

# Recitation 3

- Counting
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  - Product Rule

# Counting

- Assume we have a set of objects with certain properties
- Counting is used to determine the number of these objects
- Examples:
  - Number of available phone numbers with 7 digits in the local calling area
  - Number of possible match starters (football, basketball) given the number of team members and their positions

# Sum Rule

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 done in  $m+n$  ways.

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By the Sum Rule, you have  $2+4 = 6$  choices

# Partition Method

- To find the size of a set  $A$
- Partition it into a union of disjoint sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$
- Use sum rule

# 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
- $|A| = |S| - |B|$



# Product Rule for counting

1. **Identify the number of sets to be selected from.**
2. **Identify the number of items to select from each set.**
3. **Multiply the number of items in each set.**
4. **If selecting two items from a set, calculate  $n*(n-1)$**

2. An ice cream parlor offers sundaes with two scoops of ice cream, where each scoop can be any one of 31 flavors, plus a choice of topping from walnuts, raisins, coconut, m&m's, chocolate, or fruit, and a choice of hot fudge, caramel, or butterscotch syrup.

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Adding a choice of no topping and no syrup, by the product rule, we get

$$31 \cdot 31 \cdot (6+1) \cdot (3+1)$$

3. Suppose four cards are chosen at random from a standard 52-card deck, with replacement. And we wish to determine the number of four-card sequences where all four cards are from the same suit.

$\underbrace{HHHH}$  *or*  $\underbrace{DDDD}$  *or*  $\underbrace{CCCC}$  *or*  $\underbrace{SSSS}$   
*all Hearts*      *all Diamonds*      *all Clubs*      *all Spades*

$\underbrace{13 \bullet 13 \bullet 13 \bullet 13}$   $+$   $\underbrace{13 \bullet 13 \bullet 13 \bullet 13}$   $+$   $\underbrace{13 \bullet 13 \bullet 13 \bullet 13}$   $+$   $\underbrace{13 \bullet 13 \bullet 13 \bullet 13}$   
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4. How many integer numbers less than 500 ends with 0?

How many ways to get a one-digit number that ends in zero?

$\underline{0}$   
*digit value*

1 way

How many ways can we get a two-digit number that ends in zero?

$\left( \frac{\# 1-9}{\text{digit value}} \right) \left( \frac{\underline{0}}{\text{digit value}} \right)$

(9 ways)(1 way)

How many ways can we get a three-digit number that ends in zero and is less than 500?

$\left( \frac{\# 1-4}{\text{digit value}} \right) \left( \frac{\# 0-9}{\text{digit value}} \right) \left( \frac{\underline{0}}{\text{digit value}} \right)$

(4 ways)(10 ways)(1 way)

$$1 + (9)(1) + (4)(10)(1) = 50$$

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Let X be the set of passwords that doesn't contain A;

Let Y be the set of passwords that doesn't contain B;

Let Z be the set of passwords that doesn't contain C.

$$|X| = 2^8 = |Y| = |Z|$$

$$|X \cap Y| = 1 \text{ ('CCCCCCCC')}$$

$$|X \cap Z| = |Y \cap Z| = 1$$

$$|X \cup Y \cup Z| = 3 \cdot 2^8 - 1 - 1 - 1 = 0$$

Subtract it from universal Set

$$= 3^8 - 3 \cdot 2^8 - 3$$