

1. (2 points each) Multiple choice: Circle the right answer. You do NOT need to justify your answers.

If  $\alpha$  is a string of length two, what is the number of substrings of  $\alpha$ ?

- (A) 2; (B) 3; (C) 4; (D) 5; (E) It depends on the string.

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In how many ways can we distribute 12 (identical) copies of the same book to 5 people: Alice, Bob, Casey, David and Emily?

- (A)  $12^5$ ; (B)  $5^{12}$ ; (C)  $C(12, 5)$ ; (D)  $C(16, 4)$ ; (E)  $C(16, 11)$ .

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In how many ways can we distribute 12 distinct books to 5 people: Alice, Bob, Casey, David and Emily?

- (A)  $12^5$ ; (B)  $5^{12}$ ; (C)  $C(12, 5)$ ; (D)  $C(16, 4)$ ; (E)  $C(16, 11)$ .

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Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  be the set of all natural numbers. If  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  are two functions such that  $f \circ g$  is bijective, then:

- (A)  $f$  has to be bijective, but  $g$  does not have to be bijective;  
(B)  $g$  has to be bijective, but  $f$  does not have to be bijective;  
(C) Both  $f$  and  $g$  have to be bijective;  
(D) Neither  $f$  nor  $g$  have to be bijective.

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2. Write down the answer to each question. *You do NOT need to justify your answers.* Also, you do not need to simplify expressions such as  $2^6$ ,  $6!$ ,  $C(6, 3)$ , etc.

(a) Consider the set  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, 7\}$ .

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are NOT reflexive?

$$2^{49} - 2^{42} \quad \checkmark$$

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are symmetric?

$$2^{\frac{7(7+1)}{2}} = 2^{28} \quad \checkmark$$

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are symmetric OR reflexive (i.e. either symmetric, or reflexive, or both)?

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{28} + 2^{42} - \left( 2^{\frac{7(7+1)}{2}} \right) \\ & = 2^{28} + 2^{42} - 2^{21} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are symmetric but NOT reflexive?

$$2^{28} - 2^{\frac{7(7+1)}{2}} = 2^{28} - 2^{21} \quad \checkmark$$

(2 points) How many of the relations on  $X$  are both symmetric AND antisymmetric?

$$2^7$$

(b) (2 points) How many distinct strings can be obtained from the string  $AAAABCCDD$  by permuting (re-ordering) its letters?

$$\frac{9!}{4!2!2!}$$

3. Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of all integers, and  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$  the power set of  $\mathbb{Z}$  (consisting of all subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}$ ). Consider the following relation  $R$  on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$ :

$$(A, B) \in R \iff A \cap B = \emptyset.$$

Answer the following questions, fully justifying your answers. (If an answer is YES, explain why. If an answer is NO, give a counterexample.)

(a) (2 points) Is  $R$  reflexive?

No. Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$   
 $A \cap A = A = \{1, 2\} \neq \emptyset$

(b) (2 points) Is  $R$  symmetric?

Yes. If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$   
 Then by commutativity of  $\cap$ ,  $B \cap A = \emptyset$   
 $\therefore (B, A) \in R$ .

(c) (3 points) Is  $R$  transitive?

No. Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $C = \{1, 5\}$   
 $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $B \cap C = \emptyset$

but  $A \cap C = \{1\} \neq \emptyset \therefore (A, C) \notin R$  when  $(A, B) \in R$  and  $(B, C) \in R$

(d) (3 points) Prove that  $(A, B) \in R \circ R$  for all  $A$  and  $B$ .

By def. of  $R \circ R$ , for each  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$

s.t.  $(A, B) \in R \circ R$ ,  $\exists C \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$  s.t.  $(A, C) \in R$  and  $(C, B) \in R$

$$\iff A \cap C = \emptyset \text{ and } C \cap B = \emptyset$$

We simply let  $C = \emptyset$  and by property of  $\emptyset$

$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$  and  $\emptyset \cap B = \emptyset$  for all  $A, B \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$

$\therefore (A, B) \in R \circ R$  for all  $A$  and  $B$ .

4. (10 points) Prove by induction on  $n$  that:

$$2^{2n} \leq (n+2)!,$$

for any integer  $n \geq 1$ .

$$\text{Let } P_1: 2^2 = 4 \leq 6 = 3! = (1+2)!$$

Assume  $P_n$  is true

We check  $P_{n+1}$  is also true:

$$P_{n+1}: 2^{2(n+1)} = 2^{2n} \cdot 2^2 \leq (n+2)! \cdot 2^2$$

$\therefore$  we want to show  $(n+2)! \cdot 2^2 = 4(n+2)! \leq (n+3)!$  for  $n \geq 1$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4 \leq n+3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 \leq n$$

Since  $n \geq 1$ , the inequality above is satisfied.

$$\therefore 2^{2(n+1)} \leq (n+2)! \cdot 2^2 \leq (n+3)! = ((n+1)+2)! \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore 2^{2n} \leq (n+2)! \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$