

**Instructions.** Answer **any 4 short questions, and any 4 long questions.** Clearly mark which questions you wish to be graded on this sheet, or else 1-4 and 6-9 will be graded. Show all work, and explain your answers clearly. Solutions will be graded on correctness and clarity. All answers should include some explanation.

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**Shorter questions:** (5 points each)

1. How many ways can 80 identical black blocks and 50 identical white blocks be arranged in a line so that no two white blocks are adjacent?
  2. What is the number of compositions of  $n$  into parts that are each even?
  3. How many permutations on  $[4]$  avoid the pattern 123?
  4. How many functions are there from  $[5]$  to  $[8]$  that hit 2 but do not hit 6?
  5. How many pairs of sets  $(A, B)$  are there where  $A \cup B = [10]$ ? (If  $A = [10]$  and  $B = \{4\}$ , this is not the same as if  $A = \{4\}$  and  $B = [10]$ .)
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**Longer questions:** (10 points each)

6. Give a combinatorial proof of the inclusion/exclusion formula. That is: let  $S$  be a set of size  $N$ , and let  $\{c_i\}_{i=1}^t$  be a set of properties. Let  $N(c_1)$  be the number of elements from  $S$  satisfying property  $c_1$ , let  $N(c_1c_5)$  be the number of elements from  $S$  satisfying properties  $c_1$  and  $c_5$ , and so on. Show that the number of elements from  $S$  satisfying no properties is given by

$$N - [N(c_1) + \cdots + N(c_t)] + [N(c_1c_2) + N(c_1c_3) + \cdots + N(c_{t-1}c_t)] - \cdots + (-1)^t N(c_1c_2 \cdots c_t).$$

To do so, consider an element  $x$  satisfying exactly  $k$  properties, and show how many times it is counted on each side of the equation.

7. What is the number of lattice paths from  $(0, 1)$  to  $(8, 10)$  that never *touch* the line  $y = x$ ?
8. Use generating functions to prove that the number of partitions of  $n$  where each part occurs at most  $k$  times is equal to the number of partitions of  $n$  where each part is not divisible by  $k + 1$ . In your proof, explain how you derived your generating functions.
9. How many injective functions  $f : [10] \rightarrow [20]$  satisfy  $f(i) \neq i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ? You may leave your answer as a single summation.
10. Find the generating function for the following sequence:

$$\{0, 0 + 1, 0 + 1 + 2, 0 + 1 + 2 + 3, \dots\}$$