## **META**

Berlekamp-Welsh, Countability, Self Reference, Counting

## 1 General Comments

- 1. Counting: 1.1
  - Make sure to give a general intro on stars & bars problems, so that students can gain intuition on how to convert problems they see into stars & bars.
  - Ensure that students understand (in)distinguishable balls/(in)distinguishable bins. Like stars & bars, students should be able to understand what problems correspond to balls & bins/stars & bars, etc.
  - Only do extra problems if you have time
  - Feel free to just skim over theorems
- 2. Combinatorial Proofs: #1, 2, 3
- 3. Discrete Probability: #1 (very basic for later in the week people)
- 4. For the Prius problem, draw all the parking spaces available in order to illustrate all the possibilities. Additionally, explain why the three Prius's must be grouped together as 1 Prius when solving the problem.
- 5. Try to form discrete probability as an extension of counting. for example in the cards problem, everything is the same as in counting, except with denominator of (52c5)
- 6. Make sure they understand everything on the diagram (although it may be more helpful for conditional)
- 7. If you've covered counting a lot, don't worry if you can't spend too much time on this section
  - Disjoint vs Independent. The easiest way to emphasize this difference is through the venn diagrams above (disjoint events are almost always DEPENDENT).

META 4 Page 2

• Uniform probability space and how to calculate probabilities using set sizes in that space.

- Feel free to come up with your own probability space problems. If students are shaky on the concepts, I recommend the following problems (only the solutions are below, but you can guess what the questions were.. Walrand seems to llike these divide-up-your-outcome-space problems
- For problems on worksheet, just need to know that there are exactly 4 Kings in a deck of cards Also, for each add that you are drawing exactly 2 cards in the manner described
- 8. Monty Hall: Walk through the thing on the board so they see why the probability changes
  - Explain how conditional probability works before letting students try to do this themselves (should cover in discrete probability section above)
  - Important that students understand why grouping the doors together is essential to this problem

2 Questions