Math 215: Homework for week 13, with new problems 44a,44b

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Replace problem 44 (on the original assignment) with the following two problems, based on 2 and 4 of Exam 2 given Fri 5 April:

Problem 44a: Decide if the following functions are injective and/or surjective—by giving a proof:

- (i) $f: \mathbf{R}^2 \to \mathbf{R}^2$ defined by $f(x_1, x_2) = (x_2, 2x_2)$.
- (ii) $f: \mathbf{R}^2 \to \mathbf{R}^2$ defined by $f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 x_2)$.

Problem 44b: Show that the following sets are denumerable (countably infinite), by giving a bijection with (possibly a subset of) \mathbb{Z}^m or \mathbb{N}^m for a suitable m > 1:

- (i) the set of "Pythagorean triples": that is, all (a, b, c) with $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. (One example is the triple 3, 4, 5).
- (ii) the set of integer 2×2 symmetric matrices: that is, all $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix}$ with $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}$. (One example is the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 8 & -12 \end{pmatrix}$

Problem 45: (essentially 12.1 in the text)

Write down the first 10 rows of Pascal's triangle. use this to find the coefficient of a^7b^3 in $(a+b)^{10}$.

Problem 46: (Similar to 12.2 in the text)

Find the coefficient of x^4 in $(x+2)^7$.

Problem 47: (12.4 in the text)

Three people each select a main dish from a menu of 5 items. How many choices are possible

- (i) if we record who selected which dish (as the waiter should)
- (ii) if we ignore who selected which dish (as the chef could)?

Problem 48: (12.6 in the text)

Prove that the product of any n consecutive positive integers is divisible by n!.

Problem 49: (p. 185, no. 20)

Use the pigeonhole principle to prove that, given a set S of 10 distinct positive integers less than 107, there exist two disjoint subsets of S with the same sum.