ways can you choose a sampler bowl with 4 different flavors (order **doesn't** matter)?

Simplify your answer.

- (f) Why does  $\binom{10}{4}$  tell you the coefficient of  $x^4y^6$  in  $(x + y)^{10}$ ? (Don't just cite a theorem; explain in a sentence or two the justification behind this theorem.)

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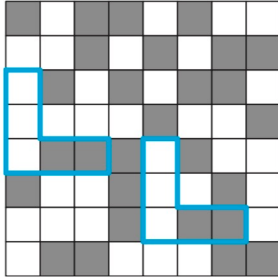
PROOFS: You must choose THREE of the following FOUR proofs. If you attempt all four, the highest three scores will count.

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3. (20 pts) Prove using contradiction that the sum of a rational number and an irrational number is irrational. *Recall: A number is rational if it can be written as  $\frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \neq 0$ . If this is not possible, the number is called irrational.*

4. (20 pts) Prove using some form of induction that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$ .

5. (20 pts) Suppose the squares of an  $8 \times 8$  board are colored black or white at random. For this problem, an L-region is a collection of 5 squares in the shape of a capital L (namely, a corner square with two squares above and two squares to the right; see two examples in the picture below). Use the Pigeonhole Principle to prove that no matter how we color the board, there must be two L-regions that are colored identically (as illustrated by the two L-regions in the picture.)



6. (20 pts) Use a combinatorial proof to prove that

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}$$