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(b) How many ways are there to fill 9 of the 15 chairs? (We don't care who sits in them)

2. **Identical Digits** The numbers 1447, 1005, and 1231 have something in common. Each of them is a four digit number that begins with 1 and has two identical digits. How many numbers like this are there?

1.3 More Practice

1. At Starbucks, you can choose either a Tall, a Grande, or a Venti drink. Further, you can choose whether you want an extra shot of espresso or not. Furthermore, you can choose whether you want a Latte, a Cappuccino, an Americano, or a Frappuccino.
How many different drink combinations can you order?

2. We grab a deck of cards and its poker time. Remember, in poker, order doesn't matter.
 - (a) How many ways can we have a hand with exactly one pair? This means a hand with ranks (a, a, b, c, d)
 - (b) How many ways can we have a hand with four of a kind? This means a hand with ranks (a, a, a, a, b)
 - (c) How many ways can we have a straight? A straight is 5 consecutive cards, that don't all necessarily have the same suit. A straight can be (2, 3, 4, 5, 6); (3, 4, 5, 6, 7); ...; (10, J, Q, K, A) can start from 2 - 10, which is 9 possibilities each number in hand has 4 possibilities (suits)
 - (d) How many ways can we have a hand of all of the same suit?
 - (e) How many ways can we have a straight flush? This means we have a consecutive-rank hand of the same suit. For examples, (2, 3, 4, 5, 6), all of spades is a straight flush, while (2, 3, 5, 7, 8) of all spades is NOT, as the ranks are not consecutive.

3. How many solutions does $x + y + z = 10$ have, if all variables must be positive integers?

4. How many ways are there to arrange the letters of the word SUPERMAN
 - (a) On a straight line?
 - (b) On a straight line, such that SUPER occurs as a substring?

- (c) On a straight line, such that SUPER occurs as a subsequence (S U P E R appear in that order, but not necessarily next to each other)?
- (d) On a circle?
- (e) On a circle, such that SUPER occurs as a substring?
- (f) On a circle, such that SUPER occurs as a subsequence (S U P E R appear in that order, but not necessarily next to each other)?

2 Counting

2.1 Introduction

Theorem 1 : Distributing k distinguishable balls into n distinguishable boxes, with exclusion, corresponds to forming a permutation of size k , taken from a set of size n . Therefore, there are $P(n, k) = n_k = n * (n - 1) * (n - 2) \dots (n - k + 1)$ different ways to distribute k distinguishable balls into n distinguishable boxes, with exclusion

Theorem 2 : Distributing k distinguishable balls into n distinguishable boxes, without exclusion, corresponds to forming a permutation of size k , with unrestricted repetitions, taken from a set of size n . Therefore, there are n^k different ways to distribute k distinguishable balls into n distinguishable boxes, without exclusion.

Theorem 3 : Distributing k indistinguishable balls into n distinguishable boxes, with exclusion corresponds to forming a combination of size k , taken from a set of size n . Therefore, there are $C(n, k) = \binom{n}{k}$ different ways to distribute k indistinguishable balls into n distinguishable boxes, with exclusion.

2.2 Questions

1. How many 5-digit sequences have the digits in non-decreasing order?
2. How many ways can you deal 13 cards to each of 4 players so that each player gets one card of each of the 13 values (ace-2-3-...-king)?

3. How many ways can you give 10 cookies to 4 friends if each friend gets at least 1 cookie?

2.3 Extra Practice

1. In Jorge Luis Borges The Library of Babel, the narrator describes a massive library: Every book in the library has 410 pages, each page has 40 lines, and each line has 80 characters. Besides lowercase letters, the only characters appearing in the books are the period, the comma, and the space. In order to catch up with the 21st century, the Library got itself a Twitter account (@LibraryofBabel)! It appears to have been active for only a short time, but while it was running it diligently tweeted one 140-character message per day. Assume that it uses only the 26 letters of the English alphabet (plus the period, comma, and space) and that any 140-character combination is possible (e.g. asdfasdf. . . as and ,,,,,, . . ,,,, are both perfectly valid).
- (a) How many possible tweets are there?
 - (b) How many tweets use no spaces?
 - (c) How many tweets consist entirely of whitespace?
 - (d) Let T be some particular tweet. How many tweets differ from T by exactly one character?
 - (e) How many have exactly six spaces and five commas?

3 Combinatorial Proofs

3.1 Questions

1. $n! = \binom{n}{k} k! (n - k)!$

2. $\sum_{k=0}^n k^2 = \binom{n+1}{2} + 2\binom{n+1}{3}$

3. Prove $a(n - a)\binom{n}{a} = n(n - 1)\binom{n-2}{a-1}$ by a combinatorial proof.

3.2 Challenge

1. Prove the Hockey Stick Theorem:

$$\sum_{t=k}^n \binom{t}{k} = \binom{n+1}{k+1}$$

where n, t are natural numbers and $n > t$

4 Discrete Probability

4.1 Introduction









1. What is a sample (event, outcome) space?
2. What is an event?
3. Given a uniform probability space Ω such that $|\Omega| = N$, how many events are possible?

4.2 Questions

1. Probably Poker

- (a) What is the probability of drawing a hand with a pair?

Figure 1: From Pitman

Event language	Set language	Set notation	Venn diagram
outcome space	universal set	Ω	
event	subset of Ω	A, B, C , etc.	
impossible event	empty set	\emptyset	
not A , opposite of A	complement of A	A^c	
either A or B or both	union of A and B	$A \cup B$	
both A and B	intersection of A and B	$AB, A \cap B$	
A and B are mutually exclusive	A and B are disjoint	$AB = \emptyset$	
if A then B	A is a subset of B	$A \subseteq B$	

(b) What is the probability of drawing a hand with four of a kind?

(c) What is the probability of drawing a straight?

(d) What is the probability of drawing a hand of all of the same suit?

- (e) What is the probability of drawing a straight house?
2. Suppose you arrange 12 different cars in a parking lot, uniformly at random. Three of the cars are Priuses, four of the cars are Teslas, and the other five are Nissan Leaves. What is the probability that the three Prius's are all together?

5 Conditional Probability

5.1 Introduction

Bayes' Rule

$$P[A|B] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[B]}$$

Total Probability Rule

$$P[B] = P[A \cap B] + P[\bar{A} \cap B] = P[B|A] * P[A] + P[B|\bar{A}] * (1 - P[A])$$

Independence

Two events A, B in the same probability space are independent if

$$P[A \cap B] = P[A] * P[B]$$

5.2 Questions

1. You have a deck of 52 cards. What is the probability of:
- (a) Drawing 2 Kings with replacement?

(b) Drawing 2 Kings without replacement?

(c) The second card is a King without replacement?

(d) [EXTRA] The n th card is a King without replacement ($n < 52$)?

2. Find an example of 3 events A , B , and C such that each pair of them are independent, but they are not mutually independent.