

MA 300 HW #4

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9.7 #30

coeff of  $x^7$  in  $(2x+3)^{10}$

$$(2x+3)^{10} = \sum_{k=0}^{10} \binom{10}{k} (2x)^k \cdot 3^{10-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{10} \binom{10}{k} 2^k x^k \cdot 3^{10-k}$$

coeff on  $x^7$  is  $\binom{10}{7} \cdot 2^7 \cdot 3^{10-7} = \binom{10}{7} \cdot 2^7 \cdot 3^3$

9.7 #38

Prove  $\sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^i \binom{m}{i} 2^{m-i} = 1$ .

By binomial theorem here

$$1 = 1^m = (2 + (-1))^m = \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} \cdot 2^{m-i} \cdot (-1)^i \quad \text{as desired.}$$

9.1 #4a

We consider a nickel to be equivalent to 5 pennies glued together. Then taking a certain # of nickels is the same as taking a multiple of 5 pennies. So we get

$$(1+x+x^2+\dots) (1+x^5+x^{10}+\dots)$$

↑  
exponents refer to  
# of individual  
pennies

↑  
exponents refer  
to nickels

4b

$$(1+x+x^2+\dots)(1+x^5+x^{10}+\dots)(1+x^{10}+x^{20}+\dots)$$

9.2 #6  $(x^7 + x^8 + \dots)^6 = (x^7)^6 (1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^6 = x^{42} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{(1-x)^6}\right)$

$$= x^{42} \left( 1 + \binom{16-1}{1} x + \binom{2+6-1}{2} x^2 + \dots \right)$$

coeff on  $x^{50}$  is  $\binom{8+6-1}{8} = \binom{13}{8}$ .

9.2 #10a  $(x^3 + x^4 + \dots)^4$ , we want coeff on  $x^{24}$  ← two dozen

$$(x^3)^4 (1 + x + \dots)^4 = x^{12} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-x)^4}$$

$$= x^{12} \cdot \left( 1 + \binom{1+4-1}{1} x + \binom{2+4-1}{2} x^2 + \dots \right)$$

coeff on  $x^{24}$  is like coeff on  $x^{12}$  here,

which is  $\binom{24+4-1}{12} = \binom{15}{12}$