

Date	Section	Exercises** (QC - Quick Check and CE - Class Exercises)
08/25	1.1	CE - 1, 4, 17, 19, 38, 40
08/27	1.2	CE - 16, 18, 22, 23, 26
08/29	3.1	CE - 4, 17, 32, 37(a), 39, prove Theorem 3.5
09/03	3.2	CE - 8, 12, 18, 27, 52
09/05*	3.3	CE - 10, 25, 34, 41, 44, prove Theorem 3.21
09/08*	4.1	CE - 4, 10, 41, 46
09/10*	4.1	CE - 3, 31
09/12	4.1	CE - 21, 23, 39, 40
09/15*	4.2	QC - 1, 2; CE - 18 (give algebraic and combinatorial proofs), 19, 34
09/17*	4.3	QC - 1, 3; CE - 27
09/19*	5.1	QC - 1, 2; CE - 18, 24
09/22	5.1	QC - 3; CE - 21, 25
09/22*	5.2	QC - 1, 2; CE - 2, 19, Find formulas for $\{1^n\}$, $\{n-1^n\}$, $\{n^n\}$
09/24*	5.2	QC - 3; CE - 16, 28, 33
09/26	Bin. Inv.	1, 2, 3
09/26	Bin. Inv.	4,5

09/05 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.

09/08 Find two proofs of the identity below.

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

09/10 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*, 4th ed., Miklós Bóna, World Scientific

09/15 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.

09/17 Let $n, k \in \mathbb{P}$. Find a combinatorial proof of the identity below.

$$\left(\binom{k}{n-k} \right) = \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

09/19 Let $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $(n, k) \neq (0, 0)$. Find a combinatorial proof of the identity below.

$$\left(\binom{n}{k} \right) = \left(\binom{n}{k-1} \right) + \left(\binom{n-1}{k} \right)$$

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

09/22 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 $\delta =$

09/24 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)

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

09/26 (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.