

MATH 2113/CSCI 2113, Discrete Structures II

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Homework Sheet 6

Due: Wednesday 20th February: 1:30 PM

Compulsory questions

- 1 We have 10 points in a square of side 3cm. Show that two of the points are within $\sqrt{2}$ cm of each other.
- 2 (a) You are dealt 13 cards. You may choose 5 of them to make a poker hand. Assuming you make the best poker hand possible from the 13 cards, what is the worst hand you can end up with (and why)? [The type of hand is sufficient – you don't need to give the exact cards.]
(b) What if you are dealt 17 cards? [You still have to create a 5-card hand.]
- 3 (i) Find the generating function for $\binom{n}{k}k^2$ as a function of k . [Hint: You know the generating function for $\binom{n}{k}$.]
(ii) Deduce that $\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k}k^2 = 2^{n-2}n(n+1)$. [Recall that we also showed this in a different way on sheet 2.]
- 4 At a party, there are n people. Each of them knows some number of the other people. Show that there are some two people at the party who know the same number of other people. [You may assume that if A knows B then B also knows A .]
- 5 I have a sequence of integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n with the property that for any $i \leq j$, $a_i + a_{i+1} + \dots + a_j$ is not a multiple of 17. What is the largest possible value of n . Justify your answer.
- 6 There are 100 students in a class. There are 9 homework sheets.
(a) Suppose that for each homework sheet at least n students hand in solutions. How large does n have to be to ensure that there is some student who attempts all the homework sheets?
(b) Suppose now that each student submits solutions to at least m of the homework sheets. How large must m be to ensure that there are 2 students who submit solutions to the same set of homework sheets?