

CS 212

Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science

Lecture 6: Counting, Permutations and Combinations

Counting



How do you count?

- *What is the number of 16 bit sequences with exactly 4 ones?*
- *Five kinds of donuts. How many ways to select a dozen?*

Motivation:

- Combinatorial Proofs, Probability
- How many configurations does Algorithm search over?
- Time and Storage requirements of Algorithms



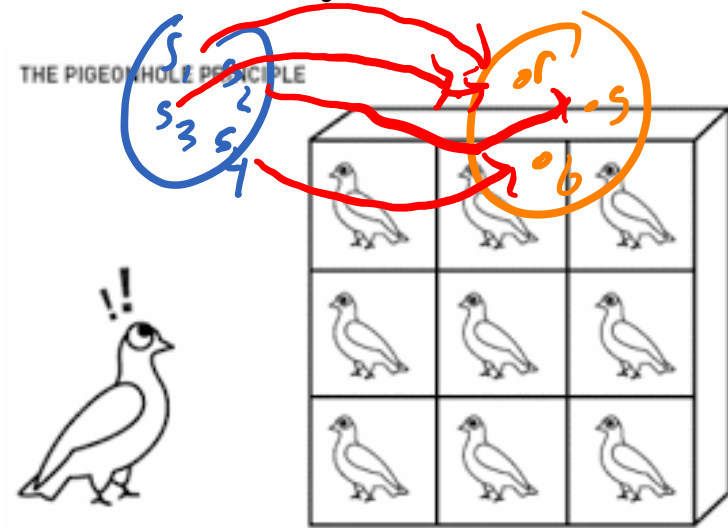
"Well, it's inventory time again!
— You do the rocks and I'll
do the sticks."

Counting and Concluding: Pigeonhole Principle

If socks can be either red, blue or green, how many socks do we need to find a matching pair? 4

Pigeonhole Principle (basic):

If there are n pigeons and $\leq n - 1$ pigeon-holes, then there must be at least 2 pigeons in one of the holes.



Pigeonhole Principle (general):

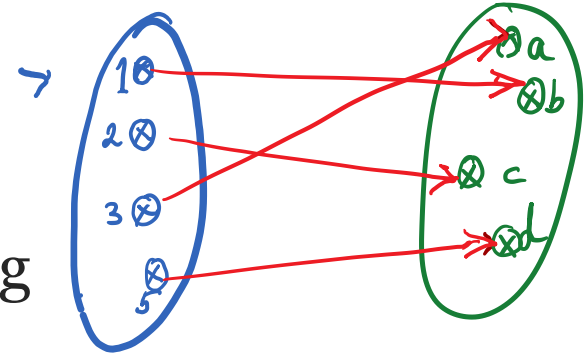
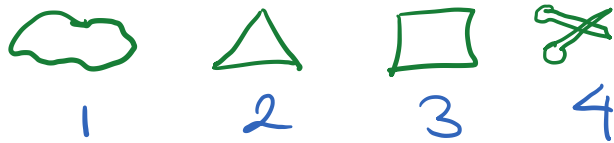
If $|Y| = n$ and $|X| \geq nk + 1$, then for any function $f: X \rightarrow Y$, there exists a $y \in Y$ to which at least $k + 1$ elements from X

map to. $|X| = \left| \bigcup_{y \in Y} \text{Preimage}(\{y\}) \right| = \sum_{y \in Y} |\text{Preimage}(\{y\})|$

Rules and Tools for Counting



Counting One Thing by Another



Bijective function: one-to-one onto mapping

Thm. If $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a bijective function, then $|A| = |B|$

Five kinds of donuts. How many ways to select a dozen?



\exists a bijection between dozens and are 16 bit strings w/ exactly 4 ones

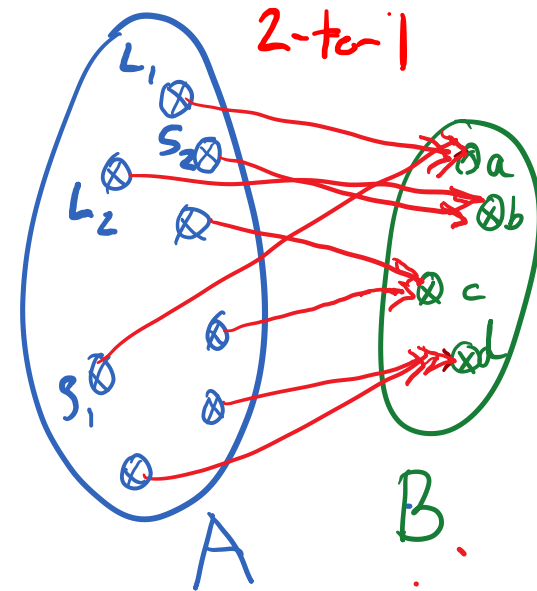
What is the number of 16 bit sequences with exactly 4 ones?

Counting using m-to-1 maps

Five kinds of donuts. You can either buy them all in small or all of them in large size. How many ways to select a dozen?

Twice as many as before

m-to-1 function: $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a m-to-1 function iff for every $z \in B$ there are exactly m elements $x \in A$ such that $f(x) = z$



Thm. If $f: A \rightarrow B$ is m-to-1 function, then $|A| = m \cdot |B|$

A and B disjoint. $A \cap B = \emptyset$

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$



Simple Rules: Sum Rule

Sum Rule: If there are two disjoint or non-overlapping events that have n_1 and n_2 outcomes respectively, the total number of possible outcomes is $n_1 + n_2$.

If there are 6 republicans, 11 democrats in the primaries then the total number of non-independent candidates = $6 + 11 = 17$

- Candidate is either democrat or republican (disjoint)
- Sum up the counts

Sum Rule: If A and B are disjoint events, then $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$

Simple Rules : Product rule

Product Rule: If there are two independent events that have n_1 and n_2 outcomes respectively, the total number of possible pairs outcomes is $n_1 n_2$.

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

Product Rule: For sets A, B, one has $|A \times B| = |A| \times |B|$

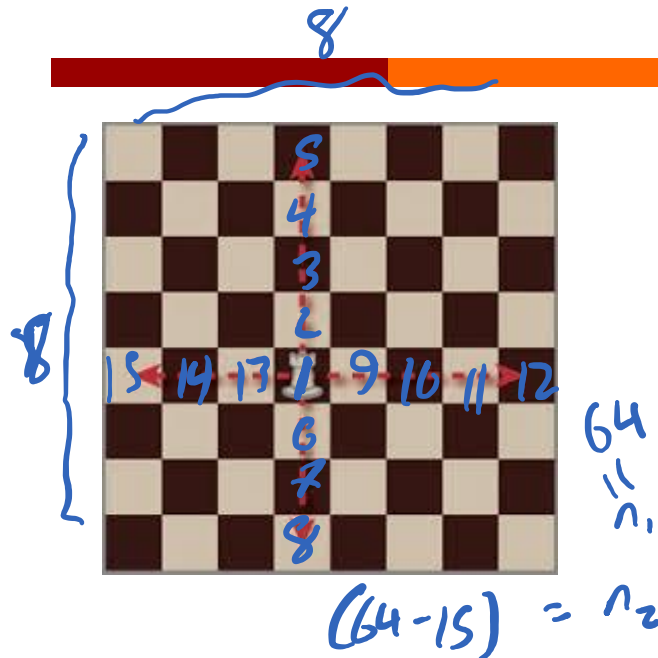
How many binary strings of size n? $= 2^n$

- 2 choices for the first bit (from $\{0, 1\}$)
- 2 choices for second bit (it doesn't depend on the first bit)
- n such choices

$$\{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\} \times \dots \times \{0, 1\} = \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$|\{0, 1\}^n| = |\{0, 1\}^{n-1} \times \{0, 1\}| = |\{0, 1\}^{n-1}| |\{0, 1\}|$$

Generalized Product Rule



A Chess Example:

In how many ways can you place two rooks on a chess board so they don't threaten each other?

Event 1: Place black rock
Event 2: Place white rock

$$64 \cdot (64 - 15) = 64 \cdot 49$$


Generalized Product Rule: For a sequence of k events, if there are n_1 possible outcomes for the first event, n_2 possible outcomes for 2nd event for each outcome of 1st event,

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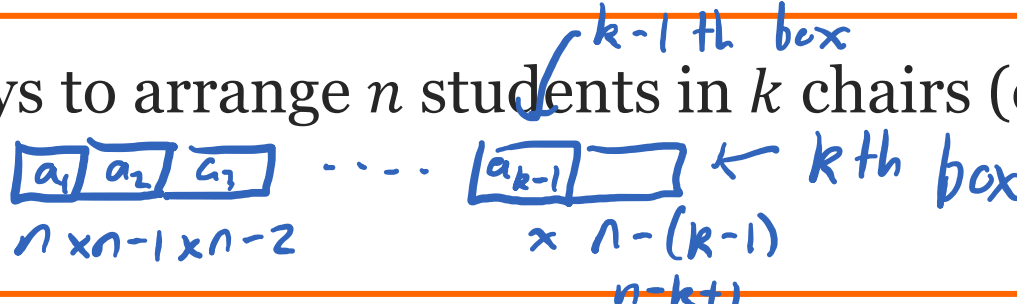
n_k possibilities for k^{th} event for each sequence of outcomes for first $(k-1)$ events,

then the total number of possible outcomes is $n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_k$.

Ordering Items: Permutations

Given n different objects $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$, how many different orderings are there? Answer=  $= n!$

Permutations and Factorial: Number of ways of arranging n items is $n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times n$.

How many ways to arrange n students in k chairs (one per chair)? 

Permutations: Number of ways of arranging n items in k positions is ${}^n P_k = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$

With or Without Repetition?

- Have n colors. Want to paint k tiles. How many ways?

$$\begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \square \dots \square \\ n \times n \times \dots \times n \end{array} \quad n^k$$

- Have n colors. Want to paint k tiles with different colors. How many ways?

$$\begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \dots \square \\ n \times n-1 \times n-2 \times \dots \times n-k+1 \end{array}$$

Number of ways of arranging n items in k positions:

1. With Repetition =

$$n^k$$

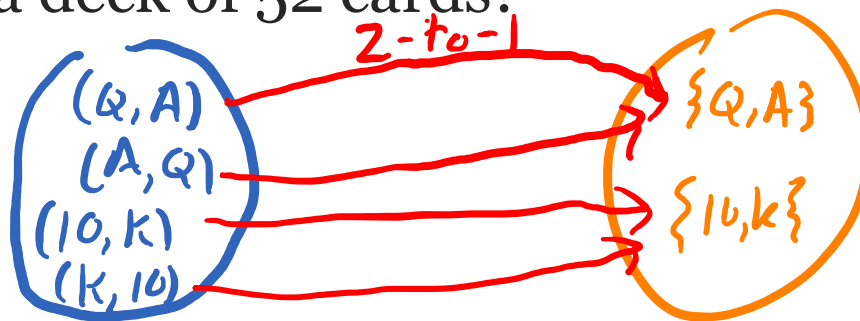
2. Without Repetition =

$${}_n P_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

Combinations: Choosing Items

How many ways of picking an ordered pair from a deck of 52 cards? *Event 1: Pick first card* *Event 2: Pick second card* 52×51

How many ways of selecting a pair i.e. picking an unordered pair from a deck of 52 cards?



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{ordered pairs} \\ & = 2 \times \text{unordered pairs} \\ & \frac{52 \cdot 51}{2} = \# \text{ unordered pairs} \end{aligned}$$

Overcounting: If each configuration is counted exactly m times, then the number of configurations = $\frac{\text{total count}}{m}$

Why? (remember m to 1 maps)!