



# Lecture 3

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## **Chapter 5. Counting**

5.1 The Basics of Counting

5.2 The Pigeonhole Principle

5.3 Permutations and Combinations



# Review

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- **Sum Rule**: If a task can be done in one of  $n_1$  ways, or in one of  $n_2$  ways, ..., or in one of  $n_m$  ways, where none of the set of  $n_i$  ways of doing the task is the same as any of the set of  $n_j$  ways, for all pairs  $i$  and  $j$  with  $1 \leq i < j \leq m$ . Then the number of ways to do the task is  $n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_m$ .
- **Product Rule**: Suppose that a procedure can be broken down into a sequence of  $m$  successive tasks. If the task  $T_1$  can be done in  $n_1$  ways; the task  $T_2$  can then be done in  $n_2$  ways; ...; and the task  $T_m$  can be done in  $n_m$  ways, then there are  $n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdots n_m$  ways to do the procedure.



# The Product Rule: Example

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- What is the value of  $k$  after the following code has been executed?

$k := 0$

**for**  $i_1 := 1$  **to**  $n_1$

**for**  $i_2 := 1$  **to**  $n_2$

...

**for**  $i_m := 1$  **to**  $n_m$

$k := k + 1$

$n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdots n_m$



# The Product Rule: Example

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- How many functions are there from a set with  $m$  elements to one with  $n$  elements?

$$n^m$$

- How many one-to-one functions are there from a set with  $m$  elements to one with  $n$  elements?

$$n \cdot (n - 1)(n - 2) \cdots (n - m + 1)$$

- More examples in the textbook



# IP Address Example

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- In version 4 of the Internet Protocol (IPv4)
  - Internet address is a string of 32 bits
  - Network number (*netid*) + host number (*hostid*)
  - Valid computer addresses are in one of 3 types:
    - A **class A** IP address consists of 0, followed by a 7-bit “netid”  $\neq 1^7$ , and a 24-bit “hostid”
    - A **class B** address has 10, followed by a 14-bit netid and a 16-bit hostid.
    - A **class C** address has 110, followed by a 21-bit netid and an 8-bit hostid.
  - The 3 classes have distinct headers (0, 10, 110)
  - Hostids that are all 0s or all 1s are not allowed.



# IP Address Example

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Bit Number	0	1	2	3	4	8	16	24	31
Class A	0	netid				hostid			
Class B	1	0	netid				hostid		
Class C	1	1	0	netid				hostid	
Class D	1	1	1	0	Multicast Address				
Class E	1	1	1	1	0	Address			

- How many valid computer addresses are there?



# IP Address Solution

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- # of addresses  
= (# class A) + (# class B) + (# class C)  
(by sum rule)
- # class A = (# valid netids) × (# valid hostids)  
(by product rule)
- # valid class A netids =  $2^7 - 1 = 127$ .
- # valid class A hostids =  $2^{24} - 2 = 16,777,214$ .
- Continuing in this fashion we find the answer is:  
3,737,091,842 (3.7 billion IP addresses)



# Set Theoretic Version

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- If  $A$  is the set of ways to do task 1, and  $B$  the set of ways to do task 2, and if  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint, then:
  - The ways to do either task 1 or 2 are  $A \cup B$ , and  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$
  - The ways to do both task 1 and 2 can be represented as  $A \times B$ , and  $|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$





# Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

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- Suppose that  $k$  out of  $m$  ways of doing task 1 also simultaneously accomplish task 2.
  - And there are also  $n$  ways of doing task 2.
- Then, the number of ways to accomplish “Do either task 1 or task 2” is  $m + n - k$ .
- Set theory: If  $A$  and  $B$  are not disjoint, then  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ .
  - If they are disjoint, this simplifies to  $|A| + |B|$ .



# Inclusion-Exclusion Example

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- Some hypothetical rules for passwords:
  - Passwords must be 2 characters long
  - Each character must be a letter a ~ z, a digit 0 ~ 9, or one of the 10 punctuation characters ! @ # \$ % ^ & \* ( )
  - Each password must contain at least one digit or punctuation character



# Setup of Problem

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- A legal password has a digit or punctuation character in position 1 **or** position 2.
  - These cases overlap, so the principle applies.
- # of passwords with OK symbol in position #1  
 $= (10 + 10) \times (10 + 10 + 26) = 20 \times 46 = 920$
- # with OK symbol in pos. #2  $= 46 \times 20 = 920$
- # with OK symbol both places  $= 20 \times 20 = 400$
- Answer:  $920 + 920 - 400 = 1,440$



# Tree Diagrams

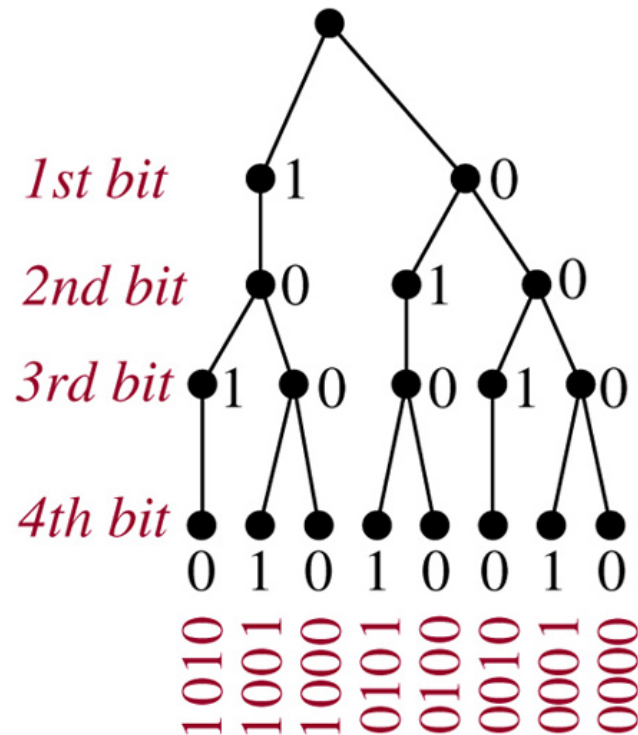
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- A tree diagram can be used in many different counting problems.
- To use trees in counting, we use a branch to represent each possible choice.
- We represent the possible outcomes by the leaves, which are the endpoints of branches not having other branches starting at them.

# Tree Diagrams: Example

- How many bit strings of length four do not have two consecutive 1s?

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# The Pigeonhole Principle

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- A.k.a. the “Dirichlet drawer principle” or the “Shoe Box Principle”.
- If  $k + 1$  or more objects are assigned to  $k$  places, then at least 1 place must be assigned 2 or more objects.
- In terms of the assignment function:
  - If  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $|A| \geq |B| + 1$ , then some element of  $B$  has more than two preimages under  $f$ .
    - I.e.,  $f$  is not one-to-one.



# Pigeonhole Principle: Example

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- There are 101 possible numeric grades (0% ~ 100%) rounded to the nearest integer.
  - Also, there are  $>101$  students in a class.
- Therefore, there must be at least one (rounded) grade that will be shared by at least 2 students at the end of the semester.
  - i.e., the function from students to rounded grades is *not* a one-to-one function.



# Another Example of P.P.

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- 10 persons have first names as Alice, Bernare, and Charles, and last names as Lee, McDuff, and Ng. Show that at least two persons have the same first and last names.
- Solution:
  - 9 possible names for the 10 persons  $\rightarrow$  10 pigeons and 9 pigeonholes.
  - Assignment of names to people = assignment of pigeonholes to the pigeons
  - By the Pigeonhole Principle, some name (pigeonhole) is assigned to at least two persons (pigeons).





# Generalized Pigeonhole Principle

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- If  $N$  objects are assigned to  $k$  places, then at least one place must be assigned at least  $\lceil N/k \rceil$  objects.
- *E.g.*, there are  $N = 280$  students in a class. There are  $k = 52$  weeks in the year.
  - Therefore, there must be at least 1 week during which at least  $\lceil 280/52 \rceil = \lceil 5.38 \rceil = 6$  students in the class have a birthday.



# G.P.P. Example I

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- Given: There are 280 students in a class.
  - Without knowing anybody's birthday, what is the largest value of  $n$  for which we can prove using the G.P.P. that at least  $n$  students must have been born in the same month?
- Answer:

$$\lceil 280/12 \rceil = \lceil 23.3 \rceil = 24$$



# G.P.P. Example II

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- What is the least number of area codes needed to guarantee that the 25 million phones in a state can be assigned distinct 10-digit telephone numbers?
  - Phone #: NXX-NXX-XXXX
    - N: 2 ~ 9 and X: any digit
- Solution
  - NXX-XXXX:  $(8 \cdot 10 \cdot 10) \cdot (10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10) = 8$  million
  - By G.P.P. at least  $\lceil 25,000,000 / 8,000,000 \rceil = 4$  phones have the identical numbers
  - Hence, at least 4 area codes are required