

ASSIGNMENT 17

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Discrete Mathematics

Q1(a): Prove using *PIE*, if A, B and C are finite sets, then

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3| = |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_2 \cap A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_3| + |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &= |A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3| \\ &= |(A_1 \cup A_2) \cup A_3| \\ &= |A_1 \cup A_2| + |A_3| - |(A_1 \cup A_2) \cap A_3| \\ &= |A_1| + |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2| + |A_3| - |(A_1 \cap A_3) \cup (A_2 \cap A_3)| \\ &= |A_1| + |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2| + |A_3| - [|A_1 \cap A_3| + |A_2 \cap A_3| - |(A_1 \cap A_3) \cap (A_2 \cap A_3)|] \\ &\implies |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_2 \cap A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_3| + |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3| \end{aligned}$$

Q1(b): Prove using *PIE*, if $A_1, A_2 \dots A_n$ are finite sets, then,

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = \sum_i |A_i| - \sum_{i,j} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i,j,k} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n|$$

Solution: We can take,

$$P(n) : \left| \bigcup_{i=0}^n A_i \right| = \sum_i |A_i| - \sum_{i,j} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i,j,k} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \left| \bigcap_{i=0}^n A_i \right|$$

Base Case: For $n = 2$, we have, $|A_1 \cup A_2| = |A_1| + |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2|$, by PIE which implies $P(2)$.

Taking the inductive step here: We can assume that $P(r)$:

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=0}^r A_i \right| = \sum_i |A_i| - \sum_{i,j} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i,j,k} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots + (-1)^{r-1} \left| \bigcap_{i=0}^r A_i \right|$$

As $P(2)$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \bigcup_{i=0}^{r+1} A_i \right| &= \left| \left(\bigcup_{i=0}^r A_i \right) \cup A_{r+1} \right| \\ &= \left| \bigcup_{i=0}^r A_i \right| + |A_{r+1}| - \left| \left(\bigcup_{i=0}^r A_i \right) \cap A_{r+1} \right| \end{aligned}$$

Consider $\left| \left(\bigcup_{i=0}^r A_i \right) \cap A_{r+1} \right|$

This can also be written as:

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=0}^r (A_i \cap A_{r+1}) \right|$$

using inductive method:

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=0}^r (A_i \cap A_{r+1}) \right| = \sum_{i=1}^r (A_i \cap A_{r+1}) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (A_i \cap A_j \cap A_{r+1}) + \dots + (-1)^{r-1} \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^r A_i \cap A_{r+1} \right)$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \bigcup_{i=0}^{r+1} A_i \right| &= |A_{r+1}| + \left[\sum_i |A_i| - \sum_{i,j} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i,j,m} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_m| + \dots + (-1)^{r-1} \left| \bigcap_{i=0}^r A_i \right| \right] \\ &\quad - \left[\sum_{i=1}^r (A_i \cap A_{r+1}) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (A_i \cap A_j \cap A_{r+1}) + \dots + (-1)^{r-1} \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^r A_i \cap A_{r+1} \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_i |A_i| - \sum_{i,j} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i,j,k} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots + (-1)^r \left| \bigcap_{i=0}^{r+1} A_i \right| \implies P(r+1) \end{aligned}$$

Q2(a): Among the permutations of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, there are some called de-arrangements, in which none of the n integers appears in its natural place. Thus, (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) is a de-arrangement if $i_1 \neq 1, i_2 \neq 2, \dots$, and $i_n \neq n$. Let D_n be the number of de-arrangements of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Prove that

$$D_n = n! \left[1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \right]$$

Solution: Total number of permutations of n objects is $n!$.

Let us assume, there are N number of ways of arranging the objects in such a way that atleast one object goes to its right.

So, number of de-arrangement will be:

$$D_n = n! - N$$

Let A_r be the set of permutations in which the r^{th} object goes into its right position. Then,

$$N = \left| \bigcup_{r=1}^n A_r \right| = \left[\sum_i |A_i| - \sum_{i,j} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i,j,k} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| + \dots + (-1)^n \left| \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \right| \right]$$

Observe that $|A_i| = n - 1!$, $|A_i \cap A_j| = n - 2!$, and so on.

When we are fixing k elements, it requires permuting of the remaining terms. So,

$$\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} |(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k})| = \binom{n}{k} (n - k)!$$

So the expression for D_n reduces to,

$$\begin{aligned} D_n &= n! - \left[\binom{n}{1} (n - 1)! - \binom{n}{2} (n - 2)! + \dots + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n} (n - n)! \right] \implies D_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (n - i)! \\ \implies D_n &= \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{n!}{i! (n - i)!} (n - i)! = n! \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i!} \\ \implies D_n &= n! \left[1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \right] \end{aligned}$$