

Solution AFS21 Instructor Q's.

1) 238 804.

2) a) $[x^{15}] (x + x^3 + x^5 + \dots + x^{15})^3$

Using Wolfram. we get 28

If $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = k$ where k is even and a_i odd, then the answer is 0 because the sum of three odd numbers is odd.

b) $[x^{16}] (x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^{10} + x^{11} + \dots + x^{16}) (1 + x^5 + x^{10} + x^{15}) (1 + x^2 + x^4 + \dots + x^{16})$

(Using Wolfram) we get 10.

3) we expand $(x + x^2 + \dots + x^6)^5$ and we see the max coefficient are at 17 and 18.

4) $[x^{60}] (1 + x^2 + \dots + x^{60}) \cdot (1 + x^5 + x^{10} + \dots + x^{60}) (1 + x^8 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{64})$

By Wolfram α , we get 23.

5) from $C(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x}$

$$C'(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$x C'(x) = x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + \dots = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$A(x) = x C'(x) - x = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} - x$$

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

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

$$B(x) = \frac{1}{1-3x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A(x) + B(x) &= \frac{2x^2 - x^3}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{1}{1-3x} \\ &= \frac{(2x^2 - x^3)(1-3x) + (1-x)^2}{(1-x)^2(1-3x)} \\ &= \frac{2x^2 - 6x^3 - x^3 + 3x^4 + 1 - 2x + x^2}{(1-2x+x^2)(1-3x)} \\ &= \frac{1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 7x^3 + 3x^4}{1 - 3x - 2x + 6x^2 + x^2 - 3x^3} \\ &= \frac{1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 7x^3 + 3x^4}{1 - 5x + 7x^2 - 3x^3} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore A'(x) &= -1 + \frac{1(1-x)^2 - x \cdot 2(1-x)(-1)}{(1-x)^4} \\ &= -1 + \frac{(1-x) + 2x}{(1-x)^3} = \frac{-(1-x)^3 + 1 + x}{(1-x)^3} \\ &= \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1 + 1 + x}{(1-x)^3} \\ &= \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x}{1 - 3x + 3x^2 - x^3} \end{aligned}$$

b) Using the formula

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^k} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{n+k-1}{n} x^n$$

we have

$$\frac{1}{(1-3x)^2} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{n+1}{n} (3x)^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} (n+1) 3^n x^n \quad \therefore c_n = 3^n (n+1)$$

$$7) a_n = [x^n] \underbrace{(1+x+x^2+\dots)^2}_{\text{red \& yellow balls}} (1+x^2+x^4+\dots)$$

$$= [x^n] \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-x^2} = [x^n] \frac{1}{(1-x)^2 (1-x^2)}$$

8) a) 2 to 12

b) let die₁ have sides {3, 4, 5, 6, 8} and die₂ {1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4}.

Number	Rolls (1st die + 2nd die)	total was
2	1+1	1
3	1+2, 1+2. ← not a typo (die ₂ has 2 2's)	2
4	1+3, 1+3, 3+1	3
5	1+4, 3+2, 3+2, 4+1	4
6	3+3, 3+3, 4+2, 4+2, 5+1	5
7	3+4, 4+3, 4+3, 5+2, 5+2, 6+1	6
8	4+4, 5+3, 5+3, 6+2, 6+2	5
9	5+4, 6+3, 6+3, 8+1	4
10	6+4, 8+2, 8+2	3
11	8+3, 8+3	2
12	8+4	1

$$\therefore P(x) = x^2 + 2x^3 + 3x^4 + 4x^5 + 5x^6 + 6x^7 + 5x^8 + 4x^9 + 3x^{10} + 2x^{11} + x^{12}$$

$$c) D_1(x) = x + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^8 \quad D_2(x) = x + 2x^2 + 2x^3 + x^4$$

$$d) \text{ Check } D(x) = D_1(x) \cdot D_2(x)$$

e) Same!

$$\begin{aligned}
 9) \quad [x^n] \frac{x}{(3+x)^2} &= [x^{n-1}] \frac{1}{(3+x)^2} \\
 &= [x^{n-1}] \frac{1}{9 \left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{9} [x^{n-1}] \sum_{i \geq 0} \binom{i+1}{i} \left(-\frac{x}{3}\right)^i \\
 &= \frac{1}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [x^n] \frac{x}{(2-x)^3} &= [x^{n+1}] \frac{1}{(2-x)^3} = [x^{n+1}] \frac{1}{8} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{8} [x^{n+1}] \sum_{i \geq 0} \binom{i+2}{i} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^i \\
 &= \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{n-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} \binom{n+1}{2} \quad \forall n \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$[x^n] 5x^2 = \begin{cases} 5 & \text{if } n=2 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore [x^n] \frac{x}{(2-x)^3} + 5x^2 = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} \binom{n+1}{2} & \text{if } n \neq 2 \\ \frac{83}{16} & \text{if } n=2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 10) \text{ Set } f(x) &= 0 + x - 2x^2 + 4x^3 - 8x^4 + 16x^5 + \dots \\
 &= x(1 - 2x + 4x^2 - 8x^3 + 16x^4 + \dots) \\
 &= x \frac{1}{1+2x} = \frac{x}{1+2x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$11) A(x) = \frac{1}{(3-x)(3+x)} = \frac{A}{3-x} + \frac{B}{3+x} \Rightarrow 1 = (3+x)A + B(3-x)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{6}, \quad B = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore A(x) &= \frac{1}{6(3-x)} + \frac{1}{6(3+x)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{18} \frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{3}} + \frac{1}{18} \frac{1}{1+\frac{x}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore [x^n] A(x) &= \frac{1}{18} [x^n] \frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{3}} + \frac{1}{18} [x^n] \frac{1}{1+\frac{x}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{18} [x^n] \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^i + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{x}{3}\right)^i \\
 &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3^{n+2}} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 12) A(x) &= \frac{1}{(x-2)^2(1-3x)} = \frac{A}{(x-2)^2} + \frac{B}{(x-2)} + \frac{C}{1-3x} \Rightarrow 1 = A(1-3x) + B(x-2)(1-3x) + C(x-2)^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{5}, \quad C = \frac{9}{25} \\
 &\Rightarrow 1 = -2A + B(1-2)(1-3) + C \\
 &\quad = +\frac{2}{5} + 2B + \frac{9}{25} \\
 &\quad = \frac{19}{25} + 2B \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{6}{25} = 2B \Rightarrow \frac{3}{25} = B
 \end{aligned}$$

$$B(x) = -\frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{(x-2)^2} + \frac{3}{25} \frac{1}{(x-2)} + \frac{9}{25} \frac{1}{1-3x}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow [x^n] B(x) &= [x^n] \left(-\frac{1}{20} \frac{1}{(1-\frac{x}{2})^2} - \frac{3}{50} \frac{1}{1-\frac{x}{2}} + \frac{9}{25} \frac{1}{1-3x} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{20} \sum_{i \geq 0} (i+1) \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^i - \frac{3}{50} \sum_{i \geq 0} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^i + \frac{9}{25} \sum_{i \geq 0} (3x)^i \\ &= -\frac{1}{20} (i+1) \frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{3}{50} \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{9}{25} 3^n \end{aligned}$$

$$13) A(x) = \frac{1}{1+x+x^2} \Rightarrow A(x)(1+x+x^2) = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n + x \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n + x^2 \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n + \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^{n+1} + \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^{n+2} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots \\ a_0 x + a_1 x^2 + a_2 x^3 + a_3 x^4 + \dots \\ a_0 x^2 + a_1 x^3 + a_2 x^4 + \dots \end{aligned} = 1$$

$$\therefore a_0 = 1.$$

$$a_1 + a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = -1$$

$$a_2 + a_1 + a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_3 + a_2 + a_1 &= 0 \Rightarrow a_3 + 0 + -1 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow a_3 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_4 + a_3 + a_2 &= 0 \Rightarrow a_4 + 1 + 0 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow a_4 = -1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Recurrence: } a_n + a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 2.$$

$$14) \quad A(x) = \frac{1}{1-x-x^2-x^3}$$

$$(1-x-x^2-x^3) A(x) = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n - \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^{n+1} - \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^{n+2} - \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^{n+3} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots \\ &\quad - (a_0 x + a_1 x^2 + a_2 x^3 + a_3 x^4 + \dots) \\ &\quad - (a_0 x^2 + a_1 x^3 + a_2 x^4 + \dots) \\ &\quad - (a_0 x^3 + a_1 x^4 + a_2 x^5 + \dots) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_0 = 1$$

$$a_1 - a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 - a_1 - a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 - 1 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_2 = 2$$

$$a_3 - a_2 - a_1 - a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow a_3 - 2 - 1 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_3 = 4$$

$$a_4 - a_3 - a_2 - a_1 = 0 \quad a_4 - 4 - 2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a_4 = 7$$

$$a_5 - a_4 - a_3 - a_2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_5 - 7 - 4 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_5 = 13$$

$$a_n - a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} - a_{n-3} = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 3.$$