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

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- (1)
- (a) How many subsets of the set $[n]$ contain at least one odd integer?
 - (b) How many multi-subsets of the set $[n]$ have size k ? (Multi(-sub-)sets may contain the same element more than once.)
 - (c) Let \subseteq denote the (non-strict) subset relation. For a given $k \in [n]$, how many sequences (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k) are there with

$$\emptyset \subseteq T_1 \subseteq T_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq T_k \subseteq [n] ?$$

- (2) Show that the number of partitions of n where no part is divisible by $d \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ equals the number of partitions of n where no d parts have the same size.
- (3) Let there be n points in the plane with integer coordinates. Among them, we want to find three points p_1, p_2, p_3 , such that their barycenter $b = \frac{1}{3}(p_1 + p_2 + p_3)$ has integer coordinates.
- (a) Prove that if $n \geq 13$, we can always find such 3 points.
 - (b) Prove that if $n = 9$, we can always find such 3 points.
 - (c) Find a set of $n = 8$ points, where it is impossible to choose 3 such points.
- (4) $c(n, k)$ denotes the number of permutations of $[n]$ with k cycles and $S(n, m)$ the number of partitions of $[n]$ into m parts. Show the following identities:

$$c(n+1, m+1) = \sum_{k=m}^n \binom{k}{m} c(n, k)$$

$$S(n+1, k+1) = \sum_i \binom{n}{i} S(i, k)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n c(n, n-k) x^k = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1+kx)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} S(n+k, n) x^k = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{1-kx}$$

- (5) In the parliament of some country there are $2n+1$ seats filled by 3 parties. How many possible distributions (i, j, k) , (i.e. party 1 has i , party 2 has j , and party 3 has k seats) are there, such that no party has an absolute majority? Give a nice combinatorial proof. (Hint: Look at small numbers and make a good guess.)