



206 Discrete Structures II

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Week 4 - Counting (Sum Rule, Difference Rule, Product Rule)

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What we will cover today

Combinatorics

- Recap
 - Counting (Partition, Difference, Product)
- Today
 - Counting
 - Product Rule
 - Bijection Rule
- Next
 - Permutations/Combinations
 - Pigeonhole Principle

Course Outline

- Part I
 - ~~Recap of basics – sets, function, proofs, induction~~
 - Basic counting techniques
 - Pigeonhole principle
 - Generating functions
- Part II
 - Sample spaces and events
 - Basics of probability
 - Independence, conditional probability
 - Random variables, expectation, variance
 - Moment generating functions
- Part III
 - Graph Theory
 - Machine learning and statistical inference

Counting



Counting

- In the next few lectures
 - Fundamental tools and techniques for counting
 - Sum Rule
 - Product Rule
 - Difference Method
 - Bijection Method
 - Permutations/Combinations
 - Inclusion Exclusion
 - Binomial/Multinomial coefficients
- Fundamental
Blocks*
- Intermediate*
- Advanced*

Partition Method

- If I roll a white and black die, how many possible outcomes do I see?

$A_1 =$ all outcomes with
black die = 1

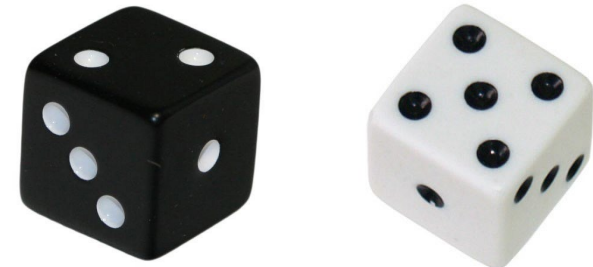
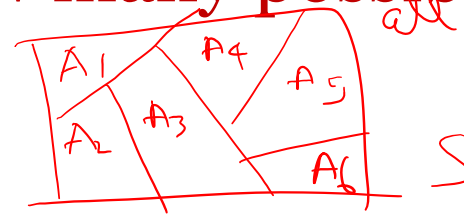
$A_2 =$ all outcomes with
black die = 2

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$A_6 =$ all outcomes
with black die = 6

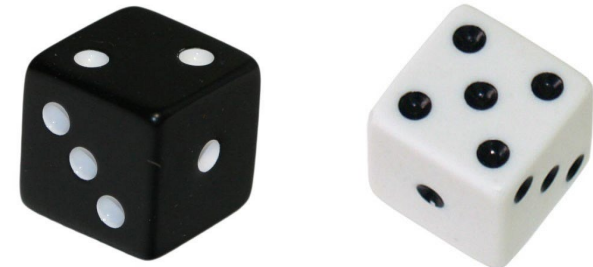
$$|S| = |A_1| + |A_2| + \dots + |A_6|$$

$$= 6 \cdot 6 = 36$$



Difference Method

- To find the size of a set A ,
 - Find a larger set S such that $S = A \cup B$ and
 - A and B are disjoint.
 - $|A| = |S| - |B|$
- Possible outcomes where white and black die have different values?
 - Find S with all possible outcomes $|S|=36$
 - Subtract B with the same values $|B|=6$
 - $|A| = |S| - |B| = 36 - 6 = 30$



Partition Method

- Possible outcomes where white and black die have different values?

S = all possible outcomes

A_1 = all outcomes with black die = 1

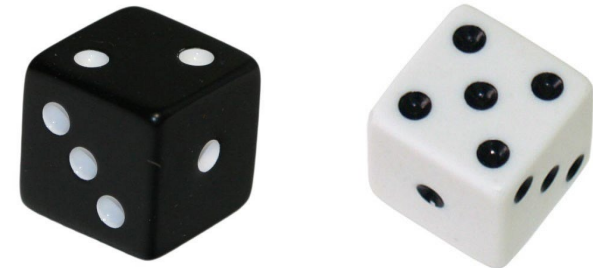
A_2 = black die = 2

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A_6 = black die = 6

$|A_1| = 5, |A_2| = 5,$

$|S| = 5 + 5 + 5 + \dots + 5 = 30$

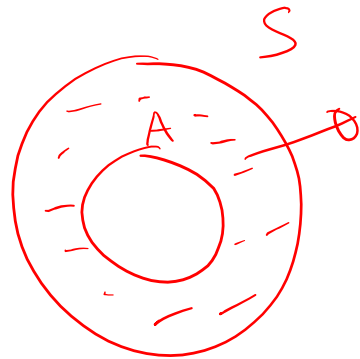


...or we can use the Difference Method

- Possible outcomes where white and black die have different values?

$A =$ all outcomes where white die \neq black die

$S =$ all outcomes, $|S| = 36$



$$B = S \setminus A$$

$=$ all outcomes where white die $=$ black die

$$|B| = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = 36 - 6 = 30$$



Product Rule

Product Rule:

$$|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$$

- True even if A and B are not disjoint
- Useful when counting elements of a set involves dealing with tuples, sequences or a series of choices.

Insight: The Product Rule gives us how many different elements are possible

Insight #2: The multiplication finds all the possible “matches” across sets

Product Method

- If I roll a white and black die, how many possible outcomes do I see?

$A =$ all outcomes of black die
 $B =$ all outcomes of white die

all outcomes = $|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B| = 36$

Question: Can you make the above question not solvable with the product rule?

Remember: Now we are leaving behind us our ability to count elements and start developing skills that help us count sets without explicitly counting their elements



Product Rule

Product Rule:

$$|A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots A_n| = |A_1| \cdot |A_2| \cdots |A_n|$$

Product Rule

- A restaurant has a menu with 5 Appetizers, 6 Entrees, 3 Salads, and 7 Desserts.
 - How many ways to choose a complete meal?

$$A = \text{all possible complete meals}$$

$$= \left\{ (App, Entree, Salad, Dessert) \right\}$$

$$|A| = 5 \times 6 \times 3 \times 7$$

5 choices for Appetizers

6 " " Entree

3 " " Salad

7 " " Dessert

Product Rule

- A restaurant has a menu with 5 Appetizers, 6 Entrees, 3 Salads, and 7 Desserts.
- How many ways to choose a meal if I'm allowed to skip some (or all) the courses?

$$A = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (APP, Entree, Salad, Dessert) \\ (APP) \\ (Entree) \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\}$$

Step 1: Make all elements the same length by including a null option. For ex: (Entree) becomes (null, Entree, null, null)

Step 2: 6 choices for Appetizer, 7 for Entree, 4 for Salad, 8 Dessert

$$\text{Answer} = 6 \times 7 \times 4 \times 8$$

Exercise: Counting Passwords...

- You are signing up for an account on FlixBiz.com. The password has the following requirements
 - The password must be 6 to 8 characters long.
 - Each password is an uppercase letter or digit.
 - Each password must contain **at least** one digit.

Partition Method

Q: How many possible passwords?

$A_6 \rightarrow$ all passwords with length 6
 $A_7 \rightarrow$ " " " 7
 $A_8 \rightarrow$ " " " 8

all passwords = $|A_6| + |A_7| + |A_8|$

Hint (or ...When to think of Partition Method)

- When you are asked to count something that exists in **easy-to-count** ways (e.g., between 2 and 4), consider dividing the problem to the enumerable cases and then use the Partition Method
 - Note that if the different cases are too many (e.g., 100), then most probably the intention of the exercise is not to stress your patience mechanisms...

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Exercise: Counting Passwords...

$A_6 =$ all ^{valid} passwords of length 6

$S =$ all passwords of length 6

$$B = S \setminus A_6$$

$B =$ all passwords of length 6
with no digits

Partition Method

Difference Method

\Rightarrow

Find Contrapositive

(see Hint on next slide)

$$|A_6| = |S| - |B|$$

$$|S| = 36^6$$

$$|B| = 26^6$$

$$\Rightarrow |A_6| = 36^6 - 26^6$$

$$|A_7| = 36^7 - 26^7$$

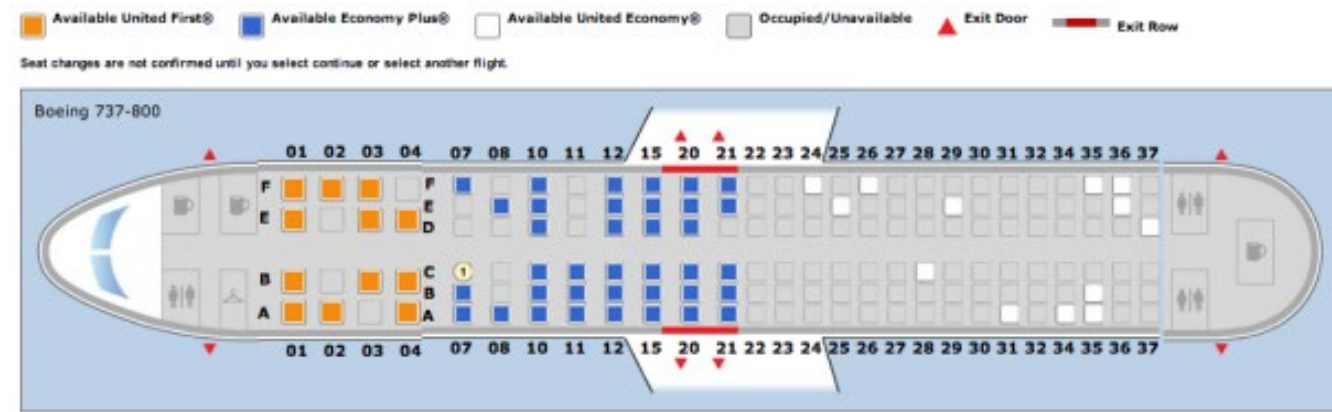
$$|A_8| = 36^8 - 26^8$$

Hint: When to use Difference Method

When you are asked to count something that exists in
“at least” one place, consider counting the opposite
(that is “nowhere”)

Which means: You need to be able to find the
“contrapositive argument”.

Generalized Product Rule



- How many ways to assign 100 passengers to 100 seats?

Let P_1, \dots, P_{100} be the passengers.
100 choices for seat of P_1
99 choices for seat of P_2
 \vdots
1 choices for seat of P_{100}
 \Rightarrow answer = $100 \cdot 99 \cdot 98 \cdot 97 \cdots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$

Generalized Product Rule – Order is important

- Suppose every object of a set S , can be constructed by a sequence of n choices with P_1 possibilities for the first choice, P_2 possibilities for the second choice, and so on
- **IF**
 - Each sequence of choices constructs an object in S .
 - No two different sequences **create the same object**
- **THEN**
 - $|S| = P_1 \times P_2 \times \cdots P_n$