

Math 3322 Test III  
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**Instructions.** Show all your work. Credit cannot and will not be awarded for work not shown. **Where appropriate, simplify all answers to a single decimal expansion.**

- (10 points) How many ways can we arrange the letters in the word
  - zombie;  $6! = 720$
  - werewolf?  $\frac{8!}{2!2!} = 10\,080$
- (5 points) How many solutions exist to  $w + x + y + z = 23$  where  $w, x, y$  and  $z$  are positive integers and  $z \leq 5$ ?  
 $\binom{4+19-1}{19} - \binom{4+14-1}{14} = 860$
- (5 points) How many functions exist from a domain with 5 elements to a codomain with 8 elements?  
 $8^5 = 32\,768$
- (5 points) How many one-to-one functions exist from a domain with 5 elements to a codomain with 8 elements?  
 $\frac{8!}{3!} = 6720$
- (10 points) How many onto functions exist from a domain with 11 elements to a codomain with 10 elements?  $\binom{11}{2}10! = 199\,584\,000$
- (15 points) Show all your work and use the binomial theorem to find the coefficient of  $x^9$  in the expansion of
  - $(x - 2)^{10}$ ;  $\binom{10}{9}x^9(-2)^1 = -20x^9$
  - $(3x^2 - 1)^7$ ; 0 or d.n.e.
  - $(4x^3 + 3)^9$ .  $\binom{9}{3}(4x^3)^3(3)^6 = 3919\,104x^9$
- (10 points) Prove  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$ .  
Let  $x = y = 1$  in the binomial theorem. Thus,  $\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i}1^i1^{n-i} = (1 + 1)^n = 2^n$ .
- (20 points) Susan buys an economy pack of 100 pens from Costco. The pack contains ten identical pens of ten different colors. How many ways can Susan select
  - eight pens of different colors;  $\binom{10}{8} = 45$
  - eight pens;  $\binom{10+8-1}{8} = 24\,310$
  - eight pens with the same number of each selected color; one color or two colors or four colors or eight colors.  
 $\binom{10}{1} + \binom{10}{2} + \binom{10}{4} + \binom{10}{8} = 310$
  - twelve pens?  $\binom{10+12-1}{12} - 10 - 10 * 9 = 293\,830$
- (15 points) True or False? For all  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\binom{kn}{2} = k\binom{n}{2}$  for  $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If true, prove it. If false, provide a counterexample to show that the statement is not true.  
False: Let  $k = n = 3$ .  $\binom{3*3}{2} = 36$  but  $3\binom{3}{2} = 9$ .
- (10 points) Provide a combinatorial proof that  $\binom{m+n}{2} = \binom{m}{2} + \binom{n}{2} + mn$  for  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .  
Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 1, m\}$  and  $B = \{m + 1, m + 2, \dots, m + n\}$ . Note that  $|A| = m$ ,  $|B| = n$  and  $|A \cup B| = m + n$ . Suppose  $S$  is the collection of all subsets of  $A \cup B$  of size 2. Clearly,  $|S| = \binom{m+n}{2}$ . How else might we select a subset of size 2 from  $A \cup B$ ? We could select two elements from  $A$  in  $\binom{m}{2}$  ways. Or, we could select two elements from  $B$  in  $\binom{n}{2}$  ways. Or we could select one element from  $A$  in  $m$  ways and select one element from  $B$  in  $n$  ways yielding  $mn$  ways to select one element from each set. Thus,  $|S| = \binom{m}{2} + \binom{n}{2} + mn$ . We've counted the same set in two different ways and  $\binom{m+n}{2} = \binom{m}{2} + \binom{n}{2} + mn$ .

11. (10 points) Provide an algebraic proof that  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$  for  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  where  $k \leq n$ .

$$\binom{n}{n-k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)![n-(n-k)]!} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} = \binom{n}{k}$$