


MATH1064 Cheatsheet

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1 Logic, inference, and proof

1.1 Truth tables

p	q	NOT p $\neg p$	p AND q $p \wedge q$	p OR q $p \vee q$	p XOR q $p \oplus q$	IF p THEN q $p \rightarrow q$	q IF AND ONLY IF p $p \iff q$
T	T	F	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	F	F	T	T

1.2 Logical equivalences

Logical equivalence	Name of law
$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$ $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$	De Morgan's laws
$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$ $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$	Distributive laws
$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$ $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$	Commutative laws
$(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$ $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$	Associative laws
$p \wedge \mathbf{T} \equiv p$ $p \vee \mathbf{F} \equiv p$	Identity laws
$p \vee \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T}$ $p \wedge \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}$	Universal bound laws
$p \vee \neg p \equiv \mathbf{T}$ $p \wedge \neg p \equiv \mathbf{F}$	Negation laws
$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	Double negation law
$p \wedge p \equiv p$ $p \vee p \equiv p$	Idempotent laws
$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$ $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$	Absorption laws

1.3 Equivalences for conditionals and biconditionals

Logical equivalence	Description
$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$	Expressing $p \rightarrow$ as $\neg p \vee$
$p \iff q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$	Expressing \iff as a conjunction of conditionals

1.4 Equivalences for quantifiers

Logical equivalence	Description
$\forall x \in D, P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)$	Expressing \forall as a conjunction of predicates
$\exists x \in D : P(x) \equiv P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n)$	Expressing \exists as a disjunction of predicates

1.5 Contrapositive, converse, and inverse of conditional statements

Given a conditional statement $p \rightarrow q$	
Contrapositive	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
Converse	$q \rightarrow p$
Inverse	$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

1.6 Negation of quantifiers

Given	Negation
$\forall x \in D, P(x)$	$\exists x \in D : \neg P(x)$
$\exists x \in D : P(x)$	$\forall x \in D, \neg P(x)$

1.7 Rules of inference

Rule of inference	Name
$\frac{p}{p \rightarrow q} \therefore q$	Modus ponens
$\frac{\neg q}{p \rightarrow q} \therefore \neg p$	Modus tollens
$\frac{p \rightarrow q}{q \rightarrow r} \therefore p \rightarrow r$	Hypothetical syllogism
$\frac{p \vee q}{\neg p} \therefore q$	Disjunctive syllogism
$\frac{p}{\therefore p \vee q}$	Addition/generalization
$\frac{p \wedge q}{\therefore p}$	Simplification/specialisation
$\frac{p}{q} \therefore p \wedge q$	Conjunction
$\frac{p \vee q}{\neg p \vee r}$	Resolution

1.8 Rules of inference for quantified statements

Rule of inference	Name
$\frac{\forall x P(x)}{\therefore P(c)}$	Universal instantiation
$\frac{P(c) \text{ for arbitrary } c}{\therefore \forall x P(x)}$	Universal generalisation
$\frac{\exists x P(x)}{\therefore P(c) \text{ for some } c}$	Existential instantiation
$\frac{P(c) \text{ for some } c}{\therefore \exists x P(x)}$	Existential generalisation

1.9 Proof methods

Name of proof	Step-by-step procedure	Effective use case
Direct proof	To prove $p \rightarrow q$: 1. assume p is true 2. show that q must also be true otherwise $p \rightarrow q$ is false since $\mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}$	When given a statement in the form $p \rightarrow q$
Proof by contraposition	Since $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$, to prove $p \rightarrow q$: 1. assume $\neg q$ is true 2. show that $\neg p$ must also be true otherwise $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ is false since $\mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}$, and therefore $p \rightarrow q$ is false.	When given a statement in the form $p \rightarrow q$, and direct proof failed.
Proof by contradiction	To prove p , 1. assume $\neg p$ is true 2. show that $\neg p$ leads to a contradiction, i.e. $\neg p \rightarrow (r \wedge \neg r)$. Otherwise, p is true.	When given a statement in the form p
Disproof by counterexample	To disprove $\forall x \in D, P(x)$, find one example for which $P(x)$ is false.	When given statements with universal quantifiers.
Proof by cases	To prove $\forall x \in D, P(x)$, 1. identify all cases for which the truthness/falsity of $P(x)$ may vary. 2. make assumptions WLOG where necessary 3. show that all cases prove $P(x)$ true/false.	When it appears that you can prove one example and every other example will follow.

1.10 Without loss of generality (WLOG)

Without loss of generality (WLOG) is the act of making a simplifying assumption along the lines of: "if this simple case is true, then trivially every other cases must be true".

2 Sets, functions, sequences, sums

2.1 Union, intersection, difference, complement, subset

Name	Set operation	Description
Union	$A \cup B$	All elements that are in A or B or both
Intersection	$A \cap B$	All elements that are both in A and B
Difference	$A \setminus B$	All elements that are in A but not in B
Complement	\overline{A}	All elements in the universal set that are not in A
Subset	$A \subseteq B$	A is a subset of B ; every element in A is also in B
Proper subset	$A \subsetneq B$	A is a subset of B and $A \neq B$.

2.2 Set identities and their logic counterparts

Set	Logic
\cap (intersection)	\wedge (and)
\cup (union)	\vee (or)
\overline{A} (complement)	\neg (not)
U (universal set)	T (tautology)
\emptyset (empty set)	F (contradiction)

2.3 Cardinality, power set, and cartesian product of sets

Name	Operation	Description	Given $A = \{p, q\}$, $B = \{r, s\}$
Cardinality	$ A $	Number of elements in A	$ A = 2$
Power set (Size of set = 2^n)	$\mathcal{P}(A)$	Set of all subsets of A including the empty set	$\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{p\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}\}$
Cartesian product (Size of set = $ A \cdot B $)	$A \times B$	Set of all ordered n -tuples from A and B	$A \times B = \{(p, r), (p, s), (q, r), (q, s)\}$

2.4 Proof methods for set equivalences

To prove $A = B$, show that $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$	
Method	Step-by-step procedure
Element method	To prove $A \subseteq B$, 1. let $x \in A$ 2. construct worded proof with set operations to arrive at $x \in B$
Logical equivalences	To prove $A \subseteq B$, 1. let $x \in A$ 2. rewrite set operators with their logical counterparts 3. derive $x \in B$ from $x \in A$ using logical equivalences

2.5 Domain, codomain, preimage, image, range of functions

Given $f : X \rightarrow Y$		Given $f(x) = y$	
Terminology	Description	Terminology	Description
Domain (X)	All possible inputs for f	Preimage (x)	$x \in X$ that is mapped to some $y \in Y$ by f
Codomain (Y)	All possible outputs for f	Image (y)	$y \in Y$ to which some $x \in X$ is mapped by f

2.6 Injective, surjective, bijective, and composite functions

Function type	Definition
Injective (one-to-one)	A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ where $\forall x \in X$, x is assigned a different $y \in Y$, and $ X \leq Y $.
Surjective (onto)	A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ where all $\forall y \in Y$, y is an image of some $x \in X$, and $ X \geq Y $.
Bijjective (one-to-one correspondence)	A function that is both injective and surjective, where $ X = Y $
Composite	A function $(f \circ g)(a) = f(g(a))$ where a function f takes another function g as input.

2.7 Proving injection, surjection, and non-existent functions

What to prove	How to prove
$f : X \rightarrow Y$ is injective	1) If a graph of f is given or derivable, commit horizontal line test 2) Alternatively, show that if $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ for arbitrary $x_1, x_2 \in X$ with $x_1 \neq x_2$, then $x_1 = x_2$.
$f : X \rightarrow Y$ is NOT injective	Show that $\exists x_1, x_2 \in X$ such that $x_1 \neq x_2$ and $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$
$f : X \rightarrow Y$ is surjective	Show that $\forall y \in Y, \exists x \in X$ such that $f(x) = y$
$f : X \rightarrow Y$ is NOT surjective	Show that $\exists y \in Y$ such that $\forall x \in X, f(x) \neq y$
$f : X \rightarrow Y$ is not a function	1) If a graph of f is given or derivable, commit vertical line test if there exists a vertical line that intersects the graph more than once, then f is not a function. 2) If the expression for f is given, make y the subject and prove algebraically that there are more than one value for y .

2.8 Arithmetic and geometric sequences, and recurrence

Name of sequence	Definition	n -th Term	Series
Arithmetic sequence	$\{a, a + d, a + 2d, \dots, a + nd\}$, where a is the initial term and d is difference	$a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$	$S_n = n(\frac{a_1 + a_n}{2})$
Geometric sequence	$\{a, ar, ar^2, \dots, ar^n\}$, where a is the initial term and r is common ratio	$a_n = ar^{n-1}$	$S_n = a_1(\frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r})$

2.9 Fibonacci and factorials sequences

Name of sequence	Definition
Fibonacci sequence	a sequence $\{f_0, f_1, f_2\}$ defined by initial conditions $f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1$ and the recurrence relation $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ for $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$
Factorials sequence	$(n!)_{n \geq 0} = \{1, 1, 2, 6, 24, 120, \dots\}$, or defined recursively as $0! = 1, n! = (n - 1)! \times n$ for $n \geq 1$

2.10 Summation notation

To represent the sum of some sequence $a_m + a_{m+1} + \dots + a_n$, we write:

$$\sum_{i=m}^n a_i$$

2.11 Summation definitions

Property	Definition
Addition/subtraction over the same range	$\sum_{i=m}^n a_i \pm \sum_{i=m}^n b_i = \sum_{i=m}^n (a_i \pm b_i)$
Taking out a common factor	$\sum_{i=m}^n ca_i = c \sum_{i=m}^n a_i$
Combining consecutive indices	$\sum_{i=p}^q a_i + \sum_{i=q+1}^r a_i = \sum_{i=p}^r a_i \text{ if } p \leq q \leq r$
Index shift	$\sum_{i=m}^n a_i = \sum_{i=m+p}^{n+p} a_{i-p} = \sum_{i=m-q}^{n-q} a_{i+q}$
Telescoping sums	$\sum_{i=m}^n (a_i - a_{i+1}) = a_m - a_{n+1} \text{ if } m \leq n$

3 Number theory

3.1 Addition, multiplication, and transitivity theorems of divisibility

Theorem	Definition
Addition	If $a b$ and $a c$, then $a (b+c)$
Multiplication	If $a b$, then $a bc$ for all $c \in \mathbb{Z}$
Transitivity	If $a b$ and $b c$, then $a c$

3.2 Quotient-Remainder theorem

Quotient-Remainder Theorem
Given integer $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then there exists Two unique integers q and r , with $0 \leq r < b$, such that $a = bq + r$

3.3 Expressions for quotient and remainder

Expressions for quotient (q) and remainder (r)
$q = a \operatorname{div} d = \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor$ $r = a \operatorname{mod} d = a - (d \times \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor)$

3.4 Lemma: bounds for divisors

Bounds for divisors
Let $n, d \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $ n \geq 1$ and $d n$, then $0 < d \leq n $

3.5 Congruence definition

Congruence
$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ denotes that a is congruent to $b \pmod{m}$ if and only if $m (a-b)$

3.6 Congruence theorems

Theorem 1
If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then a and b are congruent modulo m if and only if $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = b + km$
Theorem 2
Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$ and $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$

3.7 Definitions and theorems for primes

Name	Definition
Prime number	Given $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $p > 1$, p is prime if the only positive factors of p are 1 and p .
Fundamental theorem of arithmetic	$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $x > 1$, x can be written uniquely as a prime, or as a product of 2 or more primes where the prime factors are written in order of nondecreasing size.
Composite integer	$k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ is a composite integer if $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ where $a < k$ and $b < k$, such that $k = ab$.
Relatively prime	Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, a and b are relatively prime if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$
Pairwise relatively prime	$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$ are pairwise relatively prime if $\gcd(a_i, a_j) = 1$ whenever $1 \leq i < j \leq n$

3.8 GCD and LCM definitions

Name	Definition
Greatest Common Divisor	Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$. The GCD of a and b , denoted $\gcd(a, b)$ is d such that $d a$ and $d b$
Least Common Multiple	The LCM of a and b , denoted $\text{lcm}(a, b)$, is the smallest $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $a k$ and $b k$
Relationship between GCD and LCM of $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$	$ab = \gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b)$

3.9 Finding GCD and LCM via prime factorization

Suppose the prime factorization of $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ are: $a = p_1^{a_1} \cdot p_2^{a_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{a_n}$ $b = p_1^{b_1} \cdot p_2^{b_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{b_n}$	
What to find	How
GCD	$\gcd(a, b) = (P_1^{\min(a_1, b_1)})(P_2^{\min(a_2, b_2)}) \dots (P_n^{\min(a_n, b_n)})$
LCM	$\text{lcm}(a, b) = (P_1^{\max(a_1, b_1)})(P_2^{\max(a_2, b_2)}) \dots (P_n^{\max(a_n, b_n)})$

3.10 Finding GCD via Euclidean algorithm (*Credits: Anthony Cheung*)

Euclidean algorithm	
Step	What to do
1	Calculate $a \div b$ to find quotient q and remainder r that satisfy $a = bq + r$
2	Case I. If $r = 0$, then conclude that $\gcd(a, b) = b$
3	Case II. Else if $r \neq 0$, then repeat steps 1 and 2 but calculate $\gcd(b, r)$ instead

Example: $\gcd(345, 92) = 23$

dividend		divisor		quotient		remainder
345	=	92	×	3	+	69
92	=	69	×	1	+	23
69	=	23	×	3	+	0
		gcd				STOP

3.11 Verifying prime using trial division

Trial division
Given $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, a is prime, if for all primes $k \leq \sqrt{a}$, $k \nmid a$.

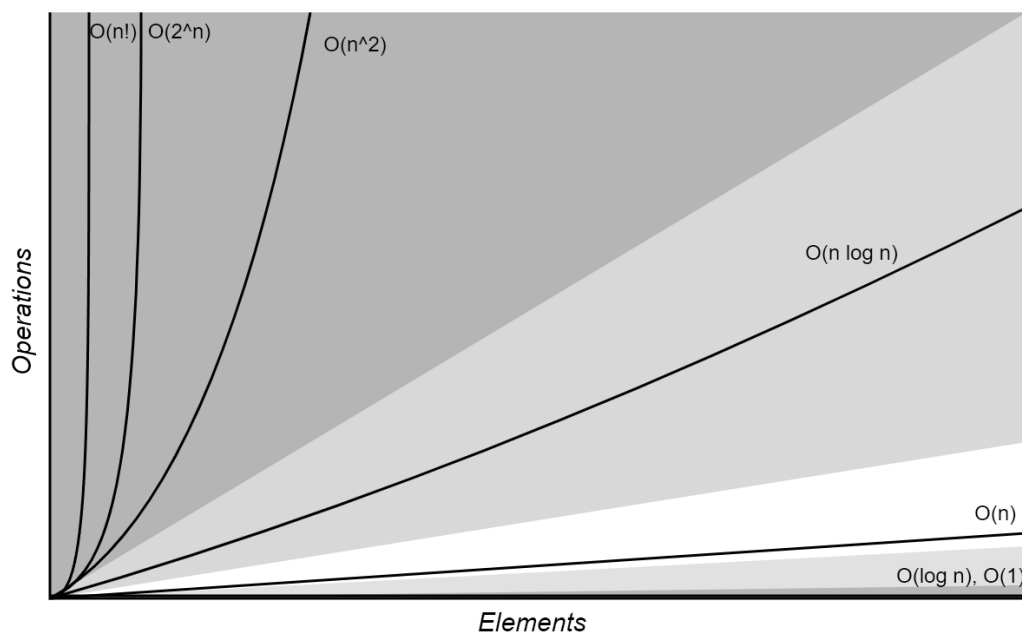
4 O-Notation, mathematical induction, recursion

4.1 Big O, Big Ω , Big Θ

O-Notation	Definition
Worst-case complexity (O) "f(x) grows SLOWER than g(x)"	$f(x)$ is $O(g(x))$ if and only if $\forall x > k, f(x) \leq C g(x) $, for some constants C and k .
Best-case complexity (Ω) "f(x) grows FASTER than g(x)"	$f(x)$ is $\Omega(g(x))$ if and only if $\forall x > k, f(x) \geq C g(x) $, for some positive constants C and k .
Average-case complexity (Θ) "f(x) grows at the SAME RATE as g(x)"	$f(x)$ is $\Theta(g(x))$ if and only if $f(x) \in O(g(x))$ and $f(x) \in \Omega(g(x))$. That is, $C_1 g(x) \leq f(x) \leq C_2 g(x) $ for positive constants C_1, C_2, k

4.2 Big O complexity order

Big O complexity order
$O(1) < O(\log(n)) < O(n) < O(n \log(n)) < O(n^2) < O(2^n) < O(n!)$



4.3 Some O-Notation properties

#	Property
1	$f(n) \in O(f(n))$
2	$O(c \cdot f(n)) = O(f(n))$
3	$O(f(n) + f(n)) = O(f(n))$
4	$O(f(n)g(n)) = f(n) \cdot O(g(n))$

4.4 Triangle inequality

Triangle inequality
$ a + b \leq a + b $
Useful for problems in the form $a + b \in O(g(n))$, $a + b \in \Omega(g(n))$, or $a + b \in \Theta(g(n))$

4.5 Induction - intuition and definition

Point	Explanation
Intuition	<p>Suppose we have a ladder, and</p> <p>(1) We can reach the first rung of the ladder <i>#BASIS</i></p> <p>(2) If we can reach a particular rung of the ladder, then we can reach the next rung <i>#INDUCTIVE HYPOTHESIS</i></p> <p><i>#INDUCTION</i>: By (1), we can reach the first rung. By (2), since we can reach the first rung, then we can reach the second rung. Then by (2) again, since we can reach the second rung, then we can reach the third rung. Repeating (2), we can show that we can reach the fourth rung, the fifth, and so on.</p>
Definition	<p>To prove $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, P(n)$, we complete two steps:</p> <p>(1) Basis step: Verify that $P(1)$ is true</p> <p>(2) Inductive step: Show that $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+, P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$. To do this you assume $P(k)$ is true (inductive hypothesis). Then, show that if $P(k)$ is true, then $P(k+1)$ must also be true.</p>

4.6 Template for induction

Step	What to do
1	Express statement to be proved in the form " $\forall n \geq b, P(n)$ for a fixed b "
2	BASIS STEP: Show that $P(b)$ is true
3	<p>INDUCTIVE STEP:</p> <p>(3.1) State inductive hypothesis in the form "assume that $P(k)$ is true for an arbitrary fixed integer $k \geq b$"</p> <p>(3.2) State what $P(k+1)$ says, ie. what needs to be proved under inductive hypothesis</p> <p>(3.3) Prove $P(k+1)$ using assumption $P(k)$</p>
4	State the conclusion, e.g. " \therefore By induction, $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $n \geq b, P(n)$."

4.7 Template for closed formula

Step	What to do
1	BASIS STEP: Verify initial conditions for which T_n is true
2	<p>INDUCTIVE STEP:</p> <p>(2.1) Rewrite T_{k+1} in terms of previous terms, eg. T_k</p> <p>(2.2) Use the inductive hypothesis T_k to prove T_{k+1}</p>

4.8 Template for linear homogeneous recurrence relation

Given a linear homogeneous recurrence relation $a_n = \alpha_1 a_{n-1} + \alpha_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + \alpha_k a_{n-k}$	
Step	What to do
1	Get characteristic polynomial: $x^k - \alpha_1 x^{k-1} - \alpha_2 x^{k-2} - \dots - \alpha_k x^0 = 0$
2	Factor: $x^k - \alpha_1 x^{k-1} - \alpha_2 x^{k-2} - \dots - \alpha_k x^0 = (x - \lambda_1)(x - \lambda_2) \dots (x - \lambda_k)$
3	<p>Write roots as sum with coefficients determined by the initial conditions</p> <p>(3a) For any roots λ_a and λ_b, if $\lambda_a \neq \lambda_b$, write their sum as $A\lambda_a^n + B\lambda_b^n$ for constants A, B</p> <p>(3b) For any roots λ_a and λ_b, if $\lambda_a = \lambda_b$, write their sum as $A\lambda^n + B\lambda^n$, where $\lambda = \lambda_a = \lambda_b$, for constants A, B</p> <p>Initial conditions of the recurrence relation determine constants A, B, \dots</p>
4	<p>Repeating step (3) until the last term and write the general solution</p> <p>Example: Given recurrence relation of order 4 with factors in step (2) $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \neq \lambda_3 \neq \lambda_4$, the general solution is given by $a_n = A\lambda^n + B\lambda^n + C\lambda_3^n + D\lambda_4^n$, where $\lambda = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2$, for constants A, B, C, D</p>

5 Counting

5.1 Product, sum, subtraction, division rules

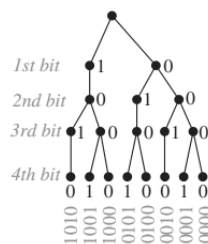
Rule	Definition
Product rule	Given a procedure with two tasks, where 1. The first task can be done in n_1 ways 2. The second task can be done in n_2 ways The total number of ways to do the procedure is $n_1 \times n_2$
Sum rule	Given a task that can be done in one of n_1 ways or in one of n_2 , where n_1 and n_2 are mutually exclusive, then the total number of ways to do the task is $n_1 + n_2$
Subtraction rule	If a task can be done in ONLY either n_1 ways or n_2 ways, then the number of ways to do the task is $n_1 + n_2 - M$, where M is the number of ways common to both ways. In set notation: $ A_1 \cup A_2 = A_1 + A_2 - A_1 \cap A_2 $
Division rule	Given a task that can be done in n ways which can be, categorized into d groups, the total number of ways to do the task is $\frac{n}{d}$ In set notation: If a set A is the union of n pairwise disjoint subsets each with d elements, then $n = \frac{ A }{d}$

5.2 Relevant applications of the product rule

Example	By product rule
No. of functions from a set with n elements to a set with m elements	m^n
No. of injective functions from a set with n elements to a set with m elements	$m \times (m-1) \times (m-2) \times \dots \times (n-m+1)$
No. of subsets of a finite set S	$ \mathcal{P}(S) = 2^{ S }$

5.3 Tree diagrams

Tree diagrams
Counting problems can sometimes be solved using tree diagrams where each branch represent a possible choice



Example: There are 8 bit strings of length 4 without consecutive 1s

5.4 Permutation: definition, theorem, corollaries

Definition of permutation
A permutation of a set of distinct objects is an ordered arrangement of these objects. An r -permutation is said to be an ordered arrangement of r elements of a set.

Useful theorem for permutation
Given $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $1 \leq r \leq n$, the r -permutations of a set with n distinct elements is given by $P(n, r) = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times \dots \times (n-r+1)$
Corollary 1
If n and r are integers with $0 \leq r \leq n$, then $P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$
Corollary 2
$P(n, n) = n!$

5.5 Combination: definition, theorem, corollary

Definition of combination
An r -combination of elements of a set with n elements is an unordered selection of r elements from the set. Common notations include $\binom{n}{r}$, $C(n, r)$, and nC_r

Useful theorem for combinations
Given $n, r \in \mathbb{Z}$, where $n \geq 0$ and $0 \leq r \leq n$, the number of r -permutations of a set with n elements is $C(n, r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$
Corollary
Let $n, r \in \mathbb{Z}$, with $n, r \geq 0$ and $r \leq n$, then $C(n, r) = C(n, n-r)$

5.6 Choosing k elements from n + order and repetition

	Order matters	Order doesn't matter
Repetition is allowed	n^k	$\binom{k+n-1}{n-1}$
Repetition is not allowed	$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$	$\binom{n}{k}$

5.7 Binomial theorem

Binomial theorem
Let x and y be variables, and let n be a nonnegative integer. Then, we have: $(x+y)^n = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} x^{n-j} y^j = \binom{n}{0} x^n + \binom{n}{1} x^{n-1} y + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} x y^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} y^n$
Corollary 1
Let n be a nonnegative integer. Then, $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$
Corollary 2
Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then, $\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} = 0$
Corollary 3
Let n be a nonnegative number. Then, $\sum_{k=0}^n 2^k \binom{n}{k} = 3^n$

5.8 Pascal's identity and triangle

Pascal's identity
Let $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $n \geq k$. Then, $\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$

Pascal's triangle

$\binom{0}{0}$		1
$\binom{1}{0} \binom{1}{1}$		1 1
$\binom{2}{0} \binom{2}{1} \binom{2}{2}$	By Pascal's identity:	1 2 1
$\binom{3}{0} \binom{3}{1} \binom{3}{2} \binom{3}{3}$	$\binom{6}{4} + \binom{6}{5} = \binom{7}{5}$	1 3 3 1
$\binom{4}{0} \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{2} \binom{4}{3} \binom{4}{4}$		1 4 6 4 1
$\binom{5}{0} \binom{5}{1} \binom{5}{2} \binom{5}{3} \binom{5}{4} \binom{5}{5}$		1 5 10 10 5 1
$\binom{6}{0} \binom{6}{1} \binom{6}{2} \binom{6}{3} \binom{6}{4} \binom{6}{5} \binom{6}{6}$		1 6 15 20 15 6 1
$\binom{7}{0} \binom{7}{1} \binom{7}{2} \binom{7}{3} \binom{7}{4} \binom{7}{5} \binom{7}{6} \binom{7}{7}$		1 7 21 35 35 21 7 1
$\binom{8}{0} \binom{8}{1} \binom{8}{2} \binom{8}{3} \binom{8}{4} \binom{8}{5} \binom{8}{6} \binom{8}{7} \binom{8}{8}$		1 8 28 56 70 56 28 8 1
...		...

5.9 Inclusion-exclusion

Lemmas for the size of set union
No of elements in 2 sets: $ A \cup B = A + B - A \cap B $
No of elements in 3 sets: $ A \cup B \cup C = A + B + C - A \cap B - A \cap C - B \cap C + A \cap B \cap C $

Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion
Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be finite sets. Then the size of set union of n sets is given by:
$ A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n = \sum_i A_i - \sum A_i \cap A_j + \sum_{i < j < k} A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k - \sum_{i < j < k < \ell} A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k \cap A_\ell + \dots \pm A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n $
In short, you simply follow:
1. Add the size of each set individually
2. Subtract all two-way intersections
3. Add all three-way intersections
4. Subtract all four-way intersections
5. Add all five-way intersections
And so on...

5.10 Pigeonhole principle + generalized form

Pigeonhole principle
If you have n pigeons sitting in k pigeonholes, and if $n > k$, then at least one of the pigeonholes contains at least two pigeons.

Generalised pigeonhole principle
If you have n pigeons sitting in k pigeonholes, and if $n > k \cdot m$, then at least one of the pigeonholes contains at least $m + 1$ pigeons.

5.11 Catalan numbers, balanced strings, dyck paths

Balanced strings
A string is a sequence of brackets where order matters
A balanced string is a string where all opening bracket "(" is closed with a ")"
Examples:))((and (() not balanced, meanwhile ()() and (()) are balanced.

Catalan numbers

A sequence of natural numbers such that the n -th term is given by $C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ for $n \geq 0$

[Click here for 6 proofs of the catalan numbers](#)

First few terms:

$C_0 = 1, C_1 = 1, C_2 = 2, C_3 = 5, C_4 = 14, C_5 = 42, C_6 = 132, C_7 = 429, C_8 = 1430, \dots$

Catalan numbers for balanced strings

A catalan number C_n represent all possible combinations of balanced strings with n opening brackets

Example: By C_3 , there are 5 balanced strings when there are 3 opening and 3 closing brackets, ie. $((()))$, $()()()$, $(())()$, $()(())$, $((()())$

Catalan numbers for dyck paths

A catalan number C_n represent all dyck paths in a $n \times n$ grid, ie. monotonic lattice paths that stays below the diagonal line

Example: By C_4 , there are 14 dyck paths in a 4×4 grid.

