

## Problem Sheet 1 For Supervision in Week 8.

1. ★ (i) If  $A$  and  $B$  are finite sets with  $|A| = m \geq 2$  and  $|B| = 2$ , how many **surjections** are there from  $A$  to  $B$ ?

Hint: look at functions that are **not** surjections.

- (ii) If  $|A| = m \geq 3$  and  $|B| = 3$ , how many surjections are there from  $A$  to  $B$ ?

For further results see PJE q.16, p.184.

2. In a card game you are dealt a hand of 13 cards from a normal playing deck of 52 cards.

- i) How many different hands are possible?
- ii) How many different hands will contain all four aces?
- iii) How many different hands will contain no hearts?
- iv) How many different hands will contain at least one spade?

3. Let  $A$  be a finite set with  $|A| = n$ . For each  $0 \leq r \leq n$  give a bijection from  $\mathcal{P}_r(A)$  to  $\mathcal{P}_{n-r}(A)$ .

Hence show that

$$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$$

for all  $0 \leq r \leq n$ . (*Without* looking at the factorial form of the binomial number.)

4. Let  $A$  be a finite set with  $|A| = n$ . Describe  $\bigcup_{r=0}^n \mathcal{P}_r(A)$ .

Hence evaluate

$$\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r},$$

*without* using the Binomial Theorem.

5. i. Using the Binomial Theorem, prove that

$$\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} = 0.$$

ii. Use this result along with Question 4 to evaluate

$$\text{a) } \sum_{\substack{r=0 \\ r \text{ even}}}^n \binom{n}{r} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{b) } \sum_{\substack{r=0 \\ r \text{ odd}}}^n \binom{n}{r}.$$

6. Expand  $(4x - 3y)^5$ .

7. Use the Binomial Theorem to calculate

$$\text{i) } \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{3^r 5^{n-r}}{r! (n-r)!} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{ii) } \sum_{r=0}^n 3^{2r} 5^{n-2r} \binom{n}{r}.$$

8. Find  $x > 0$  that satisfy

$$\text{i) } x^2 = \sum_{r=0}^4 4^r \binom{4}{r} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{ii) } x^2 = \sum_{r=0}^3 3^r \binom{3}{r}.$$

9. What is the coefficient of  $x^{99}y^{101}$  in  $(2x + 3y)^{200}$ ?

10. ★ Prove by induction that  $n^5 - n$  is divisible by 5 for all  $n \geq 1$ .

(**Hint** In the inductive step you assume result is true for  $n = k$ . When you consider the  $n = k + 1$  case apply the Binomial Theorem.)