

1. (8 points) How many lottery tickets are possible in following the modified version of MI47? Each ticket has 6 numbers between 1 and 47, but now a ticket can match any number at most three times. For example,  $\{1, 2, 3, 6, 34, 42\}$ ,  $\{2, 5, 5, 17, 31, 46\}$ , and  $\{4, 4, 19, 19, 19, 36\}$  are valid tickets, but  $\{6, 6, 12, 12, 12, 12\}$  is not. Express your answer as an integer and include the calculation.

**Solution:**

In class we showed that the number of possible tickets when duplicates are permitted was

$$\sum_k \binom{47}{6-k} \binom{6-k}{k} = 19493673$$

Now the number of possible tickets of the form  $\{x, x, x, y, z, w\}$  is  $\binom{47}{4} \binom{4}{1}$  since there are  $\binom{47}{4}$  ways to choose 4 numbers and  $\binom{4}{1}$  to select the number to be tripled. In a similar manner, there are  $\binom{47}{2} \binom{2}{2}$  tickets of the form  $\{x, x, x, y, y, y\}$ . Finally, there are  $\binom{47}{3} \binom{3}{1} \binom{2}{1}$  tickets of the form  $\{x, x, x, y, y, z\}$ . Since these cases are clearly distinct, we conclude that there are

$$19493673 + \binom{47}{4} \binom{4}{1} + \binom{47}{2} \binom{2}{2} + \binom{47}{3} \binom{3}{1} \binom{2}{1} = 20305504$$

possible tickets.

2. (5 points) Today I went to the market to pick up a selection of apples, oranges, and peaches. Assuming the fruits within each of the three groups are indistinguishable, in how many ways can I return with 13 items? For example, I could have bought 5 apples and 8 peaches. *Express your answer as an integer and include the calculation.*

**Solution:**

This is a stars and bars argument. So there are 13 stars and 2 bars, hence the number of ways must be

$$\left( \binom{3}{13} \right) = \frac{15!}{2!13!} = 105$$

3. (7 points) Find the number of compositions of  $n$  into an even number of parts.

**Solution:**

If  $n = 1$  then there are zero compositions with an even number of parts. If  $n > 1$ , then we claim that half of all compositions have an even number of parts. In other words,  $2^{n-1}/2 = 2^{n-2}$ . To see this recall that the number of compositions of  $n$  into  $k$  parts was given by  $\binom{n-1}{k-1}$  and the total number of compositions is

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

Now

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_k \binom{n-1}{k-1} (-1)^k \\ &= \sum_{k \text{ even}} \binom{n-1}{k-1} (-1)^k + \sum_{k \text{ odd}} \binom{n-1}{k-1} (-1)^k \\ &= \sum_{k \text{ even}} \binom{n-1}{k-1} - \sum_{k \text{ odd}} \binom{n-1}{k-1} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Thus

$$\sum_{k \text{ even}} \binom{n-1}{k-1} = \sum_{k \text{ odd}} \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

In other words, half of the compositions have an even number of parts. So by (1), we get  $2^{n-2}$ .