

< CH6. Counting Methods and The Pigeonhole Principle >

* 6.1 Basic Principles

• Multiplication Principle

Def: If an activity can be constructed in t successive steps and step t can be done in n_t ways, then the number of different possible activities is $\prod_{i=1}^t n_i$

→ Given t events, the number of ways is $\prod_{i=1}^t n_i = n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_t$

• We multiply together the numbers of ways of doing each step when an activity is constructed in successive steps.

• Addition Principle

Def: If sets $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_t\}$ is a pairwise disjoint family ($i \neq j, X_i \cap X_j = \emptyset$), the number of possible elements that can be selected from X_1 or X_2 or, ..., X_t is $\sum_{i=1}^t n_i = |X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \dots \cup X_t|$

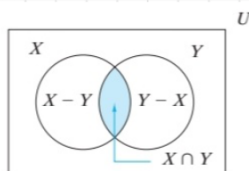
→ We add the numbers of elements in each subset when the elements being counted can be decomposed into pairwise disjoint subsets.

• Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

Def: Generalize the Addition Principle by giving a formula to compute the number of elements in a union without requiring the sets to be pairwise disjoint.

→ If X and Y are finite sets, then

$$|X \cup Y| = |X| + |Y| - |X \cap Y|$$



$$\text{Pf) } |X| = |X-Y| + |X \cap Y| \dots ①$$

$$|Y| = |Y-X| + |X \cap Y| \dots ②$$

$$|X \cup Y| = |X-Y| + |Y-X| + |X \cap Y| \dots ③$$

$$① - ② = |X| - |X \cup Y| = |X \cap Y| - |Y-X| - |X \cap Y|$$

$$|X| - |X \cup Y| = -|Y| + |X \cap Y|$$

$$\therefore |X \cup Y| = |X| + |Y| - |X \cap Y|$$

* 6.2 Permutations and Combinations

• Permutations

Def: A permutation of n is distinct elements x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is an ordering of the n element x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n
→ Arranging r elements from n different elements in order without duplication.

• Formula: There are $n!$ permutations of n elements.

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 2 \cdot 1$$

• r-permutation

Def: Consider an ordering of r elements selected from n available elements.

→ A permutation of selecting r elements from n different elements

$$\text{• formula: } {}_n P_r = P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf) } & n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1) \\ &= \frac{[n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1)](n-r)(n-r-1) \dots 2 \cdot 1}{(n-r)(n-r-1) \dots 2 \cdot 1} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \end{aligned}$$

• Combinations

Def: Selection of objects without regard to order
→ since the order doesn't matter, the number of times overlaps by r .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{• formula: } {}_n C_r &= C(n, r) = \frac{P(n, r)}{r!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{• Catalan numbers: } \frac{C(2n, n)}{n+1}$$

$$\square C_0 = 1, C_1 = 1, C_2 = 2, C_3 = 5, \dots$$

Pf) The number of shortest paths through grid from $(0,0)$ to (n,n) : $C(2n, n) \dots ①$

The number of paths beyond $y=x$ is equal to from $(0,0)$ to $(n+1, n-1)$: $C(2n, n+1) \dots ②$

$$\text{Thus } ① - ② = C(2n, n) / (n+1)$$