

Problem session January 15, SF2736, winter 14.

1. Are there any family of subsets to the set $M = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 8\}$ such that every member of the family has size 5 and every element of M is contained in exactly three distinct subsets.
2. Find the number of integer solutions to the equation $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 14$ such that $x_1 \geq 0$, $0 \leq x_2 \leq 3$, $0 \leq x_3 \leq 4$ and $0 \leq x_4 \leq 5$
3. A box contains white, red and green marbles, and pieces of papers with the numbers 1, 2 and 3. A sample of 12 is chosen with replacement, that is, every time an object is taken it is replaced in the box.
 - (a) How many distinct sequences of selections can be found?
 - (b) How many distinct samples can be found?
4. Show that every even permutation can be expressed as a product of 3-cycles.
5. Find the number of words of length n you can form using the letters A, B, C and D such that the number of A:s are even.
6. Show that if the elements a and b in a group satisfies $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ then $ab = ba$.
7. Let G be a group with the identity element e . Show that if $a^2 = e$ for every element a in G the G is an abelian group.
8. In how many ways can the corners of a tetraeder if at most m colors may be used.
9. A tree has 5 vertices of valency 2, four vertices of valency 3 and 2 vertices of valency 4. Find the number of verticies of valency 1.
10. Show that if a connected graph have just one vertex of valency 1 then the graph maust have at least one cycle.