

Combinatoric : combinaison repetition

How many words on length 5 on the alphabet $\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ have their digits

1. weakly increasing

Method 1 We proceeding by enumeration :

- Fix all letters before the arrow :

$0000\overset{\downarrow}{0}$ under the arrow we can have all integer values between 0 and 9, then we have $10 - 0 = 10$ words.

$0001\overset{\downarrow}{1}$ we begin with 1 to respect the increasing and we can have all integer values between 0 and 9, then we have $10 - 1 = 9$ words.

Thus for an $i \in \llbracket 0, 9 \rrbracket$, $000i\overset{\downarrow}{i}$ if we set the letter before the arrow i we begin with i to respect the increasing and we can have all integer values between 0 and 9, then we have $10 - i$ words.

So if we fix the three firsts letter as 0 we have $\sum_{i=0}^9 (10 - i)$ words.

- We move our arrow in the fourth position

$0000\overset{\downarrow}{0}$ if the letter before the arrow is 0 we have the previous then we have $\sum_{i=0}^9 (10 - i)$ words.

$001j\overset{\downarrow}{j}$ for each j in $\llbracket 1, 9 \rrbracket$ we have $\sum_{i=j}^9 (10 - i)$ words

Thus for an $j \in \llbracket 0, 9 \rrbracket$, $00j\overset{\downarrow}{j}ih$ if we set the letter before the arrow j we will begin with j to respect the increasing and we can have all integer i values between j and 9, then we have $\sum_{i=j}^9 (10 - i)$ words for each j . Hence the total words is

$$\sum_{j=0}^9 \sum_{i=j}^9 (10 - i)$$

- And by the same if we move the arrow we add a new cumulative sum

For an $k \in \llbracket 0, 9 \rrbracket$, $0k\overset{\downarrow}{j}ih$ if we set the letter before the arrow k we begin with k to respect the increasing and we can have all integer j values between k and 9, then we have $\sum_{j=k}^9 \sum_{i=j}^9 (10 - i)$ words for each k .

Hence the total words is $\sum_{k=0}^9 \sum_{j=k}^9 \sum_{i=j}^9 (10 - i)$

- Thus to have for all weakly increasing words we move the the arrow at second position

For an $t \in \llbracket 0, 9 \rrbracket$, $t\overset{\downarrow}{k}jih$ if we set the letter before the arrow k we begin with k to respect the increasing and we can have all integer k values between t and 9, then we have $\sum_{k=t}^9 \sum_{j=k}^9 \sum_{i=j}^9 (10 - i)$ words for each t .

Hence the total weakly increasing words of length 5 is $\sum_{t=0}^9 \sum_{k=t}^9 \sum_{j=k}^9 \sum_{i=j}^9 (10 - i)$

$$S_n = \sum_{t=0}^9 \sum_{k=t}^9 \sum_{j=k}^9 \sum_{i=j}^9 (10 - i) = \sum_{t=0}^9 \sum_{k=t}^9 \sum_{j=k}^9 \sum_{i=j}^9 \left[\binom{10-i+1}{2} - \binom{10-i}{2} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=j}^9 \left[\binom{10-i+1}{2} - \binom{10-i}{2} \right] = \binom{10-j+1}{2} - \binom{10-j}{2} + \binom{10-j}{2} - \binom{10-j-1}{2} + \\
& \cdots + \binom{10-7}{2} - \binom{10-8}{2} + \binom{10-8}{2} - \binom{10-9}{2} = \binom{10-j+1}{2} - \binom{10-9}{2} = \binom{10-j+1}{2} \\
& \text{(Telescopic sum)} \\
& S_n = \sum_{t=0}^9 \sum_{k=t}^9 \sum_{j=k}^9 \binom{10-j+1}{2} = \sum_{t=0}^9 \sum_{k=t}^9 \sum_{j=k}^9 \left[\binom{10-j+2}{3} - \binom{10-j+1}{3} \right] \text{ (telescopic sum)} \\
& = \sum_{t=0}^9 \sum_{k=t}^9 \left[\binom{10-k+2}{3} - \binom{10-9+1}{3} \right] = \sum_{t=0}^9 \sum_{k=t}^9 \binom{10-k+2}{3} \text{ (telescopic sum)} \\
& = \sum_{t=0}^9 \left[\binom{10-t+3}{4} - \binom{10-9+2}{4} \right] = \sum_{t=0}^9 \binom{10-t+3}{4} = \binom{10-0+4}{5} - \binom{10-9+3}{5} \\
& \text{(telescopic sum)} \\
& \text{Then } S_n = \sum_{t=0}^9 \sum_{k=t}^9 \sum_{j=k}^9 \sum_{i=j}^9 (10-i) = \binom{14}{5} = 2002
\end{aligned}$$

We generalize it by the using the telescopic sum for each step of sum, the total weakly increasing words of length $n \geq 2$ in the alphabet $\llbracket 0, 9 \rrbracket$ is :

$$\sum_{l_1=0}^9 \sum_{l_2=l_1}^9 \cdots \sum_{l_{n-1}=l_{n-2}}^9 (10-l_{n-1}) = \binom{10+n-1}{n}$$

Example weakly increasing of length 2 is $\sum_{l_1=0}^9 (10-l_1) = \binom{11}{2} = 55$

We can to generalize it by the using the telescopic sum for each step of sum, the total weakly increasing words of length $n \geq 2$ in the alphabet of size A

$$\sum_{l_1=0}^{A-1} \sum_{l_2=l_1}^{A-1} \cdots \sum_{l_{n-1}=l_{n-2}}^{A-1} (A-l_{n-1}) = \binom{A+n-1}{n}$$

Example weakly increasing of length 3 in the alphabet $\{0, 1, 2\}$ is

$$\sum_{l_2=0}^2 \sum_{l_1=l_2}^2 (3-l_1) = \binom{5}{3} = 10$$

They are '222', '122', '112', '111', '022', '012', '011', '002', '001', '000'.

Example weakly increasing of length 2 in the alphabet $\{0, 1, 2\}$ is

$$\sum_{l_1=0}^2 (3-l_1) = \binom{4}{2} = 6$$

They are '22', '12', '11', '02', '01', '00'

2. weakly increasing or weakly decreasing

Since a set of n numbers has an unique weakly increasing order and an unique weakly decreasing order too. Then the number of words of length n weakly decreasing ordering digits is equal to the weakly increasing of length n .

And their intersection is the words which composed by one letter then his cardinal is the number of letters A .

$$\text{Thus } \# \text{weakly increasing or weakly decreasing} = 2 \binom{A+n-1}{n} - A$$

Words of length 5 weakly increasing or weakly decreasing :

$$2 \binom{10+5-1}{5} - 10 = 2 \binom{14}{5} - 10 = 2 \times 2002 - 10 = 3994.$$

Words of length 3 weakly increasing or weakly with $S=\{0,1,2\}$:

$$2 \binom{3+3-1}{3} - 3 = 2 \binom{5}{3} - 3 = 2 \times 10 - 3 = 17.$$

Which are '222', '122', '112', '111', '022', '012', '011', '002', '001', '000', '221', '211',
, '220', '210', '110', '200' and '100'.