

Combinatorics, winter 2024, homework 4

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Please explicitly state the principles and tools of combinatorics you use in your solutions. If applicable, construct a bijection between sets to support your reasoning. While it is not necessary to show your work in detail, ensure that you identify any algebraic equations you are solving and double-check that your solutions are accurate.

1. Find the number of 7-digit numbers (no 0 in any position) such that they do not contain the sequence of adjacent digits 454 in this particular order.
2. Let $A_1, \dots, A_n$ be finite sets. Prove, that the number of elements $x \in A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_k$ with the following property
 x belongs to the intersection $A_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup A_{i_{n-2}}$ of some $n - 2$ of these sets, but not to an intersection of any $n - 1$ of these sets
is given by the following formula:

$$\sum_{\substack{J \subset \{1, \dots, n\} \\ \#J = n-2}} \# \left(\bigcap_{j \in J} A_j \right) - (n-1) \sum_{\substack{J \subset \{1, \dots, n\} \\ \#J = n-1}} \# \left(\bigcap_{j \in J} A_j \right) + \binom{n}{2} \# \left(\bigcap_{j \in \{1, \dots, n\}} A_j \right).$$

3. Prove that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n,$$

where the sum ranges over all the positive divisors of n , and $\phi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is the Euler's totient function. Hint: denote the right-hand part by $\psi(n)$. Prove that for $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ we have $\psi(nm) = \psi(n)\psi(m)$, and then prove that for any prime p and any natural number d we have $\psi(p^d) = p^d$.