

CS 230 : Discrete Computational Structures

**Spring Semester, 2021**

ASSIGNMENT #10

**Due Date:** Monday, April 26

**Suggested Reading:** Rosen Sections 6.4 - 6.5.

These are the problems that you need to turn in. Always explain your answers and show your reasoning. **Spend time giving a complete solution. You will be graded based on how well you explain your answers. Just correct answers will not be enough!**

1. [5 Pts] Prove, using a combinatorial argument, that  $C(m+n, 2) = C(m, 2) + C(n, 2) + mn$ , where  $m, n \geq 2$ . To make your combinatorial argument, describe a problem that both the *lhs* and *rhs* expressions count.
  - (a) I have two raffles: Raffle A with  $m$  participants and raffle B with  $n$  participants
  - (b) How many ways are there to pick 2 tickets from raffle A and B pooled? Choose 2 from  $m+n$
  - (c) 3 possibilities: pick 2 only from Raffle A or Raffle B, or pick one from each bag
  - (d) Choose 2 from  $m$  + Choose 2 from  $n$  + Choose 1 from  $m$  and 1 from  $n$
  - (e)  $C(m+n, 2) = C(m, 2) + C(n, 2) + mn$  QED
2. [8 Pts] Prove, (a) using a combinatorial argument, and (b) using an algebraic proof, that  $P(n, 3)C(n-3, k-3) = C(n, k)P(k, 3)$ .
  - (a)
    - i. Imagine the LHS, from  $n$  writers, is picking three writers for 1st-3rd place then selecting  $k-3$  honorable mentions in no particular order from the remaining  $n-3$  writers.
    - ii. LHS guarantees 3 winners and  $k-3$  honorable mentions. This results in  $k$  potential victors.
    - iii. Imagine RHS is picking  $k$  potential winners from  $n$  writers and then selecting 1st-3rd place from that list of  $k$  writers, and the  $k-3$  not chosen are honorable mentions.
    - iv. This is removing 3 winners from a pool of  $k$  potential victors. It results in  $k-3$  honorable mentions and 3 winners.
    - v. LHS and RHS are the same QED
  - (b)
    - i.  $\frac{n!}{(n-3)!} * \frac{(n-3)!}{(k-3)!(n-3-(k-3))!} = \frac{n!}{(k)!(n-k)!} * \frac{k!}{(k-3)!}$
    - ii.  $\frac{n!}{1} * \frac{1}{(k-3)!(n-k)!} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} * \frac{1}{(k-3)!}$
    - iii.  $\frac{n!}{(n-k)!(k-3)!} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!(k-3)!}$  QED

3. [6 Pts] A cookie shop sells 5 different kinds of cookies. How many different ways are there to choose 16 cookies if (a) you pick at least two of each? (b) you pick at least 4 oatmeal cookies and at most 4 chocolate chip cookies?
- 10 cookies already chosen. Choose 6 cookies to place in 5 bins
  - $\frac{(6+5-1)!}{6!4!}$
  - $\frac{10!}{6!4!}$
- (b)
- Count combos where 4 oatmeal already picked
  - Subtract where 4 oatmeal already picked AND 5 or more chocolate chips picked
  - $\frac{(12+5-1)!}{12!4!} - \frac{(7+5-1)!}{7!4!}$
  - $\frac{16!}{12!4!} - \frac{11!}{7!4!}$
4. [9 Pts] How many solutions are there to the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 24$ , where  $x_i$  is a non-negative integer, for all  $i$ , if (a) there are no restrictions? (b)  $x_1 > 1$ ,  $x_2 > 2$ ,  $x_3 > 3$ ,  $x_4 > 4$ ? (c)  $x_1 > 4$  and  $x_3 < 5$ ?
- (a)
- 24 objects in 4 bins.
  - $\frac{(24+4-1)!}{24!3!}$
  - $\frac{27!}{24!3!}$
- (b)
- 14 items already placed. choose 10 to place into 4 bins
  - $\frac{(10+4-1)!}{10!3!}$
  - $\frac{13!}{10!3!}$
- (c)
- 5 objects already placed. Compute that total
  - Subtract the combinations where  $x_1 > 4$  (5 objects placed) AND  $x_3 \geq 5$  (5 objects placed)
  - $\frac{(19+4-1)!}{19!3!} - \frac{(14+4-1)!}{14!3!}$
  - $\frac{22!}{19!3!} - \frac{17!}{14!3!}$
5. [10 Pts] How many ways are there to split 30 people into three committees of 5 people each and five committees of 3 people each if (a) all eight committees have different tasks? (b) all eight committees have the same task? (c) the three 5-member committees and two of the 3-member committees are all given the same task while the remaining three 3-member committees are not given any task yet?
- (a)
- 30 choose 5 \* 25 choose 5 \* 20 choose 5 \* 15 choose 3 \* 12 choose 3 \* 9 choose 3 \* 6 choose 3 \* 3 choose 3
  - $\frac{30!}{5!25!} * \frac{25!}{5!20!} * \frac{20!}{5!15!} * \frac{15!}{3!12!} * \frac{12!}{3!!} * \frac{9!}{3!6!} * \frac{6!}{3!3!} * \frac{3!}{3!0!}$
  - $\frac{30!}{5!5!5!3!3!3!3!3!}$
- (b)
- Each pair of committees of size 5 is interchangeable and each pair of committees of size 3 is interchangeable. Division Rule on part a answer:
  - $\frac{30!}{(5!5!5!*3!)(3!3!3!3!*5!)}$
- (c)
- Use division rule on committees that are indistinguishable (same/no task)
  - $\frac{30!}{(5!5!5!*3!)(3!3!*2!)(3!3!3!*3!)}$

6. [6 Pts] How many ways are there to pack 6 different books into 6 identical boxes with no restrictions placed on how many can go in a box (some boxes can be empty)? What if the books are identical?
- (a) i. 6 distinguishable objects in 6 identical bins: 11 Cases enumerated by brute force: 6 — 5,1 — 4,2 — 4,1,1 — 3,3 — 3,2,1 — 3,1,1,1  
 ii. 6: 6 choose 6 = 1  
 iii. 5,1: 6 choose 5 ways = 6  
 iv. 4,2: 6 choose 4 =  $\frac{6!}{4!2!} = 15$   
 v. 4,1,1: 6 choose 4 =  $\frac{6!}{4!2!} = 15$   
 vi. 3,3: 6 choose 3, division rule to remove duplicates =  $\frac{6!}{3!3!}/2 = 10$   
 vii. 3,2,1: 6 choose 3 =  $\frac{6!}{3!3!} = 20$   
 viii. 3,1,1,1: 6 choose 3 =  $\frac{6!}{3!3!} = 20$   
 ix. 2,2,2: 6 choose 2, division rule to remove duplicates =  $\frac{6!}{2!4!}/3 = 5$   
 x. 2,2,1,1: 6 choose 2 =  $\frac{6!}{2!4!} = 15$   
 xi. 2,1,1,1,1: 6 choose 2 =  $\frac{6!}{2!4!} = 15$   
 xii. 1,1,1,1,1,1: 6 choose 1, division rule to remove duplicates =  $\frac{6!}{1!5!}/6 = 1$   
 xiii.  $1 + 6 + 15 + 15 + 10 + 20 + 20 + 5 + 15 + 15 + 1 = 123$  ways
- b) 6 identical objects in 6 identical bins: Just the # of cases! 11 ways
7. [6 Pts] How many ways can we place 12 books on a bookcase with 5 shelves if the books are (a) indistinguishable copies (b) all distinct? Note that the position of the books on the shelves matter.
- a) 12 identical objects in 5 distinguishable bins:  $\frac{(12+5-1)!}{12!4!} = \frac{16!}{12!4!}$   
 b)  $12!$  ways to order the 12 books. There are 13 spots to place 4 dividers  $13 * 4$  (5 bins). Every permutation of books has  $13 * 4$  ways to place the dividers.  $12! * 52$

For more practice, work on the problems from Rosen Sections 6.4 - 6.5.