

# Midterm 1

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Question	Points	Score
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5	10	
Total:	50	

1. (10 points) 1. If  $X$  has 5 elements and  $Y$  has 3 elements, the number of relations from  $X$  to  $Y$  is:
- (a)  $2^5 3$
  - (b)  $2^5 2^3$
  - (c)  $2^{5 \times 3}$ – **Answer**
  - (d)  $2^5 + 2^3$
2. If  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  then the relation  $R = \{(2, 3), (3, 2), (2, 2)\}$  is:
- (a) Antisymmetric
  - (b) Reflexive
  - (c) Symmetric– **Answer**
  - (d) Transitive
3. If  $R$  is a partial order on a set  $X$ , then  $R^{-1}$  is necessarily:
- (a) A partial order– **Answer**
  - (b) Symmetric
  - (c) An equivalence relation
  - (d) A function
4. The function  $f : \{a, b\}^* \rightarrow \{a, b\}^*$  ( $X^*$  is the set of strings in  $X$ ) defined by  $f(\alpha) = \alpha\alpha$  is:
- (a) onto and one-to-one
  - (b) one-to-one but not onto– **Answer**
  - (c) neither one-to-one nor onto
  - (d) onto but not one-to-one
5.  $\frac{10!}{8!}$  is
- (a) more than 200
  - (b) more than 100 but less than 200
  - (c) more than 50 but less than 100– **Answer**
  - (d) more than 10 but less than 50

2. In this question write down your answer, no need for any justification. Please leave answers in the form of factorials,  $C(n, m)$  or  $\binom{n}{m}$ ,  $P(n, m)$ , and with exponents instead of multiplying the answer out.

(a) (2 points) What is the number of ways of rearranging the letters of COMBINATORICS?

$$\binom{13}{2} \binom{11}{2} \binom{9}{2} 7! = \frac{13!}{2!2!2!}$$

(b) (2 points) What is the number of ways to arrange eight math majors and five CS majors in a line, if the CS majors will not stand next to each other?

$$8!P(9, 5)$$

(c) (2 points) What is the number of way to distribute 10 identical acorns between 4 different squirrels?

$$\binom{13}{3}$$

(d) (2 points) What is the number of one-to-one functions from  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  to  $\{a, b, c, d, e\}$  such that  $a$  and  $b$  are both in the range of the function?

$$3 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$$

(e) (2 points) What is the coefficient of  $x^3y^7$  in  $(2x - 3y)^{10}$ ?

$$\binom{10}{3} 2^3 (-3)^7$$

3. (10 points) Use induction to show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$ . Be sure to show your work and justify your answer.

To check the base case, we verify that  $1^3 = \frac{1(2)}{2}$ .

Now for the inductive step, suppose that  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$ , and consider  $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^3$ . This is  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 + (n+1)^3$ , so by our inductive hypothesis

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2 + (n+1)^3.$$

Putting the right hand side over a common denominator and factoring out an  $(n+1)^2$  yields:

$$\frac{(n+1)^2(n^2 + 4(n+1))}{2^2}.$$

But since  $n^2 + 4n + 4 = (n+2)^2$ , putting this all together we have:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i^3 = \left(\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}\right)^2.$$

This is what we wanted to show, so we are done by induction.

4. Consider the relation on the real numbers defined by  $xRy$  if  $x - y$  is an integer.

(a) (6 points) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

For any real number  $x$ ,  $x - x = 0$  which is an integer, so  $R$  is reflexive.

If  $xRy$  then  $x - y$  is an integer, so  $-(x - y) = y - x$  is an integer as well, so we have that  $yRx$ , so  $R$  is symmetric.

If  $xRy$  and  $yRz$ , then  $x - y$  and  $y - z$  are both integers. But  $x - z = (x - y) + (y - z)$ . The sum of two integers is an integer, so  $x - z$  is an integer and  $xRz$ , so  $R$  is transitive.

Therefore,  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

(b) (4 points) Write down 3 distinct elements in the equivalence class of  $1/4$ .

$1/4, 100.25, -3/4$

5. (a) (5 points) Show that if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  are functions and  $f$  and  $g$  are both onto, then  $g \circ f$  is onto. Justify your work!

Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are onto, and consider a  $z \in Z$ . Since  $g$  is onto, there exists a  $y \in Y$  with  $g(y) = z$ . Since  $f$  is onto, there is an  $x \in X$  so that  $f(x) = y$ . Therefore  $g \circ f(x) = z$ , so  $g \circ f$  is onto.

- (b) (5 points) Show that  $\sum_{i=0}^n 2^i \binom{n}{i} = 3^n$  (remember  $\binom{n}{i}$  means the same thing as  $C(n, i)$ ). Justify your work!

By the binomial theorem  $(1 + 2)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} 2^i 1^{n-i}$ . The left hand side is  $3^n$  and the right hand side is  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} 2^i$ , so we are done.