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1. (9 pts) Prime Numbers

- (a) What is the greatest common divisor of 24 and 84?

ANSWER:

$$84 = 2^2 * 3 * 7$$

$$24 = 2^3 * 3$$

$$GCD = 2^2 * 3 = 12$$

- (b) What is the least common multiple of 24 and 84?

ANSWER:

$$84 = 2^2 * 3 * 7$$

$$24 = 2^3 * 3$$

$$LCD = 2^3 * 3 * 7 = 168$$

- (c) Are the numbers 15, 16 and 21
- pairwise relatively prime*
- ? Explain.

ANSWER:

The $\gcd(15,16)=1$, $\gcd(16,21)=1$, $\gcd(15,21)=3$. Not pairwise relatively prime. To be all pairs would have to have gcd of 1, and one pair has a gcd of 3.

2. (6 pts) Express the
- $\gcd(270,660)$
- as a linear combination of 270 and 660 by first finding the gcd using the Euclidean algorithm and then solving for the Bezout coefficients.

ANSWER:

$$660 = 2 * 270 + 120$$

$$270 = 2 * 120 + 30$$

$$120 = 4 * 30$$

$$\text{The } \gcd(270,660) = 30.$$

$$30 = 270 - 2 * 120$$

$$120 = 660 - 2 * 270$$

$$\text{Thus } 30 = 270 - 2 * [660 - 2 * 270] \text{ by substitution}$$

$$30 = 5 * 270 - 2 * 660$$

3. (6 pts) Sarah has created a check digit for her order numbers. The order numbers are 6 digits total with the check digit being the 6th digit. The check digit is the sum of the first five digits mod 6.

- (a) What is the 6th digit if the first 5 digits are 42321?

ANSWER:

$$12 \bmod 6 = 0$$

- (b) The 3rd digit is smudged and unreadable, shown here as a Q in 31Q983. If the other numbers are correct, what could Q be?

ANSWER:

$$(3 + 1 + x + 9 + 8) \bmod 6 = 3$$

$$(21 + x) \bmod 6 = 3$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 6$$

4. (4 pts) A **variant** of the Caesar cipher assigns digits to letters in the following manner 0 to A, 1 to B, etc., as shown below, and then uses $f(p) = (p + 5) \bmod 26$ as the encryption method.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

The following message was BFXM encrypted using this variant. What is the original message?

ANSWER:

B = 1 - 5 is 22 which is W

F is 5 - 5 is 0 which is A

X is 23 - 5 is 18 which is S

M is 12 - 5 is 7 which is H

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5. (5 pts) Prove by mathematical induction $1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots + 1/2^n = (2^n - 1)/2^n$ for $n \geq 1$.

ANSWER:

Basis: (n=1) $(2^1 - 1)/2^1 = 1/2 = 1/2$ Check

Assume true for k, $1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots + 1/2^k = (2^k - 1)/2^k$

Show true for k+1

$$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots + 1/2^k + 1/2^{k+1}$$

$$= (2^k - 1)/2^k + 1/2^{k+1} \text{ by I.H.}$$

$$= 2 * (2^k - 1)/2 * 2^k + 1/2^{k+1}$$

$$= (2^{k+1} - 2)/2^{k+1} + 1/2^{k+1}$$

$$= (2^{k+1} - 1)/2^{k+1}$$

6. (5 pts) Suppose that the only currency was \$3 bills and \$10 bills. Show that every dollar amount greater than \$17 could be made with these two types of bills.

ANSWER:

Basis: 6 \$3 bills will compute \$18

1 \$10 bill and 3 \$3 bills computes \$19

2 \$10 bills computes \$20

Suppose k dollars can be formed with \$3 and \$10 bills for $k > 20$.

Look at the amount for $k + 1$. Subtract \$1. By I.H. the k amount can be formed with \$3 and \$10 bills. Suppose there are two \$10 bills. Then for $k + 1$ they can be replaced with 7 \$3 bills. Otherwise there must be at least 3 \$3 bills. Those plus one more dollar can be replaced with a \$10 bill to make the $k + 1$ amount.

7. (3 pts) Suppose Imelda will wear one of her 4 hats, one of her 10 dresses and one of her 20 pairs of shoes. How many different outfits can she wear?

ANSWER:

$$4 * 10 * 20 = 800$$

8. (4 pts) How many bit strings of length 8 contain

- (a) exactly two 1's?

ANSWER:

$$[8 \ 2] = 8! / 6! * 2! = 8 * 7 / 2 = 28$$

- (b) at most 6 1's?

ANSWER:

Total choices 2^8 - exactly 8 1's and exactly 7 1's

$$2^8 - [8 \ 8] - [8 \ 7]$$

$$2^8 - 1 - 8 = 2^8 - 9 = 256 - 9 = 247$$

9. (6 pts) How many strings are there of six uppercase letters A-Z such that

- (a) letters cannot be repeated?

ANSWER:

$$26 * 25 * 24 * 23 * 22 * 21$$

- (b) the letter C is there at least once and the letters X,Y,Z cannot be used?

ANSWER:

Number of possibilities with all letters minus the number of possibilities with the letter C there exactly once

$$23^6 - 22^6$$

- (c) at most one of the six letters is a vowel (vowels are A, E, I, O, U) and the string must start with S?

ANSWER:

no vowels + exactly 1 vowel

$21^5 + 5$ places vowel could be * 5 choices * 21^4 other choices

$$= 21^5 + 25 * 21^4$$

10. (4 pts) What is the value of the following?

(a)

$$\binom{5}{0}$$

ANSWER: 1

(b)

$$\binom{7}{3}$$

$$\text{ANSWER: } 7*6*5/3*2 = 35$$

11. (4 pts) Consider the string GOOGOL?

- (a) How many different strings of length 6 can be made using the letters in GOOGOL?

ANSWER:

$$6!/(3!*2!) = 60$$

- (b) How many different strings of length 6 can be made using the letters in GOOGOL if the three O's must be adjacent to each other?

ANSWER:

$$4!/2! = 12$$

12. (3 pts) What is the coefficient of x^3y^6 in $(x + y)^9$?

ANSWER:

$$[9 \ 3] = 9!/3!*6! = 9*8*7/3*2 = 3*4*7 = 3*28 = 84$$

13. (6 pts) Cats are different from each other. There is one white cat and one black cat among 9 cats.

- (a) How many different ways are there to arrange 4 cats in a line from the 9 cats if the white cat must be included?

ANSWER:

4 positions for white cat * 8 * 7 * 6

$$\text{OR } [8 \ 3] * 4! = 1344$$

- (b) How many different ways are there to arrange 5 cats in a line from the 9 cats if both the white cat and black cat must be included?

ANSWER:

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

$$\text{OR } [7 \ 3] \cdot 5! = 4200$$

14. (3 pts) What is the probability that a positive integer greater than 0 and less than 100 picked at random has all distinct digits?

ANSWER:

$$90/99 = 10/11$$

15. (3 pts) Which is more likely: rolling a total of 5 when two dice are rolled or rolling a total of 5 when three dice are rolled? Explain.

ANSWER:

5 with 2 dice - 4 chances $4/36$

5 with 3 dice - 6 chances $6/216$

More likely with two dice since $4/36 > 6/216$

16. (4 pts) A lottery is defined as follows. A player selects 6 different numbers out of the numbers 1 through 40. Then the lottery computer randomly selects 6 different numbers from the numbers 1 through 40. The order the numbers are selected does not matter. What is the probability that at least 5 of the 6 numbers the player selected are from the 6 numbers the computer selected?

ANSWER:

Player must select $[6 \ 5]$ or 6 ways to choose 5 of 6 numbers to match.

and $[34 \ 1]$ ways for the last number chosen not to match.

There are $1 + 6 \cdot 34$ winning tickets = 205

There are $[40 \ 6]$ tickets in all

probability is $205/[40 \ 6]$

ALSO WRITTEN AS $([6 \ 5] \cdot 34 + [6 \ 6])/[40 \ 6]$