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1 PERMUTATIONS & COMBINATIONS

1.1 definition. **Arrangement** selection of objects in a particular order

1.2 definition. k-Permutation The number of arrangements of k elements from a set of size n without repetition. ${}^nP_k = \frac{{}^nP_n}{n-kP_{n-k}}$

1.3 notation. nP_k

1.4 remark. When $k = n$, then we have the total number of permutations of the set

1.5 remark. with repetition, we have the total number of arrangements equal to n^r , i.e. the number of maps $A \rightarrow B$, with $|A| = r$ $|B| = n$

1.6 definition. k-Combination the number of unordered selections of k -objects of a set A of size n without repetition, is equal to the number of subsets of size k

$$nC_r = |\{B \in 2^A \mid |B| = r\}| = \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-r+1)}{r(r-1)\cdots 1} = \binom{n}{r}$$

1.7 notation. $\binom{n}{k}$

1.8 definition. k-subsets of A $\binom{A}{k}$

1.9 definition. Power set of A 2^A

Hence, for a finite set A , we can also represent the k -subsets of A as $\binom{A}{k} \subset 2^A$

1.10 proposition. $\left| \binom{A}{k} \right| = \binom{|A|}{k}$

1.1 Binomial Theorem : Combinational Proof

1.11 definition. Binomial Theorem $(x + y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^r y^{n-r}$

Proof.

For $(x + y)^n$ we have $(x + y)(x + y) \cdots (x + y)$, n times. Hence for the r^{th} term, we want the r -subset, i.e. given r factors we need all possible combinations of x, y . We count how many times we obtain $x^r y^{n-r}$, and sum the individual r -subsets of n , to get the desired result

1.12 remark. Note that the symmetric nature of combinations, follows from the above. Since, the order does not matter, and given the commutative nature of multiplication; for example, for the $x^2 y^3$ term in a $(x + y)^5$ expansion we can see it as either choosing x 2 times, or y 3 times, i.e. $\binom{5}{2} = \binom{5}{3}$

1.13 definition. Combinatorial Proof : double counting or identity, is when one counts the same set in different ways

1.14 example.

$$2^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r}$$

For an n - set, A , we have $2^A = \bigcup_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r}$. Hence,

$$|2^A| = 2^{|A|} = \left| \bigcup_{r=0}^n \binom{A}{r} \right| = \sum_{r=0}^n \left| \binom{A}{r} \right| = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{|A|}{r}$$

1.15 definition. Combinatorial Proof : bijective where two sets are shown to have the same cardinality by proving the existence of a bijection between them