Math 3103 Combinatorics (Luecking)

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Fourteenth Quiz (solutions)

(Please print clearly) Due April 24, 2024

Note: For the 2 figures below I have given the group of rigid motions, expressed as permutations of the vertex labels. Determine the number of distinguishable colorings of the vertice (a) when there are 3 colors to choose from, and (b) when there are 5 colors to choose from. Do not simplify either of these.



Ans: (a) $\frac{1}{4}(3^4 + 3^2 + 3^3 + 3^3)$, (b) $\frac{1}{4}(5^4 + 5^2 + 5^3 + 5^3)$

3. The following group of permutations represents the allowed rigid motions of a certain figure with 5 vertices.

$$G = \{(1)(2)(3)(4)(5), (1234)(5), (13)(24)(5), (1432)(5)\}.$$

(a) Write out the cycle index polynomial for G.

Ans: $\frac{1}{4} \left(x_1^5 + 2x_1x_4 + x_1x_2^2 \right)$

(b) How many distinguishable ways are there to color the vertices if 2 colors are available? Do not simplify.

Ans:
$$\frac{1}{4} \left(2^5 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 2^3 \right)$$