



*Good luck on your Quiz#1*

# 206 Discrete Structures II

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# What is wrong?

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|-----|-------------------------------|--|
| (1) | Let $a = b$                   | given.                                   |
| (2) | $a^2 = ab$                    | multiply both sides by $a$ .             |
| (3) | $a^2 + a^2 = a^2 + ab$        | adding $a^2$ to both sides.              |
| (4) | $2a^2 = a^2 + ab$             | grouping the terms on the left.          |
| (5) | $2a^2 - 2ab = a^2 + ab - 2ab$ | subtracting $2ab$ from both sides.       |
| (6) | $2a^2 - 2ab = a^2 - ab$       | grouping terms on the right.             |
| (7) | $2(a^2 - ab) = 1(a^2 - ab)$   | pulling out the factor of 2 on the left. |
| (8) | $2 = 1$                       | dividing both sides by $a^2 - ab$        |

# 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

- Basic Question: What is the size of a given set?
- Easy when the set is explicitly defined.
  - $X = \{1,2,3,4\}$ , what is  $|X|$ ?
- Tricky when set is implicit or a defined via set operations.
  - How many ways to get flush in the game of poker?
  - How many ways to assign time slots to courses at Rutgers?
  - How many operations before my algorithm terminates?

# 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*

# Sum Rule

- There are 60 students in section 5 of 206.
- There are 71 students in section 6 of 206.
- How many students are there in total in both sections?

Sum Rule:

If  $A$  and  $B$  are **disjoint** sets, then  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$

$A =$  all students in section 5

$B =$  all students in section 6

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| = 60 + 71 = 131$$



# Example: Sum Rule

- There are 60 students in section 5 of 206.
- There are 71 students in section 6 of 206.
- There are 80 students in section 1 of 206.
- There are 80 students in section 2 of 206.
- How many students are there in total?

$$60 + 71 + 80 + 80 = 291$$

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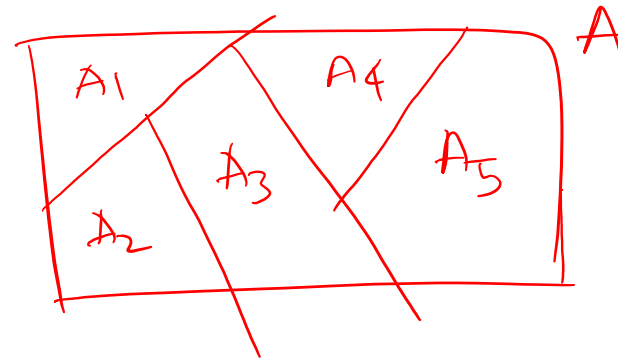
Sum Rule:

If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are **disjoint** sets, then

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = |A_1| + |A_2| + \dots + |A_n|$$

# Partition Method – How to

- 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
- Example: How many students are there in total in 206?

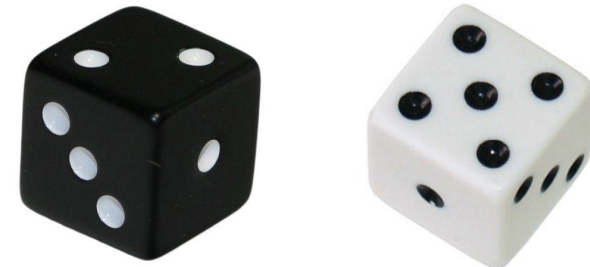


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- If I roll a white and black die, how many possible outcomes do I see?

$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (1,1), (1,2), & \dots (1,6) \\ (2,1), (2,2), & \dots (2,6) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ (6,1), (6,2), & \dots (6,6) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$|S| = 36$$



# Partition Method

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$A_1 =$  all outcomes with  
black die = 1

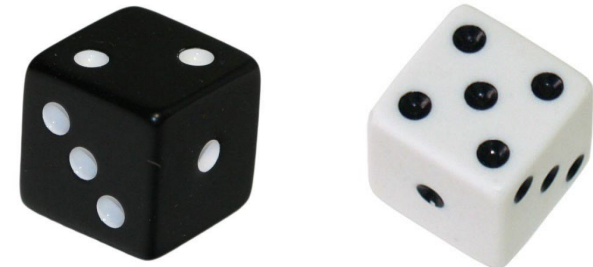
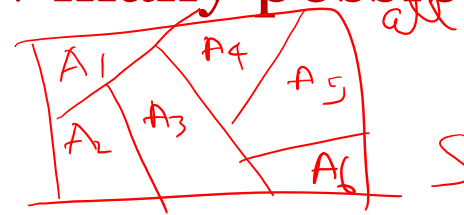
$A_2 =$  all outcomes with  
black die = 2

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$A_6 =$  all outcomes  
with black die = 6

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

$$= 6 \cdot 6 = 36$$



# 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

$\vdots$

$A_6$  = black die = 6

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

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



# Partition Method

- Possible outcomes where white die has a larger value than the black die?

$A_1 =$  all outcomes with black die = 1

$S =$  all possible outcomes

$\vdots$

$A_6 =$  black die = 6

$|A_1| = 5, |A_2| = 4, |A_3| = 3$

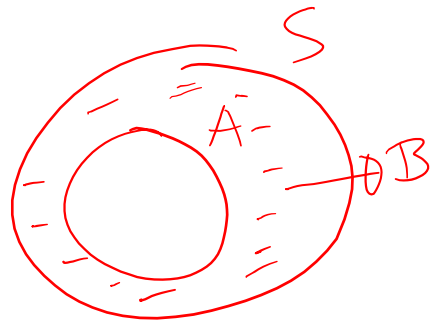
$|A_4| = 2, |A_5| = 1, |A_6| = 0$

$$|S| = 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = \frac{5(5+1)}{2} = 15$$



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



want :  $|A|$   
Find  $S$  that contains  $A$

$$B = S \setminus A$$

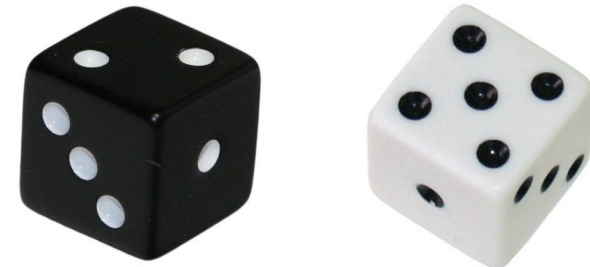
$$|S| = |A| + |B|$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = |S| - |B|$$



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- Possible outcomes where white and black die have different values?
  - Find  $S$  with all possible outcomes  $|S|=36$
  - Subtract  $B$  with the same values  $|B|=6$
  - $|A| = |S| - |B| = 36 - 6 = 30$



# Difference Method vs. Partition Method

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

$S$  = all possible outcomes

$A_1$  = all outcomes with black die = 1

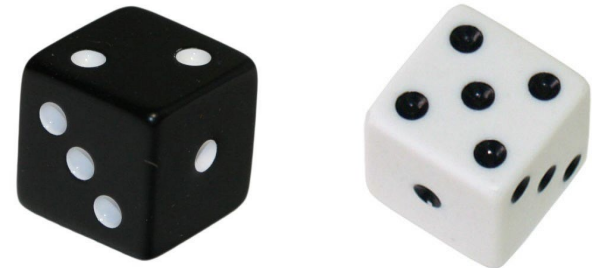
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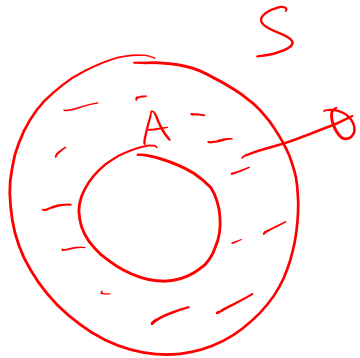


# Simplicity of Difference Method

- 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

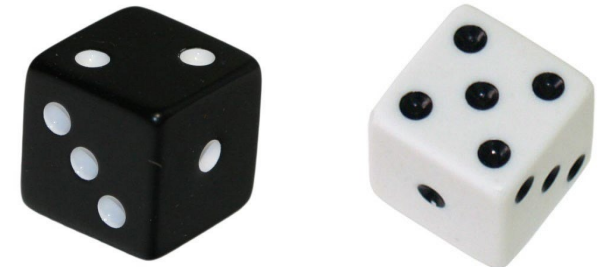
- If I roll a white and black die, how many possible outcomes do I see?

$A =$  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?**

*We are getting ready to leave 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?

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

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)

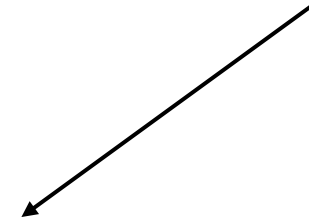
- When you are asked to count something that exists in **easy-to-count** ways (e.g., between 2 and 4), consider dividing the problem to the enumerable cases and then use the Partition Method
  - Note that if the different cases are too many (e.g., 100), then most probably the intention of the exercise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

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# Exercise: Counting Passwords...

$A_6 =$  all <sup>valid</sup> 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 case, consider counting the opposite

(that is “no” case)

Which means: You need to be able to find the

“contrapositive argument”.