

2.

Let $f \geq 4$ and $m \geq 4$ be integers.

Let f represent female students, eligible to TA for COMP 2804.

Let m represent male students, eligible to TA for COMP 2804.

Let n represent the number of ways to choose eight TA's out of $f + m$ students, such that the number of female TAs is equal to the number of male TAs.

$$n = f \cdot m$$

We choose 4 female TAs from female students $\binom{f}{4}$ and we choose 4 male TAs from male students $\binom{m}{4}$.

We then use the product rule ($n = (n_1) \cdot (n_2) \cdot (n_3) \dots (n_m)$) to determine the number of ways to choose eight TAs out of $f + m$ students.

$$n = \binom{f}{4} \binom{m}{4}$$

\therefore there are $n = \binom{f}{4} \binom{m}{4}$ ways to choose eight TAs out of $f + m$ students, such that the number of female TAs is equal to the number of male TAs.

3.

Let $|A|$ represent the number of strings that start and end with the same letter.

Let $|B|$ represent the number of string that are palindromes.

Let $|C|$ represent the number of strings that only contain vowels.

$$i) |A| = 26^{27}$$

There are 26 letters to choose from, in a string of 27 characters. There are 27 characters to choose from because the start letter choice also counts as your end letter choice.

$$ii) |B| = 26^{14}$$

There are 26 letters to choose from, in a string of 14 characters. There are 14 characters to choose from because it is a palindrome (symmetrical string). Every character choice counts as two choices.

$$iii) |C| = 5^{28}$$

There are 5 letters to choose from, in a string of 28 characters. There are 5 letters to choose from because the string only contains vowels, and the string consists of 28 characters by default.

$$|A \cap B| = 26^{14}$$

There are 26 letters to choose from, in a string of 14 characters. There are 14 characters to choose from because the string is a palindrome, which encompasses the same trait as set $|A|$ (start letter = end letter).

$$|A \cap C| = 5^{27}$$

There are 5 letters to choose from, in a string of 27 characters. There are 5 letters to choose from because the string only contains vowels, and the string has the first and last letter as the same.

$$|B \cap C| = 5^{14}$$

There are 5 letters to choose from, in a string of 14 characters. There are 5 letters to choose from because the string only contains vowels, and the string is a palindrome, where each choice is reflected twice.

$$|A \cap B \cap C| = 5^{14}$$

There are 5 letters to choose from, in a string of 14 characters. There are 5 letters to choose from because vowels can only be used, the string is a palindrome (length/2) and the first and last letter are the same (like a palindrome).

By using the Inclusion/Exclusion principle we can deduce the number of strings that satisfy all three conditions (i, ii, iii).

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B \cup C| &= |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C| \\ |A \cup B \cup C| &= 26^{27} + 26^{14} + 5^{28} - 26^{14} - 5^{27} - 5^{14} + 5^{14} \\ |A \cup B \cup C| &= 26^{27} + 5^{28} - 5^{27} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the number of strings that satisfy the set i or ii or iii is: $26^{27} + 5^{28} - 5^{27}$

4.

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer.

Let n_{total} represent the total number of possible functions mapped, with no restrictions.

Let n_{NA} represent the total number of possible functions mapped, where $f(i) \neq i$ (is not awesome).

Let n_A represent the total number of possible functions mapped, where there is at least one integer i in $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ for which $f(i) = i$ (is awesome).

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ n \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n_{total} = n^n$$

The total number of functions mapped is n^n because you have n elements mapping to n elements.

$$n_{NA} = (n - 1)^n$$

The total number of not awesome functions mapped is $(n - 1)^n$ because for every n elements, n cannot map to itself, therefore you are always removing one element.

Using the complement rule $|A| = |U| - |U \setminus A|$ we can determine the awesome functions by subtracting the not awesome functions from all functions mapped.

$$\begin{aligned} n_A &= n_{total} - n_{NA} \\ n_A &= n^n - ((n - 1)^n) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore using we have proved the number of awesome functions is equivalent to $n^n - ((n - 1)^n)$.

5.

Let $n \geq 4$ be an integer. Set $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Let k be an integer with $2 \leq k \leq n - 2$. A of S for which $ A = k$ and $\{1, 2\} \subseteq A$.	$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-2}{k} + 2\binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k-2}$
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$$\binom{n-2}{k}$$

This set represents when 1 and 2 is not in the subset $|A|$.

$$2\binom{n-2}{k-1}$$

This set represents when 1 or 2 is in the subset $|A|$.

$$\binom{n-2}{k-2}$$

This set represents when 1 and 2 is in the subset $|A|$.

Determining N from the Sum Rule:

$$N = \binom{n-2}{k} + \binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k-1}$$

Determining N from the Complement Rule:

$$N = \binom{n}{k} - \binom{n-2}{k-2}$$

Using the above two results we can prove original equation:

LHS	RHS
$N = N$	$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-2}{k} + 2\binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k-2}$
$\binom{n}{k} - \binom{n-2}{k-2} = \binom{n-2}{k} + \binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k-1}$...
$\binom{n}{k} - \binom{n-2}{k-2} = \binom{n-2}{k} + 2\binom{n-2}{k-1}$...
$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-2}{k} + 2\binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k-2}$	$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-2}{k} + 2\binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k-2}$

\therefore through combining our two results from the Sum Rule and Complement Rule, we have shown that those results prove the original equation.

6.



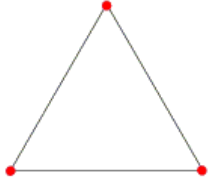
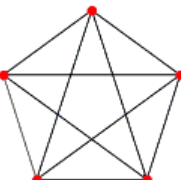
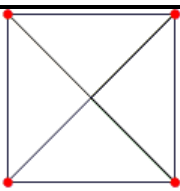
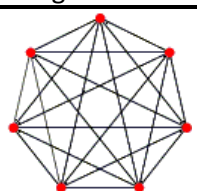
$k \geq 1$. Sequence n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k .

$$\binom{n_1}{2} + \binom{n_2}{2} + \dots + \binom{n_k}{2} \leq \binom{n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k}{2}$$

$$n_e = \left(\frac{n_v(n_v - 1)}{2} \right)$$

To determine the number of edges (n_e) on a graph this formula can be used, where n_v represents the number of vertices on a graph.

By comparing nodes and vertices with the following chart we prove the above equation:

$\binom{n_1}{2} + \binom{n_2}{2} + \dots + \binom{n_k}{2}$		\leq	$\binom{n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k}{2}$	
LHS			RHS	
# Of Vertices	# Of Edges		# Of Vertices	# Of Edges
2	 1 Edges		2	 1 Edges
3	 3 Edges		3	 5 Edges
4	 6 Edges		4	 7 Edges

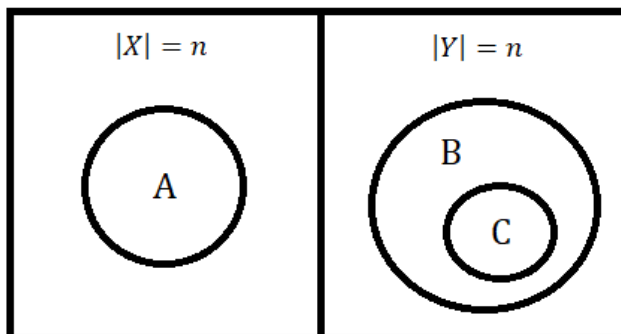
If you add the number of edges from the first and second row ($1+3=4$), they will always be less than or equal to the number of edges of the second row (5).

7.

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. X and Y be two disjoint sets, each consisting of n elements.

$A \subseteq X, B \subseteq Y, C \subseteq B, |A| + |B| = n$

Let k be an integer with $0 \leq k \leq n$. Determine the number of cool triples (A, B, C) for which $|A| = k$.



$$|A| = \binom{n}{k}$$

You are choosing k elements from n , which is in set $|X|$.

$$|B| = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

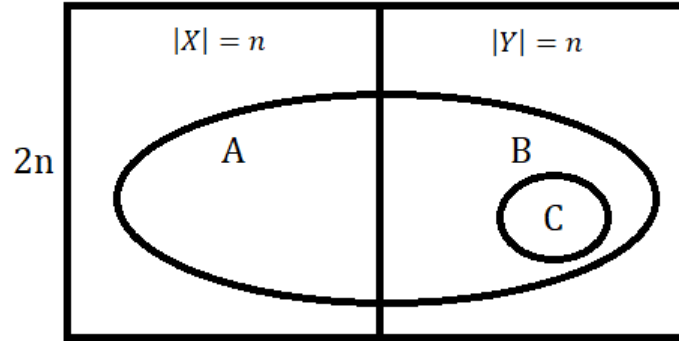
If set $|A| = k$, and $|A| + |B| = n$, then $|B| = n - k$. You are choosing $n - k$ elements from n , which is in set $|Y|$.

$$|C| = 2^{n-k}$$

The number of subsets is determined using 2^n , where $n = |B|$, which we defined as $n - k$. Therefore, the number of subsets for $|C|$ is 2^{n-k} .

\therefore when $|A| = k$ the number of cool triples is $\binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{n-k} \cdot 2^{n-k}$ OR $\binom{n}{k}^2 \cdot 2^{n-k}$.

Let k be an integer with $0 \leq k \leq n$. Determine the number of cool triples (A, B, C) for which $|C| = k$.



$$|C| = \binom{n}{k}$$

In this case $|C| = k$, so you are choosing k elements from n .

To determine our element choices for $|A \cap B|$ we must use the complement rule:

$$|U| - |U \setminus A|$$

$$|X| - |Y \setminus C|$$

$$n + (n - k)$$

$$2n - k$$

We removed the $|C|$ set from $|Y|$ to determine $|A \cap B|$.

$$|A \cap B| = \binom{2n - k}{n}$$

You are choosing n elements from sets $|A \cap B|$, and are excluding k , which is $|C|$.

\therefore when $|C| = k$ the number of cool triples is $\binom{n}{k} \binom{2n-k}{n}$

\therefore The two above results have shown that $\binom{n}{k}^2 \cdot 2^{n-k} = \binom{n}{k} \binom{2n-k}{n}$.

8.

$d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4 d_5$, whose digits are decreasing, i.e., $d_1 > d_2 > d_3 > d_4 > d_5$

A digit is comprised of numbers 0 to 9, where $n = 10$.

A 5-digit decreasing sequence means you must choose 5 distinct numbers, where $k = 5$.

\therefore if $\binom{n}{k}$, $\binom{10}{5}$ is the number of 5-digit sequences whose digits are decreasing.

$d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4 d_5$, whose digits are non-increasing, i.e., $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq d_3 \geq d_4 \geq d_5$

If we consider the numbers: $x_1 = d_1 - d_2$, $x_2 = d_2 - d_3$, $x_3 = d_3 - d_4$, $x_4 = d_4 - d_5$, $x_5 = d_5$, and we provide $d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4 d_5$ with values such as: $d_1 = 9$, $d_2 = 6$, $d_3 = 4$, $d_4 = 4$, $d_5 = 2$.

The values we receive will be:

$$x_1 = d_1 - d_2 = 9 - 6 = 3$$

$$x_2 = d_2 - d_3 = 6 - 4 = 2$$

$$x_3 = d_3 - d_4 = 4 - 4 = 0$$

$$x_4 = d_4 - d_5 = 4 - 2 = 2$$

$$x_5 = d_5 = 2$$

The sum of all the values $(3+2+0+2+2)$ will always equal 9 and that will be our maximum possible digit, n . We also know the number of digits we are adding is 5 digits, which will be our k value.

We can use the inequality formula $\binom{n+k}{k}$ to help determine the number of 5-digit sequences that are non-increasing.

\therefore if $\binom{n+k}{k}, \binom{14}{5}$ is the number of 5-digit sequences whose digits are non-increasing.

9.

Let S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{26} be sequence of 26 subsets of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, 9\}$. The 26 subsets consist of at most three elements.

If we begin to map the subsets we can show that there exists a sum from $0 = \{\text{empty set}\}$ up to the sum of $24 = \{7, 8, 9\}$. The elements in the subset are distinct digits from 1 to 9, which creates the upper bound for the sum of 24, and lower bound for the empty set of 0. The total number of sums or *pigeonholes* is 25 (including the empty set).

It is not possible for there to be a 26th sum because the lower bound was 0 and the upper bound was 24. This brings 25 sums or *pigeonholes* and that cannot fit the 26th subset or *pigeon*. There are more subsets than there are sums proving there is an extra subset or *pigeon*.