

2024 H3 Math Prelim Suggested Solution

	Solution		
1(a)	Consider the first term of a special sequence, it must be an odd integer and divided into the following mutually exclusive cases. Case 1: $a_1 = 1$ Hence the sequence is of the form $\{1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m\}$ where $m \leq n$. Consider the function $\{1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m\} \xrightarrow{f} \{a_2 - 1, a_3 - 1, \dots, a_m - 1\}$. f is a bijection and the number of special sequences of the type $\{a_2 - 1, a_3 - 1, \dots, a_m - 1\} = A_{n-1}$ Number of special sequences with $a_1 = 1$ is $A_{n-1} + 1$ (Accounting for $\{1\}$) Case 2: $a_1 \geq 3$ is of the form $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m\}$ where $m \leq n$. Consider the function $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m\} \xrightarrow{g} \{a_1 - 2, a_2 - 2, a_3 - 2, \dots, a_m - 2\}$. g is a bijection and the number of special sequences of the type $\{a_1 - 2, a_2 - 2, a_3 - 2, \dots, a_m - 2\} = A_{n-2}$ Hence, $A_n = A_{n-1} + A_{n-2} + 1$ $\therefore A_n = A_{n-1} + A_{n-2} + 1$ $A_1 = 1$ (i.e. $\{1\}$) $A_2 = 2$ (i.e. $\{1\}, \{1, 2\}$)		
1(b)	We want A_{15} By G.C, $A_{15} = 1596$		

	Solution		
2(a)	$g'(x) = e^x f'(x) + e^x f(x)$ $= e^x (f'(x) + f(x))$ $\leq e^x$		
2(b)	Since $g'(x) \leq e^x$, $\int_0^1 g'(x) dx \leq \int_0^1 e^x dx$ $g(1) - g(0) \leq [e^x]_0^1$ $ef(1) - f(0) \leq e - 1$ $ef(1) \leq e - 1 + a$ $f(1) \leq \frac{e - 1 + a}{e}$ The largest possible value of $f(1)$ is $\frac{e - 1 + a}{e}$, which is attainable when $f'(x) + f(x) = 1$. Let $y = f(x)$, $f'(x) + f(x) = 1$ $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 1$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$ $\int \frac{1}{1 - y} dy = x + C$ $-\ln 1 - y = x + C$ $1 - y = Ae^{-x}$ Since $x = 0, y = a$, $1 - a = A$ $f(x) = 1 - (1 - a)e^{-x}$		

3(a) (i)	$f(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = x(1-x)^{-2}$ $= x \left(1 + (-2)(-x) + \dots + \frac{(-2)(-3)\dots(-(n))}{(n-1)!} (-x)^{n-1} + \dots \right)$ $= 0 + x + 2x^2 + \dots + \frac{(-2)(-3)\dots(-(n))}{(n-1)!} (-1)^{n-1} x^n + \dots$ Note that $u_0 = 0$ and $u_1 = 1$ For $n \geq 2$, coefficient of x^n in series expansion of $f(x)$ $= \frac{(-2)(-3)\dots(-(n))}{(n-1)!} (-1)^{n-1}$ $= \frac{(-1)^{n-1} n! (-1)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$ $= n$ Hence $f(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$ is the generating function of $u_n = n$. $f(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^3} = x(1-x)^{-3}$ $= x \left(1 + (-3)(-x) + \dots + \frac{(-3)(-4)\dots(-(n+1))}{(n-1)!} (-x)^{n-1} + \dots \right)$ $= 0 + x + 3x^2 + \dots + \frac{(-3)(-4)\dots(-(n+1))}{(n-1)!} (-1)^{n-1} x^n + \dots$ For $n \geq 2$, coefficient of x^n in series expansion of $f(x)$		
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$$= \frac{(-3)(-4)\dots(-(n+1))}{(n-1)!} (-1)^{n-1}$$

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

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

Note that $u_0 = 0 = \frac{0(1)}{2}$ and $u_1 = 1 = \frac{1(2)}{2}$

Hence the sequence with generating function $f(x) = \frac{x}{(1-x)^3}$ is

$$u_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad n \geq 0.$$

3(a)
(ii)

Method 1

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

Hence the generating function for $u_n = n^2$ is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2\left(\frac{x}{(1-x)^3}\right) - \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \\ &= \frac{2x - x(1-x)}{(1-x)^3} = \frac{x + x^2}{(1-x)^3} \end{aligned}$$

Method 2

Consider

$$\frac{x}{(1-x)^2} = 0 + x + 2x^2 + \dots + nx^n + \dots$$

Differentiate w.r.t. x , we have

$$\frac{(1-x)^2 - x \cdot 2(1-x)(-1)}{(1-x)^4} = 0 + 1 + 4x + \dots + n^2 x^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$\frac{(1-x)^2 + 2x(1-x)}{(1-x)^4} = 0 + 1 + 4x + \dots + n^2 x^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$\frac{1-x+2x}{(1-x)^3} = 0 + 1 + 4x + \dots + n^2 x^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$\frac{1+x}{(1-x)^3} = 0 + 1 + 4x + \dots + n^2 x^{n-1} + \dots$$

Multiplying x throughout, we have

$$\frac{x + x^2}{(1-x)^2} = 0 + x + 4x^2 + \dots + n^2 x^n + \dots$$

Hence the generating function for $u_n = n^2$ is

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

3(b) Let the generating function of the sequence be $f(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n x^n \\&= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n x^n \\&= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2u_{n-1} + 1) x^n \\&= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2u_{n-1} x^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n \\&= 2x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \\&= 2x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2u_n x^n + \frac{1}{(1-x)} \\&= 2xf(x) + \frac{1}{(1-x)}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}(1-2x)f(x) &= \frac{1}{(1-x)} \\ \Rightarrow f(x) &= \frac{1}{(1-2x)(1-x)}.\end{aligned}$$

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4(a)	$\tau(1)=1, \tau(3)=2, \tau(12)=6.$																																																																																												
4(b)	We note that each p_i has α_i+1 choices to be included in a factor, since the choices are $p_i^0, p_i^1, p_i^2, ..., p_i^{\alpha_i}$. Hence considering all the prime factors, we have $\tau(n)=(\alpha_1+1)(\alpha_2+1)...(\alpha_k+1).$																																																																																												
4(c)	By part (b) , we have $\tau(n)=(\alpha_1+1)(\alpha_2+1)...(\alpha_k+1).$ Hence $\tau(n)$ is odd $\Leftrightarrow (\alpha_1+1)(\alpha_2+1)...(\alpha_k+1)$ is odd $\Leftrightarrow \forall 1 \leq i \leq k. (\alpha_i+1)$ is odd $\Leftrightarrow \forall 1 \leq i \leq k. \alpha_i$ is even Now, $\tau(n)$ is odd $\Leftrightarrow n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} ... p_k^{\alpha_k} = p_1^{2\beta_1} p_2^{2\beta_2} ... p_k^{2\beta_k}$ $\Leftrightarrow n = \left(p_1^{\beta_1} p_2^{\beta_2} ... p_k^{\beta_k}\right)^2$ $\Leftrightarrow n$ is a perfect square																																																																																												
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4(e)	Notice that n gives the number of rows of the table in part (c), and that each $k \leq n$ occurs every kth row, for a total of $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \right\rfloor$ rows. Hence $\sum_{k=1}^n \tau(k) = \text{sum of number of members of each row}$ $= \text{sum of number of members of each column}$ $= \sum_{k=1}^n \left\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \right\rfloor$		
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	Solution		
5(a)	$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx$ $= \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \sin x \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \cos x \, dx$ $= \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \sin x \right]_0^{\infty} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \cos x \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} (-\sin x) \, dx \right)$ $= \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2x} \cos x \right]_0^{\infty} - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx$ Since $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ are bounded, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2x} \sin x = 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2x} \cos x = 0,$ $\frac{5}{4} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx = \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2x} \cos x \right]_0^{\infty} = 0 - \left(0 - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{4}$ $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx = \frac{1}{5}$		
5(b)	$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx < \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx < \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \, dx$ $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \, dx = \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \right]_0^{\infty} = 0 - \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$ Hence, $\frac{1}{5} < \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx < \frac{1}{2}$ and $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx$ exists.		

5(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^{n\pi} e^{-2x} |\sin x| \, dx \\
&= \int_0^\pi e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx - \int_\pi^{2\pi} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx + \int_{2\pi}^{3\pi} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx + \\
&\dots + (-1)^{n-1} \int_{(n-1)\pi}^{n\pi} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \int_{(k-1)\pi}^{k\pi} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{5}{4} \int e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \sin x - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2x} \cos x$$

$$\int e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx = -\frac{2}{5} e^{-2x} \sin x - \frac{1}{5} e^{-2x} \cos x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{(k-1)\pi}^{k\pi} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx = \left[-\frac{2}{5} e^{-2x} \sin x - \frac{1}{5} e^{-2x} \cos x \right]_{(k-1)\pi}^{k\pi} \\
&= \left[0 - \frac{1}{5} e^{-2k\pi} \cos k\pi \right] - \left[0 - \frac{1}{5} e^{-2(k-1)\pi} \cos(k-1)\pi \right] \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} e^{-2k\pi} + \frac{1}{5} e^{-(2k+2)\pi} & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ -\frac{1}{5} e^{(-2k+2)\pi} - \frac{1}{5} e^{-2k\pi} & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} e^{-2k\pi} (1 + e^{2\pi}) & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ -\frac{1}{5} e^{-2k\pi} (1 + e^{2\pi}) & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{5} e^{-2k\pi} (1 + e^{2\pi}) \\
&= \frac{1}{5} (1 + e^{2\pi}) (e^{-2\pi} + e^{-4\pi} + \dots + e^{-2n\pi}) \\
&= \frac{1}{5} (1 + e^{2\pi}) \frac{e^{-2\pi} (1 - e^{-2n\pi})}{1 - e^{-2\pi}} \\
&= \frac{1}{5} \frac{(1 + e^{-2\pi})(1 - e^{-2n\pi})}{1 - e^{-2\pi}}
\end{aligned}$$

	As $n \rightarrow \infty, e^{-2n\pi} \rightarrow 0$ $\int_0^\infty e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx$ $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{n\pi} e^{-2x} \sin x \, dx$ $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{5} \frac{(1 + e^{-2\pi})(1 - e^{-2n\pi})}{1 - e^{-2\pi}}$ $= \frac{1 + e^{-2\pi}}{5(1 - e^{-2\pi})}$		
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	Solution		
6(a)	By the Division Algorithm, we have $n = 5k, 5k + 1, 5k + 2, 5k + 3, 5k + 4$. Hence $n^2 = 5(5k^2), 5(5k^2 + 2k) + 1, 5(5k^2 + 4k) + 4,$ $5(5k^2 + 6k + 1) + 4, 5(5k^2 + 8k + 3) + 1,$ which in turn implies $n^2 \equiv 0, 1, 4 \pmod{5}$. Hence $r = 0$ or $r = 1$ or $r = 4$, where $n^2 \equiv r \pmod{5}$. Now, $n^2 \equiv 0, 1, 4 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow 3n^2 \equiv 0, 3, 12 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow 3n^2 \equiv 0, 3, 2 \pmod{5}$		
6(b)	Let $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$. We note that $3a^2 + b^2 = 5c^2 \Rightarrow 3a^2 + b^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$. From part (a), we note that $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow a^2 \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow 3a^2 \equiv 3, 2 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow 3a^2 + b^2 \equiv 3 + 0, 3 + 1, 3 + 4, 2 + 0, 2 + 1, 2 + 4 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow 3a^2 + b^2 \equiv 3, 4, 2, 2, 3, 1 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow 3a^2 + b^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ From part (a), we note that $b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow b^2 \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow 3a^2 + b^2 \equiv 0 + 1, 3 + 1, 2 + 1, 0 + 4, 3 + 4, 2 + 4 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow 3a^2 + b^2 \equiv 1, 4, 3, 4, 2, 1 \pmod{5}$ $\Rightarrow 3a^2 + b^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ Hence $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ or $b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow 3a^2 + b^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$, which in turn gives us $3a^2 + b^2 = 5c^2 \Rightarrow a \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ and $b \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.		

6(c)	Let $X = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : x \neq 0 \text{ or } y \neq 0 \text{ or } z \neq 0\}$. Suppose there exists $(a, b, c) \in X$ such that $3a^2 + b^2 = 5c^2$. Without loss of generality, suppose $a \neq 0$. By part (b), $3a^2 + b^2 = 5c^2$ becomes $3(5x)^2 + (5y)^2 = 5c^2$ for some $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. Dividing throughout by 5, we have $3 \cdot 5(x)^2 + 5(y)^2 = c^2$, which in turn implies $c^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$, which in turn implies $c \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ by part (a), i.e., $c^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \Leftrightarrow c \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$. Thus, we have $3 \cdot 5(x)^2 + 5(y)^2 = 25z^2$ for some $z \in \mathbb{Z}$. Dividing throughout by 5 again, we have $3x^2 + y^2 = 5z^2$, which is similarly in structure to $3a^2 + b^2 = 5c^2$. By part (b) again, we have $x \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$. We note that this procedure produces the following: Step 1: $a = 5x$ where $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ Step 2: $a = 5 \cdot 5x_1$ where $x_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ Step 3: $a = 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5x_2$ where $x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$... Hence we deduce that a is a nonzero integer that is infinitely divisible by 5, which is a contradiction. Thus there does not exist $(a, b, c) \in X$ such that $3a^2 + b^2 = 5c^2$. Hence $(0, 0, 0)$ must be the only solution for $3a^2 + b^2 = 5c^2$.		
6(d)	No. We have $4(1^2) + 4(2^2) = 5(2^2)$.		

	Solution		
7(a)	$F_{n+2}F_{n+5} - F_{n+3}F_{n+4}$ $= (F_n + F_{n+1})(F_{n+3} + F_{n+4}) - (F_{n+1} + F_{n+2})(F_{n+2} + F_{n+3})$ $= F_n F_{n+3} + F_n F_{n+4} + F_{n+1} F_{n+3} + F_{n+1} F_{n+4}$ $\quad - (F_{n+1} F_{n+2} + F_{n+1} F_{n+3} + F_{n+2} F_{n+2} + F_{n+2} F_{n+3})$ $= F_n F_{n+3} - F_{n+1} F_{n+2} + (F_n + F_{n+1}) F_{n+4} - F_{n+2} (F_{n+2} + F_{n+3})$ $= F_n F_{n+3} - F_{n+1} F_{n+2} + F_{n+2} F_{n+4} - F_{n+2} F_{n+4}$ $= F_n F_{n+3} - F_{n+1} F_{n+2} \quad (\text{shown})$		
7(b)	When n is odd, i.e. $n = 2k + 1, k \geq 0$, $F_n F_{n+3} - F_{n+1} F_{n+2}$ $= F_{2k+1} F_{2k+4} - F_{2k+2} F_{2k+3}$ $= F_{2k-1} F_{2k+2} - F_{2k} F_{2k+1} \quad (\text{from (a)})$ $\vdots$ $= F_1 F_4 - F_2 F_3$ $= 1(3) - 1(2)$ $= 1$ When n is even, i.e. $n = 2k, k \geq 0$, $F_n F_{n+3} - F_{n+1} F_{n+2}$ $= F_{2k} F_{2k+3} - F_{2k+1} F_{2k+2}$ $= F_{2k-2} F_{2k+1} - F_{2k-1} F_{2k} \quad (\text{from (a)})$ $\vdots$ $= F_0 F_3 - F_1 F_2$ $= 0(2) - 1(1)$ $= -1$		

7(c)

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \tan \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+2}} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\tan \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}} \right) \right) + \tan \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+2}} \right) \right)}{1 - \tan \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}} \right) \right) \tan \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+2}} \right) \right)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}} + \frac{1}{F_{2r+2}}}{1 - \frac{1}{F_{2r+1}F_{2r+2}}} \\ &= \frac{F_{2r+2} + F_{2r+1}}{F_{2r+1}F_{2r+2} - 1} \\ &= \frac{F_{2r+2} + F_{2r+1}}{F_{2r+1}F_{2r+2} + (F_{2r}F_{2r+3} - F_{2r+1}F_{2r+2})} \\ &= \frac{F_{2r+3}}{F_{2r}F_{2r+3}} \\ &= \frac{1}{F_{2r}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+2}} \right) \quad (\text{shown})$$

7(d) Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{r=1}^n \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^n \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r}} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+2}} \right) \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_2} \right) - \cancel{\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_4} \right)} \\
 &\quad - \cancel{\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_4} \right)} - \cancel{\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_6} \right)} \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 &\quad - \cancel{\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2n-2}} \right)} - \cancel{\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2n}} \right)} \\
 &\quad - \cancel{\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2n}} \right)} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2n+2}} \right) \\
 &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_2} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2n+2}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2r+1}} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_2} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{F_{2n+2}} \right) \right) \\
 &= \tan^{-1}(1) - \tan^{-1}(0) \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

	Solution		
8(a)	Let A be the set of numbers s.t. $w = 2$ Let B be the set of numbers s.t. $x = 4$ Let C be the set of numbers s.t. $y = 6$ Let D be the set of numbers s.t. $z = 8$ $ A = B = C = D = (1)(8)(7)(6) = 336$ $ A \cap B = A \cap C = A \cap D = B \cap C = B \cap D = C \cap D $ $= (1)(1)(7)(6) = 42$ $ A \cap B \cap C = A \cap B \cap D = A \cap C \cap D = B \cap C \cap D $ $= (1)(1)(1)(6) = 6$ $ A \cap B \cap C \cap D = 1$ No. of ways $= P - (A + B + C + D) + (A \cap B + A \cap C + A \cap D + B \cap C + B \cap D + C \cap D)$ $- (A \cap B \cap C + A \cap B \cap D + A \cap C \cap D + B \cap C \cap D) + A \cap B \cap C \cap D $ $= (9)(8)(7)(6) - (4)(336) + (6)(42) - (4)(6) + 1$ $= 1909$		
8(b) (i)	Consider $x_1 \geq 1$, (Class A has at least 1 notepad) $(x_1 - 1) + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 98$ Let $y_1 = x_1 - 1$ $y_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 98$ Number of ways where y_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 are non-empty $= {}^{98+4-1}C_3 = 166650$ Consider $x_1 \geq 1, x_2 \geq 9$, (Class A has at least 1 and Class B has 9 or more) $(x_1 - 1) + (x_2 - 9) + x_3 + x_4 = 89$ $y_1 + y_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 89$ Number of ways $= {}^{89+4-1}C_3 = 125580$ Required answer $= 166650 - 125580 = 41070$		

8(b) (ii)	x_3 is odd and x_4 is even or x_4 is odd and x_3 is even $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 99$ $(2y_1 + 1) + (2y_2 + 1) + (2y_3 + 1) + 2y_4 = 99$ $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 = 48$ Required answer = ${}^{48+4-1}C_3 \times 2 = 20825 \times 2 = 41650$		
8(b) (iii)	No. of ways $= S(4,1) + S(4,2) + S(4,3) + S(4,4)$ $= 1 + 7 + 6 + 1$ $= 15$		

8(c)	For a student, let p and q be the number of students in his class before and after orientation respectively. For every student i, we tag him with $\frac{1}{p_i}$ before orientation and $\frac{1}{q_i}$ after orientation. We also define $k_i = \frac{1}{q_i} - \frac{1}{p_i}$. 1. $k_i = \frac{1}{q_i} - \frac{1}{p_i} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{p_i} < 1$ 2. Note that if $q < p \Rightarrow \frac{1}{q} > \frac{1}{p} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p} > 0$, our goal is to show there are at least $b+1$ students with positive k_i. Consider the sum of tags for all the students in a class of size n is $n\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 1$. Hence the total sum of tags for all the students <u>before</u> orientation is the total number of classes $= a$ Similarly the total sum of tags for all the students <u>after</u> orientation $= a + b$ The difference in the total sums of tags before and after orientation $= a + b - a = b$ Now we consider total difference in tags for every student $= \sum \left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p} \right) = \sum k_i = b$ Suppose there are at most b students with positive k_i, Since $k_i < 1$, $\sum k_i < b(1) = b$. (Contradiction). Hence, there are at least $b+1$ students with positive k_i i.e, who have fewer classmates after orientation than before orientation.		
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	Solution		
9(a)	Let P(n) be the statement $\frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots (2n-1)}{2 \times 4 \times 6 \times \dots (2n)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Consider $n = 1$, $\frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ Therefore P(1) is true. Assume P(k) is true for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ i.e. $\frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots (2k-1)}{2 \times 4 \times 6 \times \dots (2k)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k+1}}$ To prove P(k+1) is true i.e. $\frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots (2k-1)(2k+1)}{2 \times 4 \times 6 \times \dots (2k)(2k+2)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k+3}}$ LHS : $\frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots (2k-1)(2k+1)}{2 \times 4 \times 6 \times \dots (2k)(2k+2)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k+1}} \times \frac{2k+1}{2k+2}$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2k+1}} \times \frac{2k+1}{2k+2} = \sqrt{\frac{2k+1}{(2k+2)^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2k+1}{4k^2+8k+4}} \text{ -----(1)}$ $\sqrt{\frac{2k+1}{4k^2+8k+4}} < \sqrt{\frac{2k+1}{4k^2+8k+3}} \text{ -----(2)}$ $\sqrt{\frac{2k+1}{4k^2+8k+3}} = \sqrt{\frac{2k+1}{(2k+1)(2k+3)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k+3}}$ Therefore $\frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots (2k-1)(2k+1)}{2 \times 4 \times 6 \times \dots (2k)(2k+2)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k+3}}$ P(k+1) is true Since P(1) is true, P(k) is true implies P(k+1) is true, by PMI, P(n) is true for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.		

9(b) (i)	Based on Cauchy-Schwarz inequality $(1x_1 + 1x_2 + 1x_3 + \dots + 1x_{10})^2 \leq (1^2 + 1^2 + \dots + 1^2)(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots + x_{10}^2)$ $(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_{10})^2 \leq 10(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{10}^2)$ $10^2 \leq 10 \times 10$ Here the equal sign is valid for the inequality, Therefore $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_{10} = 1$ is the only solution.		
9(b) (ii)	Based on Cauchy-Schwarz inequality $(1x_2 + 1x_3 + \dots + 1x_{10})^2 \leq (1^2 + 1^2 + \dots + 1^2)(x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots + x_{10}^2)$ $(x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_{10})^2 \leq 9(x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots + x_{10}^2)$ $(10 - x_1)^2 \leq 9(11 - x_1^2) \quad \text{-----(1)}$ Simplify to $10x_1^2 - 20x_1 + 1 \leq 0$ $\frac{20 - \sqrt{360}}{20} \leq x_1 \leq \frac{20 + \sqrt{360}}{20}$ $\frac{10 - 3\sqrt{10}}{10} \leq x_1 \leq \frac{10 + 3\sqrt{10}}{10}$ If $x_1 = \frac{10 - 3\sqrt{10}}{10}$, For the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to take the equal sign, $x_2 = x_3 = \dots x_{10} = \frac{10 - \frac{10 - 3\sqrt{10}}{10}}{9} = \frac{90 + 3\sqrt{10}}{90} = \frac{30 + \sqrt{10}}{30}$		

9(c)

To prove $ab + bc + ac \leq \frac{3}{2}$

We can change the above inequality to

$$ab + bc + ac = \frac{(a+b+c)^2 - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{2} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$(a+b+c)^2 \leq (a^2 + 1 + b^2 + 1 + c^2 + 1) \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

If let $x = a^2 + 1$, $y = b^2 + 1$, $z = c^2 + 1$

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{c^2 + 1} = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 2$$

Inequality (1) will become:

$$(\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{y-1} + \sqrt{z-1})^2 \leq (x+y+z)$$

$$\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{y-1} + \sqrt{z-1} \leq \sqrt{(x+y+z)} \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

Now we try to prove (2)

$$\text{Since } \frac{x-1}{x} + \frac{y-1}{y} + \frac{z-1}{z} = 3 - \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) = 3 - 2 = 1$$

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

By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$(\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{y-1} + \sqrt{z-1})^2 \leq (x+y+z) \left(\frac{x-1}{x} + \frac{y-1}{y} + \frac{z-1}{z} \right)$$

$$(\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{y-1} + \sqrt{z-1})^2 \leq (x+y+z)$$

$$(\sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{y-1} + \sqrt{z-1}) \leq \sqrt{(x+y+z)}$$

Therefore inequality (2) is true, inequality (1) is equivalently true as well.

$$\text{Therefore } ab + bc + ac \leq \frac{3}{2}$$