

Problem 1: Determine how many different lottery tickets can be made?

- (a) A ticket of selecting six numbers in $[16]$ where repetition is allowed and order matters.
- (b) A ticket of selecting five numbers in $[25]$ where order does not matter.
- (c) A ticket of selecting four distinct numbers in $[18]$ and order matters.

Problem 2: Binary strings are words whose characters are either 0 or 1. For each $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$, with $k \leq n$, how many binary strings of length n have exactly k ones? How many have exactly k zeros?

Problem 3: How many n -digit palindromes can be created using $1 - 9$ and repetition is allowed?

Problem 4: How many subsets of $[20]$ that have:

- (a) have the smallest number be 4 and the largest be 15?
- (b) contains no even numbers?
- (c) have size 10 and do not contain any number larger than 17?

Problem 5: Enumerate and count all 4-lists $(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3, \ell_4)$ such that $\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3, \ell_4 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $1 \leq \ell_1 < \ell_2 < \ell_3 < \ell_4 \leq 6$.

Problem 6: How many 6-letter words do not simultaneously begin and end with a vowel?

Problem 7: How many 4-permutations of $[10]$ have maximum element equal to 6? How many have the maximum element of at most 6?

Problem 8: Find the number of 4-list of the form (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) such that $x_i \in \mathbb{N}$ for each integer $1 \leq x_i \leq 4$ such that $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 = 5$

Problem 9: How many binary strings of length n have at least one 0 and at least one 1 simultaneously?

Problem 10: How many nonempty subsets of $[10]$ have the product of their elements even?

Problem 11: In $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ how many are in the less-than relation on $[n]$? How many are in the less-than-or-equal-to relation?

Problem 12: Show that the number of subsets of $[n]$ is equal to the number of binary strings of length n .

Problem 13: Suppose $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Show that the number of even-size subset equals to the number of odd-size subsets.

Problem 14: Define $(n)^k$ and show that $\left(\binom{n}{k}\right) = \frac{(n)^k}{k!}$.

Problem 15: Suppose an ice-cream shop makes three different types of ice-cream cones. How many different ways are there to buy 9 cones and eat one of them?

Problem 16: Suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is a finite set and $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

- (a) Prove that the number of solutions to $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \cdots \leq a_k$ with $a_i \in A$ for each $i \in [k]$ is $\left(\binom{|A|}{k}\right)$.
- (b) Determine the number of solutions to $1 \leq a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \cdots \leq a_k \leq n$ where a_i is an odd integer in $[n]$ for each $i \in [k]$.

Problem 17: Suppose that $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ Use the sum principle to prove that the total number of compositions of n is 2^{n-1} .

Problem 18: Determine the number of ordered integer solutions to $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 26$ such that $1 \leq x_4 \leq 3$ and $x_i \geq i$ for each $i \in [3]$.

Problem 19: Suppose $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $m \leq n$ and $k \leq \lfloor \frac{m-n}{2} \rfloor$. In P_n , how many ways can we color k non-adjacent nodes red and at most m nodes green?

Problem 20: Suppose n is a positive integer. Determine the maximum and minimum possible size of an equivalence relation on $[n]$?

Problem 21: Suppose $n \geq 3$ is an integer. Determine the number of ways to seat n people at a round table where two arrangements are considered equivalent whenever everyone at the table has the same exact same set of neighbors.

Problem 22: How many ways are there to seat five professors and five students around a round table with 10 chairs such that the seating alternates student-professors?

Problem 23: Use the equivalence principle to prove the formula $(n)_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$

Problem 24: How many ways can we split a group of 10 people into two groups of size 3 and one group of size 4?

Bonus: Suppose $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $n = j \cdot k$. Use the combinatorial proof to show that

$$\frac{1}{j!} \prod_{i=0}^{j-1} \binom{n-ik}{k} = \frac{n!}{(k!)^j j!}$$

Hints: try to justify the left hand side, and then generalize the argument for arbitrary value of j and k .

Problem 25: Suppose $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and let $S \in \binom{[2n]}{n+1}$. Prove that there exist two element in S whose sum is $2n + 1$.

Problem 26: Consider any five points in the plane that have integer coordinates.

- (a) Prove that there are two points such that the midpoint of the line segment joining those two points also has integer coordinates.
- (b) Show the counterexample for 4 points.

Problem 27: Show a counterexample of n^2 sequence of distinct real numbers can only have at most n increasing or decreasing subsequence.

Problem 28: Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Suppose exactly k nodes in P_n are colored blue. Prove that there exists a blue node and a non-blue node that are at least $\lceil \frac{n-k}{k+1} \rceil$ steps away from each other.

Problem 29: Consider the possible functions $f : [7] \rightarrow [9]$.

- (a) How many have $f(2) = 4$ and $f(3) \neq 8$?
- (b) How many have $f(3) \neq 8$ and are one-to-one?
- (c) How many have $f(i)$ even for all $i \in [7]$ and are one-to-one?
- (d) How many have $f(i)$ even for all $i \in [7]$?

Problem 30: Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Determine the number of surjective functions $f : [n] \rightarrow [4]$

Problem 31: Suppose $n, j, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $k, j \leq n$. Give a combinatorial proof that

$$(n)_k = (n-j)_{(k-j)} \cdot (n)_j$$

Problem 32: Suppose k and n are integers with $1 \leq k \leq n$. Give combinatorial proof that

$$(n)_k = \sum_{n=k}^k k(j-1)_{k-1}$$

Problem 33: Prove that, for $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}$

Problem 34: Prove that, for $n \geq 1$, $3^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 2^{n-k}$

Problem 35: Prove that, for $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $m \leq n$, $\sum_{j=m}^n \binom{j}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$.

Problem 36: Prove that the number of even-sized subset equals the number of odd-sized subset.

Bonus: Prove that, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$(x+y)_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (x)_k (y)_{n-k}$$

Problem 38: Consider the letters in the word INVISIBILITIES

- (a) How many distinct ways are there to arrange 14 letters in the word?
- (b) How many distinct ways are there if no two I's are allowed to be adjacent?
- (c) How many distinct arrangements are there if the longest number of consecutive I's in a row is 4?

Problem 39: Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and consider the sequence of non-negative integers x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n . If there are some people are placed into teams so that for each $i \in [n]$, there are exactly x_i teams of size i , then the number of ways to create the teams is

$$\frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^n (i!)^{x_i} x_i!}$$

Problem 40: Determine $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} \binom{-1}{k}$.

Problem 41: Prove that $\sum_{k=m}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n}{m} 2^{n-m}$.

Problem 42: Let A be a 10 element set. How many equivalence relations are there on A ? How many have exactly 8 equivalence classes?

Problem 43: How many onto functions from $[9]$ to $[7]$ have only one element mapped to 7?

Problem 44: Give a formula for the number of ways to place n distinguishable boxes so that at least one box stays empty.

Problem 45: Give a combinatorial proof that for integer $k, n \geq 1$, $S(n, k) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i = 0 \binom{n-1}{i} S(i, k-1)$.

Problem 46: Use the fact that $P(n, k) = P(n-1, k-1) + P(n-k, k)$ for integers n, k to prove that for all integer $n \geq 3$, $P(n, k) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$.

Problem 47: For each $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, let $P(n)$ be the number of partitions of n .

- (a) Give a combinatorial proof that $P(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n P(n, k)$
- (b) Give a bijective proof that $P(n) = P(2n, n)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Problem 48: Let z_i be a partitions of n into k parts in non-increasing order. Show how to compute the conjugate of the partitions in terms of z_i

Problem 49: Suppose $P(n)$ is odd for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Show that at least one partitions of n is self-conjugate.

Problem 50: How many integer in $[100]$ are not divisible by 4, 6, and 7?

Problem 51: Suppose that in an inclusion-exclusion problem, there exists a function f such that for any subset $J \subseteq P$ with $|J| = j$, $N_{\geq}(J) = f(j)$. Prove that

$$N_{=}(\emptyset) = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} (-1)^j f(j)$$

Problem 52: Use inclusion-exclusion to prove that the number of partitions of an n -set into k parts is

$$S(n, k) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^j (k-j)^n$$

Problem 53: Derive an identity for $\binom{n}{k}$ via inclusion-exclusion by counting the k -multisets of $[n]$ in which each element of $[n]$ appears at most once.

Problem 54: Suppose $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and suppose j is an integer with $0 \leq j \leq k$,

- (a) How many k -lists taken from n have exactly j entries that are n ?
- (b) Use part (a) to partition the k -lists taken from $[n]$ and get the formula for n^k .
- (c) Prove the formula using the binomial theorem

Problem 55: Prove that, for all $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\sum_{j=1}^n \binom{j}{k-1} = \binom{n}{k}$.

Problem 56: Prove that, for all $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\binom{kn}{2} = k \binom{n}{2} + n^2 \binom{k}{2}$.

Problem 57: Prove the following identities:

(a) $\binom{20}{8} \binom{8}{5} \binom{5}{3} = \binom{20}{3} \binom{17}{2} \binom{15}{4}$

(b) For all positive integer $n \geq k \geq j$, $\binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{j} = \binom{n}{j} \binom{n-j}{k-j}$