**Background:** The Gale-Shapley Algorithm is useful for providing a single stable matching. The key word is single. One of the drawbacks with this algorithm despite its  $O(n^2)$  running-time is that it does not return every possible stable matching.

**Objective:** Create a program that is able to take an instance of the Stable Matching Problem and return the total number possible stable matches.

**Input Format:** You must create an input file called "input1.txt". You will then read from the file to obtain the following:

- How many men/women will there be?
- Each preference list for the men.
- Each preference list for the women.
- You will separate numbers in each list with a space (see examples below)

For more understanding see the example #1 below.

- The 4 at the top of the file tells me there are 4 men and 4 women
- There are 8 total lines representing the preference lists
- The first 4 lines are the preference list for the men
- The last 4 lines are the preference list for the women

## **EXAMPLE #1:** Given an input1.txt file of 1234 2134 3412 4312 2134 1234 4312 3412

Your output should be:

**EXAMPLE #2:** Given an input1.txt file of 12

12 12 12

Your output should be:

**Important Note:** This project will be computationally intensive since it will have a worst case running time of O(n!). You can use the examples to check your program. I expect your program to be able to handle 10 men and women. If your program fails to hit this mark you will lose points.