

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

$ab \rightarrow \nearrow$   $a$   $b$   $ab$   
 $aa \rightarrow \nearrow$   $a$   $aa$

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



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)  $C(16, 11)$ .

$12 + 4, 4$



Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . 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.



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  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ .

$$n=10$$

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

$$2^{n^2} - 2^{n^2-n}$$

$$2^{100} - 2^{90}$$

reflexive =  $2^{n^2-n}$

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

$$2^{n(n+1)/2} = 2^{10(11)/2} = 2^{55}$$

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

$$2^{n^2-n} + 2^{n(n+1)/2} - 2^{n(n-1)/2}$$

$$2^{90} + 2^{55} - 2^{45}$$

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

Sym:  $2^{n(n+1)/2}$       Sym and ref:  $2^{n(n-1)/2}$

$$\text{Sym + not ref} = 2^{n(n+1)/2} - 2^{n(n-1)/2}$$

$$2^{55} - 2^{45}$$

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

$$2^n = 2^{10} \quad \checkmark$$

(b) (2 points) How many distinct strings can be obtained from the string <sup>123456789</sup>AAABBCCCD by permuting (re-ordering) its letters?

$$\frac{9!}{3!2!3!} \quad \checkmark$$

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  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$ :

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

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,  $\nexists A = \{\}$  (empty set) then  $A \cap A = \emptyset$   
and  $(A, A) \notin R$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$

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

yes, since  $\nexists A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ , then  $B \cap A \neq \emptyset$ , so if  $(A, B) \in R$ ,  $(B, A) \in R$

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

no, consider  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 3\}$ ,  $C = \{3, 4\}$   
 $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ ,  $B \cap C \neq \emptyset$ , but  $A \cap C = \emptyset$   
so  $(A, B) \in R$ ,  $(B, C) \in R$ , but  $(A, C) \notin R$

(d) (3 points) Prove that  $(A, B) \in R \circ R$  whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are nonempty.

Since  $A$  is nonempty and  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z})$  consists of all subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , there is a subset denoted  $C$ , which contains all integers  $\in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore  $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$  and  $(A, C) \in R$ .  $B$  is also nonempty, so  $C \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $(C, B) \in R$ . Therefore composing  $R \circ R$  gives  $R \circ R$   
 $A \xrightarrow{R} C \xrightarrow{R} B$ ,  $A \xrightarrow{R \circ R} B$   
and  $(A, B) \in R \circ R$  for any nonempty  $A$  and  $B$ .

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

$$3^n \leq (n+1)!$$

for any integer  $n \geq 4$ .

base case:  $n=4 \rightarrow 3^4 \leq (5)!$

$$81 \leq 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

$$81 \leq 20 \cdot 6$$

$$81 \leq 120 \quad \checkmark$$

Assume  $3^n \leq (n+1)!$  is true, then

$$3^{n+1} \leq 3 \cdot (n+1)! \leq (n+2)!$$

It suffices to show that

$$3(n+1)! \leq (n+2)! \quad \text{for } n \geq 4$$

$$3 \cdot (n+1)! \leq (n+2) \cdot (n+1)!$$

$3 \leq n+2$ , when  $n \geq 4$  this is true

since  $1 \leq n \quad \checkmark$

$$\therefore 3^n \leq (n+1)! \quad \text{for } n \geq 4 \quad \checkmark$$

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