

### General Approach for a bijection:

1. Setup functions  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g: Y \rightarrow X$ .
2. Show that  $f$  is well defined (Properly maps to  $Y$ ).
3. Show that  $g$  is well defined (Properly maps to  $X$ ).
4. Show that  $\forall x \in X, g(f(x)) = x$ .
5. Show that  $\forall y \in Y, f(g(y)) = y$ .
6. Clarify that steps 4, 5 imply that the pair of functions  $f, g$  are mutually inverse bijections and hence  $X$  and  $Y$  are in bijection.

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1. Let  $k \geq 1$  be an integer. Let  $T$  denote the set of multisets of size  $n$  with  $t$  types such that for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ , the number of elements of the  $i$ -th type is a multiple of  $k$ . What is  $|T|$ ? (Assume  $k \mid n$ )
2. Let  $k \geq 0$  be an integer. Let  $U$  denote the set of multisets of size  $n$  with  $t$  types such that for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ , the number of elements of the  $i$ -th type is at least  $k$ . What is  $|U|$ ? (Assume  $n \geq kt$ )

### Solution:

1. Let  $H$  be the set of all multisets of size  $n/k$  and  $t$  types. We claim a bijection between  $T$  and  $H$ . Note that each element  $(a_1, \dots, a_t) \in T$  may be written as  $(kc_1, \dots, kc_t)$ , where each  $c_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Let  $f: T \rightarrow H$  be defined by mapping each  $\alpha = (kc_1, \dots, kc_t) \in T$  to  $f(\alpha) = (c_1, \dots, c_t)$ . By construction of  $T$ , each element  $c_i$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $kc_1 + \dots + kc_t = n$  which implies that  $c_1 + \dots + c_t = n/k$  hence  $f(\alpha)$  is a multiset of size  $n/k$  and  $t$  types, hence  $f(\alpha) \in H$  (Recall we assume that  $k \mid n$  and hence  $n/k$  is nonnegative integer). We define the inverse function  $g: H \rightarrow T$  by simply assigning each  $\gamma = (c_1, \dots, c_t)$ , to  $g(\gamma) = (kc_1, \dots, kc_t)$ , which simply multiplies each element of the multiset by  $k$ . Clearly  $(kc_1, \dots, kc_t)$  is a multiset of size  $n$  and  $t$  types, hence  $g(\gamma) \in T$ . Clearly by inspection, the constructions  $T \mapsto H$  and  $H \mapsto T$  are mutually inverse bijections and hence,

$$|T| = |H| = \binom{n/k + t - 1}{t - 1}$$

2. Let  $X$  be the set of all multisets of size  $n - kt$  at  $t$  types. We claim a bijection between  $X$  and  $U$ . Note that each element  $(m_1, \dots, m_t) \in U$  may be written as  $(c_1 + k, \dots, c_t + k)$ , where each  $c_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Let  $f: U \rightarrow X$  be defined by mapping each  $\alpha = (c_1 + k, \dots, c_t + k) \in U$  to  $f(\alpha) = (c_1, \dots, c_t)$ . By construction of  $U$ , each element  $c_i$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $(c_1 + k) + \dots + (c_t + k) = n$  which implies that  $c_1 + \dots + c_t = n - kt$ , hence  $f(\alpha)$  is a multiset of size  $n - kt$  and  $t$  types, hence  $f(\alpha) \in X$ . (Recall we assume that  $n \geq kt$ ). We define  $g: X \rightarrow U$  by assigning each