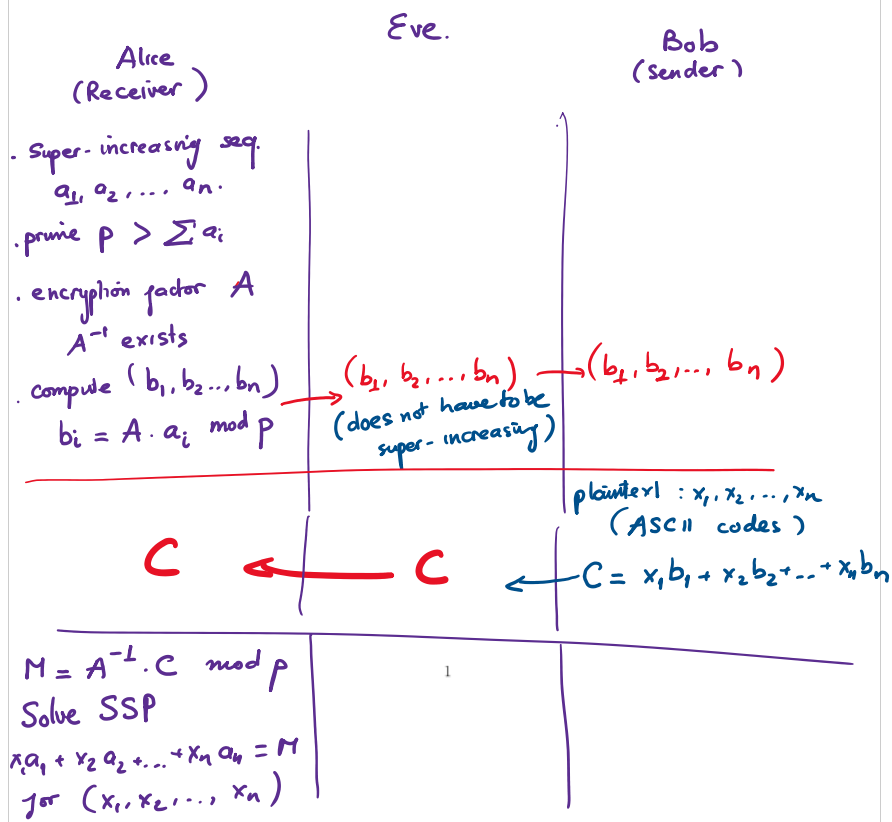


- Exam on Friday (4/20)
- Assigned seating on TritonED later this week.
- 1 sheet of note (both sides)  
↳ do whatever you want.

• Table mod 2G  
will be provided.

Day 07 - Basic Counting Problems

### Merkle-Hellman Knapsack



**Example.** Alice picks the super increasing sequence

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_8) = (2, 5, 9, 22, 47, 99, 203, 409)$$

the prime  $p = 997$  and the encryption factor  $A = 60$ .

a. Compute the sequence  $b_i$ 's that Alice will publish

$$b_i = A \cdot a_i \mod p$$

$$60 * 2 \mod p = 120$$

$$60 * 5 \mod p = 300 \gg \text{Mod} [60 * \{2, 5, 9, \dots, 409\}, 997]$$

$\vdots$

b. Suppose Bob wants to send the letter "b" (ASCII code: 01100010) to Alice. Find his ciphertext  $C$ .

$$b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$$

$$C = 0 * b_1 + 1 * b_2 + 1 * b_3 + \dots + 1 * b_7 + 0 * b_8$$

c. Suppose Alice receives  $C = 1255$  from Bob. Decrypt this message.

Alice needs  $A^{-1} \mod p$ . (Berlekamp's algorithm)

$$\gg \text{PowerMod} [60, -1, 997] = 781$$

$\text{PowerMod} [A, n, p]$  computes  $A^n \mod p$

Alice computes  $M$  by  $M = A^{-1} \cdot C \mod p$

$$\gg \text{Mod} [781 * 1255, 997] = 104.$$

lastly, solve subset-sum problem.  $x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_8 a_8 = M$

$$x_1(2) + x_2(5) + x_3(9) + \dots + x_8(409) = 104$$

Subtract the biggest  $a_i$  possible from RHS

$$104 = 99 + 5$$

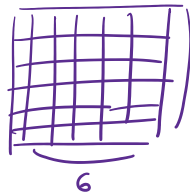
$$X = (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0)$$

## Basic Counting Problems and Probability

**Example.** Suppose the letters  $A, D, F, G, V, X$  are written on six cards. In how many ways can a four-letter words be formed (by putting together four different cards)?

(A) (D) (F) (G) (V) (X)  
(D) (G) (A) (X)

How many keys for ADFGVX?



$= 36$  cells

# keys = # of way I can pick a value (number or letter) for each cell.

6 choices for the first card  
5 \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4th card

In total:  $6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = 360$   
4-letter words

$\frac{6!}{(6-4)!}$

$(1,2) \neq (2,1)$

**Definition 1 (Permutation).** If an **ordered list** or **permutation** of  $k$  objects is to be formed by selecting from a collection of  $n$  objects (where  $k \leq n$ ) then there are

$$n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-k+2) \cdot (n-k+1)$$

ways to do form this list. We denote this value by

$$P(n, k) := n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-k+2) \cdot (n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

36 choices for 1st cell  
35 \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd  
34 \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd  
:  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ 35th  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ last  
Total =  $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots 36$   
 $= 36!$

**Example.** How many different five-card hands are possible from a standard deck of 52 poker cards?

Here, order does not matter  $(3\heartsuit, 5\spadesuit) = (5\spadesuit, 3\heartsuit)$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\# of ways to pick} \\ \text{and order 5 cards} \\ \text{from 52} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\# of ways to} \\ \text{pick 5 cards} \\ \text{from 52} \end{array} \right) \times \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\# of ways to} \\ \text{order 5 cards} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\# of ways to} \\ \text{pick 5 cards} \\ \text{out of 52} \end{array} \right) = \frac{(\text{\# of ways to pick \& order 5 card/52})}{(\text{\# of ways to order 5 cards})}$$

$$= \frac{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{5!} = \frac{P(52, 5)}{5!}$$

$$= \frac{52! / (52-5)!}{5!} = \frac{52!}{5! (52-5)!}$$

**Definition 2** (Combination). The number of **unordered selections** of combinations of  $n$  objects selected  $k$  at a time is given by

$$C(n, k) = \frac{P(n, k)}{k!} = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

This is called binomial coefficient, read "n choose k."

**Definition 3** (Probability). For an experiment where there are  $n$  different equally likely possible outcomes, then the **probability** of a result that can occur in  $k$  possible ways is given by  $\frac{k}{n}$ . (an event)

**Example.** Find the probability of the following

1. Rolling a 2 with a fair six-sided die  $= \frac{1}{6}$    
 (the outcome of getting 2)   
 total # of outcomes

2. Rolling an even number with a fair six-sided die   
 $= \frac{3}{6}$    
 3 outcomes: 2, 4, or 6

3. A box contains 100 colored balls: 14 reds, 23 blues, 45 greens, and 18 yellows. One ball is picked (blindly) from the box. Find the probability that the ball you pick

(a) is green  $= \frac{45}{100} = 0.45$

(b) is either yellow or red  $= \frac{18 + 14}{100} = \frac{32}{100} = 0.32$

(c) is not blue  $= \frac{45 + 18 + 14}{100} = \frac{77}{100} = 0.77$

prob. of not getting a blue  $= 1 - \text{prob. of getting a blue} = 1 - \frac{23}{100}$

In general,

1. If  $p$  is the probability of an experimental result then  $0 \leq p \leq 1$
2. If  $p$  and  $q$  are probabilities of **mutually exclusive results**  $P$  and  $Q$  then the probability of the result " $P$  or  $Q$ " is  $p + q$
3. If  $p$  is the probability of a result  $P$  then the probability of the result "not  $P$ " is  $1 - p$

**Example.** There are 20 red balls and 30 blue balls in a box. If we (blindly) pick two balls from the box, what is the probability that

• both chosen balls are red?  $= \frac{\text{total} = 50}{\text{\# of outcomes that both balls are Red}} = \frac{\binom{20}{2}}{\binom{50}{2}} = \frac{\frac{20!}{2! 18!}}{\frac{50!}{2! 48!}} = \frac{\frac{19 \cdot 20}{2}}{\frac{49 \cdot 50}{2}} = \dots = 0.155$

• both chosen balls are blue?

$$= \frac{\binom{30}{2}}{\binom{50}{2}} = \dots = 0.355$$

• the colors are different?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{color are different}) &= 1 - P(\text{colors are the same}) \\ &= 1 - [P(2R) + P(2B)] \\ &= 1 - [0.155 + 0.355] = 0.49 \end{aligned}$$

**Example.** If there are 50 people in a room, what is the probability that at least two have the same birthday? (Ignore leap year)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{at least 2 have same bday}) &= 1 - P(\text{everyone has different bday}) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{\text{\# of ways to assign 50 different days to 50 different ppl}}{\text{total \# of ways of giving 50 ppl their bday}} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363 \cdots (365 - 50 + 1)}{365^{50}} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{P(365, 50)}{365^{50}}
 \end{aligned}$$

In general,  $k$  ppl:  $P(\text{at least 2 have same bday}) = 1 - \frac{P(365, k)}{365^k}$

$n$	1	2	3	10	20	30	40	50
$p$	0	0.0027	0.0082	0.117	0.411	0.706	0.891	0.97

