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**10. Practice sheet for the lecture:  
Combinatorics (DS I)**

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- (1) Consider necklaces with 12 beads of at most three different colors
  - (a) How many different necklaces exist up to equivalence by the dihedral group?
  - (b) How many different necklaces with 3 red, 4 green, and 5 blue beads exist?
- (2) Consider red-blue-face-colorings of the platonic solids with rotational symmetries.
  - (a) Determine the number of differently colored dodecahedra.
  - (b) Determine the number of differently colored icosahedra.
  - (c) Determine the number of differently colored soccer balls. Note that a soccer ball is a truncated icosahedron.
- (3) A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is *isomorphic* to a graph  $H = (V', E')$ , if a relabeling of the vertices of  $G$  yields the graph  $H$ , i.e., if there exists a bijection  $\Phi : V \rightarrow V'$  such that the mapping  $\Psi(\{v, w\}) := \{\Phi(v), \Phi(w)\}$  is a bijection from  $E$  to  $E'$ .  
Let  $g_{n,k}$  be the number of non-isomorphic graphs on  $n$  vertices with  $k$  edges. Let  $S_n$  be the symmetric group on the vertices, which acts on  $\binom{[n]}{2}$  by  $\pi(\{i, j\}) := \{\pi(i), \pi(j)\}$ . Prove

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\binom{n}{2}} g_{n,k} x^k = P_{S_n}(1 + x, 1 + x^2, \dots, 1 + x^{\binom{n}{2}}).$$

- (4) Let there be 27 cubes of volume 1. Count the number of ways to paint the faces of the cubes with 3 colors, such that for any color  $c$ , you can stick the cubes together to form a cube of volume 27 whose faces are of color  $c$ , up to rotational symmetries of the 27 cubes it consists of.
- (5) Popular matchings  
Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph and each vertex  $v$  has a strict preference list  $L_v$  on its neighbors with additional minimal element  $\emptyset$ . Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be two matchings of  $G$ . For a vertex  $v$ , let  $M(v)$  be its matched edge, or  $\emptyset$  if it is not matched and

$$vote_v(M, M') = \begin{cases} -1, & v \text{ prefers } M'(v) \text{ over } M(v) \\ 0, & v \text{ has no preferred matching, e.g., } M(v) = M'(v) \\ 1, & v \text{ prefers } M(v) \text{ over } M'(v) \end{cases}$$

We say  $M$  is *more popular* than  $M'$  if  $\sum_v vote_v(M, M') \geq 0$  and write  $M' \preceq M$ . We say  $M$  is *popular*, if  $M' \preceq M$  for all matchings  $M'$  of  $G$ .

- (a) Show that the relation 'more popular' is not acyclic.
- (b) Show that every stable matching is popular.
- (c) Show that popular matchings may be strictly larger than stable matchings.
- (\*) Finding max-size popular matchings can be done by a modified Gale-Shapely. Inform yourself about the algorithm. (A rough idea of the proof is fine.)