
**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 ?
 - (c) Let \subset denote a strict subset relation. For a given $k \in [n]$, how many sequences (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k) are there with

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

- (2) A composition of n is an ordered set of numbers (a_1, \dots, a_k) with $a_i \in \mathbb{N}$ and $0 < a_i \leq n$ such that $a_1 + \dots + a_k = n$. For example, $n = 4$ has the compositions: $1 + 1 + 1 + 1, 1 + 1 + 2, 1 + 2 + 1, 2 + 1 + 1, 2 + 2, 3 + 1, 1 + 3, 4$.

- (a) Prove that n has $\binom{n-1}{k-1}$ compositions into exactly k parts.
- (b) Let $c(n)$ be the number of compositions of n into an even number of even parts. For $n = 8$, these compositions are: $2 + 2 + 2 + 2, 4 + 4, 6 + 2, 2 + 6$. Give a closed formula for $c(n)$.

- (3) Polygonal numbers

- (a) What are triangle, square, pentagon, hexagon, and heptagon numbers? Or more general, what are polygonal numbers?
- (*) What are tetrahedral numbers?

- (4) Pentagonal number theorem

- (a) Complete the proof of the pentagonal number theorem: Show that *moving slope to front* is an injection from distinct partitions of type II to distinct partitions of type I.
- (b) Let $c_k := \frac{(3k-1)k}{2}$ be the k th pentagonal number. Show that the number of partitions of n can be computed in the following way:

$$p(n) = \sum_k (-1)^{k-1} (p(n - c_k) + p(n - c_{-k}))$$

[Hint: Use the pentagonal number theorem & the generating function of $p(n)$.]

- (5) 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.

[Hint: We proved this statement in the lecture for $d = 2$.]