

1. (a) A chain is a subset  $C$  such that for any  $c$  and  $c'$  in  $C$ ,  
 $c \leq c'$  or  $c' \leq c$ .  
 (Equivalently: a subset  $\{c_1, \dots, c_k\}$  with  $c_1 < c_2 < \dots < c_k$ .)

(b) An antichain partition is a partition of  $X$  into antichains,  
 i.e.  $X = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n$  with  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ ,  
 where for each  $A_i$ , distinct elements are incomparable.

(c) An antichain can meet a chain in at most one point,  
 so an antichain partition of  $X$  partitions any chain into subsets of  
 size at most 1,  
 so no chain can be longer than the size of an antichain partition.  
 So it suffices to show that if  $C$  is a chain of maximal length,  
 there exists an antichain partition  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  with  $n = |C|$ .  
 Define  $A_1$  to be the set of minimal elements of  $X$ , and recursively  
 define  $A_{k+1}$  to be the set of minimal elements of  $X \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i$ .  
 Clearly the  $A_i$  are disjoint.  
 The set of minimal elements of any finite poset  $(Y; \leq)$  is an  
 antichain, since if  $y, y'$  are minimal and comparable, then say  $y < y'$ ,  
 contradicting minimality of  $y'$ .  
 So each  $A_i$  is an antichain.  
 Enumerate  $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$  with  $c_1 < c_2 < \dots < c_n$ .  
 Then clearly  $c_i \in A_i$ .  
 Suppose  $X \neq \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ , say  $x \in X \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ .  
 Then  $x > c_i$ , so  $C' := C \cup \{x\}$  is a chain,  
 contradicting maximality of  $C$ .  
 So the  $A_i$  form an antichain partition as required.

2. (a) Let  $D_n$  be the set of numbers between 1 and 1000 divisible by  $n$ .

$$\text{Then } |D_n| = \left\lfloor \frac{1000}{n} \right\rfloor.$$

$$\text{Note } D_n \cap D_m = D_{\text{lcm}(n,m)}.$$

So by inclusion-exclusion,

$$\begin{aligned} |D_5 \cup D_7 \cup D_{11}| &= |D_5| + |D_7| + |D_{11}| \\ &- (|D_{35}| + |D_{55}| + |D_{77}|) + |D_{385}| \\ &= 200 + 142 + 90 - (28 + 18 + 12) - 2 \\ &= 376 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $D'_n$  be the set of numbers between 1000 and 2000 divisible by  $n$ .

$$\text{Then } |D'_n| = \left\lfloor \frac{2000}{n} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{999}{n} \right\rfloor.$$

So by inclusion-exclusion, and using least common multiples,

$$\begin{aligned} |D'_4 \cup D'_6 \cup D'_{10}| &= |D'_4| + |D'_6| + |D'_{10}| \\ &- (|D'_{12}| + |D'_{20}| + |D'_{30}|) + |D'_{60}| \\ &= 369 \end{aligned}$$

3. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= (x + x^3 + x^5 + \dots)^3 \\ &= x^3(1 + x^2 + x^4 + \dots)^3 \\ &= \frac{x^3}{(1-x^2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Using the formula  $\frac{1}{(1-x)^t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+t-1}{t-1} x^n$ ,

$$g(x) = \frac{x^3}{(1-x^2)^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x^3 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+3-1}{3-1} (x^2)^n \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+3-1}{3-1} x^{2n+3} \\ \text{So } h_n &= \binom{k+2}{2} \text{ if } n = 2k+3 \text{ for some } k \geq 0, \\ \text{and } h_n &= 0 \text{ otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$