Counting

What can we count?

- In how many ways can we paint 6 rooms, choosing from 15 available colors?
- What if we want all rooms painted with different colors?
- In how many different ways 10 books can be arranged on a shelf?
- What if 2 of those 10 books are identical copies?

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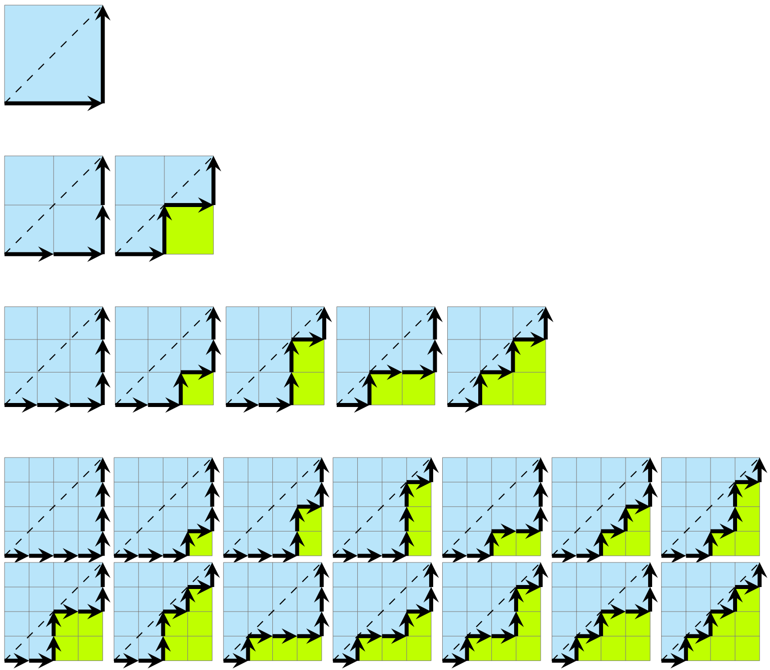

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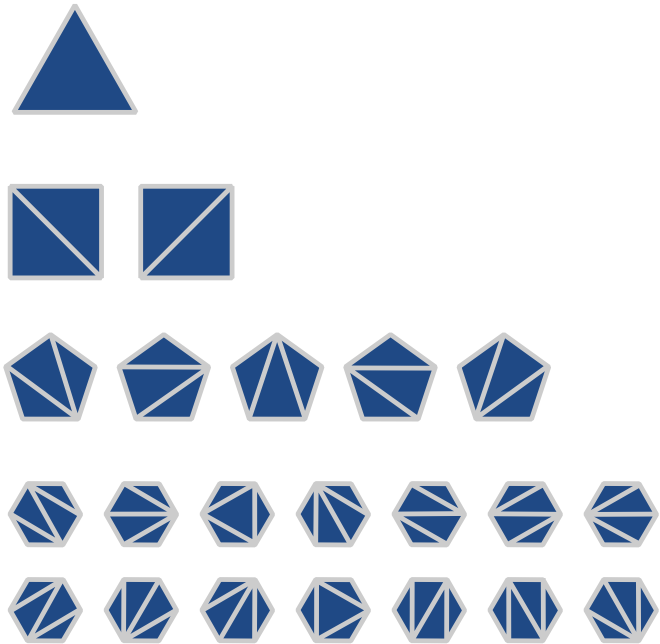

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\quad \textbf{for } n := 1 \textbf{ to } 100 \textbf{ do} \\
\qquad print\_label(a, n)
\end{array}
$$

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The value for each bit can be chosen in two ways (0 or 1). Therefore:

$$2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 2^7 = 128$$

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$$26^3 \cdot 10^4 = 175,760,000$$

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The Rule of Sum. If a task can be done either in one of n_1 ways or in one of n_2 ways, where none of the set of n_1 ways is the same as any of the set of n_2 ways, then there are $n_1 + n_2$ ways to do the task.

Note that it's important that the two groups don't have common elements (We say that they are disjoint sets).

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$$3 + 5 + 4 + 2 = 14.$$

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3 letters + 3 digits; 2 letters + 2 digits; and 1 letter + 1 digit.

AAA 111

AA 11

A 1

How many license plates can be made?

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A 1	A 11	A 111
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A new object

Def. A *set* is an unordered collection of objects. The objects are called elements.

If e is an element of the set A, we write $a \in A$.

Otherwise, if it's not in A, we write $a \notin A$.

Example:

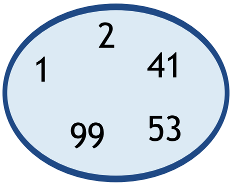
$$A = \{1, 2, 97, 3, 15\}.$$

$$1 \in A.$$

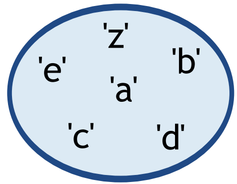
$$4 \notin A.$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

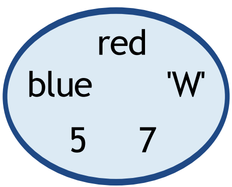
Sets



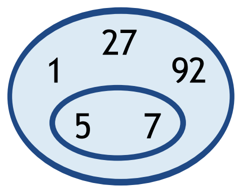
$A = \{1, 2, 41, 53, 99\}$



$B = \{\text{'a'}, \text{'z'}, \text{'e'}, \text{'d'}, \text{'c'}, \text{'b'}\}$



$C = \{\text{'W'}, \text{blue}, 5, \text{red}, 7\}$



$D = \{27, 1, \{5,7\}, 92\}$

Some important sets

Natural numbers

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0,\ 1,\ 2,\ 3,\ \ldots\}$$

Integer numbers

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\ldots,\ -3,\ -2,\ -1,\quad 0,\quad 1,\quad 2,\quad 3,\ \ldots\}$$

Empty set

$$\varnothing = \{\ \}$$

Set Builder Notation

We can describe sets using predicates:

$$A = \{x \mid P(x)\}$$

"Set A is such that $x \in A$ if and only if $P(x)$."

Example. Positive integers:

$$Z^+ = \left\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n > 0\right\} = \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$$

More complex predicates are fine too. Odd and even numbers:

$$Even = \left\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}\,(n = 2k)\right\}$$
$$Odd = \left\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}\,(n = 2k + 1)\right\}$$

Union, ∪

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Equivalently:

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Examples:

$$\{1,\ 2\} \cup \{\text{‘a’},\ \text{‘b’}\} = \{1,\ 2,\ \text{‘a’},\ \text{‘b’}\}$$
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Sets A and B are called *disjoint* if their intersection is empty: $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

Number of the elements of a finite set

Def. If set A is finite, and there are exactly n elements in S, then n is the *cardinality* of the set A. We write

$$|A| = n.$$

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{3,\ 4,\ 5,\ 6\} \\ |A| &= 4 \\ B &= \big\{\{3,\ 4\},\ \{5,\ 6\},\ 7\big\} \\ |B| &= 3 \\ |\varnothing| &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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This is the same *rule of sum*, right?

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Why do we insist on the sets being disjoint?

Really, who cares?

Because

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$$B = \{3,\ 4\}$$

$$\text{Their union: } A \cup B = \{1,\ 2,\ 3,\ 4\}$$

$$|A| + |B| = \big|\{1,\ 2\ ,3\}\big| + \big|\{3,\ 4\}\big| = 3 + 2 = 5$$

$$|A \cup B| = \big|\{1,\ 2,\ 3,\ 4\}\big| = 4$$

So, in general, $|A \cup B| \neq |A| + |B|$, and if we try to use the sum rule when the sets are not disjoint, we *overcount*, and this is really bad.

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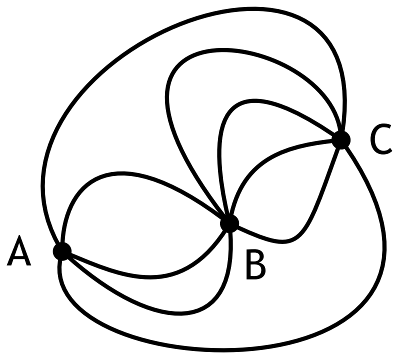

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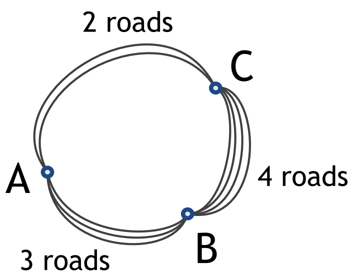

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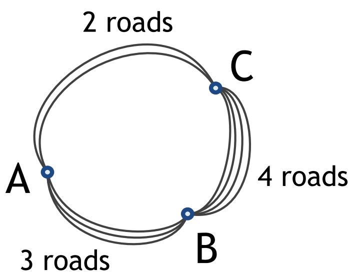

$A \to C$ or $A \to B \to C$:

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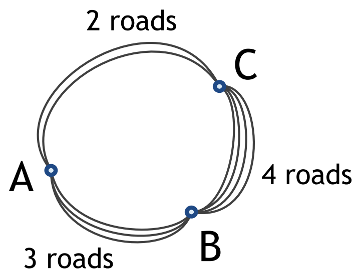

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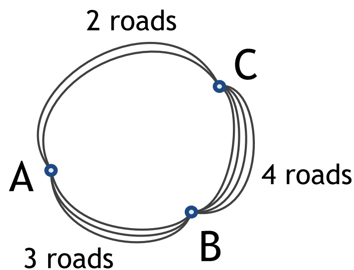

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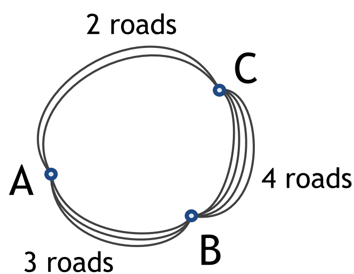

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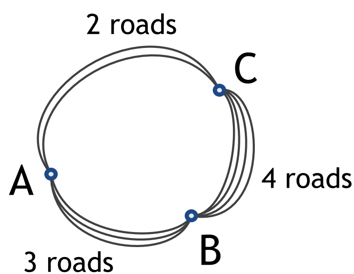

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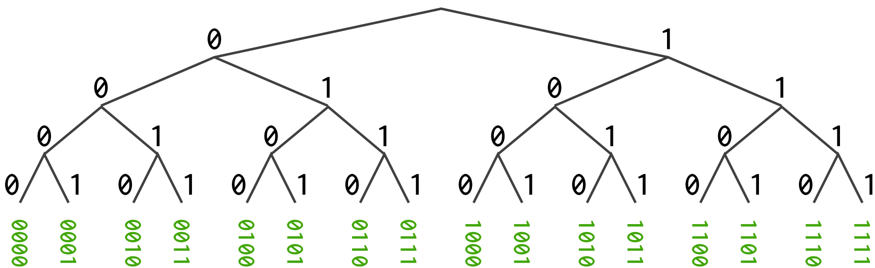

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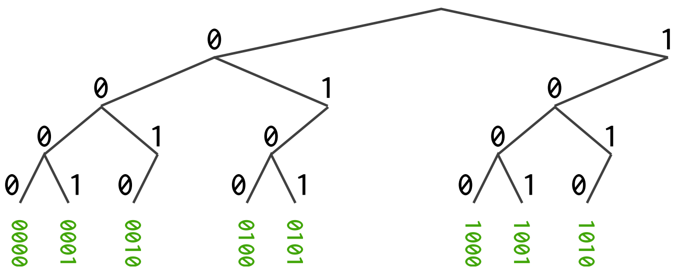

8 strings.

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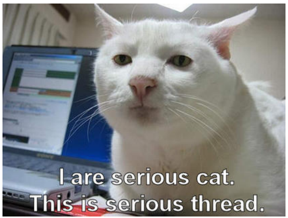

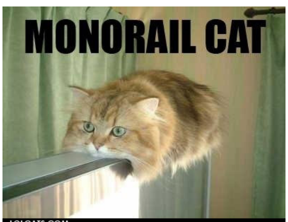

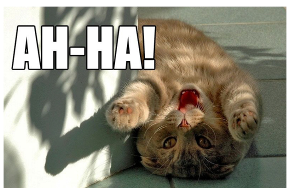

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$$6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \quad \text{ways!}$$

Factorial

How large this number is?

$$6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 720$$

This function is called *factorial* and denoted by $n!$:

$$1! = 1$$
$$2! = 2 \cdot 1$$
$$3! = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$
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$$5! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$
$$6! = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$
$$n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot (n-3) \cdot \ldots \cdot 1$$

and by convention,

$$0! = 1$$