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CS109: Probability for Computer Scientists

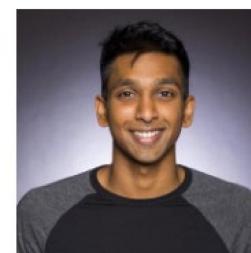
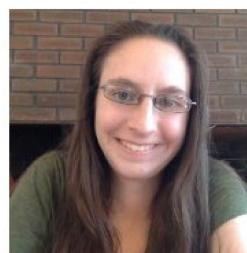
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Welcome to CS109!

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What about you?

Today's plan

→ Course Mechanics

Why you should take CS109

Counting!

Course mechanics (light version)

- For more info, read the Administrivia handout
- Course website:

<http://cs109.stanford.edu/>

Prerequisites

CS106B/X

Programming
Recursion
Hash tables
Binary trees



Important!

MATH 51/CME 100

Multivariate differentiation
Multivariate integration
Basic facility with linear
algebra (vectors)



*we will
review*

CS103

(co-requisite OK)

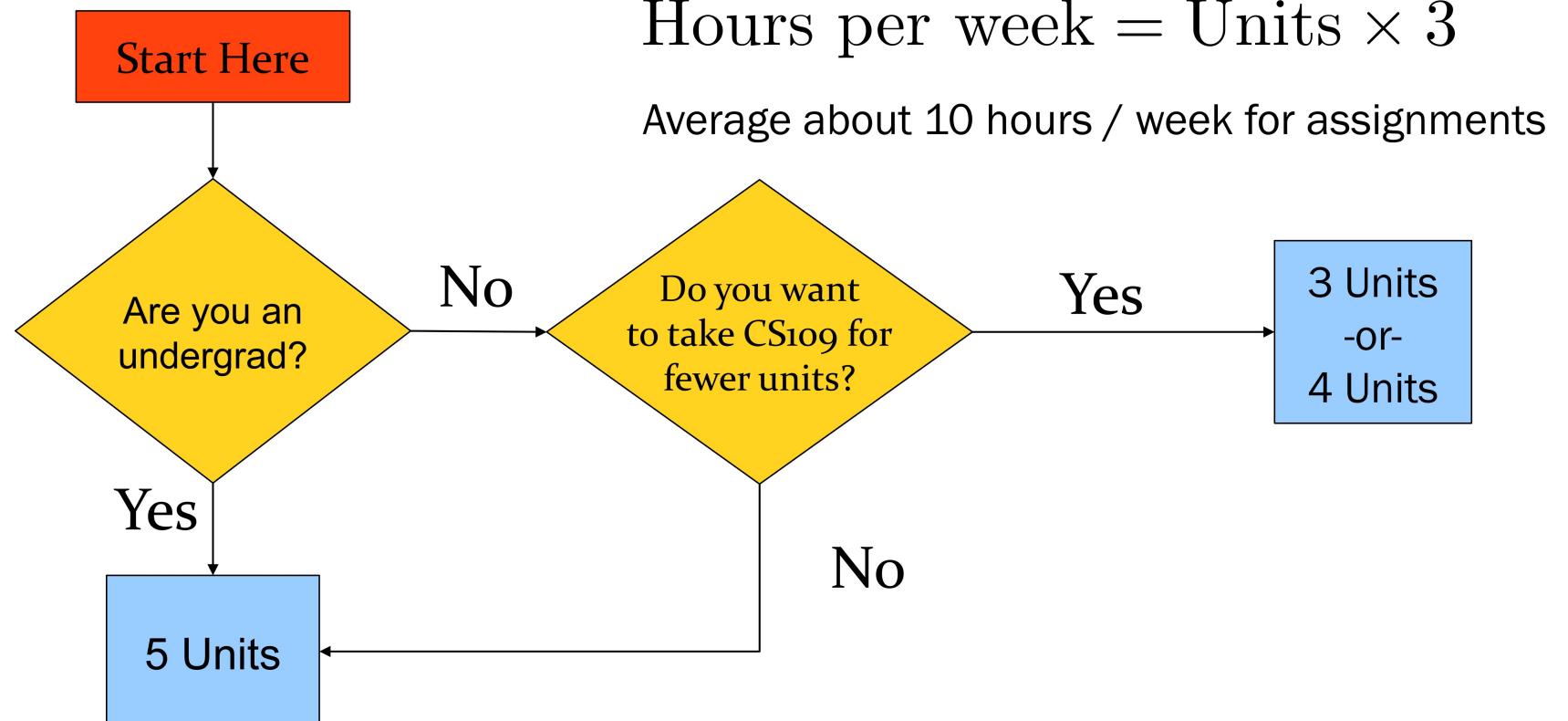
Proofs (induction)
Set theory
Math maturity

Staff contact

- Piazza
- Email cs109@cs.stanford.edu
- Working office hours
- Contact David for course level issues, extensions, etc.

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How many units should I take?



Where you learn

- Lectures (not videotaped)
- Lecture notes (on website)
- Textbook readings (optional)
- Discussion Section → *starting week 2*
- Problem Sets

Class breakdown

45% **6 Problem Sets**

20% **Midterm**

Monday, February 10, 7:00–9:00pm

30% **Final**

Wednesday, March 18, 3:30–6:30pm

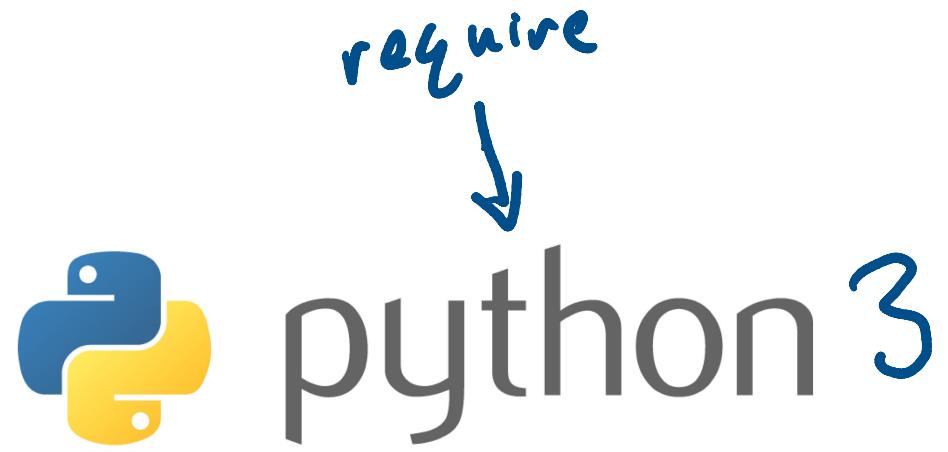
5% **Section Participation**

Problem Sets

Late Days:

2

(class days)
(for Problem Sets only)



Review session
(time/location TBA)

CS193Q: Introduction
to Python Programming

Stanford Honor Code

Permitted

- Talk to the course staff
- Talk with classmates
(cite collaboration)
- Look up general material online

NOT permitted:

- Copy answers:
 - from classmates
 - from former students
 - from previous quarters
- Copy answers from the internet
 - Besides, these are usually incorrect

Questions on logistics?

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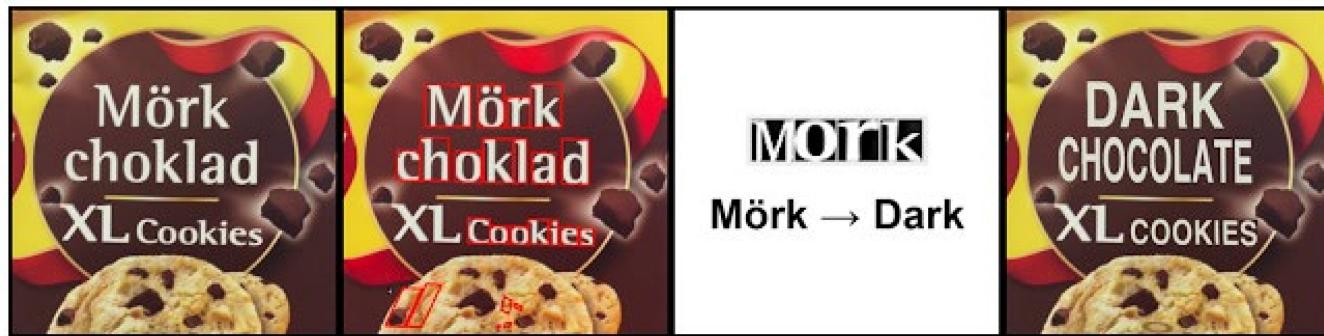
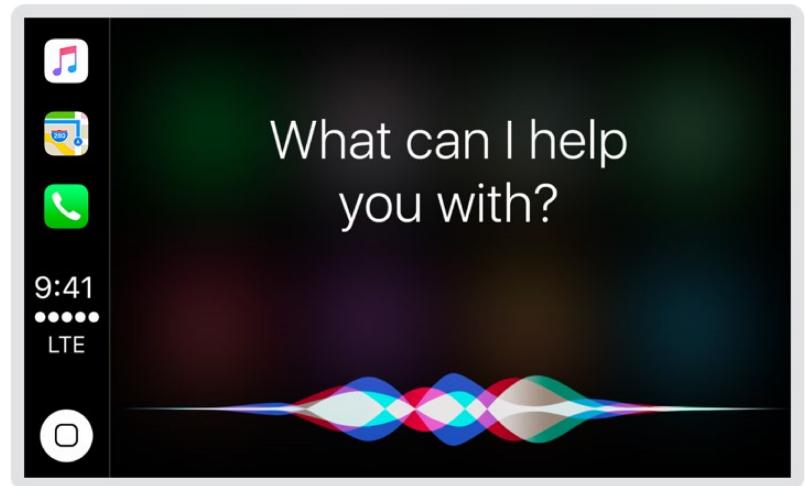
Course Mechanics

→ Why you should take CS109

Counting!

→ *for the love of learning*

Machine Learning



MÖRK
Mörk → Dark

Probability

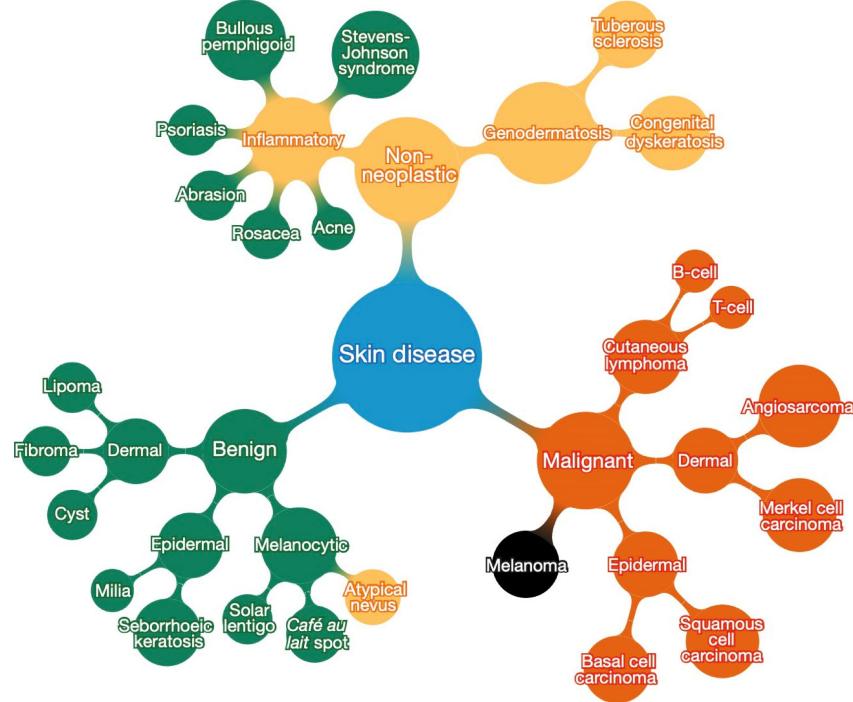
Computation

What is Machine Learning?



Data

Machine learning for good



A machine learning algorithm performs **better than the best dermatologists**

Developed in 2017 at Stanford

Esteva, Andre, et al. "Dermatologist-level classification of skin cancer with deep neural networks." *Nature* 542.7639 (2017): 115-118.

Machine learning not good



Algorithms of Oppression,
Safiya Umoja Noble. 2018

- Q i am extremely terrified of
- Q i am extremely terrified of **google**
- Q i am extremely terrified of **spiders**
- Q i am extremely **scared** of **spiders**
- Q i am extremely **afraid** of **the dark**

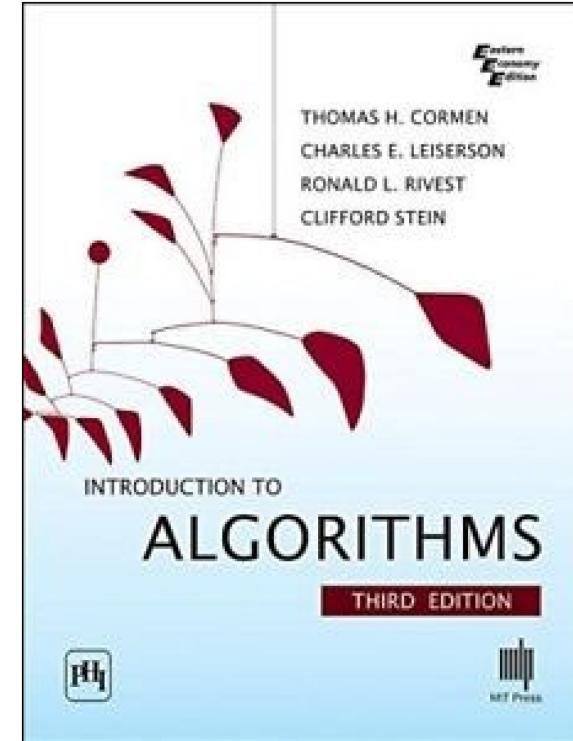
Report inappropriate predictions



Probability is more than just machine learning



Clinical Trials



CS 161

Probability is not always intuitive

A patient takes a Zika test that returns positive.

What is the probability that they have the Zika virus?

- 0.8% of people have the virus
- Test has 90% positive rate for people with the virus
- Test has 7% positive rate for people without the virus



90%.? 50%.? 7-9%.?

9-1.

Today's plan

Course Mechanics

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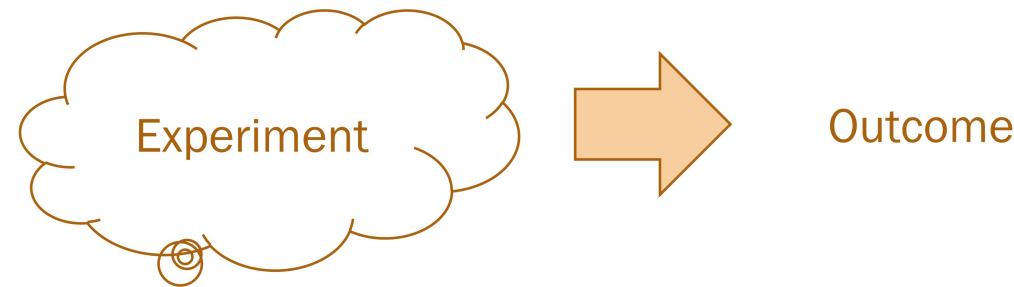
→ Counting!

01: Counting



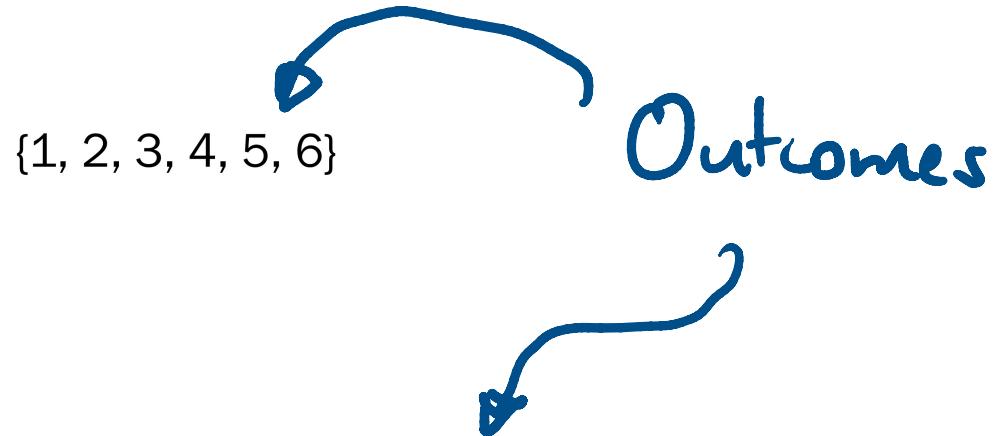
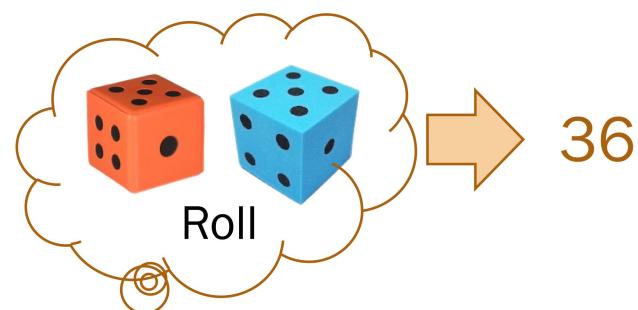
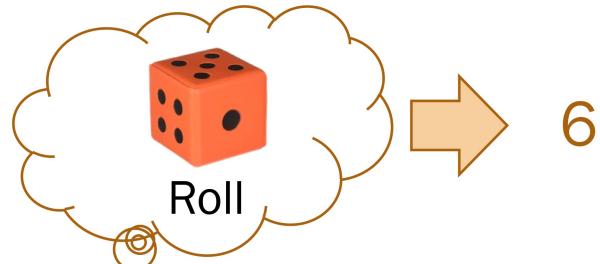
What is Counting?

An experiment
in probability:



Counting: How many possible **outcomes** can occur from performing this **experiment**?

What is Counting?



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Sum Rule of Counting

Cardinality of A

If the outcome of an experiment can be either from

Set A , where $|A| = m$,

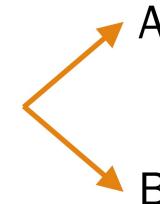
or Set B , where $|B| = n$,

where $A \cap B = \emptyset$,

Then the number of outcomes of the experiment is

$$|A| + |B| = m + n.$$

One experiment

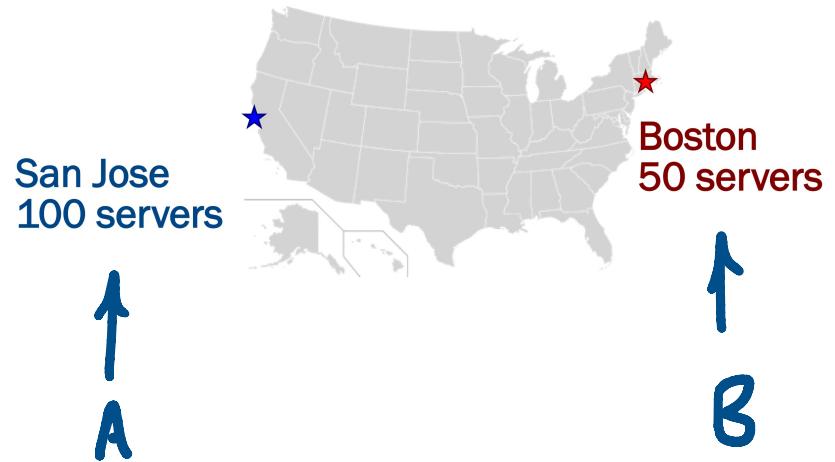


Video streaming application

Your application has distributed servers in 2 locations.

If a server request is sent to the application, how large is the set of servers it can get routed to?

$$\begin{array}{l} A \cap B = \emptyset \\ |A| + |B| = m + n \end{array}$$



$$A \cap B \neq \emptyset$$

$$|A| + |B| = 150$$

Product Rule of Counting

If an experiment has two parts, where

The first part's outcomes are from Set A , where $|A| = m$, **and**

The second part's outcomes are from Set B , where $|B| = n$,

Then the number of outcomes of the experiment is

$$|A||B| = mn.$$

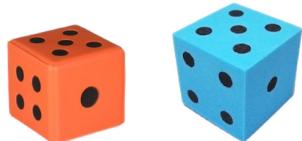
Two-step experiment



Dice

$$\rightarrow A \rightarrow B \quad |A||B| = mn$$

How many possible outcomes are there from rolling two 6-sided dice?



$$|A|=6 \quad |B|=6$$

$$|A||B|=36$$

Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

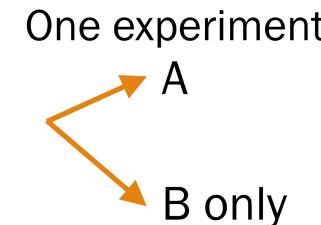
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Set A **or** set B ,

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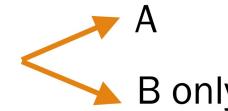
Then the total number of outcomes of the experiment is

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|.$$



Sum Rule of Counting:
A special case

Transmitting bytes over a network



Inclusion-Exclusion Principle
 $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

An 8-bit string is sent over a network.

- The receiver only accepts strings that either start with 01 or end with 10.

How many 8-bit strings will the receiver accept?

Define

A : 8-bit strings starting with 01

B : 8-bit strings ending with 10

0 1 ? ? ? ? ? ?

? ? ? ? ? ? 1 0

$A \cap B$? 0 1 ? ? ? ? 1 0

$$|A \cup B| = 64 + 64 - 16 = 112$$

01001100
byte (8 bits)

$$|A| = 2^6 = 64$$

$$|B| = 2^6 = 64$$

$$|A \cap B| = 2^4 = 16$$

General Principle of Counting

If an experiment has r **steps**, such that

Step i has n_i outcomes for all $i = 1, \dots, r$,

Then the number of outcomes of the experiment is

$$n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_r = \prod_{i=1}^r n_i.$$

Multi-step
experiment

Product Rule of Counting:
A special case



License plates

→ 1 → 2 → ... General Principle of Counting
 $n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_r = \prod_{i=1}^r n_i$

How many CA license plates are possible if...



(pre-1982)

$$26 \times 26 \times 26 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \\ = 17\,576\,000$$



(present day)

175 760 000

Floors and ceilings

Floor function

$$\lfloor x \rfloor$$

The largest integer $\leq x$

Ceiling function

$$\lceil x \rceil$$

The smallest integer $\geq x$

Check it out:

$$\lfloor 1/2 \rfloor = 0 \quad \lfloor 2.9 \rfloor = 2 \quad \lfloor 8.0 \rfloor = 8 \quad \lfloor -1/2 \rfloor = -1$$

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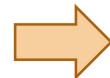
Pigeonhole Principle

For positive integers m and n ,
if m objects are placed in n buckets,
then at least one bucket must contain
at least $\lceil m/n \rceil$ objects.



Example:

m objects = 10 pigeons
 n buckets = 9 pigeonholes



At least one pigeonhole must
contain $\lceil m/n \rceil = 2$ pigeons.

Balls and urns

≥ 1 bucket must contain at least $[m/n]$ objects



m balls



n urns
(buckets)

~~Balls and urns~~ Hash tables and strings

≥ 1 bucket must contain at least $[m/n]$ objects

Consider a hash table with 100 buckets.

950 strings are hashed and added to the table.

$$\begin{aligned}n &= 100 \\m &= 950\end{aligned}$$

1. Is it guaranteed that at least one bucket contains *at least* 10 entries?

$$\left\lceil \frac{950}{100} \right\rceil = 10$$

Yes

2. Is it guaranteed that at least one bucket contains *at least* 11 entries?

No

3. Is it possible to have a bucket with *no entries*?

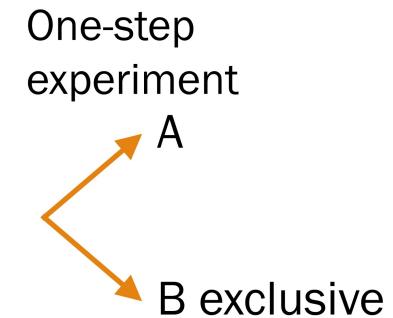
Yes

Takeaways from this lecture

Inclusion-Exclusion Principle (generalized Sum Rule)

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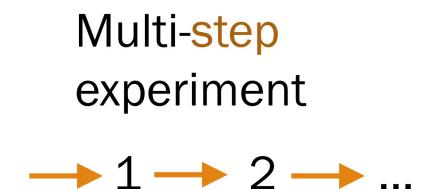
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Unique 6-digit passcodes



How many unique 6-digit passcodes are possible?

$$--- \times --- \times --- \times --- \times --- \times --- \\ 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10^6$$

Unique 6-digit passcodes with **six** smudges



How many unique 6-digit passcodes are possible if a phone password uses each of **six** distinct numbers?

$$6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6! = 720$$

Permutations

A **permutation** is an ordered arrangement of distinct objects.

The number of unique orderings (**permutations**) of n distinct objects is

$$n! = n \times (n - 1) \times (n - 2) \times \cdots \times 2 \times 1.$$

Unique 6-digit passcodes with **five** smudges



How many unique 6-digit passcodes are possible if a phone password uses each of **five** distinct numbers?

Steps:

1. Choose digit to repeat
2. Create passcode

$$\xrightarrow{5} \frac{6!}{2}$$

$$5 \times \frac{6!}{2} = 1800$$

2 smudges

$$2^6 - 2 = 62$$

remove the ways that leave only one smudge

3 smudges

$$3^6 - 3 - 3 \cdot 62 = 540$$

remove the ways that leave exactly 2 smudges

4 smudges

1 digit 3x

$$4 \frac{6!}{3!}$$

$$= 480$$

2 digits 2x

$$6 \frac{6!}{2 \cdot 2}$$

$$= 1080$$

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