

# PS-MA2102 - Tutorial - 1

**Problem-1:** Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . Determine the number of towers of the form  $\Phi \subseteq A \subseteq B \subseteq S$ .

$$C = \{(B, A) \mid \Phi \subseteq A \subseteq B \subseteq S\} \quad |C| = ?$$

$$C_k = \{(B, A) \mid \Phi \subseteq A \subseteq B \subseteq S, |B| = k\}$$

$$C = \bigcup_{k=0}^n C_k \quad / \quad C_i \cap C_j = \Phi \quad i \neq j$$

$$|C| = \sum_{k=0}^n |C_k|$$

$$|C_k| = \binom{n}{k} \times 2^k \quad / \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$|C| = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 2^k = (1+2)^n = 3^n$$

( $\therefore$  Binomial Theorem)

$S \supseteq B \supseteq A \supseteq \Phi$

**Problem-2:** There is even number  $2n$  of people at party, and they talk together in pairs with everyone (so  $n$  pairs). In how many different ways can the  $2n$  people be talking like this?

Sol:

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

$\underbrace{2! 2! \dots 2!}_{n \text{ times}}$

$\frac{n!}{(n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!)}$

**Problem-3:** Now suppose there is odd number of  $2n + 1$  of people at the party with everyone but one person talking with someone. How many different pairings are possible?

Sol:

$$\frac{(2n+1)!}{n! (2! 2! \dots 2! 1!)}$$

$\underbrace{2! 2! \dots 2!}_{n \text{ times}}$

$$= \frac{(2n+1)!}{n! (2!)^n}$$

**Problem-4:** In how many ways can 12 indistinguishable apples and 1 orange be distributed among three children in such a way that each child gets at least one fruit?

Sol.

# apples      A      B      C  
 $x_1$        $x_2$        $x_3$

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$$

$$> 0 \binom{n-1}{r-1}$$

$$\geq 0 \binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 12, \quad x_1 \geq 0, \quad x_2 > 0, \quad x_3 > 0$$

$$y_1 = x_1 + 1 > 0, \quad y_2 = x_2, \quad y_3 = x_3$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = y_1 - 1$$

$$(y_1 - 1) + y_2 + y_3 = 12$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 13, \quad y_1 > 0, \quad y_2 > 0, \quad y_3 > 0$$

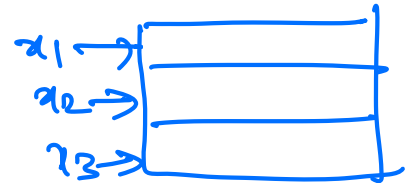
$$\binom{13-1}{3-1} = \binom{12}{2}$$

$$\binom{12}{2} + \binom{12}{2} + \binom{12}{2} = 3 \times \binom{12}{2} //$$

**Problem-5:** There are  $2n + 1$  identical books to be put in a book case with three shelves. In how many ways can this be done if each pair of shelves together contain more than the other shelf.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2n + 1$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 > x_3 \\ \text{and } x_1 + x_3 > x_2 \\ \text{and } x_2 + x_3 > x_1 \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 < x_3 \text{ (or)} \\ x_1 + x_3 < x_2 \text{ (or)} \\ x_2 + x_3 < x_1 \end{cases}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2n + 1$$

$$2n + 1 < x_3 + x_3$$

$$2n + 1 < 2x_3 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq n + 1$$

Total way distribute books

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2n + 1, \quad x_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

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

distribution we don't like

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2n + 1,$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \geq n + 1 \text{ (or)} \\ x_2 \geq n + 1 \text{ (or)} \\ x_3 \geq n + 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(i) \quad x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2n+1, \quad x_1 \geq n+1, \quad x_2 \geq 0, \quad x_3 \geq 0$$

$$y_1 = x_1 - (n+1) \geq 0, \quad y_2 = x_2, \quad y_3 = x_3$$

$$x_1 = y_1 + (n+1)$$

$$y_1 + (n+1) + y_2 + y_3 = 2n+1$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = n, \quad y_1 \geq 0, \quad y_2 \geq 0, \quad y_3 \geq 0$$

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

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2n+1$$

$$x_1 \geq n+1 \quad (\text{or}) \quad x_2 \geq n+1 \quad (\text{or}) \quad x_3 \geq n+1$$

$$\# \text{ solution} = 3 \times \binom{n+2}{2}$$

$$\# \text{ integer soln} \quad x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2n+1, \quad x_1 + x_2 > x_3 \text{ and } x_1 + x_3 > x_2 \\ \text{and } x_2 + x_3 > x_1$$

$$= \binom{2n+3}{2} - 3 \times \binom{n+2}{2} //$$

**Problem-6:** Determine a general formula for the number of permutations of the set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  in which exactly  $k$  ( $0 \leq k \leq n$ ) are in their natural position.

Sol:

$$\binom{n}{k} \times 1 \times D_{n-k} = \binom{n}{k} D_{n-k} //$$

**Problem-7:** In how many ways a teacher can distribute the 30 response sheets to 30 students so that at least one student receives his/her own response sheet.

Sol:

$$30! - D_{30}$$

**Problem-8:** Use the combinatorial reasoning to derive the identity

$$n! = \binom{n}{0}D_n + \binom{n}{1}D_{n-1} + \binom{n}{2}D_{n-2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}D_1 + \binom{n}{n}D_0$$

Proof

$$A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

$S =$  set of permutation of  $A$   $|S| = n!$

$S_k =$  set of permutation of  $A$  in which exactly  $k$  objects are fixed,

$$|S_k| = \binom{n}{k} \times 1 \times D_{n-k} = \binom{n}{k} D_{n-k} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

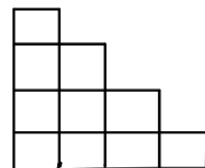
$$S = \bigcup_{k=0}^n S_k \quad / \quad S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset, i \neq j$$

$$|S| = \sum_{k=0}^n |S_k|$$

$$n! = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} D_{n-k}$$

$$n! = \binom{n}{0}D_n + \binom{n}{1}D_{n-1} + \binom{n}{2}D_{n-2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}D_1 + \binom{n}{n}D_0$$

**Problem-9:** How many ways can we arrange the letters of the word 'PEPPER' on the grid shown right. So that no row is empty.



Sol

$S \leftarrow$  set of all arrangements of letters of the word PEPPER  $\rightarrow$

$$|S| = \binom{10}{6} \times \frac{6!}{3!2!1!}$$

Let  $A_i \leftarrow$  set of all arrangements in grid so that  $i$ th row is empty  $i=1, 2, 3, 4$

$$|A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap A_3^c \cap A_4^c| = ?$$

$$|A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap A_3^c \cap A_4^c| = |S| - |A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup A_4|$$

$$= |S| - \left[ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq 4} |A_i| - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq 4} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap A_4| \right]$$

$$|A_1| = \binom{9}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!}, \quad |A_2| = \binom{8}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!}, \quad |A_3| = \binom{7}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!},$$

$$|A_4| = \binom{6}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!}, \quad |A_1 \cap A_2| = \binom{7}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!}, \quad |A_1 \cap A_3| = \binom{6}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!}$$

$$|A_1 \cap A_4| = 0, \quad |A_2 \cap A_4| = 0, \quad |A_2 \cap A_3| = 0, \quad |A_3 \cap A_4| = 0$$

$$|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap A_4| = 0, \quad |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| = 0 \quad 1 \leq i < j < k \leq 4$$

$$|A_1^c \cap A_2^c \cap A_3^c \cap A_4^c| = \binom{10}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!} - \left[ \binom{9}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!} + \binom{8}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!} + \binom{7}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!} \right]$$

$$+ \binom{6}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!} - \binom{7}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!} - \binom{6}{6} \frac{6!}{3!2!1!} - 0 - 0 - 0 + 0$$



**Problem-10:** Give a combinatorial proof of the identity  $\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} k^2 = 2^{n-2} n(n+1)$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{1} \binom{k}{1}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} k^2 = \binom{n}{1} x 2^{n-1} + \binom{n}{1} \binom{n-1}{1} x 2^{n-2}$$

$$= n 2^{n-1} + n(n-1) 2^{n-2}$$

$$= n 2^{n-2} (2 + n-1)$$

$$= 2^{n-2} n(n+1)$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} k^2 = 2^{n-2} n(n+1)$$

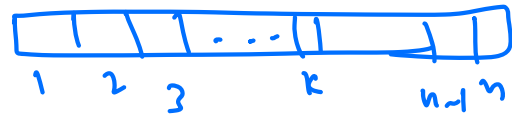
**Problem-11:** Give a combinatorial proof of the identity  $\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} k^3 = 2^{n-3} n^2 (n+3)$

## Exercise

**Problem-12:** (Fermat's identity) Prove  $\binom{n}{k} = \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{i-1}{k-1}$ ,  $n \geq k$

$S$  : set of binary strings of length  $n$  with exactly  $k$  1's

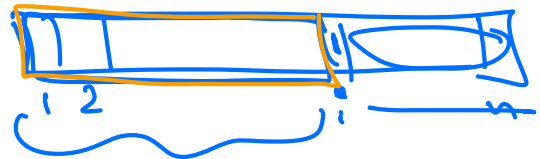
$$|S| = \binom{n}{k}$$



$S_i$  : set of binary strings of length  $n$  with exactly  $k$  1's and last 1 occur at position  $i$ ,  $k \leq i \leq n$

$$|S_i| = \binom{i-1}{k-1}$$

$$k \leq i \leq n$$



$$S = \bigcup_{i=k}^n S_i$$

$$S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset \quad i \neq j$$

$$|S| = \sum_{i=k}^n |S_i| \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{\binom{n}{k} = \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{i-1}{k-1}}$$