

Due by 1559 AST Friday, April 1, 2011 — **Show your work**

CSCI/MATH 2113 Final Exam: Tuesday 12 April 2011 — 14:00 — Dalplex

1. Let  $g(x) = (1 + x^2 + x^4)(1 + x + x^2)^2$  be the generating function for  $a_n$ . Find  $a_n$  for  $n \geq 0$ .
2. Build a generating function for the number of positive integer solutions to  $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 = r$ , where  $n_1$  is odd,  $n_2$  is even, and  $n_4$  is at most 4.
3. Build a generating function for  $a_r$ , the number of ways to make  $r$  cents change using pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters.
4. Find a generating function for  $a_r$ , the number of ways two six-sided dice can sum to  $r$ .
5. Let  $g(x)$  be a generating function. Describe using a sentence, what the coefficient of  $x^n$  is in  $\frac{g(x)}{1-x}$ .

6. Prove or disprove:

$$\sum_{0 \leq k \leq n} \binom{n}{k}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}$$

(Hint:  $\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$ )

7. Five distinct bags each have 8 identical marbles in them. Using generating functions, find how many ways there are to select 20 marbles, if you take at least two from each bag?
8. Suppose  $a_{n+1} = ba_n + c$  and  $a_0 = d$ . Then, using generating functions, find a general formula for  $a_n$  in terms of  $n$  (and  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ ).
9. Let  $a_n = a_{n-1} + n^3$  and  $a_0 = 0$ . Using generating functions, find a formula for  $a_n$ .