

Group A: Use inclusion–exclusion to provide a combinatorial proof to the following.

$$\sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \binom{k}{i} (k-i)^n = \begin{cases} n! & \text{if } k = n, \\ 0 & \text{if } k > n. \end{cases}$$

Hint: Let S be a set of m elements. Then m^n is the number of ways to assign numbers $1, \dots, n$ to the elements in S . In other words, m^n is the number of mappings from $\{1, \dots, n\}$ to S .

Group B: –

Group C: Use inclusion–exclusion to provide a combinatorial proof to the following.

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} \binom{m+n-i}{k-i} = \begin{cases} \binom{m}{k} & \text{if } m \geq k, \\ 0 & \text{if } m < k. \end{cases}$$

Group D: Let $\mu(x) = \mu(1, x)$ be the Möbius function to the poset $(\mathbb{N}, |)$. Determine

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) \left\lfloor \frac{x}{n} \right\rfloor.$$