

Unit 6

6.1 Basics of Counting

Product Rule

Definition

There are n_1 ways to do task 1 and n_2 ways to do task 2.

Also, for each way you do task 1, there n_2 ways to do task 2, then there are $n_1 * n_2$ ways to do task 1 and 2.

Examples

There are 5 fruits and 6 vegetables for sale at a grocery store

If you just want to buy exactly 1 fruit and exactly 1 vegetable, how many ways can you shop?

$$5 * 6 = 30$$

How many bit strings of length 5 are there?

$$2^5 = 32$$

How many subsets does a set with 5 elements have?

$$2^5 = 32$$

3 friends go to a movie. How many ways can they sit in a row?

$$3! = 6$$

How many functions are there from A to B?

$$|A| = 3$$

$$|B| = 4$$

$$4^3 = 64$$

How many injective (1-to-1) functions are there from A to B?

$$|A| = 3$$

$$|B| = 5$$

$$\frac{5!}{2!} = 60$$

How many items in a cartesian product between A and B?

$$|A| * |B| = \dots$$

Inclusion-Exclusion (Subtraction) Rule

Definition

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

When counting, make sure you take care of double counting

Division Rule

Example

4 people sit around a round table. 2 arrangements are considered the same if the same person sits to your left or to your right.

How many different arrangements are there?

$$3! = 6$$

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Pigeonhole Principle

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Definition

Let k be an integer

If $k + 1$ or more objects are placed in k boxes, then at least one box would contain two or more objects

Example

If 7 balls are put into 6 boxes, at least one box would have at least 2 balls

Corollary of the Pigeonhole Principle

Definition

A function from a set with $k + 1$ elements to a set with k elements is not an injection.

Some 2 elements in the domain must be mapped to the same element in the codomain

Example

Among 367 people, 2 must have the same birthday

Proof

There are 366 days in a year

Since you have 367 people, by the pigeonhole principle, at least 2 people must have the same birthday

Generalized Pigeonhole Principle

Definition

If n objects are placed in k boxes, then at least 1 box has at least $\lceil \frac{n}{k} \rceil$ (ceiling brackets) objects

Example

If there are 13 balls and 6 boxes

At least one box has $\lceil \frac{13}{6} \rceil$

$$\lceil \frac{13}{6} \rceil = \lceil 2.166... \rceil = 3$$

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Permutations/Combinations

Permutation

Definition

An ordered arrangement of a set of objects

An r -permutation is an ordered arrangement of objects chosen from a set of objects

Example

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

Theorem

Definition

If n is a positive integer and $0 \leq r \leq n$, then there are $P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ r -permutations

Example

$$\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$$

Find number of 4 permutations

$$\frac{6!}{(6-4)!} = 360$$

Combination

Definition

An r -combination is an unordered arrangement of r objects chosen from a set

The number of r -combinations chosen from n objects is denoted $C(n, r)$

Theorem

Definition

$$C(n, r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{P(n, r)}{r!} \text{ r-combinations}$$

Example

$$\{A, B, C, D, E\}$$

Find number of 3 combinations

$$\frac{5!}{3!(5-3)!} = 10$$

Theorem

Definition

$$C(n, r) = C(n, n - r), r \leq n$$

Example

How many bit strings of length 7 has exactly 3 ones

$$= \frac{7!}{3!(7-3)!} = 35$$

Practice

1. Bit strings of length 6

a) How many bit strings total

$$2^6 = 64$$

b) How many with exactly 2 1's

$$\frac{6!}{2!(6-2)!} = 15$$

c) How many with at least 2 1's

$$2^6 - C(6, 1) + C(6, 2) = 57$$

2. $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$

a) How many permutations

$$6! = 720$$

b) How many 4-permutations

$$\frac{6!}{(6-4)!} = 360$$

c) How many 4-combinations

$$\frac{360}{4!} = 15$$

d) How many 4-permutations containing A or F

$$360 - P(4, 4) = 336$$

e) How many 4-combinations with either A or F

$$15 - C(4, 4) = 1$$

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Binomial Coefficients and Identities

Binomial Theorem

Definition

Let x and y be variables and integer $n \geq 0$. Then,

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i} y^i = \binom{n}{0} x^n + \binom{n}{1} x^{n-1} y + \binom{n}{2} x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} x y^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} y^n$$

Example

Find the coefficient of $x^5 y^7$ in the expansion of $(x + y)^{12}$

$$(x + y)^{12} = \sum_{i=0}^{12} \binom{12}{i} x^{12-i} y^i$$

$$\binom{12}{7} x^5 y^7$$

$$\binom{12}{7} = \frac{12!}{7!5!}$$

Theorem

Definition

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}$$

Theorem

Definition

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k}$$

Theorem

Definition

$$\sum_{k=0}^n 2^k \binom{n}{k} = 3^n$$

Pascal's Theorem

Definition

$$\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$$