

1 Problem 1

(15 points)

Find the coefficient of x^3y^6 in the expansion of $(2x - 2y)^9$.

$$(2x - 2y)^9 = \binom{9}{0}(2x)^9 + \binom{9}{1}(2x)^8(-2y) + \dots + \binom{9}{9}(-2y)^9$$

coefficient of x^3y^6 is

$$\binom{9}{6} \cdot 2^3 \cdot (-2)^6 = \binom{9}{6} \cdot 2^9$$

2 Problem 2

(20 points)

Prove by induction on n that the maximum number of pieces into which you can slice a pizza with n straight cuts is

$$1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

I. $n=1$

A single straight cut through the pizza cuts it into 2 pieces;

$$2 = 1 + \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

II. Assume n straight cuts can cut the pizza into $1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ pieces.

III. Show that the $n+1$ cut can cut the pizza into $1 + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$ pieces, and show it cannot cut it into more.

The $n+1$ cut line can be chosen to intersect each previous cut line exactly once (and not more). Therefore there are n points of intersection between the $(n+1)$ line and all previous cut lines. Those n points divide the $(n+1)$ cut line into $n+1$ segments. Each segment divides an existing piece into two pieces, so there are

$n+1$ new pieces (at most).

So the new number of pieces is

$$1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n+1$$

$$= 1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{2n+2}{2}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{n^2 + 3n + 2}{2}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

3 Problem 3

(20 points)

How many ways are there to make up a box of a dozen doughnuts from a tray of 6 jelly, 16 sugar, and 14 chocolate and 10 glazed doughnuts?

If there were at least 12 of each kind, there would be $\binom{12+4-1}{3} = \binom{15}{3}$ possibilities.

Of these possibilities, 4 use more than 10 glazed.

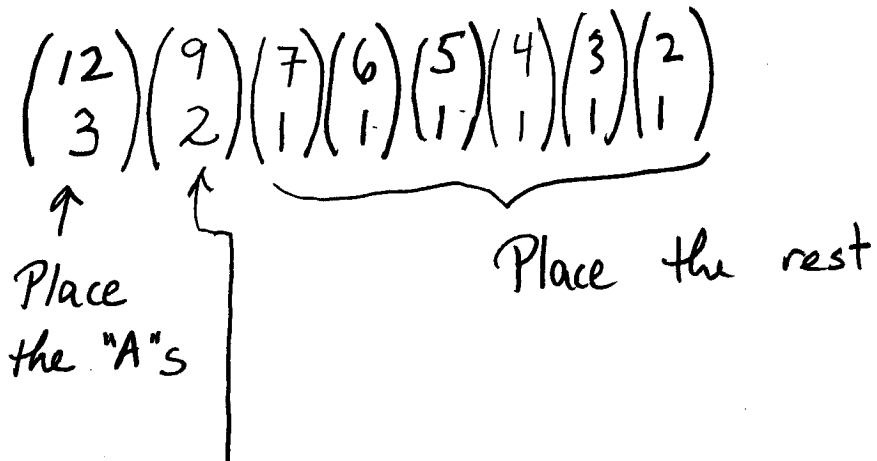
Of these possibilities, $\binom{5+4-1}{3} = \binom{8}{3}$ use more than 6 jelly [fill 7 spots with jelly, then fill the remaining 5 any way at all].

So the total is $\binom{15}{3} - \binom{8}{3} - 3$

4 Problem 4

(10 points)

How many anagrams are there of the word "ANTIMACASSAR"?



$$= \frac{12!}{3! 2!}$$

the explanation
 "12 letters, one
 repeats 3 times,
 one repeats twice,
 no other repeats"
 is fine.

5 Problem 5

(20 points)

By **integrating** the binomial expansion, ^{from 0 to 1,} prove that

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{1} + \frac{1}{3} \binom{n}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{n}{n} = \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{n+1}$$

$$(1+x)^n = \binom{n}{0} x^0 + \binom{n}{1} x + \binom{n}{2} x^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n} x^n$$

$$\text{So } \int_0^1 (1+x)^n dx = \int_0^1 \left[\binom{n}{0} x^0 + \dots + \binom{n}{n} x^n \right] dx$$

$$= \left[\binom{n}{0} x + \binom{n}{1} \frac{x^2}{2} + \binom{n}{2} \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \binom{n}{0} + \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{1} + \frac{1}{3} \binom{n}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{n}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } \int_0^1 (1+x)^n dx \text{ also} &= \left. \frac{(1+x)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right|_0^1 = \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{1^{n+1}}{n+1} \\ &= \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

6 Problem 6

(15 points)

Find the number of integers between 1 and 1000 which are **NOT** divisible by 6, 7 or 8.

Include 1 and 1000;

$A = \{ \text{those divisible by 6} \}$

$B = \{ \text{those divisible by 7} \}$

$C = \{ \text{those divisible by 8} \}$

$$|A| = 166$$

$$|B| = 142$$

$$|C| = 125$$

$$|A \cap B| = \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{42} \right\rfloor = 23$$

$$|A \cap C| = \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{24} \right\rfloor = 41$$

$$|B \cap C| = \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{56} \right\rfloor = 17$$

$$|A \cap B \cap C| = \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{168} \right\rfloor = 5$$

that are divisible
by 6, 7 or 8;

$$S = 166 + 142 + 125 - 23 - 41 - 17 + 5$$

that are not
divisible by 6, 7 or 8:

$$1000 - S.$$

1 Problem 1

(18 points)

Let L_n be the sequence of numbers defined by the recursion relation

$$L_{n+1} = (-3/2)L_n + L_{n-1}$$

with initial values $L_0 = 5$, $L_1 = 0$.

a. Calculate: L_2 and L_3 .

$$L_2 = -3/2 \cdot 0 + 5 = 5$$

$$L_3 = -3/2 \cdot 5 + 0 = -15/2$$

b. Find an explicit formula for L_n .

$$\text{Solve: } q^{n+1} = -3/2 q^n + q^{n-1}$$

$$q^{n+1} + 3/2 q^n - q^{n-1} = 0$$

$$q^2 + 3/2 q - 1 = 0$$

$$2q^2 + 3q - 2 = 0$$

$$(2q-1)(q+2) = 0$$

$$q = 1/2 \text{ or } q = -2$$

$$\text{Solve: } (1/2)^0 A + (-2)^0 B = 5$$

$$(1/2)^1 A + (-2)^1 B = 0$$

$$A + B = 5 \rightarrow A = 5 - B$$

$$\frac{1}{2}A - 2B = 0 \rightarrow A = 4B$$

$$\Rightarrow B = 1, A = 4$$

$$L_n = 4(1/2)^n + (-2)^n$$

2 Problem 2

(16 points)

Prove that a graph G with 7 nodes and more than $\binom{6}{2}$ edges is always connected (assume there are no parallel edges or loops in the graph).

(Brute force method - more elegant solutions welcome!)

Suppose G is not connected.

Then G has at least 2 components.

Let H be a connected component of G with k nodes, and let J be all other nodes and edges of G .

If H has 1 node, J has at most $\binom{6}{2}$

$\Rightarrow G$ has at most $\binom{6}{2}$ edges

H has 2 nodes, J has at most $\binom{5}{2} = 10$ edges

$\Rightarrow G$ has at most 11 edges

H has 3 nodes, J has $< \binom{4}{2} = 6$ edges

$\Rightarrow G$ has at most $3 + 6$ edges

By exchanging H & J , this covers all cases.

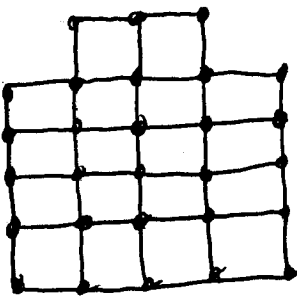
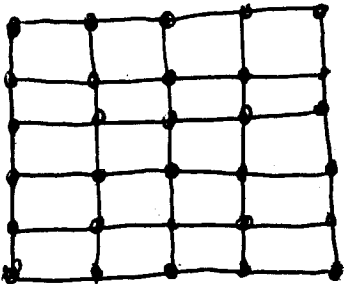
$\Rightarrow G$ has $< \binom{6}{2}$ edges. Contradiction.

$\Rightarrow G$ is connected.

3 Problem 3

(16 points)

Decide which of the graphs below has an Eulerian walk. Decide which of the graphs below has a Hamiltonian cycle. **You do not have to justify your answers (which should be "YES" or "NO") for this problem.**

	Eulerian Walk?	Hamiltonian cycle?
K_6 (complete graph on 6 vertices)	N	Y
K_7 (complete graph on 7 vertices)	Y	Y
	N	N
	N	Y

4 Problem 4

(18 points)

Suppose that there are 13 people in a room. Show that there is either a group of 3 people, none of whom know each other, or there is at (at least) 1 person who knows at least 6 others (or possibly both).

Let p_1 be one of the people.
Form a group G_1 consisting of p_1
and everyone whom p_1 knows.

If there are 7 or more people in
this group, then p_1 knows at least 6
people and we are done.

So assume there are less than 7 in G_1 .

Assume p_2 , say, is not in G_1 .

Form a group G_2 consisting of
everyone p_2 knows who is not already in
 G_1 . If $|G_2| \geq 7$, then p_2 knows at
least 6 people, and we are done.

So assume $|G_2| < 7$. Then $|G_1| + |G_2| \leq 12$.

So there is yet a third person, p_3 ,
who is not in G_1 or G_2 .

Then p_1, p_2, p_3 are 3 people
none of whom know each other.

5 Problem 5

(16 points)

Let F_n be the Fibonacci sequence, so $F_1 = 1, F_2 = 1, F_3 = 2, F_4 = 3, \dots$, etc. Use induction to prove that

$$(F_1)^2 + (F_2)^2 + (F_3)^2 + (F_4)^2 + \dots + (F_n)^2 = F_{n+1}F_n$$

1) Check for $n=1$:

$$(F_1)^2 = 1 = 1 \cdot 1 = F_2 \cdot F_1 \quad \checkmark$$

2) Assume for n , i.e., assume

$$(F_1)^2 + \dots + (F_n)^2 = F_{n+1}F_n$$

3) Prove for $n+1$, i.e., prove

$$(F_1)^2 + \dots + (F_{n+1})^2 = F_{n+2}F_{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (F_1)^2 + \dots + (F_{n+1})^2 & \stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} F_{n+1}F_n + (F_{n+1})^2 \\ & = F_{n+1}(F_n + F_{n+1}) \quad (\text{def. of } F_{n+1}) \\ & = F_{n+1}F_{n+2} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

6 Problem 6

(16 points)

DEFINITION: A graph G is a **tree** if it is connected and contains no cycle as a subgraph.

Using only the definition, prove that if G is a tree then G is connected, but deleting any of its edges results in a disconnected graph.

G is connected by definition.
Suppose e is an edge of G , connecting u to v .
Let $G' = G \setminus e$. Suppose G' is connected. Let P be a path in G' from u to v .
Then P together with e forms a cycle in G , so G is not a tree.

Contradiction.

Hence G' is not connected.

6 Problem 6

(14 points)

Let F_n be the Fibonacci sequence, so $F_1 = 1, F_2 = 1, F_3 = 2, F_4 = 3$, and $F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$. Use induction to prove that

$$F_n \leq \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^n$$

① Check $F_1 \leq \frac{5}{3}$ ($1 \leq \frac{5}{3}$) ✓
 $F_2 \leq \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2$ ($1 \leq \frac{25}{9}$) ✓

② Assume $F_k \leq \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^k$ for all $k \leq n$.

③ Prove $F_{n+1} \leq \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{n+1}$.

$$F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1} \quad (\text{by definition})$$

$$F_{n+1} \leq \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^n + \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{n-1} \quad (\text{I.H.})$$

$$\stackrel{||}{\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{5}{3} + 1\right)}$$

$$\stackrel{||}{\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{8}{3}\right)}$$

$$\stackrel{||}{\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2} = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{n+1}$$

3 Problem 3

(14 points)

Let G be a connected graph with no loops and no parallel edges. Show it is not possible for G to have exactly eight vertices with degrees 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.

Suppose there is such a graph G .

Label the vertices $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8$ with degrees, respectively, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.

Since v_8 has degree 7, it is connected to every other vertex.

Since v_1, v_2, v_3 each have degree 1, the only vertex each is connected to is v_8 .

Hence v_7 is at most connected to v_4, v_5, v_6 and v_8 .

Hence $\text{degree}(v_7) \leq 4$.

Contradiction.

Hence no such G exists.

1 Problem 1

(15 points)

How many sets of three numbers can be formed from $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20\}$ if no two consecutive numbers are to be in the set?

$$\binom{20}{3} = 18 - 17 \times 2 - 16 \times 17$$

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all
sets of
3

↑ ↑
with 1.
3 consecutive

with $\{1, 2\}$ or $\{19, 20\}$

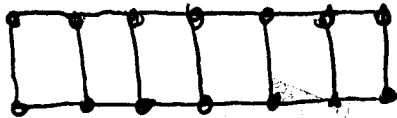
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all others with
2 consecutive.

4 Problem 4

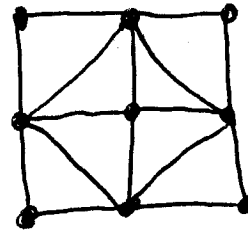
(14 points)

For each of the two graphs G, H drawn below, answer the questions below. You do not have to justify your answers for this problem, and there is no partial credit.

G



H



b. Does G have a Hamiltonian cycle? yes

Does H have a Hamiltonian cycle? No

c. Does G have an Eulerian walk? No

Does H have an Eulerian walk? No

6 Problem 6

(14 points)

Determine the number of solutions of the equation

$$x + y + z + w = 14$$

if x, y, z, w are all non-negative integers less than or equal to eight. (Note that $x = 6, y = 8, z = 0, w = 0$ and $x = 8, y = 6, z = 0, w = 0$, for example, are *different* solutions.)

$$\binom{17}{3} - 4\binom{8}{3} = 456$$

↑
of non-neg. solutions
with no restrictions

↑
4 choices of variable x
of ways to fill
5 spots (after having
filled first nine with
one variable)

5 Problem 5

(14 points)

Let a_n be the sequence defined as follows: $a_0 = 1$, $a_1 = 3$, and if $n > 0$,

$$a_{n+2} = 2a_{n+1} + 2a_n$$

a. Find a_2 and a_3 .

$$a_2 = 8$$

$$a_3 = 22$$

b. Find an explicit formula for a_n .

$$\text{Solve } q^{n+2} = 2q^{n+1} + 2q^n ; q = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$q^2 - 2q - 2 = 0$$

$$q = 1 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$u = 1 + \sqrt{3}, \quad v = 1 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$a_n = A(u)^n + B(v)^n$$

$$1 = a_0 = A + B$$

$$3 = a_1 = A(1 + \sqrt{3}) + B(1 - \sqrt{3})$$

$$3 = A(1 + \sqrt{3}) + (1 - A)(1 - \sqrt{3}) ; A = \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{so } a_n = \left(\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)(1 + \sqrt{3})^n + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - 2}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)(1 - \sqrt{3})^n \quad B = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 2}{2\sqrt{3}}$$