

Math 65 HW 6

1 a) If we have sequence of length n with k ones, there is $\binom{n}{k}$ combinations

b) $\binom{n}{k}$ is all possible ones, each remaining slot has 2 choices, 0 or 2 so 2^{n-k} remaining options. Total options = $\binom{n}{k} 2^{n-k}$

2 a) $F_4(4)$ except for $n=8$ where it's $\frac{\binom{2}{2}}{2}$
This is case for $n=8$ as for $n=8$ each combination of 4 elements has another combo that is identical, meaning we must divide by 2.

$$\begin{aligned} 3 a) \quad \binom{n}{3} &= \binom{n-1}{2} + \binom{n-1}{3} \\ \binom{n-1}{3} &= \binom{n-2}{2} + \binom{n-2}{3} \\ \binom{n-k}{3} &= \binom{n-k-1}{2} + \binom{n-k-1}{3} \text{ this repeats until } n-k-1=2 \text{ as } \binom{2}{3}=0 \end{aligned}$$

Gives sum:

$$\binom{n}{3} = \binom{n-1}{2} + \binom{n-2}{2} + \dots + \binom{4}{2} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{2}{2}$$

b) For a set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ pick the highest element of the group of 3 to be n . There are $\binom{n-1}{2}$ remaining combinations. This can be repeated for all possible groups and sum this to get all combinations.
The sum is $\binom{n-1}{2} + \binom{n-2}{2} + \dots + \binom{4}{2} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{2}{2}$

$$4) \quad x+y+z=85, \quad x \geq 5, \quad z \leq 10$$

total = combinations $x \geq 5$ - comb $z \geq 11$

$$\text{total} = \binom{80+3-1}{3-1} - \binom{69+3-1}{3-1} = \boxed{\binom{82}{2} - \binom{71}{2}}$$

5 Algebraically

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{k+1}{n-1}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{k+n-1}{n-1} = \binom{n+k-1}{k} \quad \text{equal}$$

$$\binom{k+1}{n-1} = \binom{n-1+k+1-1}{k+1-1} = \binom{n+k-1}{k}$$

Combinatorially:

$\binom{n}{k}$ has $n-1$ separators and k variables. If we were to invert it so that separators become the variables, it becomes $k+1$ separators as need one edge, with now $n-1$ variables as one less variables. So $\binom{k+1}{n-1}$

6 a) $\binom{12}{3} = \binom{9+4-1}{4-1} = \boxed{\binom{12}{3}}$

b) $\binom{12+4-1}{4-1} = \binom{12}{3}$

c) $\binom{12}{3} - \binom{6+4-1}{4-1} = \boxed{\binom{12}{3} - \binom{9}{3}}$

d) $5\binom{12}{3} + \left(\binom{15}{3} - \binom{12}{3}\right) - \left(\binom{12}{3} - \binom{9}{3}\right) = \boxed{\binom{15}{3} - \binom{12}{3} + \binom{9}{3}}$

7 Consider an line of $2n$ people consisting of person 1 w/ person 2, and so on. The different ways to line people up is 2^n can swap pairs, and 2^n pairs to swap. Since there is n pairs, they can also be reordered $n!$ ways, meaning from $(2n)!$ possible line ups, there is $\frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!}$ unique pairs

$$\frac{n! (2n)}{2^n n!} = \frac{(2n)!}{n! 2^n}$$