CSC 225

Algorithms and Data Structures I

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Fundamental Principles of Counting

The Rule of Sum

If a first task can be performed in m ways, while a second task can be performed in n ways, and the two tasks cannot be performed simultaneously, then performing either task can be accomplished in any one of $m + n$ ways.

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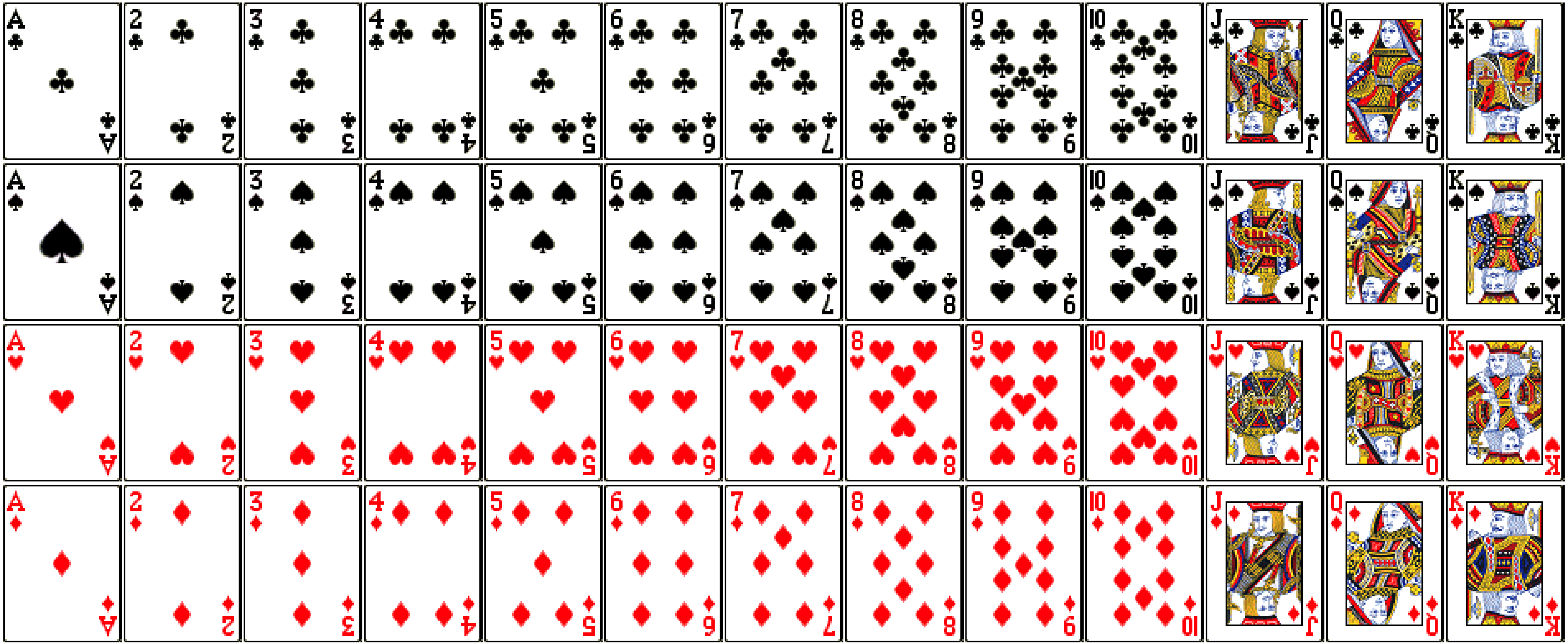
The Rule of Product

If a first task can be performed in m ways, while a second task can be performed in n ways, and the two tasks can be performed simultaneously, then performing both tasks can be accomplished in any one of $m \cdot n$ ways.

Consider a standard deck of cards

- 4 suits – 2 black (clubs, spades), 2 red (hearts, diamonds)
- 13 “ranks” in each – Ace, 1, …, 10, Jack, Queen, King



Example 1

I have 5 distinct red cards and 4 distinct black cards

a) How many ways can I choose 1 card?

b) How many ways can I choose 1 red card then 1 black card?

c) How many ways can I choose 2 cards?

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Permutation

Application of the Rule of Products when counting linear arrangements of distinct objects.

Example 2

I have 5 distinct red cards and 4 distinct black cards

a) How many arrangements of the red cards?

b) How many arrangements of the black cards?

c) How many ways of arranging all the red followed by all the black cards?

d) How many arrangements of all the cards?

Example 3a

Consider a full standard deck of 52 distinct cards

a) How many arrangements of a standard deck of cards are there? That is, what is the total number of possible shuffles?

Example 3b

Consider a full standard deck of 52 distinct cards

b) How many ways can I arrange 5 cards from the deck? That is, how many permutations of 5 cards from 52?

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Permutations

In general, the number of permutations of size r from n distinct objects, where $0 \leq r \leq n$, is given by

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

- Note: $P(n, 0) = \frac{n!}{n!} = 1$ and $P(n, n) = \frac{n!}{0!} = n!$

Example 4

a) How many permutations of the letters in the word COMPUTER?

b) What if we permute only 5 letters from COMPUTER?

c) How many permutations of BALL?

Example 4 continued

c) Note that in practice we cannot distinguish between the two L's as say L_1 and L_2

Table 1.1

A	B	L	L	A	B	L_1	L_2	A	B	L_2	L_1
A	L	B	L	A	L_1	B	L_2	A	L_2	B	L_1
A	L	L	B	A	L_1	L_2	B	A	L_2	L_1	B
B	A	L	L	B	A	L_1	L_2	B	A	L_2	L_1
B	L	A	L	B	L_1	A	L_2	B	L_2	A	L_1
B	L	L	A	B	L_1	L_2	A	B	L_2	L_1	A
L	A	B	L	L_1	A	B	L_2	L_2	A	B	L_1
L	A	L	B	L_1	A	L_2	B	L_2	A	L_1	B
L	B	A	L	L_1	B	A	L_2	L_2	B	A	L_1
L	B	L	A	L_1	B	L_2	A	L_2	B	L_1	A
L	L	A	B	L_1	L_2	A	B	L_2	L_1	A	B
L	L	B	A	L_1	L_2	B	A	L_2	L_1	B	A
(a)				(b)							

d) Now consider the permutations of DATABASES.

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In general, the number of linear arrangements of n objects is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1!\,n_2!\cdots n_r!}$$

where there are n_1 indistinguishable objects of a first type, n_2 indistinguishable objects of a second type, …, and n_r indistinguishable objects of an rth type and $n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_r = n$

Example 3 Revisited

Consider a full standard deck of 52 distinct cards

c) How many distinct poker hands exist? That is, how many ways can you pull 5 cards from 52 where order doesn't matter?

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Combinations

In general, the number of combinations of r objects from n distinct objects, where $0 \leq r \leq n$, is given by

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

- Note: $C(n,0) = \frac{n!}{0!n!} = 1$ and $C(n,n) = \frac{n!}{n!0!} = 1$

Poker Hand Rankings

Example 3 Revisited

Consider a full standard deck of 52 distinct cards

d) How many royal flushes exist?

e) How many straight flushes?

f) 4 of a kind?

g) Full house?

h) …

Example 5

7 people go for lunch. Each person has an option of one of a cheeseburger (c), hot dog (h), taco (t), or fish sandwich (f). How many possible orders are there?

- Possibilities:
  1. ccccccc
  2. chhttff
  3. hhhffff
  4. …

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Combinations with Repetition

In general, taking n distinct objects, with repetition, taken r at a time can be done in

$$\binom{n+r-1}{r} = \frac{(n+r-1)!}{r!\,(n-1)!}$$

ways.

Example 6

A donut shop has 20 distinct types of donuts with at least 12 of each type in the store. How many ways can you select a dozen (12) donuts?

Example 7

Determine all the integer solutions to the equation

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 7$$

where $x_i \geq 0$ for all $i = 1,2,3,4$.

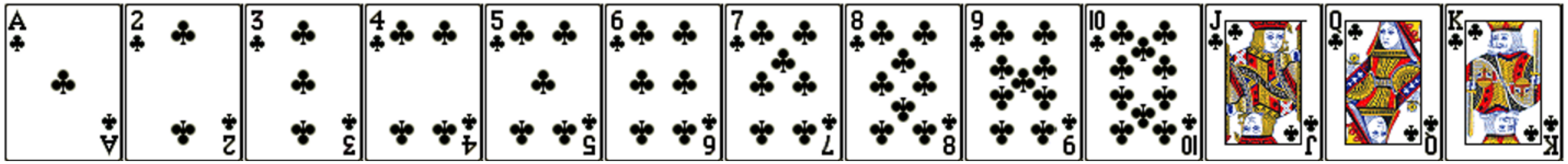
Pigeonhole Principle

The Pigeonhole Principle

If m pigeons occupy n pigeonholes and $m > n$, then at least one pigeonhole has two or more pigeons roosting in it.

Example 8

If I draw 14 cards from a standard deck of 52, will there be a pair?



Example 9

Given a text file with 500,000 words of size 4 or less, is it possible that the words are distinct?

Example 10

While on a 4-week vacation I will drink at least 1 beer a day but no more than 40 total. Will there be a span of consecutive days in which I drink exactly 15 beers?