

- Please put your name and ID number on your blue book.
- CLOSED BOOK, but you may have TWO PAGES of notes.
- Calculators are NOT allowed.
- You need not simplify the arithmetic in your answers.
- **You must show your work to receive credit.**

1. (8 pts.) In each case, **give an example or explain why none exists.**
  - (a) A permutation  $f$  of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  such that  $f^{20}$  is not the identity permutation. (The identity permutation is the function  $g$  such that  $g(x) = x$  for all  $x$  in the domain.)
  - (b) A simple graph with 5 vertices and 12 edges.
  
2. (16 pts.) Committees are to be formed from 5 Democrats and 8 Republicans. A committee must be as balanced as possible; that is, the number of Republicans and Democrats on the committee must be as equal as possible.
  - (a) How many ways can a 7 member committee be formed?
  - (b) How many ways can both a 7 member committee and a 5 member committee be formed if no person can be on both committees?
  
3. (16 pts.) A square table has two seats on each side for a total of eight seats. Rotations of the table don't matter. Thus, if  $1, 2, \dots, 8$  are placed around the table,

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 & 2 \\ 8 \square & \square 3 \\ 7 \square & \square 4 \\ 6 & 5 \end{array} \text{ and } \begin{array}{c} 7 & 8 \\ 6 \square & \square 1 \\ 5 \square & \square 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{array} \text{ are the same, but differ from } \begin{array}{c} 2 & 1 \\ 3 \square & \square 8 \\ 4 \square & \square 7 \\ 5 & 6 \end{array} \text{ and } \begin{array}{c} 8 & 1 \\ 7 \square & \square 2 \\ 6 \square & \square 3 \\ 5 & 4 \end{array}.$$

- (a) How many ways can eight people be seated at the table?
  - (b) We have four identical red chairs and four identical blue chairs. How many ways can the eight chairs be placed around the table?
4. (8 pts.) Find the 7-leaf complete binary RP-tree of rank 60. Here are the numbers of trees with various leaves:

$$b_1 = b_2 = 1, \quad b_3 = 2, \quad b_4 = 5, \quad b_5 = 14, \quad b_6 = 42, \quad b_7 = 132.$$

5. (8 pts.) The chromatic polynomial of an  $n$ -vertex tree  $T$  is  $P_T(x) = x(x-1)^{n-1}$ . How many ways can a 5-vertex tree be properly colored using 4 colors if *every color must be used*? Your answer should be a number, but you don't need to simplify the arithmetic.

THERE ARE MORE PROBLEMS

6. (8 pts.) Let  $a_n$  be the number of partitions of an  $n$ -set in which the blocks are ordered. It is known that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{2 - e^x}.$$

It can be shown that  $a_n/n! \sim AC^n$  for some constants  $A$  and  $C$ . Find  $C$ .

*Note:* You are not asked to prove any of the preceding — just find  $C$  and explain how you got it.

7. (16 pts.) Consider unlabeled RP-trees where each non-leaf vertex must have either two or three children. Let  $t_n$  be the number of such trees with  $n$  leaves (with  $t_0 = 0$ ) and let  $T(x) = \sum t_n x^n$ .

(a) Derive the formula  $T(x)^3 + T(x)^2 - T(x) + x = 0$ .

- (b) It turns out that  $t_n \sim An^B C^n$  for some constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . Find  $B$  and  $C$ . (Your answers should be actual numbers, not descriptions of how to find them.)

**Principle 11.6 (Nice singularities, shortened)** Let  $a_n$  be a sequence whose terms are positive for all sufficiently large  $n$ . Suppose that  $A(x) = \sum_n a_n x^n$  converges for some value of  $x > 0$ . Suppose that  $A(x) = f(x)g(x) + h(x)$  where

- $f(x) = (1 - x/r)^c$ ,  $c$  is not a positive integer or zero;
- $g(r) \neq 0$  and  $g(x)$  does not have a singularity at  $x = r$ ;
- $A(x)$  does not have a singularity for  $-r \leq x < r$ ;
- $h(x)$  does not have a singularity at  $x = r$ .

Then it is usually true that

$$a_n \sim \frac{g(r)(1/r)^n}{n^{c+1}\Gamma(-c)}$$

where

$$\Gamma(k) = (k-1)! \quad \text{when } k > 0 \text{ is an integer,} \quad \Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}.$$

**Principle 11.7 (Implicit functions)** Let  $a_n$  be a sequence whose terms are positive for all sufficiently large  $n$ . Let  $A(x)$  be the ordinary generating function for the  $a_n$ 's. Suppose that the function  $F(x, y)$  is such that  $F(x, A(x)) = 0$ . If there are positive real numbers  $r$  and  $s$  such that  $F(r, s) = 0$  and  $F_y(r, s) \neq 0$  and if  $r$  is the smallest such  $r$ , then it is usually true that

$$a_n \sim \sqrt{\frac{rF_x(r, s)}{2\pi F_{yy}(r, s)}} n^{-3/2} r^{-n}.$$