

6,7,9,10

1. Modifying the proof from lectures, prove that the cube root of 2 is irrational.

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Suppose  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is rational

Let  $\sqrt[3]{2} = p/q$  (be and q are positive integers and relatively prime)

$$2 = p^3/q^3$$

$$2q^3 = p^3 \quad \text{let } p = 2n \text{ (n positive integer)}$$

$$2q^3 = 2^3 n^3$$

$$q^3 = 2^2 n^3 \quad \text{let } q = 2m \text{ (m positive integer)}$$

$$2^3 m^3 = 2^2 n^3 \quad \leftarrow \text{contradiction}$$

Therefore  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is irrational

2. How many words of 6 letters can be chosen from a group of 200 letters (a strange alphabet) given that

(i) Repetition is allowed

$$(200)^6 = 64000000000000$$

(ii) Repetition is not allowed

$$(200) \times (199) \times (198) \times (197) \times (196) \times (195) = 39721218000000$$

(iii) Given that the group is broken into two groups of 100 letters, and the first 3 must be chosen from the first group, and the last three from the second; repetition is not allowed.

$$(100) \times (99) \times (98) \times (100) \times (99) \times (98) = 831379240000$$

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3. An imaginary country is considering possible formats for its number plates. Which of the following formats would produce the largest number of possible number plates? Explain your reasoning.

Number of digits: 10

Number of letters: 26

Assuming repetition is allowed

(a) Three letters, followed by three digits.

$$(26) \times (26) \times (26) \times (10) \times (10) \times (10) = 17,576,000$$

(b) Seven digits.

$$(10) \times (10) \times (10) \times (10) \times (10) \times (10) \times (10) = 10,000,000$$

(c) Five letters.

$$(26) \times (26) \times (26) \times (26) \times (26) = 11,881,376$$

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4. How many positive integers between 1 and 600 are divisible by either 6 or 10?

$|D6| = 100/L6 \downarrow \leftarrow$  symbol means smallest integer (whole number)

$$|D6| = 16$$

$$|D10| = 100/L10 \downarrow$$

$$|D10| = 10$$

$$D6 \cap D10 = \text{Smallest number divisible by both 6 \& 10} = |D30|$$

$$|D30| = 100/L30 \downarrow$$

$$|D30| = 3$$

$$|D6 \cup D10| = |D6| + |D10| - |D30|$$

$$|D6 \cup D10| = 16 + 10 - 3$$

$|D6UD10| = 23$

23 numbers are divisible by either 6 or 10

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5. Use the Binomial Theorem to find the coefficient of  $x^4$  in  $(x + 1/x)^{10}$

6. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , and consider the following three relations on A:

$\text{id}_A$ ,  $R = \{(x, y) : x \geq y\}$ ,  $S = \{(x, y) : x + y \text{ is odd}\}$ .

(i) For each relation draw a coordinate diagram, a set diagram, and a directed graph.

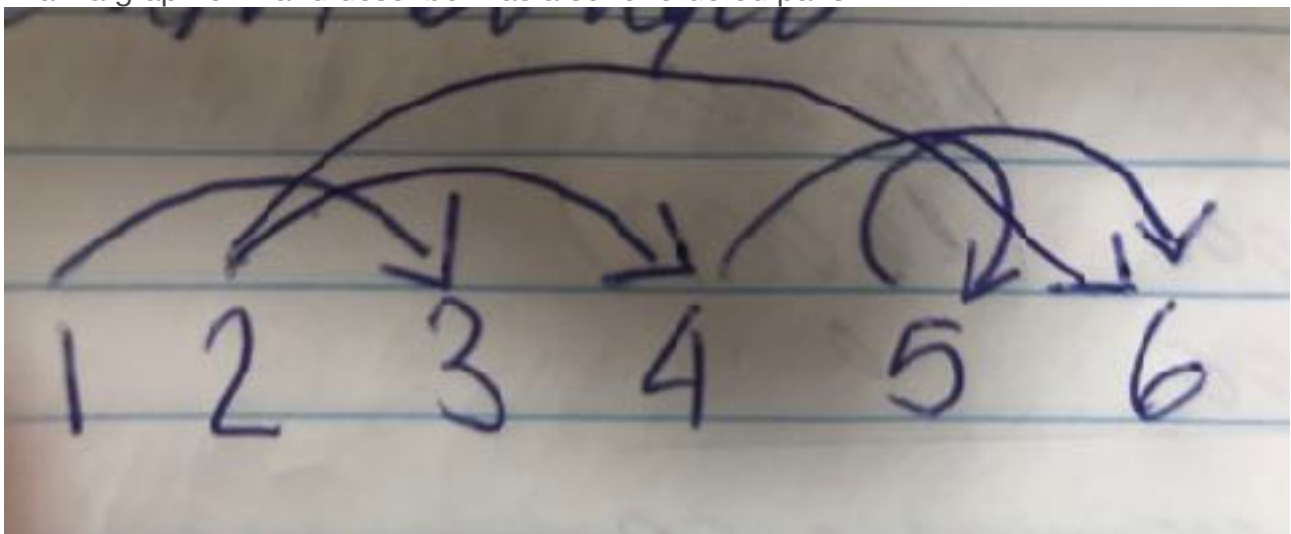
(ii) List the members of  $\{x : xR3\}$  and  $\{y : 2Sy\}$ .

(iii) List the members of  $R^{-1}$ ,  $RS$ ,  $R \cap S$ .

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7. Let  $R$  be the equivalence relation on the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 7\}$  given by the partition  $\{\{2, 4, 6\}, \{1, 3\}, \{5\}, \{7\}\}$

Draw a graph of  $R$  and describe  $R$  as a set of ordered pairs.



$R = (2,4), (2,6), (4,6), (1,3), (5,5), (6,6)$

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8. Let  $R$  be a relation on a set  $A$ . Prove that if  $RR \subseteq R$ , then  $R$  is transitive.

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$RR \subseteq R$

Assume  $R$  is transitive

let

$(a,b) \in R^2$

Therefore  $c \in A$

Where

$(a,c) \in R^2$  and  $(c,b) \in R$

Since  $R$  is transitive,  $(a,b) \in R$

$(a,b) \in R^2$  and  $(a,b) \in R$

$R^2 \subseteq R$

9. Prove that the relation

$R = \{(x, y) : 4 \text{ divides } (x - y)\}$

is an equivalence relation on the set  $A = \{0, 1, \dots, 20\}$ , and list all its equivalence classes

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10. Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . Prove

$$[a]_R \neq [b]_R \text{ implies } [a]_R \cap [b]_R = \emptyset.$$

(Hint: give a proof by contrapositive, making use of the result proved in lectures that  $aRb$  implies  $[a]_R = [b]_R$ .)

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