

Max marks:35

Time:50 mins.

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1. Answer all 3 questions.
2. Please start an answer to a question on a fresh page and answer all parts of a question together.
3. Keep answers precise and brief. No justification/calculation, no marks.
4. You can consult **only your own handwritten notes**. Other reference material (like photocopies, books, articles, electronic gadgets etc.) is **NOT** allowed.

1. For a planar graph G define the edge-face adjacency matrix as the $|E| \times |F|$ matrix, $A = [a_{ij}]$ where $a_{ij} = 1$ if the i^{th} edge is part of the boundary of the j^{th} face else it is 0.

(a) Use the edge-face adjacency matrix to argue that for a connected graph G with $|V| \geq 3$, $3|F| \leq 2|E|$.

Solution:

Each edge can separate at most two faces so each row can have at most two ones. Or the total number of ones, say s , is less than $2|E|$, that is $s \leq 2|E|$. Since $|V| \geq 3$ each face will have at least 3 edges in its boundary so each column will have at least 3 ones. That is $3|F| \leq s$. So, $3|F| \leq 2|E|$.

(b) Use the above result to show that for G , $|E| \leq 3|V| - 6$.

Solution:

Using the result above and Euler's formula ($|V| + |F| = |E| + 2$) we get $3|F| = 3|E| - 3|V| + 6 \leq 2|E|$. So, $|E| \leq 3|V| - 6$.

[6,4=10]

2. (a) Let $[n] = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$. How many non-injective functions exist from $[n]$ to $[n]$?

Solution:

Each element of $[n]$ can be mapped to any element of $[n]$ independent of any others. So, there are n^n possible functions. Assume the domain $[n]$ is written as the n -tuple $(1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$ then an injective function maps the sequence to a permutation of the sequence. So, the total number of injective functions is $n!$ giving $(n^n - n!)$ as the total number of non-injective functions.

(b) Consider the sequence of integers S below with 2003 elements where the i^{th} element of the sequence s_i has i 7s.

$S = 7, 77, 777, 7777, \dots, 7$ 2003 times

We wish to show that S contains an element that is divisible by 2003 in two steps.

- i. First argue that if there exist two elements $s_i, s_j, j > i$ in the sequence such that $(s_j - s_i)$ is divisible by 2003 then there exists an element in S which is divisible by 2003.

Solution:

Let $(s_j - s_i)$ be divisible by 2003. Then $s_j - s_i$ can be written as:

$$s_j = \underbrace{77777777}_{j \text{ 7s}}$$

$$s_i = \underbrace{77777}_{i \text{ 7s}}$$

$s_j - s_i = 7777 \dots (j-i) \text{ times followed by } i \text{ zeroes}$

That is $(s_j - s_i) = s_{j-i} \times 10^i$. Since 10^i is clearly not divisible by 2003, s_{j-i} must be divisible by 2003. So, this proves that S contains an element, namely, s_{j-i} that is divisible by 2003.

- ii. Now complete the argument by showing that S has two elements s_i, s_j where $j > i$ such that $(s_j - s_i)$ is divisible by 2003.

Solution:

Assume that S does not have any element divisible by 2003 then each element of S will leave a remainder between 1 and 2002. Since there are 2003 elements and only 2002 possible remainders at least two elements say s_i and s_j will have the same remainder (pigeonhole principle) say r . So, $s_i = q_i \times 2003 + r$ and $s_j = q_j \times 2003 + r$. Let $j > i$ (wlog) then $s_j - s_i = (q_j - q_i) \times 2003$. That is $(s_j - s_i)$ is divisible by 2003.

[5,(4,6)=15]

3. You have 25 identical balls and 7 boxes. You have to find the number of ways in which the balls can be distributed in the boxes with the following constraints:

1. The first box can contain at most 10 balls.
2. The remaining 6 boxes can contain any number of balls.

Do this as follows:

- (a) Write a generating function to count the number of ways to distribute r balls in 7 boxes given the constraints and reduce it to the simplest form.

Solution:

$$f(x) = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^{10})(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^6.$$

The first factor can be written as: $\frac{(1-x^{11})}{(1-x)}$ - sum of geometric series - while the second to seventh identical factors are: $\frac{1}{(1-x)}$. So,

$$f(x) = \frac{(1-x^{11})}{(1-x)} \left(\frac{1}{1-x} \right)^6 = (1-x^{11}) \frac{1}{(1-x)^7}$$

- (b) You have to find the coefficient of x^{25} . Find this coefficient. You can leave the answer in the form ${}^n C_k$.

Solution:

To find the coefficient of x^{25} interpret $f(x)$ as a product, $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$. $g(x)$ has only two non-zero coefficients for x^0 and x^{11} which are $a_0 = 1$ and $a_{11} = -1$ respectively. So, the only relevant terms from $h(x)$ are coefficients of x^{25} and x^{14} namely b_{25} and b_{14} . That is $a_0b_{25} + a_{11}b_{14} = 1 \times {}^{25+7-1}C_{25} - 1 \times {}^{14+7-1}C_{14}$ or $({}^{31}C_{25} - {}^{20}C_{14})$ or $({}^{31}C_6 - {}^{20}C_6)$.

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