

## Combinatorics. Review for Test 2

o.g.f. = ordinary generating function,  
must be given as a function in closed form (no infinite sums or "...")

e.g.f. = exponential generating function,  
must be given as a function in closed form (no infinite sums or "...")

zero is an even number

Don't simplify the generating functions you find: after getting the closed form just leave them as found.

1.a) Given an e.g.f.  $f(x) = 3e^x + 2x$ , for a sequence  $a_n$ , find a closed formula for  $a_n$ .

$$= 3 \sum \frac{x^n}{n!} + 2x$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 3, & n \neq 1 \\ 5, & n = 1 \end{cases}$$

b) Given an e.g.f.  $f(x) = e^{3x} + 4$ , for a sequence  $a_n$ , find a closed formula for  $a_n$ .

$$= \sum \frac{3^n x^n}{n!} + 4$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 3^n, & n > 0 \\ 3^n + 4, & n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 3^n & n > 0 \\ 5 & n = 0 \end{cases}$$

- 2.a) Find the o.g.f. for the number of ways to choose  $n$  donuts from a menu that offers two types: chocolate and plain. You must choose exactly 4 or 5 chocolates, and a nonzero even number of plain.

$$f(x) = (x^4 + x^5) (x^2 + x^4 + \dots)$$

$$= (x^4 + x^5) \left( \frac{1}{1-x^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$= (x^4 + x^5) \left( \frac{x^2}{1-x^2} \right)$$

- b) Find the o.g.f. for the number of ways to choose  $n$  donuts from a menu that offers two types: chocolate and plain, where you must choose at least 2 chocolate and an odd number greater than 3 of plain.

$$(x^2 + x^3 + \dots) (x^5 + x^7 + x^9 + \dots)$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{1-x} - x - 1 \right) \left( x^5 (1 + x^2 + x^4 + \dots) \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{1-x} - x - 1 \right) \left( x^5 \left( \frac{1}{1-x^2} \right) \right) = \left( \frac{x^2}{1-x} \right) \left( \frac{x^3}{1-x^2} - x^3 \right)$$

- c) Given an o.g.f. for a sequence  $a_n$ :  $f(x) = \frac{5}{(1-x)^2} + 3 + 7x^2$ , find a closed formula for  $a_n$ .

$$= 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n x^{n-1} + 3 + 7x^2$$

$$= 5 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n x^{n-1} + 3 + 7x^2$$

$$= 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) x^n + 3 + 7x^2$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 5(n+1) + 3 & n=0 \\ 5(n+1) + 7 & n=2 \\ 5(n+1) & \text{otherwise} \\ & n \neq 0, 2 \end{cases}$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 8 & n=0 \\ 22 & n=2 \\ 5(n+1) & \text{other} \\ & n \neq 0, 2 \end{cases}$$

- 3.a) Find the e.g.f. for the number of ways to arrange a permutation of length  $n$  using the letters  $A, C$ , with repetition, where there are an odd number of  $A$ 's, and exactly 3 or 7  $C$ 's.

$$\left( \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} \right)$$

- b) Find the e.g.f. for the number of ways to arrange a permutation of length  $n$  using the letters  $A, C, T$ , with repetition, where there are at least 2  $A$ 's, an even number of  $C$ 's, and any number of  $T$ 's.

$$\left( \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right) \left( \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right) e^x$$

$$= \left( e^x - x - 1 \right) \left( \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right) e^x$$

4. Given the recurrence relation for a sequence  $a_n = 3a_{n-3} + 7$ ;  $n \geq 3$ ;  $a_0 = 3$ ,  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = 5$ .

(a) Find  $a_3$ ,  $a_4$ , and  $a_5$ .

$$a_3 = 3a_0 + 7 = 16$$

$$a_4 = 3a_1 + 7 = 7$$

$$a_5 = 3a_2 + 7 = 22$$

(b) Find the o.g.f.  $f(x)$  for  $a_n$ .

$$\underbrace{\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} a_n x^n}_{f - a_0 - a_1 x - a_2 x^2} = 3 \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} a_{n-3} x^n + 7 \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} x^n$$

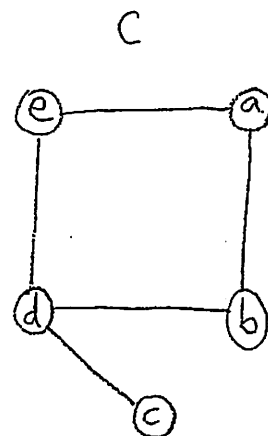
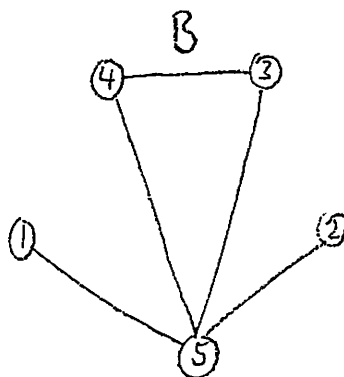
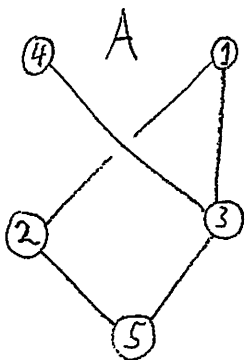
$$f - a_0 - a_1 x - a_2 x^2 = \underbrace{3x^3 \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} a_{n-3} x^{n-3}}_{3x^3 f} + \frac{7}{1-x} - 7(1+x+x^2)$$

$$f - 3 - 5x^2 = 3x^3 f + \frac{7}{1-x} - 7(1+x+x^2)$$

$$f(1 - 3x^3) = \frac{7}{1-x} - 7(1+x+x^2) + 3 + 5x^2$$

$$f = \frac{7}{(1-x)(1-3x^3)} - \frac{7(1+x+x^2)}{(1-3x^3)} + \frac{3+5x^2}{(1-3x^3)}$$

5. For the graphs A,B,C pictured, answer the following:



a) Find the diameters:

$$\text{diam}(A) = 3$$

$$\text{diam}(B) = 2$$

b) Find the degree sequence  $\text{deg.seq.}(B)$

$$4, 2, 2, 1, 1$$

c) Write in 'yes' or 'no.' In A, is 1,3,5,2,1,2,1

...a cycle? no ...is it a trail? no ...is it a walk? yes

d) Write in 'yes' or 'no.' In B, is 1,3,5,2,1

...a walk? no ...is it a trail? no ...is it a cycle? no

e) Find an isomorphism  $f$  from A to C. (List the inputs and outputs  $f(-) = \_$  for your isomorphism.)

$$f(4) = c$$

$$f(3) = d$$

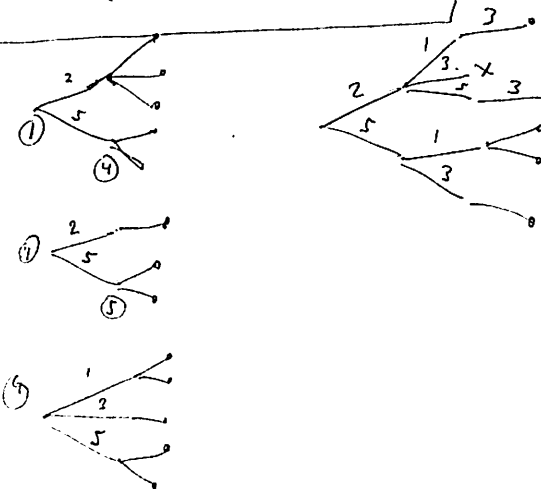
$$f(1) = e$$

$$f(5) = b$$

$$f(2) = a$$

6. Find the number of permutations  $\varphi$  of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  where  $\varphi(1) \neq 2, 5$ ,  $\varphi(4) \neq 1, 3, 5$ , and  $\varphi(5) \neq 2, 3$ .

$$5! - 7(4!) + 13(3!) - 5(2!)$$



7.a) Use the o.g.f. for  $a_n$  which is  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1-3x}$  to find the value of  $a_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1-3x+3x}{(1-3x)^2} = \frac{1}{(1-3x)^2} &= x \sum (3x)^n \\ f''(x) &= \frac{-1(2)(1-3x)(-3)}{(1-3x)^4} &= \sum 3^n x^{n+1} \\ f''(0)/2! &= \frac{6}{2} = 3 &= \sum_{n=1} 3^{n-1} x^n \end{aligned} \Rightarrow a_2 = 3^{2-1} = \boxed{3}$$

b) Use the e.g.f. for  $a_n$  which is  $f(x) = xe^{2x}$  to find the value of  $a_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 1e^{2x} + xe^{2x} \cdot 2 \\ f'(0) &= \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$