

## Ch 6.1

#4. (a) Let  $x_i$  denote the number of objects in the  $i$ -th box.

Then  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = r$  and  $0 \leq x_i \leq 5$  for each  $i$ .

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (1 + x + \dots + x^5)^5$$

(b)  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = r$  and  $3 \leq x_i \leq 6$ .

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6)^4$$

#9. Let  $x_i$  denote the number of  $i$ -th element in the collection. Then choose  $n$  have  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = r$  and  $x_i \geq 0$

$$\text{for all } i. \Rightarrow f(x) = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots)^n = \frac{1}{(1-x)^n}$$

#13. Let  $x_i$  denote the number of the top face of the  $i$ -th dice. Then  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = r$  and  $1 \leq x_i \leq 6$ .

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (x + x^2 + \dots + x^6)^n$$

#16. Let  $x_i$  denote the  $i$ -th digit of the number.

Note that any number between 0 and 999,999 has six digits  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6$  where  $0 \leq x_i \leq 9$ .  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_6 = r$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^9)^6$$

## Ch 6.2

$$\begin{aligned} \#4. & (x + x^2 + \dots + x^5)(x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots)^5 = x(1 + x + \dots + x^4) \cdot x^{10}(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^5 \\ & = x^{11} \cdot \frac{1-x^5}{1-x} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-x)^5} = x^{11} \cdot \frac{1-x^5}{(1-x)^6} = x^{11} (1-x^5) (1 + \binom{6}{1}x + \dots + \binom{6}{k}x^k + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of  $x^{18}$  is  $\binom{7+5}{7} - \binom{2+5}{2} = \binom{12}{7} - \binom{7}{2}$ .

$$\#12. (a) 1 + x^4 + x^8 + \dots + x^{24} \stackrel{y=x^4}{=} 1 + y + y^2 + \dots + y^6 = \frac{1-y^7}{1-y} \stackrel{y=x^4}{=} \frac{1-x^{28}}{1-x^4}$$

$$(b) x^{20} + x^{40} + \dots + x^{180} \stackrel{y=x^{20}}{=} y + y^2 + \dots + y^9 = y(1 + y + \dots + y^8) = y \cdot \frac{1-y^9}{1-y}$$

$$\stackrel{y=x^{20}}{=} \frac{x^{20} \cdot (1-x^{180})}{1-x^{20}}$$

#13.  $(x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5)^2 = x^{10}(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)^2$ . Each term has degree at least 10, thus there is no  $x^9$  which implies that the coefficient of  $x^9$  is 0.

#20. Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  and  $x_5$  denote the number of rooms painted green, blue, red, black and white, respectively. Then we get  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 10$  and  $x_4, x_5 \geq 0$   
 $3 \geq x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (1+x+x^2+x^3)^3 \cdot (1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots)^2 = \left(\frac{1-x^4}{1-x}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{(1-x^4)^3}{(1-x)^5}$$

$$= (1 - \binom{3}{1}x^4 + \binom{3}{2}x^8 - \binom{3}{3}x^{12}) \left(1 + \binom{5}{1}x + \dots + \binom{k+4}{k}x^k + \dots\right)$$

Then the coefficient of  $x^{10}$  is  $1 \cdot \binom{10+4}{10} - \binom{3}{1} \cdot \binom{6+4}{6} + \binom{3}{2} \cdot \binom{2+4}{2}$

$$= \binom{14}{10} - 3 \cdot \binom{10}{6} + 3 \cdot \binom{6}{2}$$

Ch 6.3

#1. (a) 4, 3+1, 2+2, 2+1+1, 1+1+1+1

(b) 6, 5+1, 4+2, 4+1+1, 3+3, 3+2+1, 3+1+1+1, 2+2+2, 2+2+1+1, 2+1+1+1+1, 1+1+1+1+1+1

#3. Let  $x_i$  denote the number of  $i$ 's in the sum. Then for each  $i$ ,  $0 \leq x_i \leq 3$ .  $x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + \dots + kx_k + \dots = n$ .

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (1+x+x^2+x^3) (1+x^2+(x^2)^2+(x^2)^3) \dots \left(1+x^k+(x^k)^2+(x^k)^3\right) \dots$$