MATH-569X HW 1

1: How many ways are there to pick a man and a woman who are not husband and wife from a group of n married couples?

2: How many ternary (0,1,2) sequences of length 10 are there without any two consecutive digits **being** the same?

(Ternary means using digits 0,1,2. Similarly, binary would mean just digits 0,1. No two consecutive the same means 11, 22, 00 are the forbidden substrings.)

3: We are given eight rooks, five of which are red and three of which are blue.

(a) In how many ways can the eight rooks be placed on an 8-by-8 chessboard so that no two rooks can attack one another?

(b) In how many ways can the eight rooks be placed on a 12-by-12 chessboard so that no two rooks can attack one another?

4: There are n sticks lined up in a row, and k of them are to be chosen.

(a) How many choices are there?

(b) How many choices are there if no two of the chosen sticks can be consecutive?

5: How many sets of three integers between 1 and 20 are possible if no two consecutive integers are to be in a set?

6: Combinatorially prove the following binomial identity

$$\sum_{k=0}^{r} \binom{n+k}{k} = \binom{n+r+1}{r}.$$

7: How many integral solutions of

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 30$$

satisfy $x_1 \ge 2, x_2 \ge 0, x_3 \ge -5$, and $x_4 \ge 8$? (Use substitution to get ≥ 0 for all variables.)