

DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

HOMEWORK 2

- (1) Find the coefficient of xyz^2 in $(2x - y - z)^4$.
- (2) How many 10-digit numbers are there which use each digit exactly once, where no odd digit ever follows an even digit, and where the 4 and the 5 are next to each other?
- (3) Assume you are given 15 points in the plane, no three of which are collinear (lie on the same line). How many lines do these points determine?
- (4) Use induction to show that

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

Can you also give a direct proof?

- (5) Use induction to show that

$$1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1.$$

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