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Quiz #3 - MATH 271 - L01
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SOLUTIONS

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Your student number: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

- I. Fill out the above information BEFORE starting.
- II. **Show all your work**, use the back of the previous page for rough work and clearly insert your solution in the space provided space.
- III. Calculators are not allowed, and no other material.
- IV. There are 2 questions and 3 pages to this exam.
- V. Time allowed is 50 minutes.

MARKS:	#1: /5	#2: /5	Total: /10
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Question 1 (5 points)

[1] a: How many ways can two integers be selected from the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 100\}$?

The set contains 101 integers

so there are

$$\binom{101}{2} = \frac{101 \cdot 100}{2} = 5050 \text{ ways to select 2 integers.}$$

[2] b: How many ways can two integers be selected from the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 100\}$ so that their sum is even?

Both must be even, or both odd.

there are 51 even integers in the set
50 odd - - - - -

so

$$\binom{51}{2} + \binom{50}{2} = \frac{51 \cdot 50}{2} + \frac{50 \cdot 49}{2} = 25(51 + 49) = 2500 \text{ ways.}$$

to have even sum.

[2] c: How many ways can two integers be selected from the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 100\}$ so that their sum is divisible by 3?

Both must be of form $3k$

or one of form $3k+1$ and other of form $3k+2$.

there are

34 integers in the set of the form $3k$ (0, 3, ..., 99)

34 - - - - - $3k+1$ (1, 4, ..., 100)

33 - - - - - $3k+2$ (101 - 2 \cdot 34)

so the number of ways is

$$\binom{34}{2} + \binom{34}{1} \binom{33}{1} = \frac{34 \cdot 33}{2} + 34 \cdot 33 = \frac{3}{2} \times 34 \times 33 = 17 \cdot 99 = 1683$$

Question 2 (5 points) Let m be any nonnegative integer. Use mathematical induction and Pascal's formula to prove that for all integers $n \geq 0$,

$$\binom{m}{0} + \binom{m+1}{1} + \cdots + \binom{m+n}{n} = \binom{m+n+1}{n}$$

Let $P(n)$ be the statement

$$\binom{m}{0} + \cdots + \binom{m+n}{n} = \binom{m+n+1}{n} \text{ for all } m.$$

We prove it by induction on $n \geq 0$

Base case $n=0$ We need to verify $P(0)$, i.e. $\binom{m}{0} = \binom{m+1}{0}$

$$\text{But } \binom{m}{0} = \frac{m!}{0!m!} = 1, \quad \binom{m+1}{0} = \frac{(m+1)!}{0!(m+1)!} = 1$$

So $P(0)$ holds

Inductive Step Assume $P(n)$ is true for some $n \geq 0$

We need to prove $P(n+1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{m}{0} + \cdots + \binom{m+n}{n} + \binom{m+n+1}{n+1} \\ &= \left(\binom{m+n+1}{n} + \binom{m+n+1}{n+1} \right) \quad [\text{By inductive hyp}] \\ &= \binom{m+(n+1)+1}{n+1} \quad [\text{by Pascal's triangle}] \end{aligned}$$

So $P(n+1)$ is true.

We conclude that $P(n)$ is true for all n .
