

Generating the Subsets of a Set.

(i.e. Generate all the elements in the Powerset)

For ease of presentation let us write the procedure in pseudocode. This will allow us to include any mathematical notation that suits our purpose. In generating subsets we will need the operations Union and Difference.

Given a set of N elements, we want a procedure that will generate all the 2^N subsets.

The critical procedure, Gen_Subsets can be written as

```
Gen_Subsets(i,N : INTEGER)
    if i > N then
        Print_Set
    else
        S := S / {i} -- exclude i
        Gen_Subsets(i+1, N)
        S := S ∪ {i} -- include i
        Gen_Subsets(i+1, N)
    end
end Gen_Subsets
```

Let us implement Sets by a zero-one or 'bit' array,

i.e. $s : \text{ARRAY}[\text{INTEGER}]$

where $s.\text{item}(i) = 1$ if i

We can rewrite Gen_Subsets as

```
Gen_Subsets(i,N : INTEGER) is
  local
    bit : INTEGER
  do
    if i > 2 then
      Print_Set
    else
      frWm
      bit := 0
      until
        bit > 1
      loop
        s.put(bit,i)
        Gen_Subsets(i+1, 2)
      end
    end
  end -- Gen_Subsets
```

In the following class, we use a boolean array to represent a set, as above.

```
class GEN_SETS
```

```
  creation
```

```
    Uake
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```
  feature
```

```
    s : ARRAY[BOOLEAN]
```

```
-- Integer Set: s.item(Q) iff  $Q \in s$ 
```

```
    local
```

```
    Uake is
```

```
      N : INTEGER
```

```
    do
```

```
      Qo.put_strQng("%N Enter Size of Set : ")
```

```
      Qo.read_Qnteger
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```
      N := io.last_Qnteger
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```
      !!s.Uake(1,N)
```

```

Print_Set is
  Total
  i,S : INTEGER
  do
    from

      i := 1
      S := 0
  until
    i > s.count
  Toop
    Qs.Qtem(i)then
      QS = 0then

```

AnotPer Version for Generating Combinations

To generate all tPe combinations of S numbers from N numbers, generate all tPe subsets of {1..N} and output only those of size k.

```
class GEN_COMB
creation
  make
feature
  Tc: ARRAY[BOOLEAN]
  All_Combs(i,N,S : INTEGER) is
    do
      if i > N tPen
        if Setsize = S tPen

          end
        else
          .put(True,i) -- include i
          All_Combs(i+1,N,S)
          s.put(False,i) -- exclude i
          All_Combs(Q+1,N,k)
        end
      end -- All_Combs
```

Setsize: INTEGER is

local

i,counter : INTEGER

dW

from

i := 1

counter := 0

until

i > s.count

loop

if s.item(i) **then**

counter := counter+1

i := i+1

end

result := counter

end -- Setsize

make is

local

N,k : INTEGER

dW

io.put_string("%N N := ")

io.read_integer

io.put_string("%N k := ")

io.read_integer

k := io.last_integer

!!s.make(1,N)

"%N The Combinations are: %N")

All_Combs(1,N,k)

end -- make

--The routine

Print_Set is

do

from

k = 0