

Math 239 - Lecture #1

Assign #1 due next Friday

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Counting:
sets

① Cartesian products: If A, B are sets, then

$$A \times B = \{ (a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B \}$$

Example:

$$A = \{1, 2\} \quad B = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$A \times B = \{ (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3) \}$$

$$A^k = \{ (a_1, \dots, a_k) \mid a_i \in A \} = \underbrace{A \times A \times \dots \times A}_{k \text{ times}}$$

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 $|S| =$
size of S

If A, B are finite, then $|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$ product

And it follows, $|A^k| = |A|^k$

Example:

Throw two 6-sided dice. The set that enumerates all possible results, $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \times \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$= \{ (a, b) \mid a, b \in \{1, \dots, 6\} \}$$

$$|S| = |\{1, \dots, 6\}|^2 = 36$$

Example:

Binary strings of length n can be represented by

$$S = \{0, 1\}^n \quad \text{e.g. } (1, 0, 1) \in \{0, 1\}^3$$

$$|\{0, 1\}^n| = 2^n$$

② Disjoint Union: Let $S = S_1 \cup S_2$ where $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$

$$\text{Then } |S| = |S_1| + |S_2|$$

Example:

Let E be elements of $\{1, \dots, 6\}^2$ ^{2 elements} where the sum of the 2 parts is even.

- Both odd
- Both even

$$E = E_1 \cup E_2$$

$$E_1 = \{ (a, b) \in \{1, \dots, 6\}^2 \mid a, b \text{ are even} \}$$

$$E_2 = \{ (a, b) \in \{1, \dots, 6\}^2 \mid a, b \text{ are odd} \}$$

So since $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$, $|E| = |E_1| + |E_2|$

$$E_1 = \{2, 4, 6\}^2 \quad E_2 = \{1, 3, 5\}^2$$

$$|E| = 9 + 9 = 18$$

□



What if $S = S_1 \cup S_2$ but $S_1 \cap S_2$ might not be \emptyset .
 $|S| = |S_1| + |S_2| - |S_1 \cap S_2|$ + subtract intersect once

Example: Let F be elements of $S = \{1, \dots, 6\}^2$ where at least 1 of 2 numbers is even.

Partition $F = F_1 \cup F_2$ where $F_1 = \{(a,b) \in S \mid a \text{ is even}\}$
 $F_2 = \{(a,b) \in S \mid b \text{ is even}\}$

Then $F_1 \cap F_2 = \{(a,b) \in S \mid a, b \text{ are even}\} \neq \emptyset$

$\therefore |F| = |F_1| + |F_2| - |F_1 \cap F_2| = (3 \cdot 6) + (6 \cdot 3) - (3 \cdot 3) = 27$. \square

Binomial:
Coefficient

$\binom{n}{k}$ is the number of ways of selecting a set of 'k' objects out of 'n' objects.

• These could be subsets of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ of size k.

$\binom{n}{k}$: First pick k objects in order. There are $n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \dots \underbrace{(n-k+1)}_{k^{\text{th}} \text{ object}}$ ways to do this.

Each set of k objects can be selected $k!$ times in order. So the # of sets is $\frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

Binomial:
Theorem

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k \quad x^k \text{ appears } \binom{n}{k} \text{ times}$$

Expansion of $(1+x)^n = (1+x)(1+x)\dots(1+x)$ n times

Each term in the expansion has the form

$a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$ where each $a_i \in \{1, x\}$

$$\begin{cases} (1+x)(1+x)(1+x) \\ = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \\ + 1 \cdot 1 \cdot x \\ + 1 \cdot x \cdot x \\ \vdots \end{cases}$$

How many times can we get x^2 ?
 3 times!

$$1 \cdot x \cdot x, \quad x \cdot 1 \cdot x, \quad x \cdot x \cdot 1.$$

In order for $a_1 \dots a_n$ to be x^k , we need exactly k of the n a_i s to be x 's. There are then

$\binom{n}{k}$ ways to do so, so coeff x^k is $\binom{n}{k}$. \square