

Date	Section	Exercises** (QC - Quick Check and CE - Class Exercises)
08/28	1.1	CE - 1, 4, 17, 19, 38, 40
08/30	1.2	CE - 16, 18, 22, 23, 26
09/01	3.1	CE - 4, 17, 32, 37(a), 39, prove Theorem 3.5
09/06	3.2	CE - 8, 12, 18, 27, 52
09/08*	3.3	CE - 10, 25, 34, 41, 44, prove Theorem 3.21
09/11*	4.1	CE - 4, 10, 41, 46
09/13*	4.1	CE - 3, 31
09/15	4.1	CE - 21, 23, 39, 40
09/18*	4.2	QC - 1, 2; CE - 18 (give algebraic and combinatorial proofs), 19, 34
09/20*	4.3	QC - 1, 3; CE - 27
09/22*	5.1	QC - 1, 2; CE - 18, 24
09/25	5.1	QC - 3; CE - 21, 25
09/25*	5.2	QC - 1, 2; CE - 2, 19, Find formulas for $\binom{n}{1}$ , $\binom{n}{n-1}$ , $\binom{n}{n}$
09/27*	5.2	QC - 3; CE - 16, 28, 33
09/29	<a href="#">Bin. Inv.</a>	<a href="#">Handout</a> - 1,2,3
09/29	<a href="#">Bin. Inv.</a>	<a href="#">Handout</a> - 4,5

09/08 How many lottery tickets are possible in each of the modified versions of MI47 described below?

- Each ticket has 6 numbers between 1 and 47, but now a ticket can match any number at most twice. For example,  $\{1, 3, 3, 6, 42, 42\}$ ,  $\{2, 5, 10, 17, 31, 46\}$ , and  $\{4, 4, 19, 19, 36, 36\}$  are valid tickets, but  $\{6, 6, 12, 12, 12, 35\}$  is not.
- Once again, each ticket has 6 numbers between 1 and 47, but this time a ticket can match any number as often as possible. For example, in addition to the examples in part (a),  $\{4, 5, 21, 21, 21, 21\}$  and  $\{7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7\}$  are also a valid tickets.

09/11 Find two proofs of the identity below.

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n \geq 0} x^n$$

09/13 For  $n \geq m$ , show that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{m} (-1)^k = (-1)^n \delta_{nm} \quad (1)$$

*Hint:* Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the set of ways to choose an even number of candidates from  $[n]$  and then allow  $m$  votes to be distributed among these candidates. In a similar manner, let  $\mathcal{O}$  be the set of ways to choose an odd number of candidates. Now find a bijection between  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$ .

\*\* Exercises from the *A Walk Through Combinatorics*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Miklós Bóna, World Scientific

09/18 Verify the following identities.

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

$$\sum_n \binom{n}{k} x^n = \frac{x^k}{(1-x)^{k+1}} \quad (3)$$

*Hint:* To prove (3), combine (2) with the General Binomial Theorem.

09/20 Let  $n, k \in \mathbb{P}$ . Find a combinatorial proof of the identity below.

$$\binom{\binom{k}{n-k}}{\binom{n-k}{k-1}} = \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

09/22 Let  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $(n, k) \neq (0, 0)$ . Find a combinatorial proof of the identity below.

$$\binom{\binom{n}{k}}{\binom{k}{k-1}} = \binom{\binom{n}{k-1}}{\binom{n-1}{k}}$$

Do not use the identity  $\binom{\binom{k}{n}}{\binom{k-1}{n-1}} = \binom{k+n-1}{k-1}$ .

09/25 Write the given set partition in block form or canonical form, as appropriate.

(a) If  $\sigma = 14/238/5/67$  then  $w(\sigma) =$

(b)  $w(\delta) = 1123124451$  then  $\delta =$

09/27 Prove each of the following identities.

(a)

$$x^n = \sum_{k=0}^n k! \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \binom{x}{k}$$

(b)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k! \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} = (-1)^n$$

(c)

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k k! \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \binom{x+k-1}{k} = (-x)^n$$

09/29 (a) Find and verify a recursion formula for  $k! \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\}$ .

(b) Find and verify a formula for  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ 2 \end{matrix} \right\}$ . *Hint:* Use the canonical formulation of set partitions.