
**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? Necklace equivalence is given 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' .
 - (a) Count non-isomorphic graphs on four vertices using a Polya theorem.
 - (b) Count non-isomorphic graphs on four vertices when loops are allowed. *Loops* are edges starting and ending at the same vertex.
 - (c) Let $g_{n,k}$ be the number of non-isomorphic graphs on n vertices with k edges (no loops). Let G be the symmetric group on the vertices, which acts on $\binom{[n]}{2}$ by $\pi(\{i, j\}) := \{\pi(i), \pi(j)\}$. Prove

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

- (4) Let \mathcal{T} be the family of rooted ternary trees. A *rooted ternary tree* is a rooted tree where every vertex has at most 3 children. Two rooted ternary trees are equivalent, if one can be obtained from the other by permuting the subtrees of its vertices. Let G the symmetric group S_3 with its standard action on three elements and $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{T}^{[3]}$. Consider the action of G on \mathcal{F} . For $f \in \mathcal{F}$, we define $w(f) = w(T_a) \cdot w(T_b) \cdot w(T_c)$, where $w(T) = x^{\#\text{ vertices of } T}$. For an orbit F of \mathcal{F} , we define $w(F) = w(f)$ for $f \in F$.
 - (a) Determine $\sum_{F \text{ orbit}} w(F)$.
 - (b) Let t_n denote the number of rooted ternary trees on n vertices and denote its generating function by $T(x) := \sum t_n x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + 2x^3 + 4x^4 + 8x^5 + 17x^6 + \dots$. Conclude that

$$T(x) = 1 + x \cdot P_G(T(x), T(x^2), T(x^3)).$$

(0.4) We will discuss exercise 4 of sheet 0.