

L23:

Binomial Coefficients and

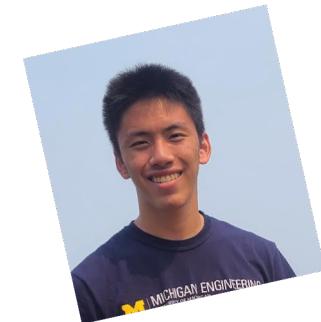
Counting with Replacement

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Apply to be a 203 IA!

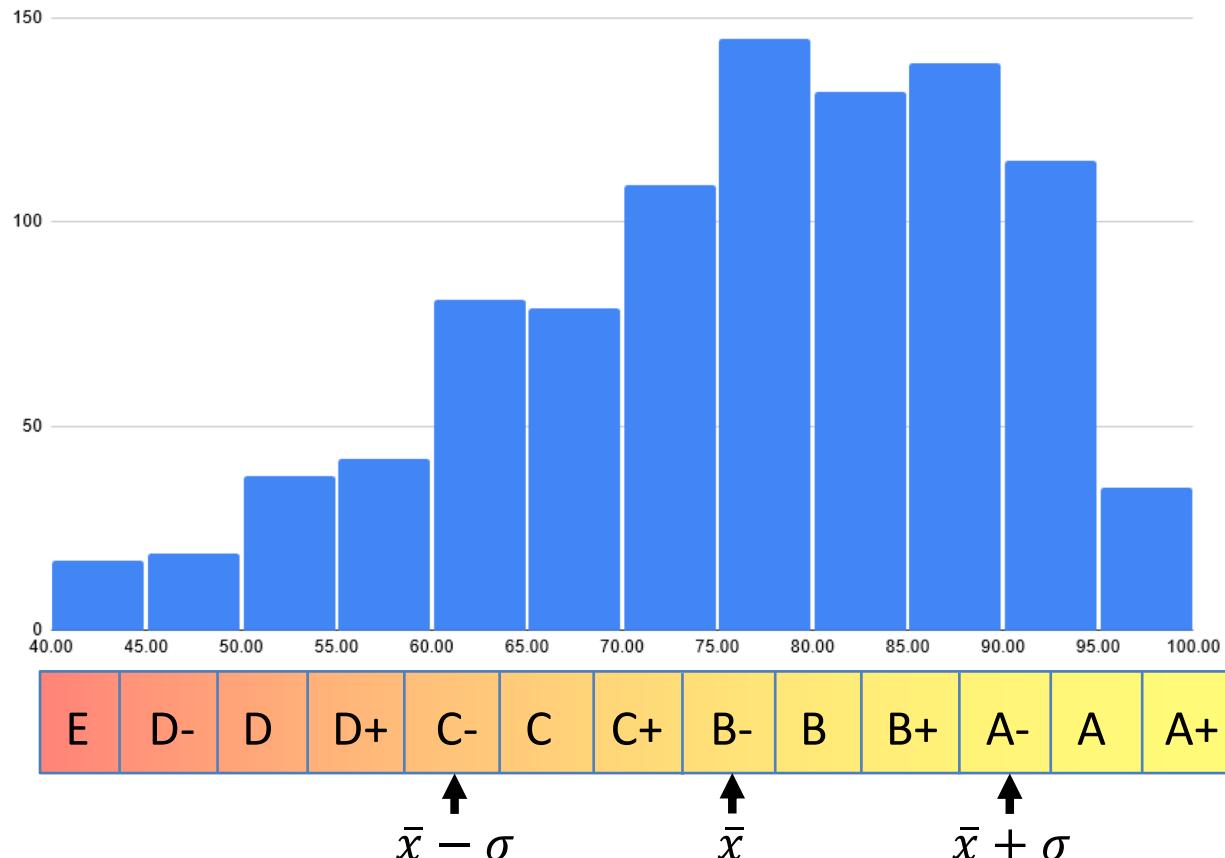
- It's really **fun!**
- You get to help students (**fun & fulfilling**) and you get to do a lot of discrete math (**cool!**)
- Work ~10 hrs/week; competitive pay
- Full details in Canvas Announcement
- **Application deadline = Friday, April 15**
- Have questions about what it's like to be a 203 IA?
 - Ask any of our IAs or GSIs or faculty, during OH, at discussion, before/after lecture
 - We'd be happy to tell you more about it!



Midterm 2 Results

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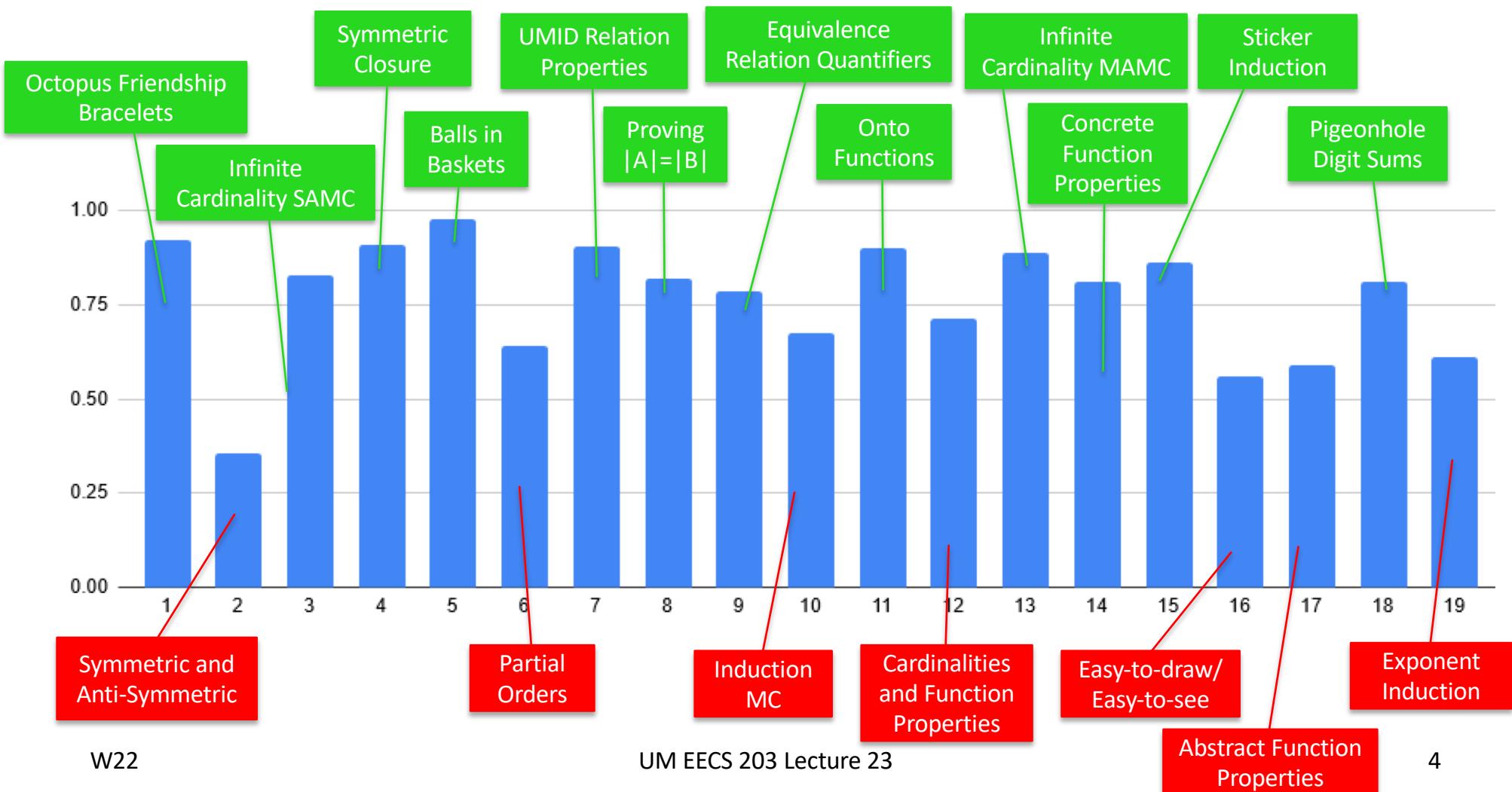


- The curve

Need a C or better for CE/CS major or minor

Question Breakdown

- While exams are not cumulative, the material can be inherently cumulative
- MC order doesn't match our solutions. Here's the labels:



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- Overall curved exam score on Canvas
 - Canvas grades: Exam 2 (Curved)
- Multiple choice
 - Canvas quiz shows which questions you got correct
 - Look in Canvas GRADES to find your MC score
 - Listed as Exam 2 MC (Raw)
 - See next slide on Grading Details for MAMC
- Free Response
 - Graded work on Gradescope
- Solutions to all on Canvas

Grading Details – MAMC: Partial Credit

Partial Credit:

An **incorrect option**, A-E, is one that is

- Bubbled when it shouldn't be, or
- Not bubbled when it should be

-1.5 pts for each incorrect option

- All correct: **4 pts**
- 1 incorrect : **2.5 pts**
- 2 incorrect : **1 pt**
- 3 or more incorrect: **0 pts**

We have uploaded your MC grade as graded by this system to Canvas under “Exam 2 MC (Raw)”. Please let us know if your raw MC doesn’t match this grading system, so we can correct it.

Midterm 2: Regrade Requests

- **Open until Thursday, April 7th at 11:59 PM**
- Review Regrade Policy in “Course Policies” document
- First read 3 things
 - The solution (Canvas)
 - Your answer (Gradescope)
 - Rubric (Gradescope)
- “I have read the solution, my answer, and the rubric.”
- Clearly indicate which rubric items you feel you should have been marked for and why

Learning Objectives

After today's lecture (and associated readings, discussion & homework), you should be able to:

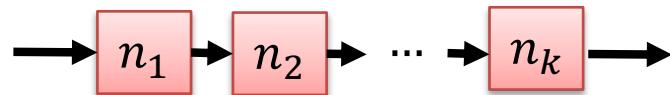
- Permutations and Combinations
 - $P(n,k)$ and $C(n,k) = \binom{n}{k}$ notation and what they mean.
- Binomial Coefficients and how they arise in Pascal's triangle.
 - The binomial theorem and how to use it.
- Combinatorial proofs vs. algebraic proofs.
 - Know that combinatorial proofs are a valid proof method.
 - We won't ask you to write combinatorial proofs but you should be able to recognize one when you see it.
- Counting permutations/combinations with and without repetitions (duplicates)
 - “Balls and Bars” method for counting combinations with repetition.

Outline:

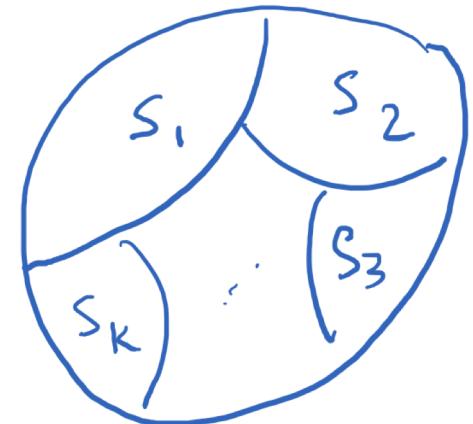
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Review: The Basic Rules of Counting

- **Product Rule:** if an object can be chosen in ***k stages***, with ***exactly n_i choices*** in stage i , and ***no object can be chosen in two different ways***, there are $n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdots n_k$ different objects.



- **Sum Rule:** If an object is in ***exactly one*** of the sets S_1, \dots, S_k and these sets are ***disjoint***, then there are $|S_1| + |S_2| \cdots + |S_k|$ different objects.
- **Division Rule:** If there are N ways to choose an object, and each object can be chosen in exactly d ways, there are N/d objects.



Permutations & Combinations

- $P(n, k)$ = the number of ways to pick a **sequence** of k things from a set of size n .
 - **(Prod Rule)** $P(n, k) = n(n - 1) \cdots (n - k + 1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$
- $C(n, k) = \binom{n}{k}$ = the number of ways to pick a **set** (unordered) of k things from a set of size n .
 - **(Division Rule)** Start by picking a **sequence** of k things, then forget the order. How many ways could you have picked that set?
 - $C(n, k) = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{P(n, k)}{k!} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!}$

Lecture 23 Handout: Binomials and Counting with Repetition

- $P(n, k)$: number of ways to pick a sequence of k elements from a set of size n . (No repetitions).

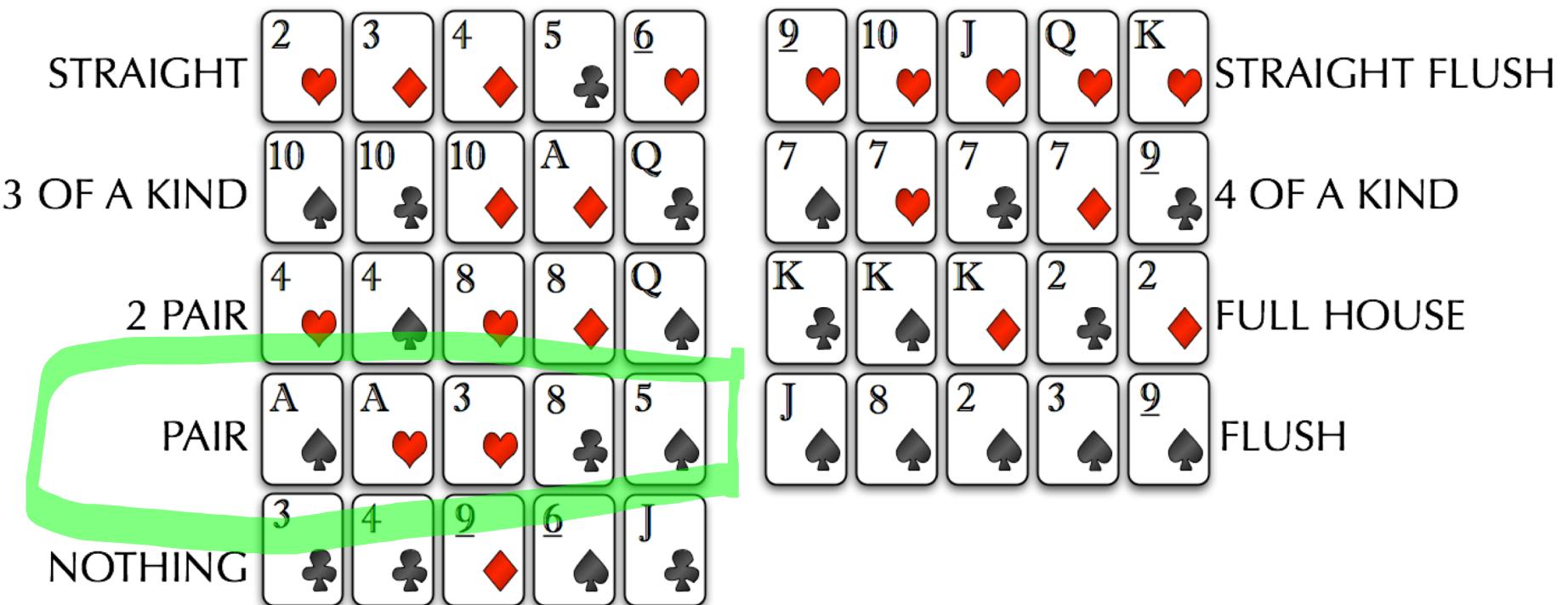
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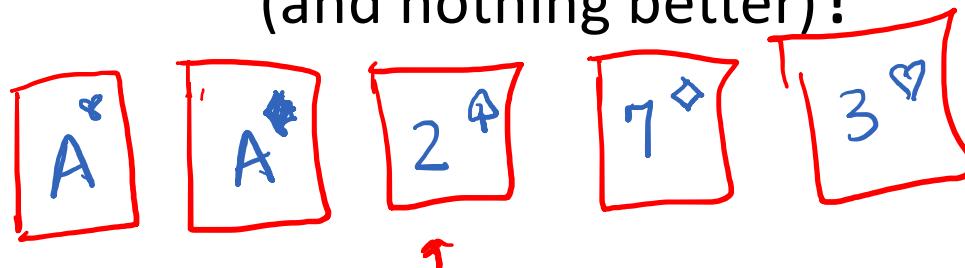
Poker Hands

- How many ways are there to make a pair (and nothing better)?



Exercise: How many ways to make a pair

(and nothing better)?



Total:

$$\frac{13 \cdot 48 \cdot 44 \cdot 40 \binom{4}{2}}{3!}$$

Stage 1: pick rank for the pair : 13 choices

A

Stage 2: pick 1st nonpair card : $52 - 4 = 48$ choices

2 ♦

2 different rank than
the pair

stage 3: pick 2nd nonpair card:
different rank

$$52 - 8 = 44 \text{ choices}$$

7 ♦

Stage 4: pick 3rd nonpair card
different rank

$$52 - 12 = 40 \text{ choices}$$

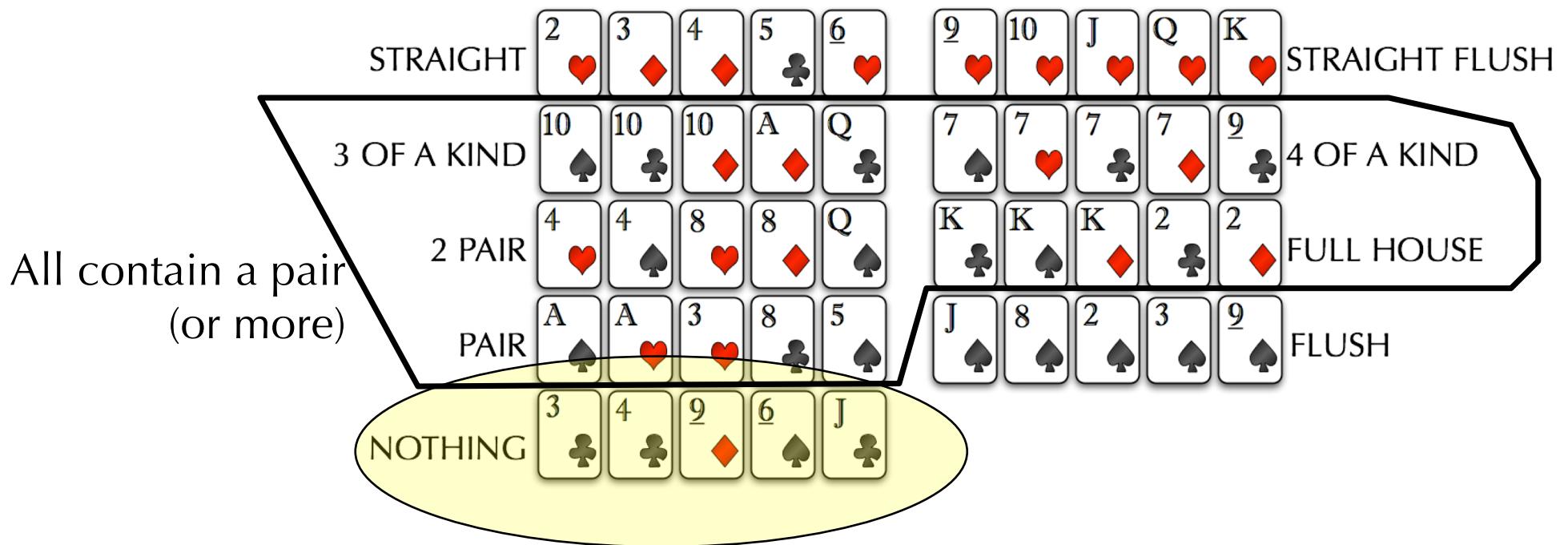
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Stage 5: pick suits for the pair

$$\binom{4}{2}$$

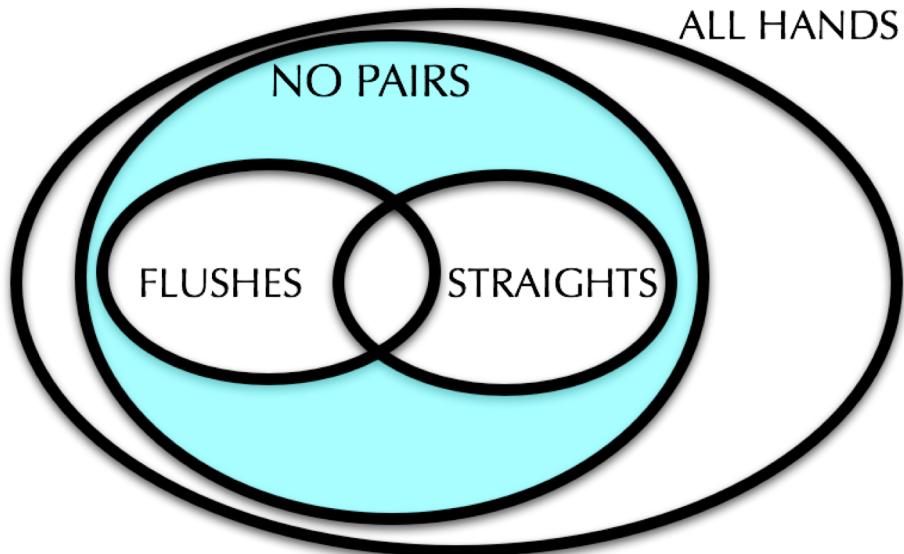
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- We're counting hands:
 - (1) without pairs
 - (2) that also do not contain straights or flushes

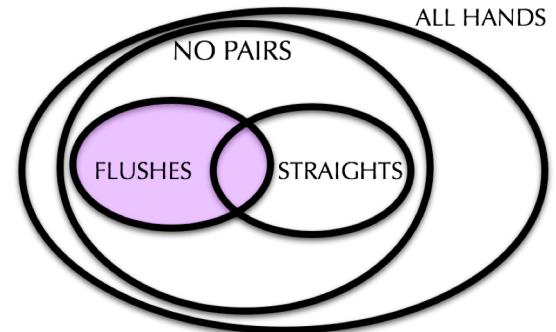


- These L23 “Diaz” slides only have #straights and #flushes.
- Full problem/solution in L22 slides.

$$(\# \text{ nothing}) = (\# \text{no pairs}) - (\# \text{straights}) - (\# \text{flushes}) + (\# \text{straight flushes})$$

Part of Bigger Exercise: How many ways to make nothing?

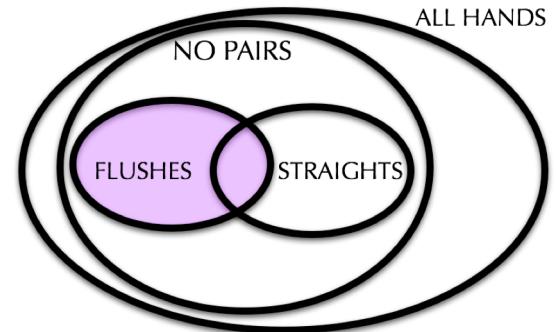
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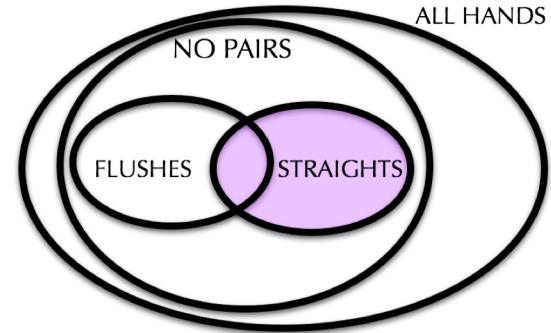
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- Exercise: how many ways are there to make *a flush* (all 5 cards the same suit). Try 2 stages.
- Solution:
 - Stage 1: pick a suit. 4 choices.
 - Stage 2: pick a set of 5 cards in that suit. $\binom{13}{5} = \frac{13!}{8!5!}$
 - Every hand is picked in exactly one way: $4 \binom{13}{5}$

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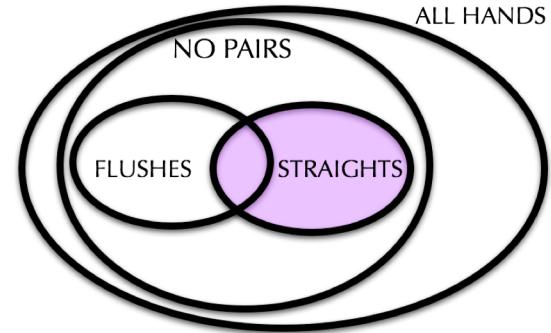
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Straights



- Exercise: how many ways are there to make **straight** (5 consecutive ranks; aces can be low or high).
- Solution:
 - Stage 1: pick the lowest rank. 10 choices {A,2,3,...,10}.
 - Stage 2: pick the suit of the lowest card. 4 choices.
 - ...
 - Stage 6: pick the suit of the highest card. 4 choices.
 - Each hand picked in exactly one way. $10 \cdot 4^5$

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Combinations and $(x + y)^n$

- What is the coefficient of x^2 in the expansion of $(x + 1)^5$?
- *Hint: Don't solve by brute force. Look for a counting problem.*

Expand as the product of five factors:

$$(x + y)^5 = (x + y)(x + y)(x + y)(x + y)(x + y)$$

The Binomial Theorem

- $\binom{n}{k}$ “ n choose k ” is called the *binomial coefficient*
- Binomial Theorem: For any x and y and non-negative integer n

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

$\binom{n}{k}$ is the number of ways to choose k x s out of the n “ $(x + y)$ ” factors

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- Proof: Set $x = 1, y = 1$

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 - Need to find a where $\binom{20}{k} (x^2)^k \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{20-k} = ax$
 - $a = \binom{20}{k}$, where k is the value that solves
$$(x^2)^k (x^{-1})^{20-k} = x^1$$
 - $x^{2k} x^{-(20-k)} = x^{2k-20+k} = x^{3k-20}$
 - So $3k - 20 = 1$, yielding $k = 7$.
 - So coef. of x in binomial expansion of $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{20}$ is $\binom{20}{7}$

Binomial Coefficients and Pascal's Triangle

- $(x + y)^0 = \mathbf{1}$ (when $x + y \neq 0$)
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- $(x + y)^2 = \mathbf{1} \cdot x^2 + \mathbf{2} \cdot xy + \mathbf{1} \cdot y^2$
- $(x + y)^3 = \mathbf{1} \cdot x^3 + \mathbf{3} \cdot xy^2 + \mathbf{3} \cdot x^2y + \mathbf{1} \cdot y^3$

How do you get the coefficients of $(x + y)^n$ from the coefficients of $(x + y)^{n-1}$?

Coefficient list of $(x + y)^0$

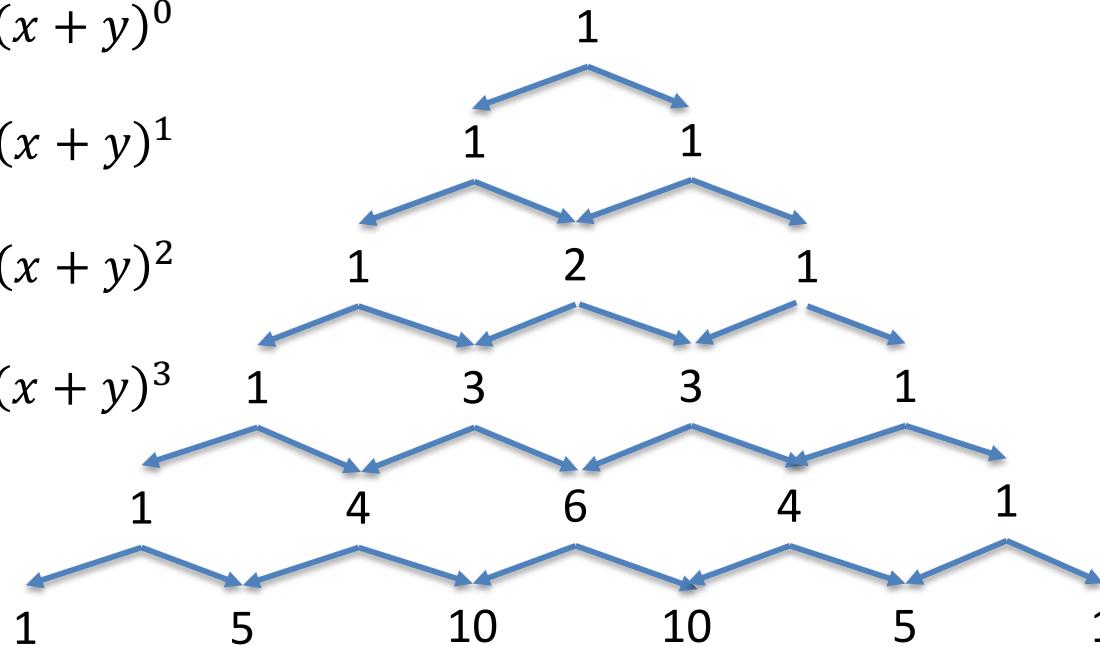
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Coefficient list of $(x + y)^3$

of $(x + y)^4$

of $(x + y)^5$



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Expressed in “choose” notation:

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Combinatorial Proofs

- Ooooh... another proof method!
- Based on COUNTING
 - Specifically counting the same thing in different ways
- **Goal = *exposure to combinatorial proofs***
 - Know what combinatorial proofs are
 - Understand why they are a valid proof method
 - We will not ask you to write your own combinatorial proofs in this class

Combinatorial Proofs vs. Algebraic Proofs

- **Algebraic proof** of identity: $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$
 - $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{n-k}$
- **Combinatorial proof.** Count the same thing in two different ways.
 - LHS: There are n faculty members and you must form a committee containing k of them. There are $\binom{n}{k}$ ways to choose the k people on the committee.
 - RHS: On the other hand, this is the same as picking $n - k$ faculty members to not serve on the committee. There are $\binom{n}{n-k}$ ways to choose the $n - k$ non-members, hence $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$.

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- LHS: There are $n+1$ people, n freshmen and 1 sophomore, and you are forming a team of k people. There are $\binom{n+1}{k}$ ways to do this.
- RHS: Consider separately the cases where the sophomore is or is not on the team:
 - Case 1: sophomore *is not* the team.
 - Pick the k team members from the n freshmen: $\binom{n}{k}$ ways to do this.
 - Case 2: sophomore *is* the team.
 - Put the sophomore on the team: $\binom{1}{1} = 1$ way to do this
 - Then, pick the other $k-1$ team members from the n freshmen: $\binom{n}{k-1}$ ways
 - **(Sum Rule)** Total ways for RHS = $\binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1}$
- Since both sides were counting the same thing, we have proven

$$\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1}$$

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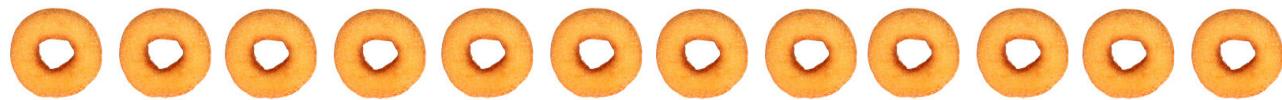
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Example: Counting Bitstrings

- How many 9-bit strings contain exactly five “1”s?
- Note: a “bit” is either 0 or 1
 - One 9-bit string with five “1”s: 001110110

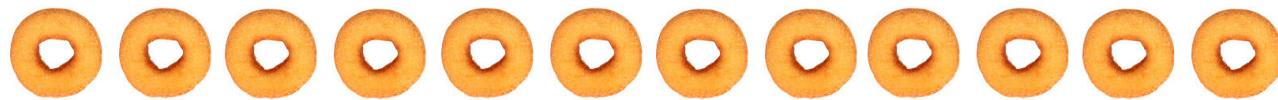
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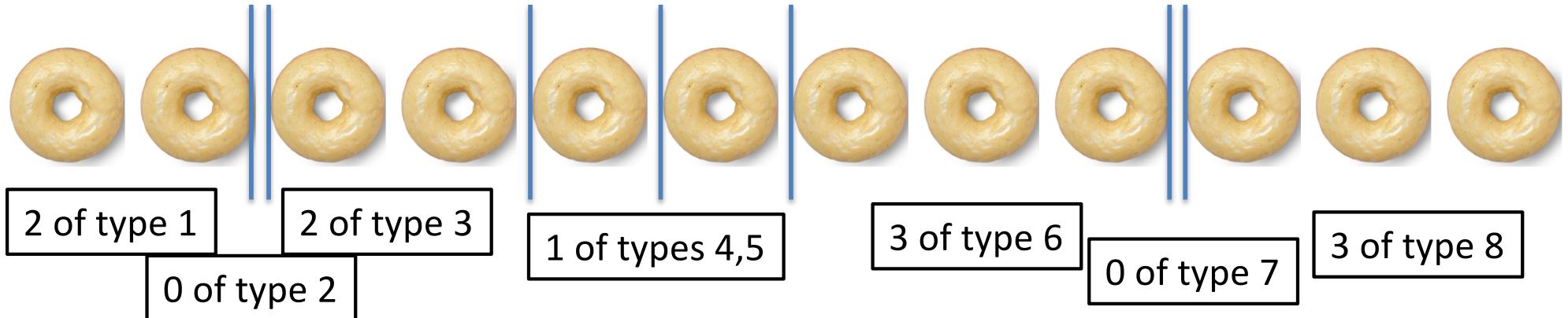
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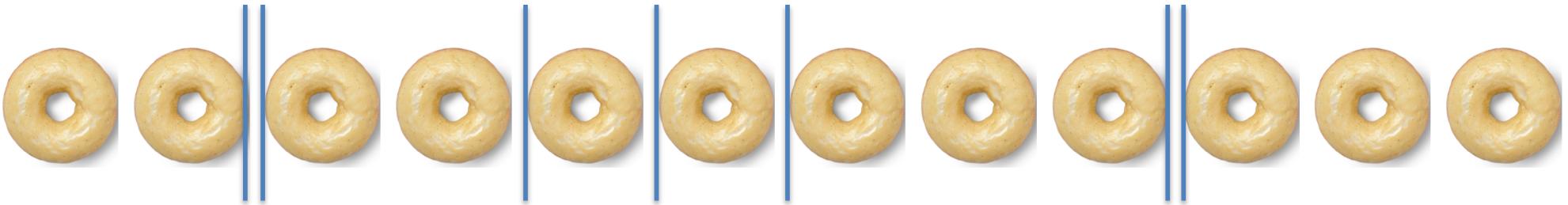
- A **doughnut** shop sells 8 types of doughnuts and has an unlimited supply of each type.
- How many ways are there to buy a **dozen doughnuts**?



- Suppose we grouped them by type. We need $8 - 1 = 7$ “dividers” to show the grouping.
- This looks like a bit string! 12 “0”s (doughnuts) and 7 “1”s (dividers).

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- We have a **bijection** between two sets:

- “ways to pick dozen doughnuts of eight types” and

- “ways to choose a bit string with length 19 having 7 “1”s.”

Tricky to think about

Much easier! $\binom{19}{7}$

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Another view:

- Say you buy x_1 donuts of type 1, x_2 of type 2, etc.
- Then the number of ways to buy a dozen donuts = the number of solutions to the following equation, where each $x_i \geq 0$:

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6 + x_7 + x_8 = 12$$

The Balls ‘n’ Bars Theorem

- The number of ways to choose **k objects** each of **n different types (with repetition)** is

balls = _____
bars = _____

Use **Balls n' Bars** for any counting problem that has
_____ objects, and
_____ boxes

Including problems of the form:

$$x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = k, \quad \text{where each } x_i \geq 0$$

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

Ways to choose **sequence** of k things
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$$n^k$$

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$$\binom{\text{balls + bars}}{\text{balls}} = \binom{\text{balls + bars}}{\text{bars}}$$

The “**balls-and-bars**” method
Counting strings of k balls (doughnuts)
 $n - 1$ bars (dividers)
E.g. o|ooo|oo|oo||oo||oo

Problem: Counting Doughnuts with **lower bounds**

- A doughnut shop has 8 kinds of doughnuts. How many ways to buy a dozen doughnuts
with at least 1 of each kind?



= number of solutions to the following equation, where x_i is the number of doughnuts of kind i .

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6 + x_7 + x_8 = 12, \quad \text{each } x_i \geq \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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- Put 1 doughnut of each type aside, then
$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5 + y_6 + y_7 + y_8 = 4$$
$$y_i \geq 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq 8$$



- (8 doughnuts are already determined so we want $1 + y_i$ of each kind)
- No. of ways:
4 balls, 7 bars $\longrightarrow \binom{11}{4}$

Problem: Counting Doughnuts

with upper bounds

- A doughnut shop has 8 kinds of doughnuts.
How many ways to buy a dozen doughnuts with at most 4 strawberry iced and at most 2 coconut?
= Number of solutions to: (natural numbers only)

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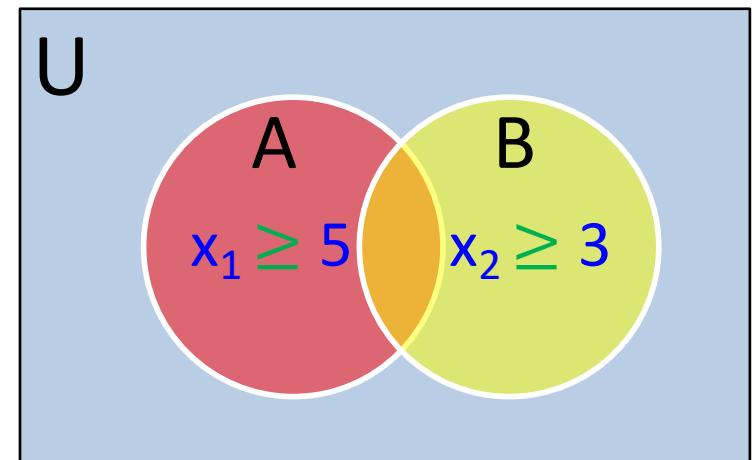
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Solution plan:

- Convert to a “lower bound” problem
- Consider the complement event:
 $\bar{E} = \#(\text{ways with } > 4 \text{ strawberry or } > 2 \text{ coconut})$

$$\begin{aligned}|E| &= |U| - |\bar{E}| \\&= |U| - |A \cup B| \\&= |U| - (|A| + |B| - |A \cap B|)\end{aligned}$$



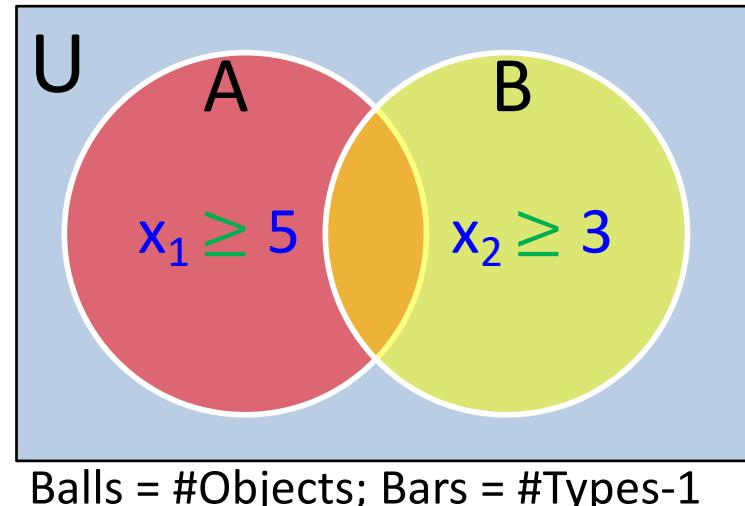
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$$x_1 \leq 4, x_2 \leq 2$$



$$|E| = |U| - (|A| + |B| - |A \cap B|)$$

- $|U|$ All Solutions 12 balls, 7 bars = $\binom{19}{12}$
- $|A|$: Solutions with $x_1 \geq 5$ 7 balls, 7 bars = $\binom{14}{7}$
- $|B|$: Solutions with $x_2 \geq 3$ 9 balls, 7 bars = $\binom{16}{9}$
- $|A \cap B|$: Solutions with $x_1 \geq 5$ and $x_2 \geq 3$. 4 balls, 7 bars = $\binom{11}{4}$
- Solutions with $x_1 \leq 4$ and $x_2 \leq 2$: (inclusion-exclusion principle)

$$|E| = |U| - |A| - |B| + |A \cap B| = \binom{19}{12} - \binom{14}{7} - \binom{16}{9} + \binom{11}{4}$$