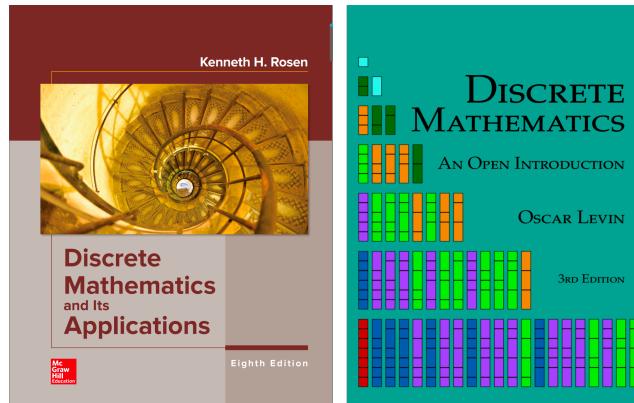




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Counting (part 1 & 2)

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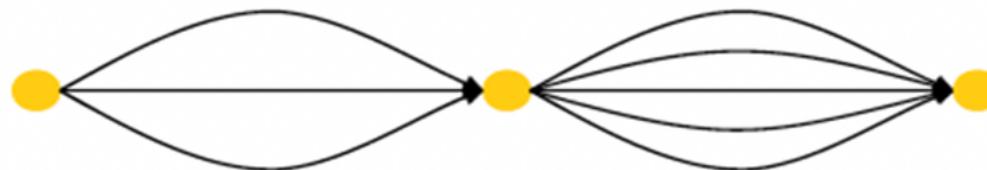


Part 1: the principles rules

- The Product rule
- The Sum rule
- The Inclusion-Exclusion rule
- The Pigeonhole Principle

The product rule

- Also called the multiplication rule
- If there are n_1 ways to do task 1, n_2 ways to do task 2
 - Then there are $n_1 n_2$ ways to do both tasks in sequence
 - This applies when doing the procedure in made up of separate task
 - We must make one choice AND second choice



The product rule

- *An action can be implemented by k steps:*
- *Step 1 has n_1 ways, step 2 has n_2 ways,*
- *...*,
- *Step k has n_k ways.*
- *Therefore, the total of action is*

$$n = n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdots n_k$$

$$n = \prod_{i=1}^k n_i$$

Example of product rule

- Sample question:
 - There are 20 math majors and 320 computer science majors
 - How many ways are there to pick one math major and one computer science major?
- Solution is based on product rule:
*the total is $20 * 320 = 6400$ ways*

Example of product rule

How many strings of 4 decimal digits...

a) Do not contain the same digit twice?

- We want to choose a digit, then another that is not the same, then another...
 - First digit: 10 possibilities
 - Second digit: 9 possibilities (all but first digit)
 - Third digit: 8 possibilities
 - Fourth digit: 7 possibilities
- Total = $10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 = 5040$

b) End with an even digit?

- First three digits have 10 possibilities
- Last digit has 5 possibilities
- Total = $10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 5 = 5000$

Example of product rule

Example: Count the number of string with length 3 including letters in {A..E}

- a. Any
- b. No repeating the letter.

Solution: call $S = s_1 s_2 s_3$ is a string length 3, including letters in {A..E}.

- a. $\forall i = 1..3$, s_i has 5 ways to chose. Following the product rule, the number of above string is: $5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$.
- b. s_1 has 5 choosing ways; after having s_1 , s_2 has 4 choosing ways; after having s_1s_2 , s_3 has 3 choosing ways. Following the product rule, the number of above string is: $5 \times 4 \times 3 = 60$.

Example of product rule

Example: Count the binary strings with length n .

Solution:

Let $b = b_1b_2\dots b_n$ is a binary string with length n .

$\forall i = 1..n$, b_i has 2 ways to choose (0 or 1).

Base on the product rule, the number of binary strings with length n is:
 $2 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2 = 2^n$.

Example: Count the odd numbers including 2 numbers.

Solution:

Let $n = ab$ is an odd number including 2 numbers.

Letter a has 9 choosing ways (1..9), Letter b has 5 choosing ways (1,3,5,7,9).

Base on the product rule, the number of odd numbers including 2 numbers is: $9 \times 5 = 45$.

The sum rule

- ❖ Also called the addition rule
- ❖ If there are n_1 ways to do task 1, and n_2 ways to do task 2:
 - ✓ If these tasks can be done at the same time,
 - ✓ Then there are $n_1 + n_2$ ways to do one of the two tasks
 - ✓ We must make one choice OR a second choice.

Other saying:

- ❖ *If a task can be done in m ways and a second task in n ways, and if these two tasks cannot be done at the same time, then there are $m + n$ ways to do either task.*

The sum rule

An action is implemented by 1 in k distinguished steps:

Step 1 has n_1 ways, step 2 has n_2 ways, ..., step k has n_k ways. Therefore, the total of actions is:

$$n = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i$$

The sum rule

The set style:

- ❖ Simple case: given two sets A, B separately, we have:

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$$

- ❖ General case: given k set separately by each of pair:

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k we have:

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k| = |A_1| + |A_2| + \dots + |A_k|$$

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i \right| = \sum_{i=1}^k |A_i|$$

Example of sum rule

- Sample question
 - There are 18 math majors and 325 CS majors
 - How many ways are there to pick one math major **or** one CS major?

Solution: the total is $18 + 325 = 343$

Example of sum rule

How many strings of 4 decimal digits...

- Have exactly three digits that are 9s?
 - The string can have:
 - The non-9 as the first digit
 - OR the non-9 as the second digit
 - OR the non-9 as the third digit
 - OR the non-9 as the fourth digit
 - Thus, we use the sum rule
 - For each of those cases, there are 9 possibilities for the non-9 digit (any number other than 9)
 - Thus, the answer is $9+9+9+9 = 36$

Example of sum rule

Example: Count the number of 1 byte has two first bits are 00 or 11.

Solution:

Let A, B are sets of byte (binary string with length 8) which have two first bits are 00 or 11 respectively.

Hence, $|A| = |B| = 2^6 = 64$.

$A \cap B = \emptyset$. Therefore, base on the sum rule, the byte has two first bits are 00 or 11 is: $|A| + |B| = 64 + 64 = 128$.

Wedding picture example

- Consider a wedding picture of 6 people
 - There are 10 people, including the bride and groom
- a) How many possibilities are there if the bride must be in the picture
- Product rule: place the bride AND then place the rest of the party
 - First place the bride
 - She can be in one of 6 positions
 - Next, place the other five people via the product rule
 - There are 9 people to choose for the second person, 8 for the third, etc.
 - Total = $9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 = 15120$
 - Product rule yields $6 \times 15120 = 90,720$ possibilities

Counting subsets of a finite set

Let S be a finite set. Use product rule to show that the number of different subsets of S is $2^{|S|}$

Solution:

- Let S be a finite set. List the elements of S in arbitrary order.
- Recall from Section 2.2 that there is a one-to-one correspondence between subsets of S and bit strings of length $|S|$.
- Namely, a subset of S is associated with the bit string with:
 - o a_1 in the i^{th} position if the i^{th} element in the list is in the subset,
 - o a_0 in this position otherwise.
- o By the product rule, there are $2^{|S|}$ bit strings of length $|S|$. Hence, $|P(S)| = 2^{|S|}$

see page 338 (example 10) for more detail.

Example: find the subset of string “abc” ?

Counting loops

How many times will the following program loop iterate before the final solution is generated? What is the final value of K?

$K := 0$

for $i1 := 1$ to $n1$

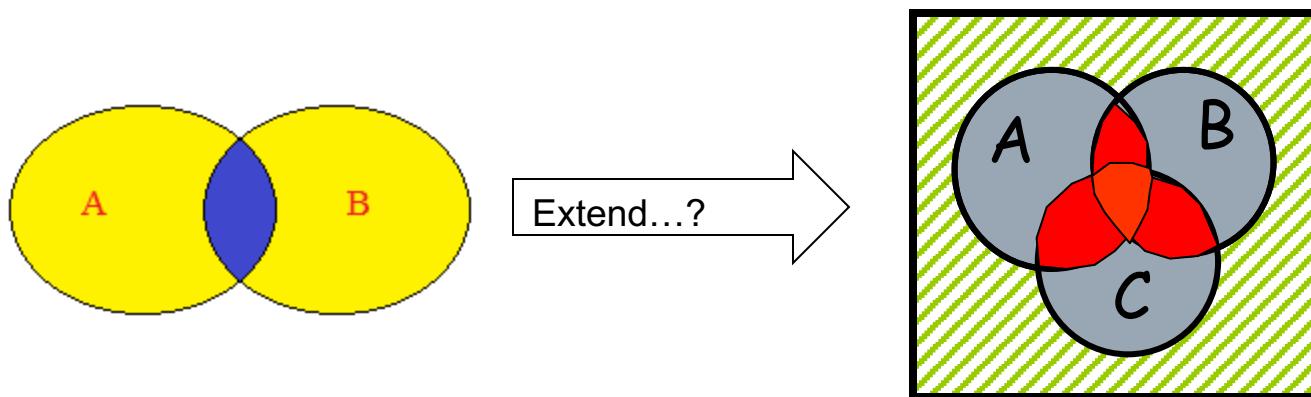
 for $i2 := 1$ to $n2$

 for $i3 := 1$ to $n3$

$K := K + 1$

The inclusion-exclusion principle

- When counting the possibilities, we can't include a given outcome more than once!
- $|A_1 \cup A_2| = |A_1| + |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2|$
 - Let A_1 have 5 elements, A_2 have 3 elements, and 1 element be both in A_1 and A_2
 - Total in the union is $5+3-1 = 7$, not 8



The inclusion-exclusion principle

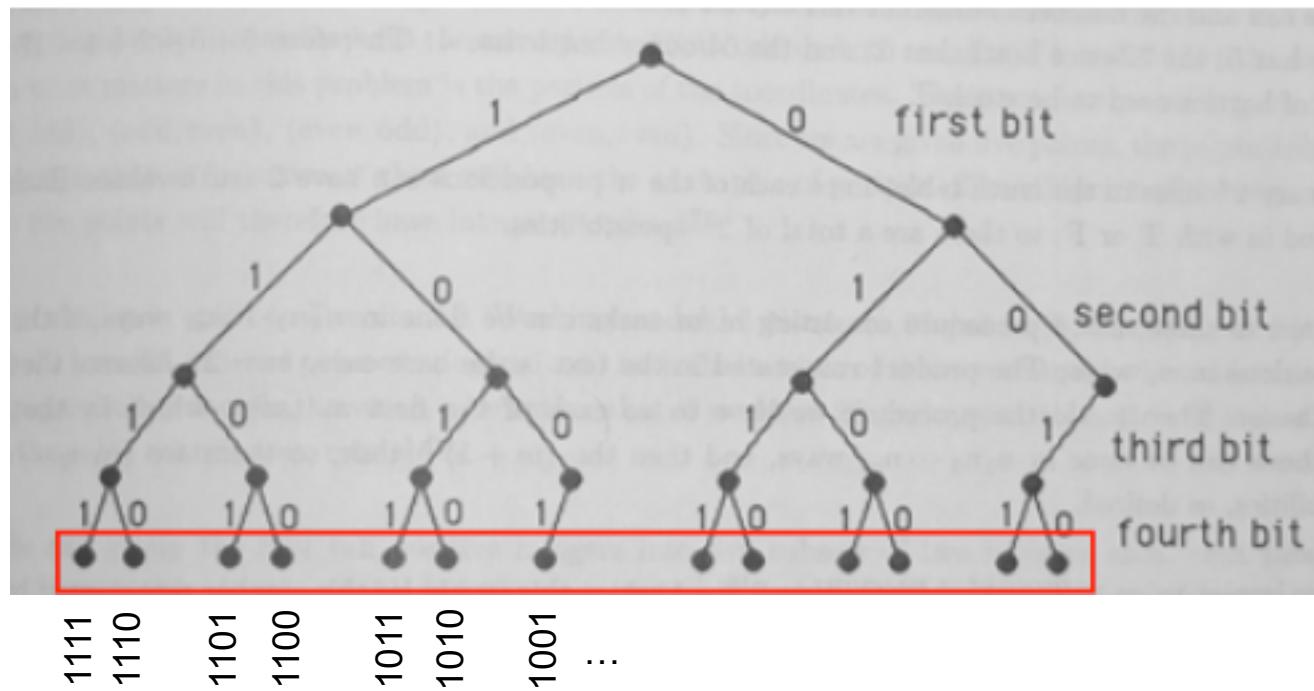
- How many bit strings of length eight start with 1 or end with 00?
- Count bit strings that start with 1
 - Rest of bits can be anything: $2^7 = 128$
 - This is $|A_1|$
- Count bit strings that end with 00
 - Rest of bits can be anything: $2^6 = 64$
 - This is $|A_2|$
- Count bit strings that both start with 1 and end with 00
 - Rest of the bits can be anything: $2^5 = 32$
 - This is $|A_1 \cap A_2|$
- Use formula $|A_1 \cup A_2| = |A_1| + |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2|$
- Total is $128 + 64 - 32 = 160$

Tree diagrams

- We can use tree diagrams to enumerate the possible choices
- Once the tree is laid out, the result is the number of (valid) leaves

Tree diagrams

- Use a tree diagram to find the number of bit strings of length four with no three consecutive 0s



Tree diagrams

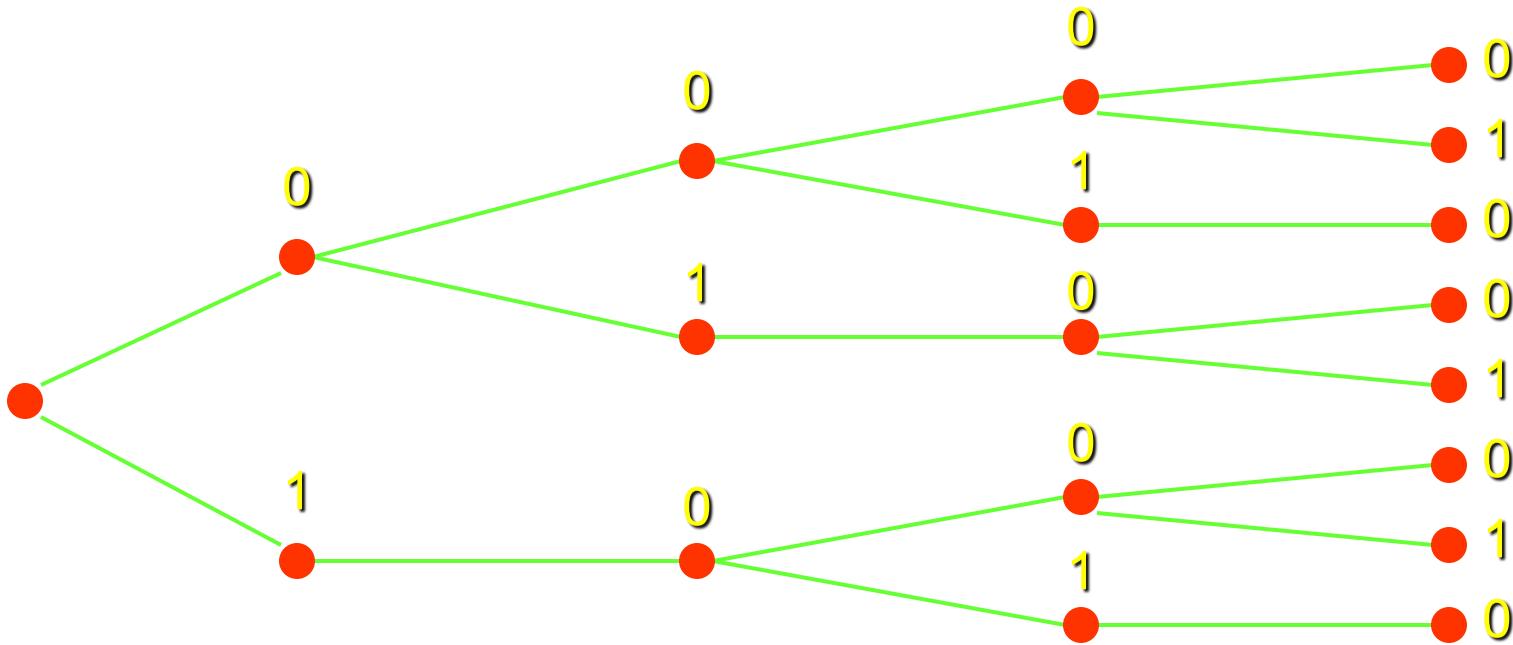
How many bit strings of length four do not have two consecutive 1s?

Task 1
(1st bit)

Task 2
(2nd bit)

Task 3
(3rd bit)

Task 4
(4th bit)



There are 8 strings.

Examples: Inc-Exc principle

Example: There are 50 students in a class: There are 30 female students, and 35 CS students. Prove that there are at least 15 female students with major in CS.

Solution: Let A be a set of female students, B be a set of CS student. Then

$$|A \cap B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cup B| = 30 + 35 - |A \cup B| \geq 15$$

because $|A \cup B| \leq 50$

Pigeonhole principle

If there are more pigeons



than pigeonholes



then some hole must contain two or more pigeons



Pigeonhole principle

If 20 pigeons flies into 19 pigeonholes, then at least one of the pigeonholes must have at least two pigeons in it. Such observations lead to the *pigeonhole principle*.

THE PIGEONHOLE PRINCIPLE. Let k be a positive integer. If more than k objects are placed into k boxes, then at least one box will contain two or more objects.

Application of pigeonhole principle

An exam is graded on a scale 0-100. How many students should be there in the class so that **at least two students get the same score?**

More than 101.

Generalized pigeonhole principle

If N objects are placed in k boxes, then there is at least one box containing at least N/k objects.

Application 1.

In a class of 73 students, there are at least $73/12=7$ who are born in the same month.

Application 2.

- How many students in a class must there be to ensure that 6 students get the same grade (one of A, B, C, D, or F)?
 - The “boxes” are the grades. Thus, $k = 5$
 - Thus, we set $\lceil N/5 \rceil = 6$
 - Lowest possible value for N is 26

More applications of pigeonhole principle

- A bowl contains 10 red and 10 yellow balls
- a) How many balls must be selected to ensure 3 balls of the same color?
- One solution: consider the “worst” case
 - Consider 2 balls of each color
 - You can’t take another ball without hitting 3
 - Thus, the answer is 5
 - Via generalized pigeonhole principle
 - How many balls are required if there are 2 colors, and one color must have 3 balls?
 - How many pigeons are required if there are 2 pigeon holes, and one must have 3 pigeons?
 - number of boxes: $k = 2$
 - We want $\lceil N/k \rceil = 3$
 - What is the minimum N ?
 - $N = 5$



More applications of pigeonhole principle

- A bowl contains 10 red and 10 yellow balls
- b) How many balls must be selected to ensure 3 yellow balls?
 - Consider the “worst” case
 - Consider 10 red balls and 2 yellow balls
 - You can’t take another ball without hitting 3 yellow balls
 - Thus, the answer is 13

**Doing some exercises as your homework
(without submission)**

- 4, 6, 14, 16, 20, 22 (page 417)
- Use a tree diagram to find the number of bit strings of length 4 with no 3 consecutive 1s.

Part 2: Permutations and Combinations

- Permutation
- Combination
- Formulas of combinations
- The extended combination principles

Permutation

- A permutation is an ordered arrangement of the elements of some set S
 - Let $S = \{a, b, c\}$
 - c, b, a is a permutation of S
 - b, c, a is a *different* permutation of S
- An r -permutation is an ordered arrangement of r elements of the set
 - $A\spadesuit, 5\heartsuit, 7\clubsuit, 10\clubsuit, K\spadesuit$ is a 5-permutation of the set of cards
- The notation for the number of r -permutations:
 $P(n,r)$
 - The poker hand is one of $P(52,5)$ permutations

Permutation

r-permutation notation: $P(n,r)$

- The poker hand is one of $P(52,5)$ permutations

$$P(n,r) = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \\ &= \prod_{i=n-r+1}^n i \end{aligned}$$

There are n ways to choose the first element

– $n-1$ ways to choose the second

– $n-2$ ways to choose the third

– ...

– $n-r+1$ ways to choose the r^{th} element

Note that $P(n,n) = n!$

Example of permutation

- How many ways are there for 5 people in this class to give presentations?
- There are 27 students in the class
 - $P(27,5) = 27*26*25*24*23 = 9,687,600$
 - Note that the order they go in does matter in this example!

Exercise

- How many permutations of $\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$ end with a?
 - Note that the set has 7 elements
- The last character must be a
 - The rest can be in any order
- Thus, we want a 6-permutation on the set $\{b, c, d, e, f, g\}$
- $P(6,6) = 6! = 720$
- Why is it not $P(7,6)$?

Combination

In permutation, *order matters*.

- What if order *doesn't* matter?
- In poker, the following two hands are equivalent:
 - A♦, 5♥, 7♣, 10♠, K♠
 - K♠, 10♠, 7♣, 5♥, A♦
- The number of *r*-combinations of a set with *n* elements, where *n* is non-negative and $0 \leq r \leq n$ is:

$$C(n, r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Note: some notations are the same $C(n, r) = C_n^r = \binom{n}{r}$

Example of combination

In how many bit strings of length 10, there are exactly four 1's?

- Does the order of these positions matter?
 - No
 - Positions 2,3,5,7 is the same as positions 7,5,3,2
- Thus, the answer is $C(10,4) = 210$

Proof of combination formula

- Let $C(n,r)$ be the number of ways to generate unordered combinations
- The number of ordered combinations (i.e. r -permutations) is $P(n,r)$
- The number of ways to order a single one of those r -permutations $P(r,r)$
- The total number of unordered combinations is the total number of ordered combinations (i.e. r -permutations) divided by the number of ways to order each combination
- Thus, $C(n,r) = P(n,r)/P(r,r)$

Proof of combination formula

$$C(n, r) = \frac{P(n, r)}{P(r, r)} = \frac{n!/(n-r)!}{r!/(r-r)!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

- An alternative (and more common) way to denote an r -combination:

$$C(n, r) = \binom{n}{r}$$

Circular seating

- How many ways are there to sit 6 people around a circular table, where seatings are considered to be the same if they can be obtained from each other by rotating the table?
- First, place the first person in the north-most chair
 - Only one possibility
- Then place the other 5 people
 - There are $P(5,5) = 5! = 120$ ways to do that
- By the product rule, we get $1 * 120 = 120$
- Alternative means to answer this:
 - There are $P(6,6) = 720$ ways to seat the 6 people around the table
 - For each seating, there are 6 “rotations” of the seating
 - Thus, the final answer is $720/6 = 120$

Other applications

How many different non-negative integer solutions for the variables x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 with $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 10$?

A solution like $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 4, x_4 = 5$ divides 10 into four parts: $(1, 0, 4, 5)$ or "X | | XXXX | XXXXX".

We need three dividers ("|") to divide 10 boxes ("X") into four parts. The number of ways of choosing three slots out of $10+3$ slots is $C(10+4-1, 3) = C(13, 3) = 286$.

Book-shelf problem

In how many ways can you put n different books on k different shelves? (shelves can hold all books).

Solution 2: There are $n!$ ways to put them into a sequence.
For each sequence, we need to cut the sequence into k subsequences using $k-1$ dividers.

→ how many bit-strings are there with $k-1$ “|” (dividers)
and n “X” (books): $C(n+k-1, k-1)$.

Total: $C(n+k-1, k-1) n! = (n+k-1)!/(k-1)!$

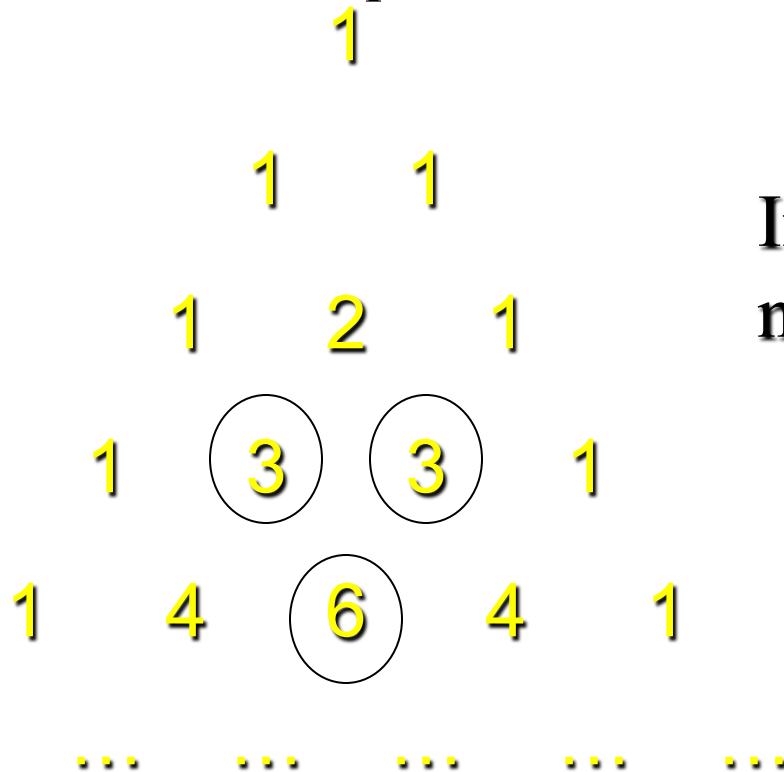
Pascal's identity

If n, k are positive integers and $n \geq k$,
then

$$C(n+1, k) = C(n, k) + C(n, k-1)$$

Pascal's triangle

With the help of Pascal's triangle, the Binomial Formula can considerably simplify the process of expanding powers of binomial expressions



In Pascal's triangle, each number is:

- ✓ the sum of the numbers to its upper left
- ✓ and upper right:

Since we have $C(n + 1, k) = C(n, k - 1) + C(n, k)$ and $C(0, 0) = 1$, we can use Pascal's triangle to simplify the computation of $C(n, k)$:

k

$$C(0, 0) = 1$$

$$C(1, 0) = 1 \quad C(1, 1) = 1$$

$$C(2, 0) = 1 \quad C(2, 1) = 2 \quad C(2, 2) = 1$$

$$C(3, 0) = 1 \quad C(3, 1) = 3 \quad C(3, 2) = 3 \quad C(3, 3) = 1$$

$$C(4, 0) = 1 \quad C(4, 1) = 4 \quad C(4, 2) = 6 \quad C(4, 3) = 4 \quad C(4, 4) = 1$$

E.g. the 4th row 1 4 6 4 1 gives the coefficients in the expansion of $(x + y)^4$

Binomial coefficients

- $C(n, r)$ is also called a **binomial coefficient** and denoted by

$$C(n, r) = \binom{n}{r}$$

- Recall that a **binomial expression** is the sum of two terms, such as $(x + y)$. Consider $(x + y)^2 = (x + y)(x + y)$.
- When expanding such an expression, we have to form all possible products of a term in the first factor and a term in the second factor:

$$(x + y)^2 = x \ x + x \ y + y \ x + y \ y$$

- Then we can sum identical terms:

$$(x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2 \ x \ y + y^2$$

Binomial coefficients

Now expanding $(x + y)^3 = (x + y)(x + y)(x + y)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}(x + y)^3 &= xxx + xxy + xyx + xyy + yxx + yxy + yyx + yyy \\ (x + y)^3 &= x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3\end{aligned}$$

Notice that

- There is only one term x^3 , because there is only one possibility: choose x from all three factors: $C(3, 3) = 1$.
- There is three times the term x^2y , because we have to choose x in two out of the three factors: $C(3, 2) = 3$.
- Similarly, there is three times the term xy^2 ($C(3, 1) = 3$) and only one term y^3 ($C(3, 0) = 1$).

Binomial theorem

- Theorem: Given any numbers a and b and any nonnegative integer n ,

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{n-i} b^i.$$

Example.

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b)^4 &= \sum_{i=0}^4 \binom{4}{i} a^{4-i} b^i \\&= \binom{4}{0} a^4 + \binom{4}{1} a^3 b + \binom{4}{2} a^2 b^2 + \binom{4}{3} a b^3 + \binom{4}{4} b^4\end{aligned}$$

$$(a + b)^4 = a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4$$

Proof of binomial theorem

- Proof: Use induction on n .
- Base case: Let $n = 0$. Then
 - $(a + b)^0 = 1$ and

$$\sum_{i=0}^0 \binom{0}{i} a^{0-i} b^i = \binom{0}{0} a^{0-0} b^0 = 1.$$

- Therefore, the statement is true when $n = 0$.

Proof of binomial theorem

- Inductive step
 - Suppose the statement is true when $n = k$ for some $k \geq 0$.
 - Then

$$(a + b)^{k+1} = (a + b)(a + b)^k$$

$$= (a + b) \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i} b^i$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i+1} b^i + \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i} b^{i+1}$$

Proof of binomial theorem

$$\begin{aligned} &= a^{k+1} + \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i+1} b^i + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i} b^{i+1} + b^{k+1} \\ &= a^{k+1} + \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i+1} b^i + \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k}{i-1} a^{k-i+1} b^i + b^{k+1} \\ &= a^{k+1} + \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\binom{k}{i} + \binom{k}{i-1} \right) a^{k-i+1} b^i + b^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Proof of binomial theorem

$$\begin{aligned} &= a^{k+1} + \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+1}{i} a^{k-i+1} b^i + b^{k+1} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} a^{k-i+1} b^i. \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, the statement is true when $n = k + 1$.
- Thus, the statement is true for all $n \geq 0$.

Example of binomial theorem

- Expand $(a + b)^8$.
 - $C(8, 0) = C(8, 8) = 1$.
 - $C(8, 1) = C(8, 7) = 8$.
 - $C(8, 2) = C(8, 6) = 28$.
 - $C(8, 3) = C(8, 5) = 56$.
 - $C(8, 4) = 70$.

Example of binomial theorem

- Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b)^8 = & a^8 + 8a^7b + 28a^6b^2 + 56a^5b^3 \\ & + 70a^4b^4 + 56a^3b^5 + 28a^2b^6 + 8ab^7 + b^8.\end{aligned}$$

Example: Approximating $(1+x)^n$

- Theorem: For small values of x ,

$$(1+x)^n \approx 1+nx.$$

$$(1+x)^n \approx 1+nx+\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2.$$

$$(1+x)^n \approx 1+nx+\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2+\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}x^3.$$

and so on.

The number of terms to be included will depend on the desired accuracy.

Formulas of combination

$$C(n, 0) = C(n, n) = 1$$

$$C(n, n-k) = C(n, k)$$

$$C(n, k) = C(n-1, k-1) + C(n-1, k)$$

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C_n^k x^{n-k} y^k$$

Formulas of combination

Example:

Count the subset of X , $|X|=n$.

Solution.

Replace $x = y = 1$ in binomial Newton

Which has subset of X is 2^n .

Formulas of combination

Other solution:

Call $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, for each subset A of X is set to string of bit $b = b_1b_2\dots b_n$ such that $b_i=1$ if and only if $x_i \in A$. We have 2^n string b , so there are 2^n subsets A .

Formulas of combination

Example: given X , $|X| = n$.

Prove that the subsets have odd number equal even number.

Solution.

Replace $x = 1$ and $y = -1$ into Newton binomial \rightarrow result.



The extended combination principles

- A. Repeated permutation**
- B. Repeated combination**

Repeated permutation

Given n elements with k kinds: kind 1 has n_1 elements, kind 2 has n_2 elements, ..., kind k has n_k elements. The way to arrange n this elements is called “repeated permutation”.

Repeated permutation

Let $S=s_1s_2\dots s_n$ is a repeated permutation.

There are $C(n, n_1)$ ways to choose n_1 positions for elements of kind 1.

After setup elements of kind1, there are $C(n-n_1, n_2)$ ways to choose n_2 positions for elements of kinds 2.

...

After setup kind1...k-1 there are $C(n-n_1-\dots-n_{k-1}, n_k)$ ways to choose n_k positions to setup elements k .

Repeated permutation

Base on the product rule, the number of repeated permutation as follows:

$$C(n, n_1), C(n-n_1, n_2), \dots, C(n-n_1-\dots-n_{k-1}, n_k)$$

$$P(n; n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) = n! / (n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!)$$

Repeated permutation

- ❖ Examples:
 - Compute the ways to arrange the following string:
 - a) MISSISSIPPI. RS: $11!/(1!4!4!2!)$
 - b) SUCCESS. RS: $7!/(3!1!2!1!)$
 - Count the ways to arrange 9 balls including 2 green balls, 3 red balls and 4 yellow balls in a line.
RS: $9!/(2!3!4!)$

Repeated combination

Given n kinds of elements, each kind has not less than k elements. One way to choose k elements (may be repeated) from n kinds of elements is called repeated combination.

Repeated combination

Other way, given $|X|=n$, a repeated combination k of X is an unordered selection k elements of X , in which the elements can be repeated.

Repeated combination

- Suppose each repeated combination $S=s_1s_2..s_k$ is arranged as follows:
- The first is all elements of kind1, the next is all elements of kind2, ..., the last is all elements of kindn.
- Perform k elements by k sign "x" and use $n-1$ sign "|" to divide n kinds.

Repeated combination

Therefore, each repeated combination is equivalent to one selection $n-1$ positions in $k+n-1$ positions to set $n-1$ sign "|".

There are $C(k+n-1, n-1)$ ways to choose. So, the number of repetition is:

$$C(k+n-1, n-1) = C(k+n-1, k)$$

Repeated combination

Example: count the ways to buy 10 fruits with 3 kinds: orange, tangerine, mango.

RS: $C(10+2, 3)=C(12, 3)=220$

Example. Count the number of integer results

$x+y+z = 12$, where $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0$.

RS: $C(12+2, 3)=C(14, 3)=392$

Repeated combination

Example. Count the number of integer results:
 $x + y + z = 12$ with $x \geq 1$, $y \geq -2$, $z \geq 3$.

Let $x' = x-1$, $y' = y+2$, $z' = z-3$

Equivalent

$x' + y' + z' = 10$ with $x' \geq 0$, $y' \geq 0$, $z' \geq 0$.

RS: $C(10+2, 3)=C(12, 3)=220$

Repeated combination

Example. Count the integer results

$$x + y + z \leq 12 \text{ with } x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Adding } t = 12 - (x + y + z) \geq 0$$

Equivalent

$$x + y + z + t = 12 \text{ with } x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0, t \geq 0.$$

RS: $C(12+3, 3) = C(15, 3) = 455$

Repeated combination

Example. Count the integer results

$$x + y + z = 11, 0 \leq x \leq 3, 0 \leq y \leq 4, 0 \leq z \leq 6$$

Let U is a set of all results (non-negative) of equation. $N=C(11+2,2)$

Let A_1 a set of results with $x \geq 4, y \geq 0, z \geq 0$

A_2 a set of results with $y \geq 5, x \geq 0, z \geq 0$

A_3 a set of results with $z \geq 7, x \geq 0, y \geq 0$

Repetition combination

Base on inclusion-exclusion rule:

$$\text{We have } N^* = N - |A_1| - |A_2| - |A_3|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ |A_1 \cap A_2| + |A_1 \cap A_3| + |A_2 \cap A_3| \\ &- |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3| \end{aligned}$$

$$N=78, |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3| = 79,$$

$$|A_1 \cap A_2| + |A_1 \cap A_3| + |A_2 \cap A_3| = 7$$

$$|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3| = 0, \text{ therefore } N^* = 6$$