

Model Answer for  
Mid Term MAT 651  

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2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 1438

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Answer Q1

(a) There are three I's and 11 other letters.  
First we arrange the 11 other letters with  
a space between each one, in the beginning and in  
the end. There

$$\frac{11!}{(2!)^4 (1!)^3} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

Since there are 2 E's, 2 F's, 2 T's, 2 N's,  
1 D, 1 R and 1 O.

The previous step creates 12 empty spaces  
in which three I's may be arranged, then

there are  $\binom{12}{3}$  ways. Hence, the  
required number is  $\binom{12}{3} \cdot \frac{11!}{(2!)^4} =$  [1 mark]

$$= 548,856,000. \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

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(b)  $\binom{12}{3} + \binom{12}{4} + \dots + \binom{12}{12} = 2^{12} - [\binom{12}{0} + \binom{12}{1} + \binom{12}{2}]$   
 [2 marks]  $= 4096 - 79 = 4017$

(c) We have  $g(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$  is the generating function of the sequence  $a_n = 1$ , hence

$xg'(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$  is the generating function for the sequence  $a_n = n$ , and [1 mark]

$x(xg'(x))' = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$  is the [1 mark]

generating function for the sequence  $a_n = n^2$ .

Hence the generating function of the sequence

$a_n = n^2 + 1$  is  $\frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3} - \frac{1}{1-x}$  [1 mark]

$= \frac{3x-1}{(1-x)^3}$

3 Answer Q2

(a) We have 6 identical oranges and  
4 distinct apples, so  
5 distinct boxes

# of ways

$$\binom{6+5-1}{6} \cdot 5^4 = \binom{10}{4} \cdot 5^4 \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> requirement, we have three cases:

Case 1: We put 2 oranges each in three boxes  
and 2 boxes each contain 2 apples,

This can be done in

$$\binom{5}{3} \frac{4!}{(2!)^2} \text{ ways } \quad \frac{1}{2} \text{ mark}$$

Case 2: Two boxes each contain 2 oranges  
" boxes ~ ~ 1 orange  
" ~ ~ ~ 1 apple  
1 box contains 2 apples

This can be done in

$$\binom{5}{2} \binom{3}{2} \frac{4!}{2!1!1!} \text{ ways}$$

[1/2 mark]

[4] Case 3 one box contains 2 oranges  
 4 boxes each contain 1 apple  
 4 ~ ~ ~ ~ 1 orange

This can be done in

$$\binom{5}{1} \binom{4}{4} \frac{4!}{(1!)^4} \quad \left[ \frac{1}{2} \text{ mark} \right]$$

So, the total number of ways equal

$$\binom{5}{3} \frac{4!}{(2!)^2} + \binom{5}{2} \binom{3}{2} \frac{4!}{2!} + \binom{5}{1} \binom{4}{4} 4! \quad \left[ \frac{1}{2} \text{ mark} \right]$$

(b) Let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ ,  
 $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$

If  $m < n$ , there is no onto functions. Now,  
 Suppose that  $m \geq n$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  be the set  
 of all functions from  $A$  to  $B$ . Then

$$|\mathcal{U}| = n^m.$$

Let  $A_i = \{f \in \mathcal{U} : b_i \in R(f)\}$   $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$   
 $R(f)$  is the range of  $f$ . [1 mark]

Now  $A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap \dots \cap A_n^c = \{f \in \mathcal{U} : b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \notin R(f)\}$   
[1 mark]

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$$|A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap \dots \cap A_n^c| = |\mathcal{U} - (A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n)|$$
$$= |\mathcal{U}| - (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \alpha_n)$$

where  $\alpha_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| = \binom{n}{1} (n-1)^m$

$$\alpha_2 = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j| = \binom{n}{2} (n-2)^m$$

[1 mark]

$$\alpha_j = \binom{n}{j} (n-j)^m, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1$$

$$\alpha_n = 0.$$

Hence, the required number is

[1 mark]

$$n^m - \binom{n}{1} (n-1)^m + \binom{n}{2} (n-2)^m - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \binom{n}{n-1} 1^m$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} (n-k)^m$$



[6] Answer Q 3

(a) Let  $a_n$  be the number of ternary strings that contain two consecutive 0's. We could start with either a 1 or a 2 and follow with a string containing two consecutive 0's (and this can be done in  $2a_{n-1}$  ways) [1 mark], or we could start with 01 or 02 and follow with a string containing two consecutive 0's (and this can be done in  $2a_{n-2}$  ways) [1 mark], or we could start with 00 and follow with any ternary string of length  $n-2$  (this can be done in  $3^{n-2}$  ways) [1 mark].  
Therefore the recurrence relation is [1 mark]

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} + 3^{n-2}$$

(b) Let  $h(x)$  be the exponential generating function of  $d_n$ . That is,

$$h(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_n}{n!} x^n$$

For the given recurrence relation divide it by  $n!$

and multiply it by  $x^n$ , we get [1 mark]

$$\frac{d_n}{n!} x^n = \frac{n d_{n-1}}{n!} x^n + \frac{2^n}{n!} x^n$$

[7] Taking the summation from  $n=1$  to  $\infty$ , we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_n x^n}{n!} = x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_{n-1}}{(n-1)!} x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n x^n}{n!}$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) - \frac{d_0}{1!} = x h(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^n}{n!}$$

$$h(x) - x h(x) = 1 + e^{2x} - 1 \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$h(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^k}{k!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{2^k}{k!} \right) x^n \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

That is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_n}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{2^k}{k!} \right) x^n$$

$$\frac{d_n}{n!} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{2^k}{k!}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_n = n! \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{2^k}{k!} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$= n! \left[ 1 + \frac{2}{1!} + \frac{2^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{2^n}{n!} \right]$$

[8] Answer Q4

$$(a) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(k+1) = \sum_{k=1}^n (2\binom{k}{2} + 2\binom{k}{1})$$

$$= 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{k}{2} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{k}{1}$$

$$= 2 \binom{n+1}{3} + 2 \binom{n+1}{2} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

$$= 2 \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)}{3!} + 2 \frac{(n+1)n}{2!}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)[2n-2+6]}{6}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+4)}{6} = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3} \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

(b) If  $x_i \geq 0$ , # of solutions is

$$\binom{15+3-1}{3-1} = \binom{17}{2} = 136$$

[1 mark]

If  $x_1 \geq 6$ , # of ways

$$\binom{15-6+3-1}{3-1} = \binom{11}{2} = 55$$

So, for  $x_1 \leq 5$ ,  $x_2, x_3 \geq 0$ , # of ways

$$= 136 - 55 = 81. \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$



(9) (c) For  $a_n^{(h)}$ : The characteristic equation is

$$r^2 - r - 2 = 0$$

$$(r-2)(r+1) = 0$$

We have two char. roots  $r_1 = 2, r_2 = -1$

Then  $a_n^{(h)} = c_1 2^n + c_2 (-1)^n$  [1 mark]

For  $a_n^{(p)}$ : as 2 is a char. root, with

multiplicity 1, hence, we may assume a particular solution of the form

$$a_n^{(p)} = \alpha n 2^n \quad \text{Hence}$$

$$\alpha n 2^n = \alpha (n-1) 2^{n-1} + 2\alpha (n-2) 2^{n-2} + 2^n$$

divide by  $2^{n-2}$ , we get

$$4\alpha n = 2\alpha (n-1) + 2\alpha (n-2) + 4$$

$$4\alpha n - 2\alpha n - 2\alpha n + 2\alpha + 4\alpha = 4$$

$$6\alpha = 4 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{2}{3}$$

hence  $a_n^{(p)} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot n 2^n$  [1 mark]

Now, the solution

$$a_n = a_n^{(h)} + a_n^{(p)}$$

$$= c_1 2^n + c_2 (-1)^n + \frac{2}{3} n 2^n \quad \text{[1 mark]}$$

[10]

$$\text{as } a_0 = 4 \Rightarrow c_1 + c_2 = 4$$

$$\text{as } a_1 = 12 \Rightarrow 2c_1 - c_2 + \frac{4}{3} = 12$$

adding

$$3c_1 = 16 - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{48}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{44}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{44}{9}, \text{ and } c_2 = 4 - \frac{44}{9} \\ = \frac{36}{9} - \frac{44}{9} = -\frac{8}{9}$$

Here

$$a_n = \frac{44}{9} \cdot 2^n - \frac{8}{9} (-1)^n + \frac{2}{3} n \cdot 2^n \\ = \left( \frac{44}{9} + \frac{2}{3} n \right) 2^n + \frac{8}{9} (-1)^{n+1}$$

[1 mark]

Answer

Extra question

We must get the number of non negative integer solutions of the equation  $x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 = 101$  [1 mark]

For  $x_3 = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 20$ , we get 21 equations

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 101 \text{ has } \left\lceil \frac{102}{2} \right\rceil \text{ solutions}$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 99 \text{ has } \left\lceil \frac{97}{2} \right\rceil \text{ solutions}$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 97$$

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$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 6$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 4$$

$$\left\lceil \frac{2}{2} \right\rceil \text{ solutions}$$

[1 mark]

So, the total number of solutions is

$$(11) \quad \left\lceil \frac{102}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{97}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{92}{2} \right\rceil + \dots + \left\lceil \frac{7}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{2}{2} \right\rceil$$

$$= 51 + 49 + 46 + \dots + 4 + 1$$

$$= 100 + 90 + 80 + \dots + 20 + 10 + 1$$

$$= \frac{10}{2} (110) + 1 = 551. \quad [9 \text{ marks}]$$