

$$14 \times (7) = (98)$$

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1. Write the general solution of the advancement operator equation:

$$(A-1)^4(A-3)^5(A+4)^2(A-4)f = 0.$$

$$f(n) = C_1 + C_2 n + C_3 n^2 + C_4 n^3 + C_5 3^n + C_6 n 3^n + C_7 n^2 3^n + C_8 n^3 3^n + C_9 n^4 3^n + C_{10} (-4)^n + C_{11} n (-4)^n + C_{12} 4^n$$

2. Find a particular solution to the advancement operator equation: $(A^2 - 6A + 8)f(n) = 9(5)^n$.

Try $f(n) = C(5)^n$
 $(A^2 - 6A + 8)f(n) = C5^{n+2} - 6C5^{n+1} + 8C5^n = (25C - 30C + 8C)5^n = 3C5^n$
 $\therefore 3C = 9 \quad C = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad f(n) = 3(5)^n \text{ is a particular solution.}$

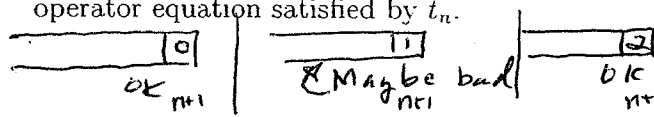
3. Find the unique solution to the advancement operator equation: $(A^2 - 6A + 8)f(n) = 9(5)^n$ with $f(0) = 6$ and $f(1) = 17$.

General solution is $f(n) = C_1 2^n + C_2 4^n + 3(5)^n$

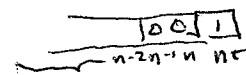
$$\begin{aligned} f(0) = 6 &= C_1 + C_2 + 3 & C_1 + C_2 &= 3 & 2C_1 + 2C_2 &= 6 \\ f(1) = 17 &= 2C_1 + 4C_2 + 15 & 2C_1 + 4C_2 &= 2 & 2C_2 &= -4 & C_2 &= -2 \\ & & & & C_1 &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Unique solution is $f(n) = 5(2)^n - 2(4)^n + 3(5)^n$

4. Let t_n count the number of ternary strings of length n which do not have a substring of three consecutive positions that form $(0, 0, 1)$. So $f(1) = 3$, $f(2) = 9$ and $f(3) = 26$. Find an advancement operator equation satisfied by t_n .



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$$t_{n+1} = 2t_n + (t_n - t_{n-2}) = 3t_n - t_{n-2} \quad t_{n+1} - 3t_n + t_{n-2} = 0$$

5. Let X be a set and let $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m\}$ be a family of properties. For each subset $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, let $N(S)$ denote the number of elements of X which satisfy property P_i whenever $i \in S$. Write the Inclusion-Exclusion formula for the number of elements of X which satisfy none of the properties in \mathcal{P} :

$$\sum_{S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, m\}} (-1)^{|S|} N(S)$$

6. Write the Inclusion-Exclusion formula for d_n , the number of derangements of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$:

$$d_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} (n-k)!$$

7. Use the formula in the preceding question to find the value of d_6 .

$$\begin{aligned} d_6 &= \binom{6}{0} 6! - \binom{6}{1} 5! + \binom{6}{2} 4! - \binom{6}{3} 3! + \binom{6}{4} 2! - \binom{6}{5} 1! + \binom{6}{6} 0! \\ &= 720 - 6 \cdot 120 + 15 \cdot 24 - 20 \cdot 6 + 15 \cdot 2 - 6 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 \\ &= 360 - 120 + 30 - 6 + 1 = 265 \end{aligned}$$

8. The Euler ϕ -function $\phi(n)$ counts the number of integers from $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ that are relatively prime to n . Write the Inclusion-Exclusion formula for $\phi(n)$.

$$\phi(n) = n \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{p_i - 1}{p_i} \quad \text{where } p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m \text{ are the distinct prime factors of } n$$

9. Using the formula from the preceding problem, find $\phi(n)$ when $n = 7 \times 11^2 \times 101$.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(7 \times 11^2 \times 101) &= 7 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 101 \cdot \frac{6 \cdot 10 \cdot 100}{7 \cdot 11 \cdot 101} \\ &= 66 \cdot 1000 = 66,000 \end{aligned}$$

10. For positive integers n and m , let $S(n, m)$ count the number of surjections from $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ to $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$. Write the Inclusion-Exclusion formula for $S(n, m)$:

$$S(n, m) = \sum_{k=0}^m (-1)^k \binom{m}{k} (m-k)^n$$

11. Use the formula from the preceding problem to find the value of $S(7, 4)$.

$$\begin{aligned} S(7, 4) &= \binom{4}{0} 4^7 - \binom{4}{1} 3^7 + \binom{4}{2} 2^7 - \binom{4}{3} 1^7 \\ &= 4^7 - 4 \cdot 3^7 + 6 \cdot 2^7 - 4 \end{aligned}$$

12. Let $R(n, m)$ denote the least positive integer t so that every graph on t vertices contains a complete subgraph of size n or an independent set of size m . Bob claims that with the assistance of his new computer and a clever search program he has written, he has determined that $R(12, 3) = 81$. Alice says that either Bob's reasoning or his computer program is defective as $R(12, 3)$ cannot be 81. Explain why Alice is right.

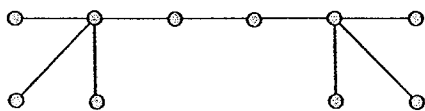
$$\text{We know that } R(n, m) \leq \binom{n+m-2}{n-1} = \binom{n+m-2}{m-1}$$

$$\text{So } R(12, 3) \leq \binom{12+3-2}{3-1} = \binom{13}{2} = \frac{13 \cdot 12}{2} = 13 \cdot 6 = 78$$

13. What is the formula for the number of labeled trees with vertex set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$?

$$\frac{n^{n-2}}{n}$$

14. How many ways are there to assign labels from the set $\{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ to the unlabeled tree shown below.



$$\frac{10!}{3! 3! 2!}$$