

# CMPT 210: Probability & Computing

## Practice Problems 1

(1) Suppose a daily diet consists of a breakfast selected from set  $B$ , a lunch from set  $L$ , and a dinner from set  $D$  where:

- $B = \{\text{pancakes; bacon and eggs; bagel; Doritos}\}$
- $L = \{\text{burger and fries; garden salad; Doritos}\}$
- $D = \{\text{macaroni; pizza; frozen burrito; pasta; Doritos}\}$

How many different daily diets are possible?

(2) There are 75 students in this class, and they are angry with the difficult questions in the assignment.

- (a) How many ways could we construct an angry lineup of 3 students?
- (b) How many ways could we construct an angry mob of 3 students (the order does not matter)?

(3) Given a standard pack of 52 cards, a poker hand consists of 5 cards.

- How many ways can we choose a poker hand?
- A 4-of-a-kind consists of a poker hand such that 4 of the cards have the same number but different suits. How many ways can we choose a 4-of-a-kind?
- A Full House is consists of a poker hand with three cards of one number and two cards of another number. How many ways can we choose a full house?

(4) Prove that for any 5 points in (the interior of) a unit square (one that has side length = 1), there exist 2 points at distance less than  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

(5) For an undirected graph with  $n$  vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ ,

- What is the maximum possible number of edges if i) self-loops (edges of the form  $v_1 \rightarrow v_1$ ) are not permitted, ii) if self-loops are permitted?
- Given the answer to the previous question, what is the total number of possible graphs that can be constructed if i) self-loops (edges of the form  $v_1 \rightarrow v_1$ ) are not permitted, ii) if self-loops are permitted?

(6) Give a combinatorial proof for

$$\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} \binom{2n}{n-r} = \binom{3n}{n}$$

(7) How many positive integers not exceeding 1000 are divisible by 7 or 11?

(8) Express the following sum in closed form (without using a summation symbol and without an ellipsis):  $\sum_{j=0}^{2n} (-1)^j \binom{2n}{j} x^j$ .