

3. [**3 parts, 6 points each**] How many ways are there to arrange the letters in the word ENTENTE:

(a) without any restrictions?

(b) so that the E's are all next to each other (as in NTEEENT)?

(c) so that no two E's are consecutive?

4. [**3 parts, 6 points each**] Count the number of non-negative integer solutions to the following.

(a) $x_1 + \dots + x_6 = 30$

(b) $x_1 + \dots + x_6 = 30$, such that $x_i \geq i$ for $1 \leq i \leq 6$

(c) $x_1 + \dots + x_6 = 30$ such that $x_i \leq 20$ for each i .

5. [10 points] Give an algebraic and combinatorial proofs of the identity $t^3 = 6\binom{t}{3} + 6\binom{t}{2} + \binom{t}{1}$.

6. [5 points] Use the identity in the previous problem to give a formula for $\sum_{t=1}^n t^3$. (Hint: an identity from HW10 may be helpful; it counts the number of $(k+1)$ -element subsets of $[n+1]$ by grouping the subsets by maximum value.)

7. [8 points] Use the binomial theorem to find the coefficient of x^7 in the expansion of $(x+1)^{20}$.

8. [2 parts, 8 points each] Find simple formulas for the following sums.

(a) $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$

(b) $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} k 2^k$ (Hint: differentiate the binomial theorem expansion for $(x+1)^n$.)