

EE 1001 Assignment 4

Q1. Write the first five terms of the sequences with nth term $a_n = (-1)^{n-1} 5^{n+1}$

Ans:

Substituting $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$, we obtain

$$a_1 = (-1)^{1-1} 5^{1+1} = 5^2 = 25$$

$$a_2 = (-1)^{2-1} 5^{2+1} = -5^3 = -125$$

$$a_3 = (-1)^{3-1} 5^{3+1} = 5^4 = 625$$

$$a_4 = (-1)^{4-1} 5^{4+1} = -5^5 = -3125$$

$$a_5 = (-1)^{5-1} 5^{5+1} = 5^6 = 15625$$

Therefore, the required terms are 25, -125, 625, -3125, and 15625.

Q2.

2-1) Find the number of words (with or without meaning) with a length of FIVE (5) that can be formed by using the letters of the word “apple”.

2-2) Each student is requested to generate one word (with or without meaning) with a length of FIVE (5), what is the probability that the two students generate exactly the same word?

2-3) Each student is requested to generate one word (with or without meaning) with a length of THREE (3) letters, what is the probability that the two students generate exactly the same word?

Solution:

2-1) The word ‘apple’ contains 5 letters, and the letters ‘p’ comes twice. Then, this is to find the distinguishable permutations. The number of words formed = $5!/(2!) = 60$

2-2) (a) For each student, he/she has 60 choices, thus, $p = 1/60 * 1/60 * 60 = 1/3600 * 60 = 1/60$;

(b) If your assumption is any 5 letters from 26 letters.

(b) (i) 5 letters (non-repeat) from 26 letters (a-z):

For each student, he/she has ${}_{26}P_5 = 7893600$ choices,

Thus, $p = 1/7893600 * 1/7893600 * 7893600 = 1/7893600$;

(b) (ii) 5 letters (may repeat) from 26 letters (a-z):

For each student, he/she has $26^5 = 11881376$ choices,

Thus, $p = 1/11881376 * 1/11881376 * 11881376 = 1/11881376$;

2-3)

(a) For the word contains 1 or 0 “p”, the number of words are ${}_4P_3 = 24$;

For the word contains 2 “p”, the number of words are : ${}_3C_1 * 3!/(2!) = 9$

So there are total $24+9$ possible words. Thus, the probability is $p = 1/33 * 1/33 * 33 = 1/33$

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(b) (i) 3 letters (non-repeat) from total 26 letters (a-z):

For each student, he/she has ${}_{26}P_3 = 15600$ choices,

Thus, $p = 1/15600 * 1/15600 * 15600 = 1/15600$;

(b) (ii) 3 letters (may repeat) from 26 letters (a-z):

For each student, he/she has $26^3 = 17576$ choices,

Thus, $p = 1/17576 * 1/17576 * 17576 = 1/17576$;

Q3. Given m, n are positive integers, $f(x) = (1+x)^m + (1+x)^n$. It is known that the coefficients of the terms x and x^2 are 7 and 9 respectively. Compute:

(1) The values of m and n ; (6 points)

(2) The coefficient of the term x^3 ; (6 points)

(3) Use the binomial theorem to compute $(1.01)^4$

Solution:

(1) With the binomial theorem, we have: $m+n=7$; ${}_mC_2 + {}_nC_2 = (m^2+n^2-m-n)/2=9$;

It is computed: $m=4, n=3$, or $m=3, n=4$;

(2) No matter $m=4, n=3$, or $m=3, n=4$; $f(x) = (1+x)^3 + (1+x)^4$;

Thus, the coefficient of the term x^3 is ${}_3C_3 + {}_4C_3 = 5$;

(3) $(1.01)^4 = (1+0.01)^4 = {}_4C_0(1)^4(0.01)^0 + {}_4C_1(1)^3(0.01)^1 + {}_4C_2(1)^2(0.01)^2 + {}_4C_3(1)^1(0.01)^3 + {}_4C_4(1)^0(0.01)^4$
 $= 1 + 0.04 + 0.0006 + 0.000004 + 0.00000001 = 1.04060401$

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Q4. Let $A = \{2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9\}$; $B = \{3, 6, 9\}$, and $C = \{2, 4, 5, 6, 8\}$. Find each of the following:

(1) $A \cup B$

(2) $A \cap B$

(3) $A \cup C$

(4) $A \cap C$

(5) $A - B$

(6) $B - A$

(7) $B \cup C$

(8) $B \cap C$

Solution:

(1) $\{2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9\}$

(2) $\{3, 6, 9\}$

(3) $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

(4) $\{2, 5, 6\}$

(5) $\{2, 5, 7\}$

(6) \emptyset

(7) $\{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9\}$

(8) $\{6\}$

Q5. An AI development company employs 100 computer programmers. Amongst them, 45 are proficient in Java, 30 in C#, 20 in Python, six in C# and Java, one in Java and Python, five in C# and Python, and just one programmer is proficient in all three languages above.

Determine the number of computer programmers that are not proficient in any of these three languages.

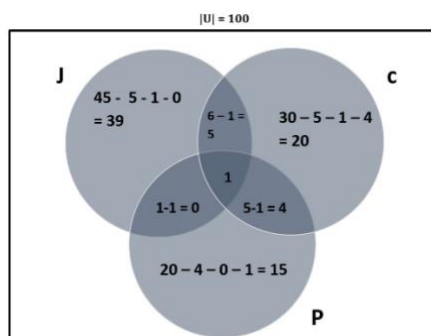
Solution:

Let U denotes the set of all employed computer programmers and let J , C and P denotes respectively the set of programmers proficient in Java, C# and Python, respectively. Thus:

$$|U| = 100 \quad |J| = 45 \quad |C| = 30 \quad |P| = 20$$

$$|J \cap C| = 6 \quad |J \cap P| = 1 \quad |C \cap P| = 5 \quad |J \cap C \cap P| = 1$$

With Venn diagram, it is easy to obtain:



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we need to determine the complement of the set $J \cup C \cup P$.

Calculate $|J \cup C \cup P|$ first before determining the complement value:

$$|J \cup C \cup P| = 39 + 5 + 20 + 4 + 15 + 1 = 84$$

$$\text{Now calculate the complement: } |(J \cup C \cup P)^c| = |U| - |J \cup C \cup P| = 100 - 84 = 16$$

16 programmers are not proficient in any of the three languages.

Q6.

6-1) A drawer contains 12 red and 12 blue socks, all unmatched. A person takes socks out at random in the dark. How many socks must be taken out to ensure that he has at least two blue socks?

6-2) Three students are running for a student government. There are 202 students voting, what is the minimum number of votes required to win the election?

6-3) Three students are running for a student government. There are 202 students voting, what is the minimum number of votes required to ensure the winning of the election?

Solution:

- (1) Given 12 red and 12 blue socks so, in order to take out at least 2 blue socks, first we need to take out 12 socks (which might end up red in worst case) and then take out 2 socks (which would be definitely blue). Thus, we need to take out total 14 socks.
- (2) By pigeonhole, there exists a person who has gotten at least $\lceil 202/3 \rceil = 68$ votes. So, someone could win with a 67 – 67 – 68 split.
- (3) To ensure the winning, the one need more than 50% vote, which is $202 * 50\% + 1 = 102$

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