

1.2 Counting

To place probabilities on countably many possibilities, we must know how to count all such subsets. ← need tools

events

THE FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF COUNTING

if a job consists of k separate tasks, the i th of which can be done by n_i ways, for $i=1,\dots,k$. Then, the entire job can be done in

$$n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_k \text{ ways}$$

EXAMPLES

1. Lottery: From $\{1, \dots, 44\}$ pick six different numbers for a ticket.

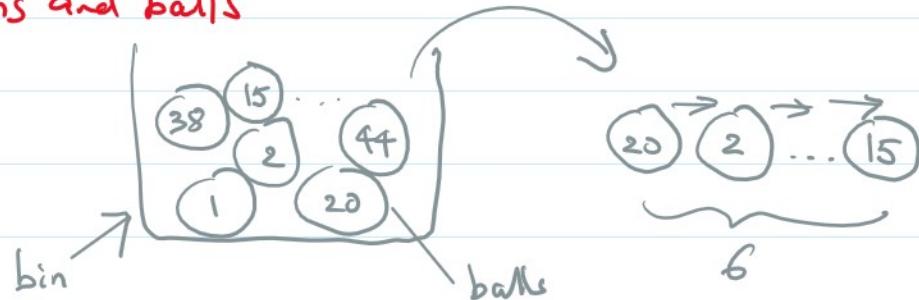
How many possible tickets?

$$= \frac{44 \times \dots \times 2 \times 1}{38 \times \dots \times 2 \times 1} = \frac{44!}{38!}$$

ordered,
without
replacement

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"bins and balls"



2. Ordered, with Replacement: The six numbers need not differ
how many tickets?

$$44, 44 \dots , 44 = 44^6.$$

3. Unordered, without Replacement: the six
numbers be distinct, but their order irrelevant

$$\frac{44 \times 43 \times \dots \times 39}{6 \times 5 \times \dots \times 1} = \frac{44!}{38! 6!}$$

$$= \binom{44}{6} = \binom{44}{38}$$

"n choose r": $\binom{n}{r} := \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!(n-r)!}$

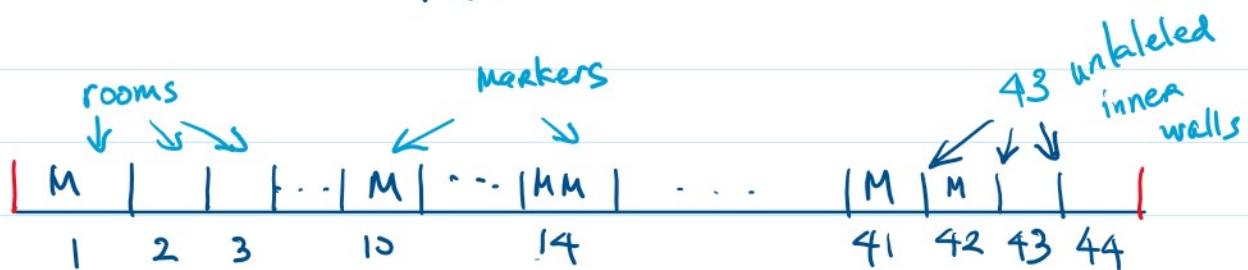
$$= \binom{n}{n-r} .$$

4. Unordered, with replacement.

the six numbers need not be distinct, order irrelevant

This is more tricky to count, answer $\neq \frac{44^6}{6!}$.

- Layout the 44 numbers in a fixed order, and create 44 "rooms", one for each number
- Rooms are separated by walls (45 in total)
- Place the 6 Markers "M" in Rooms where the numbers have been chosen



Above: $\{1, 10, 14, 14, 41, 42\}$ were chosen.

Key observations:

tickets \equiv # unique ways to place 6 markers to 44 rooms

= ways to arrange 6 markers with 43 inner walls

$$= \binom{6+43}{6}$$

Summary

Arrangements of size r from n

ordered

unordered

w/o Replacement

$$n! / (n-r)!$$

$$\binom{n}{r}$$

w/ placement

$$n^r$$

$$\binom{n+r-1}{r}$$