

SUBJECT: Section 1.4: Combinations DATE: 2023/02/08

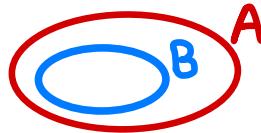
Announcements
 • Friday Quiz 2
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Let 'A' be a set.

We say that 'B' is a subset of 'A', denoted $B \subseteq A$, if every element of 'B' is also in 'A' and is denoted $P(A)$.

The set of all possible subsets of 'A' is called the power set of A



Recap Prep For Exam 1

Section 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

P^n Q^n C_r^n

Side Note : $P(A)$
Higher math may use alternate notation 2^A

Example 01

Sample : $P(\{a, b\}) = \{\emptyset, \underline{\{a\}}, \underline{\{b\}}, \underline{\{a, b\}}\}$

If $A = \{a, b, c\}$, find $P(A)$

$$P(A) = \{\emptyset, \underline{\{a\}}, \underline{\{b\}}, \underline{\{c\}}, \underline{\{a, b\}}, \underline{\{a, c\}}, \underline{\{b, c\}}, \underline{\{a, b, c\}}\}$$

~~~~~ can be grouped in sizes ~~~~

zero element subset    one element subset    two element subset    three element subset

\* The key is to make it all be 'x' \*

So when we had

$$(a+1)(b+1)(c+1) = abc + ab + ac + bc + a + b + c + 1$$

$$\text{Let } a=b=c=x$$

$$5 \text{ in a 5-element set} \rightarrow x^3 + xx + xx + xx + x + x + x + 1$$

$$(x+1)^5$$

$$= x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

Making the connection to pascal

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 |   |   |   |
| 1 | 2 | 1 |   |   |
| 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 |   |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |

one way to view choosing subsets of  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  is by expanding the polynomial  $(a+1)(b+1)(c+1)$

$$(a+1)(b+1)(c+1) = abc + ab + ac + bc + a + b + c + 1$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$\{a, b, c\} \quad \{a, b\} \quad \{a, c\} \quad \{b, c\} \quad \{a\} \quad \{b\} \quad \{c\} \quad \emptyset$$

Lets make some formulas...

A combination of a set 'A' is a subset of 'A'

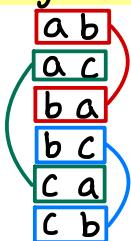
For  $0 \leq r \leq n$ , an  $r$ -combination of 'A' is a subset with 'r' elements

$$P_r^n = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

If  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ , then the 2-permutations are

$$P_2^3 = \frac{3!}{(3-2)!}$$

\*If we ignore order\*



$$C_2^3 = \frac{1}{2!} P_2^3$$

In general...

$$C_r^n = \frac{P_r^n}{r!}$$

we can rewrite as

These choose numbers  $C_r^n$  are called

"binomial coefficients" and  $C_r^n$ ,

"C-N-R", is typically written as  $\binom{n}{r}$

"n-choose-r"

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 |   |   |   |
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| 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 |   |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 |

Note -

$$C_r^n = C_{n-r}^n$$

Since,

$$C_r^n = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!(n-(n-r))!} = C_{n-r}^n$$

this means

$$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$$

example

$$\binom{4}{0} + \binom{4}{1} + \binom{4}{2} + \binom{4}{3} + \binom{4}{4} = 2^4$$

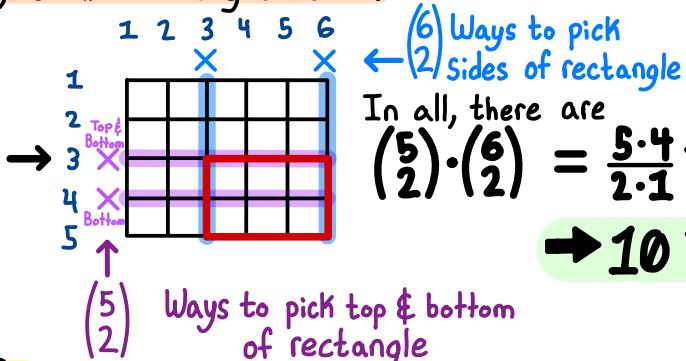
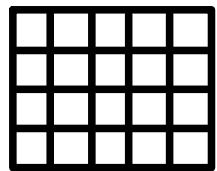
Identity

A set with 4 elements and count by size

$$\{a, b, c, d\}$$

**Example 02**

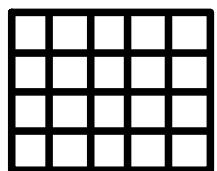
How many rectangles are in the grid below?



These choose numbers  $C^n_r$  are called "binomial coefficients" and  $C^n_r$ , " $C-N-R$ ", is typically written as  $\binom{n}{r}$  "n-choose-r"

**Example 03**

How many non-overlapping of same sized, squares are in the grid?



Let's do some case analysis...

Case 1: Square is  $1 \times 1$ 

There are  
 $4 \times 5 = 20$   
of those

Case 2: Square is  $2 \times 2$ 

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

Case 3: Square is  $3 \times 3$ 

$$2 \times 3 = 6$$

Case 4: Square is  $4 \times 4$ 

$$1 \times 2 = 2$$

In all, there are  $20 + 12 + 6 + 2 = 40$  squares**Example 04**Let 'A' be a set with  $2n$  elements

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

A <sup>\*is unordered</sup> pairing\* of 'A' is a partition of 'A' into subsets of size 2.

How many pairings does 'A' have?

$$\binom{8}{2} \binom{6}{2} \binom{4}{2} \binom{2}{2}$$



$$\binom{2n}{2} \binom{2n-2}{2} \binom{2n-4}{2} \dots \binom{2}{2}$$

↑ Choose second pair  
Choose first pair

Must divide by  $n!$  because our initial counting orders the pairings, but pairings are not ordered so...

Total # of pairings is

$$\frac{\binom{2n}{2} \binom{2n-2}{2} \binom{2n-4}{2} \dots \binom{2}{2}}{n!}$$

Last time we counted the number of pairings on pairings on a set with  $2n$  elements

$$\{3,5\}, \{1,2\}, \{4,6\}, \{7,8\}$$

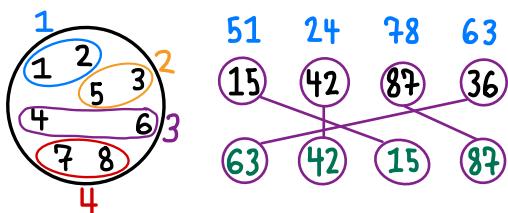
$$n=4$$



$$\star \{1,2\}, \{3,5\}, \{4,6\}, \{7,8\}$$

what if presented in a line?

$$\boxed{\{1,2\}, \{3,4\}, \{5,6\}, \{7,8\}}$$



$$\frac{(2n)!}{n!} \frac{(2n-2)!}{2!} \frac{(2n-4)!}{2!} \dots \frac{(2)!}{2!}$$

$$\binom{8}{2} \binom{6}{2} \binom{4}{2} \binom{2}{2} \frac{1}{4!}$$

$$\boxed{\{1,2\}, \{3,4\}, \{5,6\}, \{7,8\}} \quad (a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

Let us count pairings in a different way...

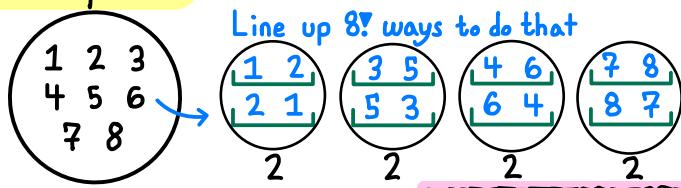
There is  $(2n)!$  ways to order all elements in the set

ordered list of

$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{2n} \leftarrow$  all elements of 'A'

$$\{a_1, a_2\}, \{a_3, a_4\}, \dots, \{a_{2n-1}, a_{2n}\}$$

### Example 05



Line up  $8!$  ways to do that

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

Simplifies to

$$\frac{(2n)!}{2^{n-1} \cdot (2n-2)! \cdot (2n-4)! \dots (2)!}{n!}$$

takes care of ordering the pairs

takes care of  $\{x,y\}$  vs  $\{y,x\}$

### Example 06

$$\{1,5\}, \{4,2\}, \{8,7\}, \{3,6\}$$

unfinished note section

### Example 07

There are 10 students: 6 female, 4 male

(i) How many groups can be found with 3 female & 2 male

$$\binom{6}{3} \binom{4}{2} = 120$$

Number of ways to choose girls

Number of ways to choose boys

(ii) How many groups of 5 students can be made with at least 1 male? \* Needs case analysis

| case 01<br>-1 male-               | case 02<br>-2 males-               | case 03<br>-3 males-              | case 04<br>-4 males-             |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $\binom{6}{4} \binom{4}{1}$<br>60 | $\binom{6}{3} \binom{4}{2}$<br>120 | $\binom{6}{2} \binom{4}{3}$<br>60 | $\binom{6}{1} \binom{4}{4}$<br>6 |

Total count is

$$60 + 120 + 60 + 6 = 246$$

(iii) Repeat Example 01 - except now the group must be ranked from 1 to 5 ordered

$$\binom{6}{3} \binom{4}{2} 5! \quad \text{Ways to order the five people}$$

Number of ways to choose girls

Number of ways to choose boys

$$\text{In total } \binom{6}{3} \binom{4}{2} 5! = 14,400$$

### In Summary

- More than 1 way to count
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unfinished note section

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Exam 1 - Friday (02/17)

Homework 1-4 main resource of study 04/06

### Exercise

In how many ways can a group of 5 people be formed from 11 people where 4 are instructors and 7 are students?

(i) No restrictions/conditions

$$\binom{11}{5} = 462$$

(ii) What if we want exactly two instructors?

Pick 2 instructors and choose the remaining 3

choose 2 instructors

$$\binom{4}{2} \binom{7}{3} = 210$$

choose 3 students

(iii) What if we want at least three instructors?

Case

3 instructors

2 students

$$\binom{4}{3} \binom{7}{2} + \binom{4}{2} \binom{7}{1} = 91$$

84

Case

4 instructors

1 student

$$\binom{4}{4} \binom{7}{1} = 7$$

\*\* (iv) Conflict of interest where  $I_1 \& S_1$  can't be together

$I_1 \& S_1$  cannot both be chosen, we consider cases  
\*(3 in all)\*

Case 01 :  $I_1$  is chosen NOT  $S_1$

$$\begin{array}{l} I_1 \text{ chosen} \\ I_1 \text{ cannot} \end{array} \rightarrow \binom{9}{4} = 126$$

Case 02 :  $I_1$  is NOT chosen, but  $S_1$  is chosen

$$\begin{array}{l} S_1 \text{ chosen} \\ I_1 \text{ cannot} \end{array} \rightarrow \binom{9}{4} = 126$$

Case 03 : Neither  $I_1$  or  $S_1$  are chosen

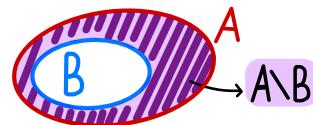
$$\binom{9}{5} = 126$$

$$\text{In total Case 01} + \text{Case 02} + \text{Case 03} = 378$$

### Principle of Complementation

If  $A$  is a finite set and  $B \subseteq A$ , then  $|A \setminus B| = |A| - |B|$

$$A \setminus B = \{x : x \in A, x \notin B\}$$



Attributes

- \* Counting the opposite
- \* The 1-minus rule

$$P(A) = 1 - P(A')$$

### Recall (iv)

In how many ways can a group of 5 people be formed from 11 people where 4 are instructors and 7 are students where  $I_1 \& S_1$  can't be together



We can use this tool, the Principle of Complementation, to count the number of 5 person groups from 4 instructors, 7 students where  $I_1$  and  $S_1$  are not both in the group together (case 03)

$\downarrow$   
11 ← 7 students, 4 instructors  
 $11 - 2$  (1 student & 1 instructor)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Yields the} \\ \text{Same results} \end{array} \rightarrow \binom{11}{5} - \binom{9}{3} = 378$$

Total number of possibilities

Number of groups that contain both  $I_1$  and  $S_1$

### Note

Counting the same object in two ways can lead to combination identities

In this case...

$$\binom{11}{5} - \binom{9}{3} = \binom{9}{4} + \binom{9}{4} + \binom{9}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{2}{r-1} \cdot \frac{3}{r-2} \cdots \frac{n}{r-n+1} P_r^n = n P_{r-1}^{n-1}$$

Principle of Complementation

$$P_r^n = n P_{r-1}^{n-1}$$

**Example:** Placement type problems  
If there must be at least one person at each table,  
how many ways can 6 people be placed around  
two indistinguishable tables?  
\*Can't tell the two tables apart\*



Divide counting into cases depending on the number per table

### case 01



6 choices per person at own table

$$Q_5^5 = 4!$$

$$\underline{6 \cdot 4!}$$

### case 02



$$\binom{6}{2} \times Q_4^4 = \binom{6}{2} \cdot 3!$$

Recall: if  $r=n$  then  

$$Q_r^n = \frac{n!}{n(n-n)!} = (n-1)!$$

### case 03

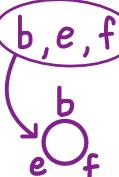


$$\underline{(6)Q_3^3 \cdot Q_3^3}$$

$$2!$$

\* Indistinguishable tables  
 $a, b, c, d, e, f$

|     |
|-----|
| a   |
| c   |
| d   |
| a   |
| c d |



\*accounts for the over count



The total count is

$$\text{case 01: } \binom{6}{1} Q_1^1 \cdot Q_5^5 + \text{case 02: } \binom{6}{2} Q_2^2 \cdot Q_4^4 + \text{case 03: } \frac{1}{2} \binom{6}{3} Q_3^3 \cdot Q_3^3$$

\*Lower case 's' as notation\*

### ~Sterling Numbers of the first Kind~

Def: Sterling Numbers of the first Kind

Given integers  $0 \leq n \leq r$  let,

$s(r, n)$  be the number of ways to place 'r' distinct objects around 'n' indistinguishable tables where no tables are empty

From our example..

#### case 01

$$S(6, 2) = \binom{6}{1} Q_1^1 \cdot Q_5^5 + \binom{6}{2} Q_2^2 \cdot Q_4^4 + \frac{1}{2} \binom{6}{3} Q_3^3 \cdot Q_3^3$$

#### case 03

Properties of  $s(r, n)$ :

r-people r-table

$$\bullet s(r, 1) = Q_r^r = (r-1)!$$

$$\bullet s(r, r) = 1 \quad \text{O O ... O}$$

$$\bullet s(r, r-1) = \binom{r}{2}$$

Pick a pair to sit together

| from the textbook          |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| $s(r, 0) = 0$              | if $r \geq 1$  |
| $s(r, r) = 1$              | if $r \geq 0$  |
| $s(r, 1) = (r-1)!$         | for $r \geq 2$ |
| $s(r, r-1) = \binom{r}{2}$ | for $r \geq 2$ |

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 2 |   |   |   |   | 3 |   |   |   |   |
| 1 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | 1 | ○ | ○ | ○ | 1 |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   | 6 |
| 1 | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | 1 | ○ | ○ | ○ | 1 |

$$S(r, r-1) = \binom{r}{2}$$

$$1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

$$T = 6$$

$$\binom{r}{2} = 15$$

$$5+4$$

$$\bullet s(r, r-2) = \frac{(3n-1)}{4} \binom{n}{3}$$

Note: How so?

$$s(r, r-2) = 2 \cdot \binom{3}{3} + \frac{1}{2} (2, 2, n-4)$$

$$= \frac{(3n-1)}{4} \binom{n}{3}$$

### Claim

If  $r \geq n$ , then

$$S(r, n) = S(r-1, n-1) + (r-1)S(r-1, n)$$

WHY? Let  $1, 2, 3, \dots, r$  be the people

### \*Focus on person 1

\*case 01:  $S(r-1, n-1)$

Person 1 is at own table

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 1 | r-1 people   |
|   | n-1 table(s) |

$S(r-1, n-1)$  ways to complete

\*case 02:  $(r-1)S(r-1, n)$

Person 1 is at not own table

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| r-1 people | Choices for who |
| 1 table    | sits to left of |

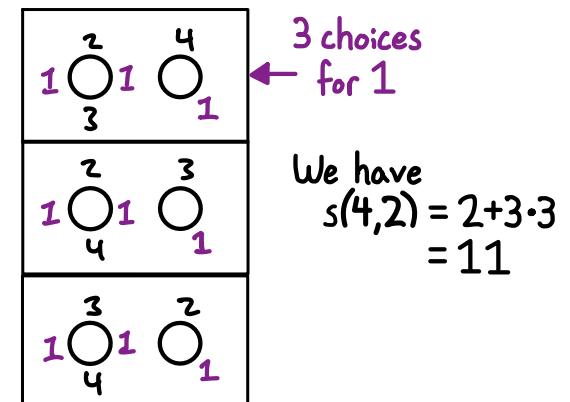
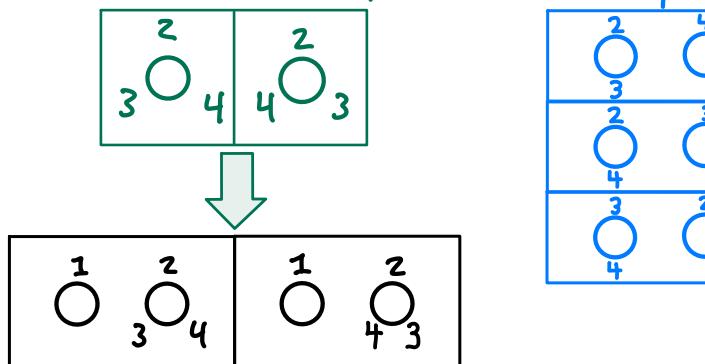
$S(r-1, n)$  ways to complete

From last time, we talked about

$$s(r,n) = s(r-1, n-1) + (r-1)s(r-1, n)$$

Why is this true? Let us draw a specific instance of this recursion.

Say  $s(4,2) = S(3,1) + 3 \cdot S(3,2)$



What about  $s(5,3)$  - 5 people and 3 tables

$$s(5,3) = s(4,2) + 4 \cdot s(4,3)$$

$\binom{4}{3} = 11$        $\binom{4}{2} = 6$

1      2  
4      3  
1,2,3,4  
 $\Rightarrow s(5,3) = 11 + 4 \cdot 6 = 35$

### Properties of $s(r,n)$

$r$ -people  $r$ -table  
 $\bullet s(r,1) = Q_r^r = (r-1)!$

$\bullet s(r,r) = 1$

$\bullet s(r,r-1) = \binom{r}{2}$

$\bullet s(r,r-2) = \frac{(3n-1)}{4} \binom{n}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} s(r,n) &= s(r-1, n-1) + (r-1)s(r-1, n) \\ s(5,3) &= s(5-1, 3-1) + (5-1)s(5-1, 3) \\ &= s(4,2) + (4)s(4,3) \\ \rightarrow s(4,2) &= s(3,1) + (3)s(3,2) \quad \rightarrow s(4,3) = s(3,2) + (3)s(3,3) \\ &\downarrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \\ s(r,1) &= Q_r^r = (r-1)! \quad s(r,r-1) = \binom{r}{2} \\ &\downarrow \qquad \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \\ (2)! + (3) \cdot \binom{3}{2} & \qquad \qquad \qquad (\binom{3}{2}) + (3) \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow s(4,2) &= (2)! + (3) \cdot \binom{3}{2} \quad \rightarrow s(4,3) = \binom{3}{2} + (3) \cdot 1 \\ \rightarrow s(4,2) &= 11 \quad \rightarrow s(4,3) = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$s(5,3) = 11 + (4)6$$

$$\therefore s(5,3) = 35$$