

The Lecture Title

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1 Counting Problems

Problem 1. Consider an equilateral triangle with side length n divided up into unit triangles. How many parallelograms can be drawn along the sides of the triangle?

Solution $3\binom{n+2}{4}$. ■

Problem 2. n mathematicians walk into a bar. They each remove their hat and toss it into a pile as they arrive. Several hours later, they leave one by one, grabbing a hat at random to face the brutal March wind. What is the probability that no mathematician received his or her own hat?

Solution This asymptotically approaches $\frac{1}{e}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. ■

Problem Y. You have a bag containing x numbered marbles. You draw n marbles with replacement. What is the probability that you saw exactly k distinct marbles?

Solution $\frac{\binom{x}{k} k! \{n\}_k}{x^n}$ ■