

Homework # 6

Assigned: Wednesday February 23, 2022

Due: Tuesday March 1, 2022 @ 11:59pm ET/Boston

–5%: Wednesday March 2, 2022 @ 11:59pm ET/Boston

–10%: Thursday March 3, 2022 @ 11:59pm ET/Boston

Instructions:

- Homework is due on Tuesday at 11:59pm ET/Boston. Homeworks received up to 24 hours late (11:59pm ET on Wednesday) will be penalized 5 percent. Homeworks received up to 48 hours late (11:59pm ET on Thursday) will be penalized 10 percent. *NO* assignment will be accepted after 48 hours.
- We expect that you will study with friends and fellow students and you are welcome to verbally discuss the problems openly. However, your solution writeup should be the product of your own mind and expressed in your own words. The TAs and I will be available to answer specific questions or address specific points of confusion but we will not verify your answers prior to submission.
- Assignments should be typed using Word or LaTeX, or hand-written *neatly*. When submitting to gradescope be sure to indicate the page containing your answer to each problem, so that the TAs don't have to search for your solution.
- *To get full credit, explain your solution and show each step of the solution process!* Simply writing down a correct answer will receive little or no credit. We don't need your scratch work or draft solutions, only your final solution explaining your step-by-step reasoning. Recommendation: try to imagine you need to explain your solution to someone not in this class.
- If you think the TA made a clerical error in grading your assignment, you may submit a regrade request on Gradescope within 1 week of the publication of the grades. After 1 week of publication, **ALL GRADES ARE FINAL**.

Problem 1 [20pts (10,10)]: Pigeonhole Principle

- i. What is the minimum number of students that must be assigned to a classroom with 14 tables to guarantee that some table will have at least 3 students?
- ii. Suppose a set of 8 numbers are selected from the set $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 13, 14\}$. Show that two of the selected numbers must sum to 15. (Hint: think about how many subsets of 2 elements you can form such that the sum of the values of the two elements is 15)

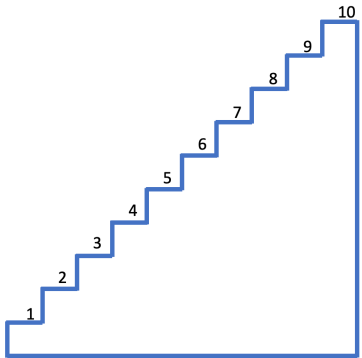
Problem 2 [30 pts (5,5,10,10)]: **Weekend trip to Vegas.**

For each subproblem, reduce your final answer to a single integer and show your work.

- i. A standard 52-card deck has four suits (Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, and Spades) and each suit has 13 ranks (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,Jack,Queen,King,Ace). The face cards are Jack, Queen, and King. How many ways are there to be dealt any 2 cards from a 52-card deck? (We are counting as distinct the same two cards received in a different order.)
- ii. How many ways are there to be dealt Blackjack? To be dealt Blackjack, either the first card is an Ace and the second card is a face card or a 10, or the first card is a face card or a 10 and the second card is an Ace. (Again we are counting as distinct the same two cards received in a different order.)
- iii. How many ways can you be dealt two cards such that the first card is a spade and the second card is a face card?
- iv. How many ways can you pick three cards such that the first card is a spade, the second card is a one-eyed Jack, and the third card is a face card? (There are two one-eyed Jacks in a standard deck: the Jack of Hearts and the Jack of Spades. *Hint: Break the problem down into 3 disjoint cases for the type of card received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.*)

Problem 3 [20 pts (10,10)]: **Flights of Fancy.**

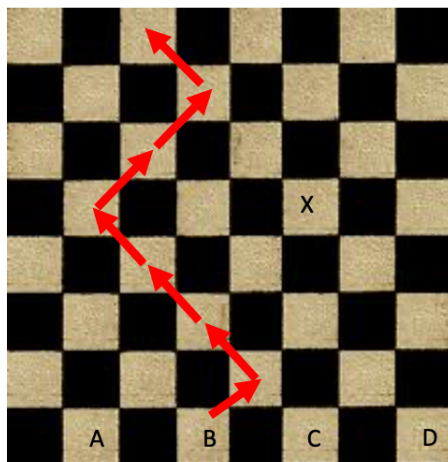
A flight of stairs has 10 steps numbered 1 to 10 as shown in the figure below.



- i. How many ways could you climb up the set of stairs, assuming that you can skip any number of stairs with each step, but you must end on step 10 and you can only go up, never down and never remaining on the same step.
- ii. How many ways could you climb up the set of stairs, assuming you take exactly 4 steps. Again, your staircase climb ends on step 10. Although there are different ways in which you could solve this problem, model the problem as a balls and bins problem for full credit.

Problem 4 [30 (10,10,10)]: **My checkered path**

- i. In the game of checkers, a game piece is allowed to move diagonally in the upwards direction only. (Let's ignore pieces jumping other pieces.) Starting at square a , b , c , or d , how many paths are there to the opposite end of the board? One such path is shown. Hint: This is basically the application of the sum rule over and over again.



- ii. What if all paths MUST go through the square marked X?
- iii. What if we exclude paths through the square marked X?