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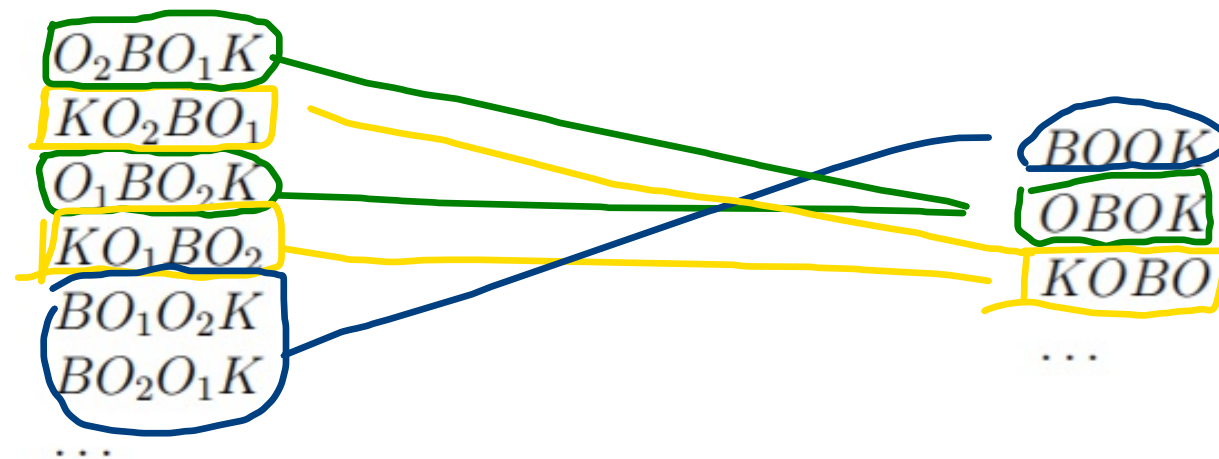
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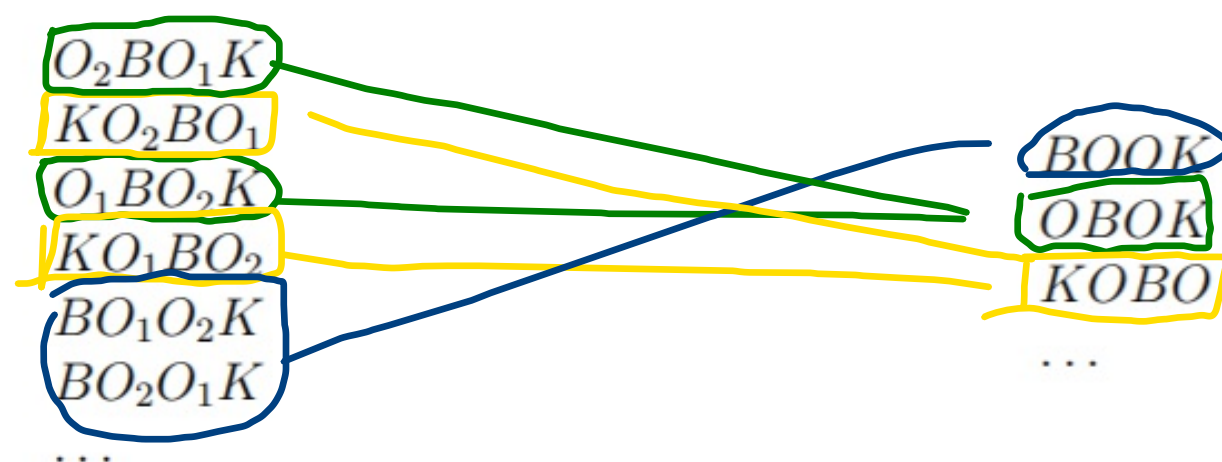
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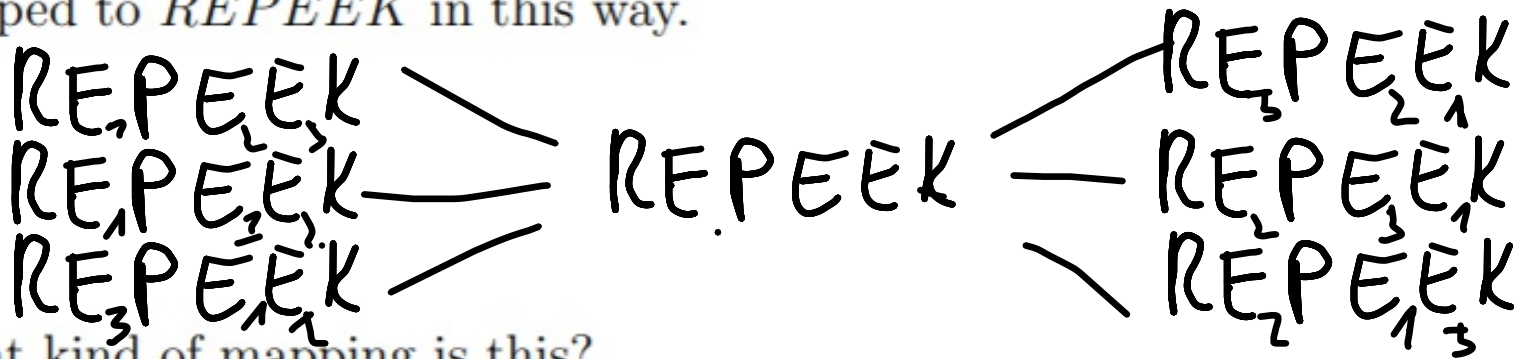
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6. Very good, young master! How many arrangements are there of the letters in  $KE_1E_2PE_3R$ ?

7. Suppose we map each arrangement of  $KE_1E_2PE_3R$  to an arrangement of  $KEEPER$  by erasing subscripts. List all the different arrangements of  $KE_1E_2PE_3R$  that are mapped to  $REPEEK$  in this way.



8. What kind of mapping is this?

$$3! - 1 = 0 - 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 6 - 1 = 0 - 1$$

9. So how many arrangements are there of the letters in  $KEEPER$ ?

$$\frac{6!}{3!} = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2$$



10. Now you are ready to face the BOOKKEEPER!

How many arrangements of  $BO_1O_2K_1K_2E_1E_2PE_3R$  are there?

$$10!$$

11. How many arrangements of  $BOOK_1K_2E_1E_2PE_3R$  are there?

$$10! / 2!$$

12. How many arrangements of  $BOOKKE_1E_2PE_3R$  are there?

~~$$10! / 4!$$~~

13. How many arrangements of  $BOOKKEEPER$  are there?

~~$$10! / 7!$$~~

14. How many arrangements of  $VOODOODOLL$  are there?

~~$$10! / 5!$$~~

$$10! / 2! 2!$$

$$10! / 2! 2! 3!$$

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15. (IMPORTANT) How many  $n$ -bit sequences contain  $k$  zeros and  $(n - k)$  ones?

This quantity is denoted  $\binom{n}{k}$  and read “ $n$  choose  $k$ ”. You will see it almost every day in 6.042 from now until the end of the term.

*Remember well what you have learned: subscripts on, subscripts off.*

*This is the Tao of Bookkeeper.*

Example:      4-bit  
                  2 zeros      0110  
                                  1100  
                                  1001  
                                  1010  
                                  0101  
                                  0011

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{2!2!} = \frac{4 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 1}$$

## 2 Pigeonhole Principle

Solve the following problems using the pigeonhole principle. For each problem, try to identify the *pigeons*, the *pigeonholes*, and a *rule* assigning each pigeon to a pigeonhole.

1. In a room of 500 people, there exist two who share a birthday.
2. Suppose that each of the 115 students in 6.042 sums the nine digits of his or her ID number. Must two people arrive at the same sum?
3. In every set of 100 integers, there exist two whose difference is a multiple of 37.



### 3 More Counting Problems

Solve the following counting problems. Define an appropriate mapping (bijective or  $k$ -to-1) between a set whose size you know and the set in question.

1. **(IMPORTANT)** In how many ways can  $k$  elements be chosen from an  $n$ -element set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ ?

$$n^k = \frac{n!}{k!}$$

2. How many different ways are there to select a dozen donuts if five varieties are available? (We discussed a bijection for this set in Recitation 15. Now use that bijection to give a count.)

$$\left. \begin{array}{cccccccccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right\} \frac{(5+12-1)!}{(5-1)! 12!} = \frac{16!}{4! 12!}$$

3. An independent living group is hosting eight pre-frosh, affectionately known as  $P_1, \dots, P_8$  by the permanent residents. Each pre-frosh is assigned a task: 2 must wash pots, 2 must clean the kitchen, 1 must clean the bathrooms, 1 must clean the common area, and 2 must serve dinner. In how many ways can  $P_1, \dots, P_8$  be put to productive use?

1)  $P_1, \dots, P_8$  are distinct  
 $\rightarrow 8!$  permutations

2) pp kk bbcc d  $\rightarrow$  for each  $k_i$  repetition,

there is  $k_i!$ -to-1

4. Suppose that two identical 52-card decks are mixed together. In how many ways can the cards in this double-size deck be arranged?

$$\frac{(2 \cdot 52)!}{(2!)^{52}}$$

unnecessary permutations  
 $\rightarrow \frac{n!}{k_1! k_2! \dots k_i!} = \frac{8!}{2! 2! 2!}$   
 distinct ways  
 unique collection  
 $\rightarrow$  set

# 4 Fun with Phonology: Hawaiian

The Hawaiian language is rich in vowels: it contains 8 consonants and 25 vowels<sup>1</sup>! In addition, every word in Hawaiian must end in a vowel and must not contain two consonants in a row. Let's assume that all combinations of vowels and consonants that satisfy these constraints are valid.

We'd like to know how many  $n$ -phoneme words there are in Hawaiian. (A *phoneme* is either a single vowel or a single consonant. Assume no phoneme can be both a vowel and a consonant.) For simplicity, let's assume  $n$  is even.

- Before tackling the general problem, work out how many different words there are with exactly 4 phonemes. (Which distributions of vowels and consonants are possible?)

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \cdot 25^3 &\leftarrow C V V V \quad V C V V \rightarrow 8 \cdot 25^3 \\ 8^2 \cdot 25^2 &\leftarrow C V C V \quad V V C V \rightarrow 8 \cdot 25^3 \\ &\quad V V V V \rightarrow 25^4 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow 3 \cdot 8 \cdot 25^3 + 8^2 \cdot 25^4$$

- Now for the general case. Let  $A$  be the set of all  $n$ -phoneme words, and let  $A_k$  be the set of all  $n$ -phoneme words with exactly  $k$  consonants. Express  $|A|$  in terms of  $|A_k|$  for all possible  $k$ .

$$|A_k| = \frac{1}{k!} (n-k)! 8^k 25^{(n-k)} \quad |A| = \sum_{k=0}^n |A_k| = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} (n-k)! 8^k 25^{(n-k)} \quad \text{Not asked yet}$$

- Now let's find  $|A_k|$  for an arbitrary  $k$ . For simplicity's sake, assume Hawaiian has only one consonant and only one vowel. Find a bijection between  $A_k$  and a set of arbitrary sequences of 0 and 1 of length  $p$ . What is  $p$ ?

BABA	00	$m=2$
ABAA	101	$m=3$
AABA	110	
BAAA	011	

$n=4$   $k_1=2$   $k_2=1$

No of consonants = No of clusters

$m = n - k \Rightarrow m = f(k)$

$$\begin{aligned} n=4 \\ 1 C : \frac{1}{1!} (n-1)! C^1 V^3 \\ 2 C : \frac{1}{2!} (n-2)! C^2 V^2 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{n}{2} C : \frac{1}{k!} (n-k)! C^k V^{(n-k)} \end{aligned}$$



4. Using this bijection, compute  $|A_k|$ .

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

5. How would you change your expression for  $|A_k|$  to allow for 8 consonants and 25 vowels, not just one of each?

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<sup>1</sup>Counting long vowels and diphthongs. For this problem, treat each of the 25 vowels as a unique single vowel.

$$|A_k| = \frac{1}{k!} (n-k)! 8^k \cdot 25^{(n-k)} = \binom{n-k}{k} 8^k 25^{(n-k)}$$

6. How many  $n$ -phoneme words are there in Hawaiian? (You don't have to find a closed form for your expression.)