HW12 is Due January 11; submit it to Google classroom 15 minutes before the class time.

## Algebraic Expressions

1. Factor the following expressions:
(a) $6 x^{3} y^{5}-9 x y^{3}$
(b) $x^{4}-16$
2. Simplify the following expressions:
(a) $\frac{x}{x+1}-\frac{x}{x-1}$
(b) $\left(1+\frac{1}{x}\right) \div\left(x-\frac{1}{x}\right)$
3. Simplify the following expressions:
(a) $x^{2}\left(3 x y^{3}\right)^{2}\left(2 x^{2} y\right)^{3}$
(b) $\frac{a^{3}\left(2 b^{2} c^{3}\right)^{2}}{\left(a^{2} b\right)^{4} c^{5}}$
4. Expand the following expressions:
(a) $(x-2)^{2}(x+3)$
(b) $\quad(a-2)^{2}(a+2)^{3}$
5. Write each of the following expressions in the form $a+b \sqrt{5}$, with $a, b$ rational numbers:
(a) $(1+\sqrt{5})^{2}$
(c) $\frac{1+2 \sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}}$
(b) $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{1-\sqrt{5}}$

## COMBINATORICS

6. How many different sequences of letters could you make from the letters of the word "paper"?
7. There are 6 people in a house. This is over capacity: the fire capacity of the house is 5 .
(a) How many ways are there to kick one person out of the house?
(b) In how many ways could you get the house down to capacity if the fire capacity were 4 instead of 5 ?
8. How many ways are there to choose a committee of three people from a group of six people? What if one of the committee members must be selected to be president?
9. The probability that it rains on any given day is $p=1 / 3$. During a given week, what is:
(a) the probability that it will rain every day?
(b) the probability that it will rain on exactly one day? (c) the probability that at least one day will be sunny?
