

Counting Integer Compositions with Upper Bounds

Suppose we want the number of ordered n -tuples

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

of nonnegative integers satisfying

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = S, \quad 0 \leq x_i \leq U (\forall i).$$

Denote this count by

$$F(n, S; U).$$

1. The “Unbounded” Baseline

If there were **no upper bound** on each x_i (only $x_i \geq 0$), then the number of solutions to

$$x_1 + \dots + x_n = S, \quad x_i \geq 0$$

is given by the stars-and-bars formula:

$$G(n, S) = \binom{n + S - 1}{S}.$$

2. Imposing $x_i \leq U$ via Inclusion-Exclusion

We want to exclude any solution in which some $x_i > U$. Define

$$A_i = \{x : x_i \geq U + 1\}.$$

By inclusion-exclusion,

$$F(n, S; U) = |\{x : \sum x_i = S, x_i \geq 0\}| - |A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n|.$$

In expanded form:

$$F(n, S; U) = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq n} |A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_r}|.$$

If r specific indices are forced to satisfy $x_{i_k} \geq U + 1$, shift each of those by $(U + 1)$. The total sum then becomes $S - r(U + 1)$, distributed freely among all n variables:

$$|A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_r}| = G(n, S - r(U + 1)) = \binom{n + (S - r(U + 1)) - 1}{S - r(U + 1)},$$

provided $S - r(U + 1) \geq 0$. Summing over all choices of r variables ($\binom{n}{r}$ ways) yields the final closed-form.

3. Final Formula

$$F(n, S; U) = \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor S/(U+1) \rfloor} (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} \binom{n + (S - r(U+1)) - 1}{S - r(U+1)}.$$

- If $S < 0$ or $S > nU$, then $F(n, S; U) = 0$.
 - Otherwise, let $r_{\max} = \lfloor S/(U+1) \rfloor$.
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4. Special Cases

1. **Unrestricted ($U = \infty$):** Then $(U+1) > S$, so only $r = 0$ survives. We recover

$$F(n, S; \infty) = \binom{n + S - 1}{S}.$$

2. **Binary Variables ($U = 1$):** Each $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$. We get

$$F(n, S; 1) = \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor S/2 \rfloor} (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} \binom{n + (S - 2r) - 1}{S - 2r}.$$

A direct combinatorial argument shows this equals $\binom{n}{S}$.

3. **Ternary Bound ($U = 2$):** Each $x_i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. Then

$$F(n, S; 2) = \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor S/3 \rfloor} (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} \binom{n + (S - 3r) - 1}{S - 3r}.$$

This was exactly the core subproblem when counting “7/8/9 slices summing to K .”

5. Efficient Implementation

When n and S can be as large as 10^5 , we:

1. Precompute factorials $\text{fact}[i] = i! \bmod M$ for $i = 0 \dots N_{\max}$,
2. Precompute inverse-factorials $\text{invFact}[i] = (i!)^{-1} \bmod M$ via

$$(i!)^{-1} = (i!)^{M-2} \bmod M, \quad M = 10^9 + 7,$$

using fast exponentiation.

3. Then

$$\binom{n}{r} = \text{fact}[n] \times \text{invFact}[r] \times \text{invFact}[n - r] \bmod M,$$

in $O(1)$ time per query.

Putting it all together:

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1  const int MOD = 1000000007;
2  static const int MAXN = 200000; // big enough for n + S shifts
3
4  long long fact[MAXN+1], invFact[MAXN+1];
5
6  // (1) Fast exponentiation to compute a^p % MOD
7  long long modexp(long long a, long long p) {
8      long long res = 1;
9      while(p > 0) {
10         if (p & 1) res = (res * a) % MOD;
11         a = (a * a) % MOD;
12         p >>= 1;
13     }
14     return res;
15 }
16
17 // (2) Precompute factorials and inverse factorials
18 void initFactorials() {
19     fact[0] = 1;
20     for(int i = 1; i <= MAXN; i++) {
21         fact[i] = (fact[i-1] * i) % MOD;
22     }
23     invFact[MAXN] = modexp(fact[MAXN], MOD - 2);
24     for(int i = MAXN; i >= 1; i--) {
25         invFact[i-1] = (invFact[i] * i) % MOD;
26     }
27 }
28
29 // (3) Binomial coefficient nCr % MOD
30 long long nCr(int n, int r) {
31     if (r < 0 || r > n) return 0;
32     return ((fact[n] * invFact[r]) % MOD * invFact[n-r]) % MOD;
33 }
34
35 // (4) Inclusion-Exclusion formula for  $0 \leq x_i \leq U$ ,  $\text{sum} = S$ 
36 long long countBounded(int n, int S, int U) {
37     // If S out of [0, nU], no solutions
38     if (S < 0 || S > 1LL * n * U) return 0;
39     int rmax = S / (U + 1);
40     long long ans = 0;
41     for(int r = 0; r <= rmax; r++) {
42         // Choose which r variables exceed U
43         long long choose = nCr(n, r);
44         int rem = S - r * (U + 1);
45         // Distribute rem among n without bound:
46         long long ways = nCr(n + rem - 1, rem);
47         long long term = (choose * ways) % MOD;
48         if (r & 1) {
49             term = (MOD - term) % MOD; // subtract if r is odd
50         }
51         ans = (ans + term) % MOD;
52     }
53     return ans;
54 }
55
56 int main() {
57     ios::sync_with_stdio(false);
58     cin.tie(nullptr);
59
60     initFactorials();
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62     int T;
63     cin >> T;
64     while(T--) {
65         int n, S, U;
66         cin >> n >> S >> U;
67         cout << countBounded(n, S, U) << "\n";
68     }
69     return 0;

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- **initFactorials()** populates `fact[i]` and `invFact[i]` up to `MAXN`.
- **nCr(n, r)** returns $\binom{n}{r} \bmod 10^9 + 7$.
- **countBounded(n, S, U)** implements

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor S/(U+1) \rfloor} (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} \binom{n + (S - r(U+1)) - 1}{S - r(U+1)}.$$

6. Key Takeaways

- **Stars & Bars** handles $x_i \geq 0$ with $\sum x_i = S \rightarrow \binom{n+S-1}{S}$.
- To enforce $x_i \leq U$, use **inclusion-exclusion**, subtracting solutions where any $x_i \geq U+1$.
- The final formula is

$$F(n, S; U) = \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor S/(U+1) \rfloor} (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} \binom{n + (S - r(U+1)) - 1}{S - r(U+1)}.$$

- Precompute factorials and inverse factorials modulo $10^9 + 7$ to answer each binomial in $O(1)$.