

1. For how many numbers n , $0 < n < 1000000$, the sum of their digits is odd?

Solution. See Problem 1 in 2015 June 29 exam

2. In how many ways can one paint 15 identical cars blue, yellow, red and green to get at least 1 blue, at least 1 yellow, at least 2 red and at least 3 green cars? (Each car must be painted, in one color).

Solution. See Problem 2 in 2015 June 29 exam (slightly modified)

3. Vertices of the graph G are binary sequences of length 99, two vertices (sequences) are adjacent iff they differ on exactly one position (e.g. $(0,0, \dots, 0)$ is adjacent to $(1,0,0, \dots, 0)$, and to $(0,1,0,0, \dots, 0)$ etc.).

a. Is G connected?

b. Is G Hamiltonian?

Solution (a) Suppose G is disconnected. Choose vertices u and v so that there is no u - v path in G and u and v differ on the smallest number of positions. Suppose on position k u has 0 and v has 1. Toggle position k in u . The resulting sequence w is adjacent to u , so there is no w - v path in G and differs from v on fewer positions than u – contrary to our choice of u and v . Hence G is connected.

(b) Let G_n be the graph of binary sequences of length n . I.e. Our graph G is G_{99} . We will prove by induction on n that for each $n \geq 2$ G_n is Hamiltonian, which is more than required. For $n=2$ this is obvious by inspection. Suppose G_n is Hamiltonian for some $n \geq 2$. Consider all vertices of G_{n+1} whose last coordinate is 1. Dropping the last coordinate in each vertex we get a copy of the graph G_n . By induction hypothesis, this subgraph has a Hamiltonian cycle C_1 . Suppose $C_1 = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k, v_0)$. We go from v_0 to v_k , then we change the last coordinate of v_k to 0 switching to the corresponding vertex u_0 on the corresponding cycle $C_0 = (u_0, u_1, \dots, u_k, u_0)$ in the subgraph of G_{n+1} consisting of vertices with last coordinate 0, we go backwards, from u_k to u_0 and switch the last coordinate back to 1, which takes us to v_0 .

4. Let R and S be equivalence relations on a set X . Prove that $R \cap S$ is an equivalence relation on X . Describe equivalence classes of $R \cap S$ in terms of equivalence classes of R and S .

Solution. See Problem 4 in 2015 June 29 exam

5. Prove by induction that any postage of more than 7 cents can be made using only 3 and 5 cent stamps. In other words, every number greater than 7 is a sum of threes and fives.

Solution. We must prove that every integer $n \geq 8$ can be written as a sum of 3's and 5's. Obviously $8 = 3 + 5$.

Suppose $n = p \cdot 3 + q \cdot 5$. Consider $n+1$. If $q > 0$ we write $n+1 = (p+2) \cdot 3 + (q-1) \cdot 5$ (which is $n+6-5$). If q happens to be equal to 0 p must be at least 3 because $n \geq 8$ and $n = 3p$. In this case we put $n+1 = (p-3) \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 5$.