

3a. Consider any processing operation that has two types A and B. Now, let's count the number of ways we can pick  $k$  objects from  $n$  and apply processing operation A on  $l$  of the  $k$  objects and operation B on the remaining  $k-l$  objects. We can count this in two equivalent ways.

- $\binom{n}{k}\binom{k}{l}$ , which involves picking  $k$  objects from  $n$ , and then picking the  $l$  from amongst those  $k$ .
- $\binom{n}{l}\binom{n-l}{k-l}$ , which involves picking  $l$  objects from  $n$ , and then picking the  $k-l$  from amongst the remaining  $n-l$ .

This concludes the proof.

3b. Let's say we have  $m$  boys and  $n$  girls to pick a total of  $k$  people from. We can count this in two equivalent ways.

- $\binom{m+n}{k}$ , which involves picking  $k$  objects from amongst the total of  $m+n$  people.
- $\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{m}{i}\binom{n}{k-i}$ , which involves counting  $k+1$  exclusive possibilities, wherein in each possibility, we pick a certain number  $i$  of boys from amongst the  $m$  boys, and the remaining  $k-i$  required people from the  $n$  girls.

This concludes the proof.

3c. This can easily be proven by repeated application of the rule  $\binom{n+k+1}{k} = \binom{n+k}{k} + \binom{n+k}{k-1}$ , to the last term in this equation all the way down to  $\binom{n}{0}$ . Induction seems like the cleanest way to setup this proof.

3d. The algebraic proof is based on differentiating the two sides of the binomial expression for  $(1+t)^n$  and then replacing  $t$  with 1. But this is a bit mundane. So let's give a combinatorial proof instead.

Consider  $n$  objects, and say we need to do two things - first pick at least one of them, and then designate a leader from amongst those picked. We can count this in two equivalent ways.

- $\sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i}i$ , which involves counting  $k$  exclusive possibilities, wherein in each possibility, we first pick a certain number  $i$  of objects from among the  $n$  objects, and then designate one of those  $i$  objects as leader.
- $n2^{n-1}$ , which involves first picking a leader, and then picking 0 or more objects from the remaining  $n-1$  objects.

This concludes the proof.

3e. We'll use the binomial theorem. Consider the expression  $(1+a)^n(1-a)^n = (1-a^2)^n$  and its full expansion. We'd like to specifically find the coefficient of

the term  $a^n$  in the expansion. We can count this in two equivalent ways.

- by picking for each value of  $k$  in the range  $[0, n]$ ,  $a^k$  from the expansion of  $(1 + a)^n$  and multiplying it with  $a^{n-k}$  from the expansion of  $(1 - a)^n$ , thus implying that the desired coefficient would be  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{k}$ .
- by picking the coefficient of  $a^n$  in the expansion of  $(1 - a^2)^n$ , which happens to be 0 in case  $n$  is odd, and  $(-1)^{n/2} \binom{n}{n/2}$  in case  $n$  is even.

This concludes the proof.

6. For any prime  $p$ , it is clear that  $0^p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Let's assume that  $r$  is the largest integer for which we know  $r^p \equiv r \pmod{p}$  to be true. Then, the following is true.

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + r)^p &\equiv (1 + r^p) \pmod{p} \\ (1 + r)^p &\equiv (1 + r) \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof by induction.

8. Any cyclic permutation on  $n$  objects can be mapped to arrangements of those objects - simply pick a starting object and then apply the permutation to obtain the next object in the arrangement. Since there are  $n$  choices for the starting object, there are  $n$  resulting arrangements. Conversely, given any arrangement, it is possible to reverse engineer a cyclic permutation which when expressed as above can yield the arrangement. Thus, the number of cyclic permutations on  $n$  objects is equal to the number of equivalence classes in the set of arrangements of  $n$  objects, wherein two arrangements are equivalent if one can be obtained from another by cyclically shifting the arrangement. Since the total number of arrangements is  $n!$ , and the size of each equivalence class is  $n$ , the number of equivalence classes, and thus the desired count is  $(n - 1)!$ . This concludes the proof.