

Math 184, Winter 2022

Homework 6

Due: Friday, Mar. 4 by 11:59PM via Gradescope (late homework will not be accepted)

Explanations should be given for your solutions. Use complete sentences.

- (1) For  $n > 0$ , let  $h_n$  be the number of bijections  $f: [n] \rightarrow [n]$  with the property that  $f \circ f \circ f$  is the identity function. We set  $h_0 = 1$ .

(a) Give a simple expression for the exponential generating function  $H(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{h_n}{n!} x^n$ .

(b) Use your answer in (a) to get a recurrence for  $h_n$ .

- (2) In Example 7.14, we counted the number of labeled trees on 3 and 4 vertices by considering all types of unlabeled trees and counting how many different labelings each one has. Do the same for 5 and 6 vertices.

To make it easier not to go down the wrong path: there are 3 types of unlabeled trees on 5 vertices and 6 types of unlabeled trees on 6 vertices. Also your answers should add up to  $5^3 = 125$  and  $6^4 = 1296$ , respectively.

- (3) How many ways are there to list the letters of ORANGECHICKEN so that no two consecutive letters are the same?

- (4) We have  $n > 1$  married couples ( $2n$  people in total).

(a) How many ways can we have the  $2n$  people stand in a line so that no person is standing next to their spouse?

(b) How many ways can we have the  $2n$  people stand in a circle so that no person is standing next to their spouse (any rotation of the circle is considered an equivalent arrangement)?

- (5) How many necklaces are there of length  $n$  using  $k$  different colors for the beads where  $n$  is:

(a) 8

(b) 12

(c) 30

## 1. EXTRA PROBLEMS (DON'T TURN IN)

- (6) How many positive integers  $\leq 1000$  are neither perfect squares nor perfect cubes?  
[Recall that a perfect square is an integer of the form  $n^2$  where  $n$  is an integer, and a perfect cube is an integer of the form  $n^3$  where  $n$  is an integer.]