

Math 4700/6700 – Combinatorics – Spring 2019

(Second Few) Questions for Topic 2

**2.14.** Find the number of integral solutions to

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6 = 12$$

with  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$ ,  $x_4 \geq 1$ ,  $2 \leq x_5 \leq 7$  and  $3 \leq x_6 \leq 9$ .

**2.15.** Find the number of ways to distribute 27 balls into 5 boxes with the following restrictions: box 1 has at most 10 balls and is not empty, box 2 has at least 3 and at most 7 balls, box 3 has at least 3 balls, box 4 has at most 8 balls, and there are no restrictions on box 5.

**2.16.** Find the number of solutions of  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = n$ , where  $k \geq 2$ ,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are arbitrary nonnegative integers, and  $x_3, x_4, \dots, x_k$  are nonnegative even integers.

**2.17.** Find the number of solutions of  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{3k} = n$ , where  $x_i \equiv i \pmod{3}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3k$ , and each  $x_i$  is a positive integer.

**2.18.** Find the number of ways to distribute 35 identical balls into 5 distinct boxes subject to the following restrictions: boxes 1 and 2 each **cannot** have 0, 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 or 10 balls; box 3 has at least 2 and at most 9 balls; and boxes 4 and 5 are unrestricted. Give an exact number. [Hint: express the generating function for each box as something over  $1 - x$ .]

**2.19.** Find the number of  $k$ -subsets of  $\mathbb{N}_n$  so that if the elements are  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_k$ , then  $a_i \equiv i \pmod{2}$ . (In other words,  $a_i$  is odd when  $i$  is odd, and even when  $i$  is even.)

**2.20.** Find the number of 4-subsets  $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$  ( $a_1 < a_2 < a_3 < a_4$ ) of  $\mathbb{N}_{20}$  with  $a_i + i \leq a_{i+1} \leq a_i + 2i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

**2.21.** Find the number of subsets of size  $k$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , in  $\mathbb{N}_n$  for which the smallest three elements are odd and the rest are even. (Be careful:  $k = 3$  is a special case.)

**2.22.** Find the number of  $k$ -subsets,  $k \geq 1$ , of  $\mathbb{N}_n$  in which either all elements are even, or all elements are odd. Do it two ways: by generating functions, and by a simple counting method.