Problem sheet

These problems are for your practice. You need not submit them.

- 1. 16 people 4 each from Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales are present in a meeting. A committee of 6 people are to be selected among these 16 people. How may ways the selection can be made such that
 - (a) Each country must be represented
 - (b) No country can have more than 2 representatives.
- 2. Three integers are selected from the integers 1, 2, ..., 1000. In how many ways they can be selected so that their sum is divisible by 3.
- 3. Prove the following identities:

(a)
$$\binom{n}{m}\binom{m}{k} = \binom{n}{k}\binom{n-k}{m-k}$$

(b)
$$\binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} - \binom{n}{3} + \dots + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n} = 0.$$

(c)
$$\binom{n}{0} + 2\binom{n}{1} + 3\binom{n}{2} + \ldots + (n+1)\binom{n}{n} = 2^{n-1}(2+n).$$

4. Solve the following recurrence relations:

(a)
$$a_0 = 1$$
, $a_1 = 2$, and $a_n = 4a_{n-2}$, for $n \ge 2$

(b)
$$a_0 = 0$$
, $a_1 = a_2 = 1$, $a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 12a_{n-2} + 8a_{n-3}$, for $n \ge 3$

(c)
$$F_0 = 2$$
, and $F_{n+1} = 4F_n + 5^n$, for $n > 0$.

- 5. There are n married couples attending a dance. How many ways are there to form n pairs for dancing if no wife should dance with her husband.
- 6. How many permutations of the numbers $1, 2, 3, \dots 10$ exist that map no even number to itself.
- 7. Find the number of integers between 1 and 1000 which are divisible by none of 3, 7 and 11.
- 8. Among all n digit integers, how many of them contain the digits 0 and 1 but not the digits 8 and 9.