

ZPC-25: Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion

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1 PROBLEM 1

a) Include multiples of 3 and of 17 but exclude multiple of 51 (as common)

$$\left\lfloor \frac{2022}{3} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{2022}{17} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{2022}{51} \right\rfloor = 674 + 118 - 39 = 753$$

However, we want integers less than 2022 and 2022 is perfectly divisible by 3 and not 17, so the final answer is 752.

b) The number of perfect powers of exponent n greater than 1 and less than 2022 is $\left\lfloor 2022^{\frac{1}{n}} \right\rfloor - 1$. The trick is to include 1 and perfect powers of prime exponents and exclude square-free powers (product of distinct primes) as they are shared perfect powers

$$\text{Including prime, } \left\lfloor 2022^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\rfloor - 1 + \left\lfloor 2022^{\frac{1}{3}} \right\rfloor - 1 + \left\lfloor 2022^{\frac{1}{5}} \right\rfloor - 1 + \left\lfloor 2022^{\frac{1}{7}} \right\rfloor - 1 = 43 + 11 + 3 + 1 = 58$$

$$\text{Excluding square-free, } \left\lfloor 2022^{\frac{1}{6}} \right\rfloor - 1 + \left\lfloor 2022^{\frac{1}{10}} \right\rfloor - 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$$

Total perfect powers less than 2022 is $58-3+1$, so final answer is 56.

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2 PROBLEM 2

a) Include odd numbers in odd number positions and even numbers in even number positions (they are free to permute among themselves), to make the number of possible permutations $(5!)^2$

Since the question just states alternation and not whether the sequences starts with an odd number or even, the final answer would be, $\frac{2 \times (5!)^2}{10!}$

b) Exclude the number of permutations in which at least one of 1,4,9,6 and 5 are fixed in their natural position (which is found by more inclusion and exclusion)

For at least one of 1,4,9,6 or 5 to be fixed, $\binom{5}{1} \times 9! - \binom{5}{2} \times 8! + \binom{5}{3} \times 7! - \binom{5}{4} \times 6! + \binom{5}{5} \times 5!$
Thus, the final answer will be $\frac{10! - \binom{5}{1} \times 9! + \binom{5}{2} \times 8! - \binom{5}{3} \times 7! + \binom{5}{4} \times 6! - \binom{5}{5} \times 5!}{10!}$

c) Similarly, exclude the number of permutations in which at least one of the numbers are fixed in their natural position to get the final answer as a summation $\frac{1}{10!} \times \sum_{i=0}^{10} (-1)^i \binom{10}{i} (10-i)! \text{ or } \sum_{i=0}^{10} \frac{(-1)^i}{i!}$

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3 PROBLEM 3

We can notice that $8^3 = 512 > 500$, so we must include numbers to be cubed from 1 to 7 only. Out of all combinations, we can exclude $6^3 + 7^3$ and $7^3 + 7^3$ as their sum exceeds 500 and every other combination has a sum lower than these three, making the number of combinations as $7^2 - 3$ or 46 and the final answer as $46 - 20 = 26$ numbers

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4 PROBLEM 4

If a number is co-prime to n , it has to be co-prime to all of the prime powers present in the prime factorisation of $n = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \cdots \times p_r^{a_r}$, giving us the formula $\phi(n) = \phi(p_1^{a_1}) \times \cdots \times \phi(p_r^{a_r})$ (here we multiply instead of add for inclusion, as each combination of one element chosen from across all the sets of $\phi(p_i^{a_i})$ gives a number co-prime to n , Chinese Remainder Theorem)

And we can see that $\phi(p_i^{a_i}) = p_i^{a_i} - p_i^{a_i-1} = p_i^{a_i}(1 - \frac{1}{p_i})$ (There are $p_i^{a_i}$ elements, from which we exclude smaller powers of p_i , because they are the only ones which will give a gcd greater than 1 when compared with $p_i^{a_i}$)

This gives us our identity $\phi(n) = \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{a_i}(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}) = n \prod_{i=1}^r (1 - \frac{1}{p_i})$

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5 PROBLEM 5

There are multiple ways to give a mapping from subsets of W , the set of functions from $A=\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$ to $B=\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ to natural numbers, from which we can include and exclude cases to get the number of onto functions (like some of the examples given below):

- $\psi : \epsilon_i \longrightarrow i$, where $\epsilon_i \in W$ such that b_i is not in the range of ϵ_i and $1 \leq i \leq n$
- $\xi : \epsilon_i \longrightarrow i$, where $\epsilon_i \in W$ such that b_i is in the range of ϵ_i and $1 \leq i \leq n$
- $\nu : \epsilon_i \longrightarrow i$, where $\epsilon_i \in W$ such that the size of the range of ϵ_i is less than or equal to i and $1 \leq i \leq n$

We will be working with only ν for convenience. The total number of functions from A to B will be n^m or $|W| = n^m$, from which we will exclude all functions of range with size less than n .

The number of pre-images of i in ν will be $\binom{n}{i} \times i^m$

Thus, the final answer will be $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} (n-i)^m$

Note: Since there are multiple mappings, you can try to find the given result by yourself, using a different mapping

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6 PROBLEM 6

We have the constraints $x_1 \geq 0, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 20, x_3 \geq 0, x_4 \geq 10$

Take $x'_4 = x_4 - 10$, to get $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x'_4 = 40$

With the constraints $x_1 \geq 0, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 20, x_3 \geq 0, x_4 \geq 0$

In $x_2 \geq 0$, the only two cases are $0 \leq x_2 \leq 20$ and $x_2 \geq 21$, which tells us what to exclude and from what

For $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \geq 0, x_4 \geq 0$, the number of solutions is $\binom{40+4-1}{4-1}$

For $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 21, x_3 \geq 0, x_4 \geq 0$, the number of solutions is $\binom{40+4-21-1}{4-1}$

Thus, the final answer is $\binom{43}{3} - \binom{22}{3}$

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7 PROBLEM 7

Randomly select two connected points on the plane p_1 and p_2 and the set of all points connected to p_1 be A and that to p_2 be B.

From question, $|A| \geq k-1$ and $|B| \geq k-1$, so $n-2 \geq |A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

$$\implies n-2 \geq |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| \geq 2(k-1) - |A \cap B|$$

$$\implies |A \cap B| \geq 2k - n > 0$$

Thus there exists at least one point that is connected to both A and B, forming a triangle.

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8 PROBLEM 8

Let's look at the problem in another way. We aim to find the least number of integers we can remove from S to leave a set which does not contain 6 pairwise coprime integers. Let $S_p = \{p^k | p^k \leq 280\}$ and more generally $S_{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_l} = \{n = p_1^{q_1} p_2^{q_2} \dots p_l^{q_l} | n \leq 280\}$ and finally $S_1 = \{1\}$. It is clear that these sets taken over all collections of primes and 1 forms a partition of S .

If there are representatives from five sets S_p , there are six mutually coprime integers, so all but five of the sets S_p must be completely removed. It is clear that (with the exception of 1, which can clearly be removed first) if $p > q$, $|S_p| \leq |S_q|$ so it is worth removing S_p before removing S_q (if we are striving for a minimum).

Furthermore, if we remove two sets S_p, S_q , we must also (to stop there from being 6 mutually coprime integers) remove $S_{p,q}$ and so on, and these have similar ordering relations. So once we have removed everything we need to keeping sizes of sets removed to a minimum, we are left with $S_2, S_3, S_5, S_7, S_{11}$ and the multi-index sets not coprime to all of these. In other words, we have the set of multiples of 2, 3, 5, 7 and 11, which can be calculated (by lots and lots of inclusion-exclusion) to have cardinality 198. Therefore, a subset of S of size 199 must contain 6 coprime integers, i.e. $m = 199$.

Trivially, $M = 250$ as there is only one subset of S that has 250 elements and there are definitely at least 6 primes in S , which makes the final answer as $2\sqrt{M - m} = 2\sqrt{250 - 199} = 2\sqrt{51}$

Note: This question is a variation of IMO 1991/3. Do check out that question as well)

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