

# Combinatorial Analysis

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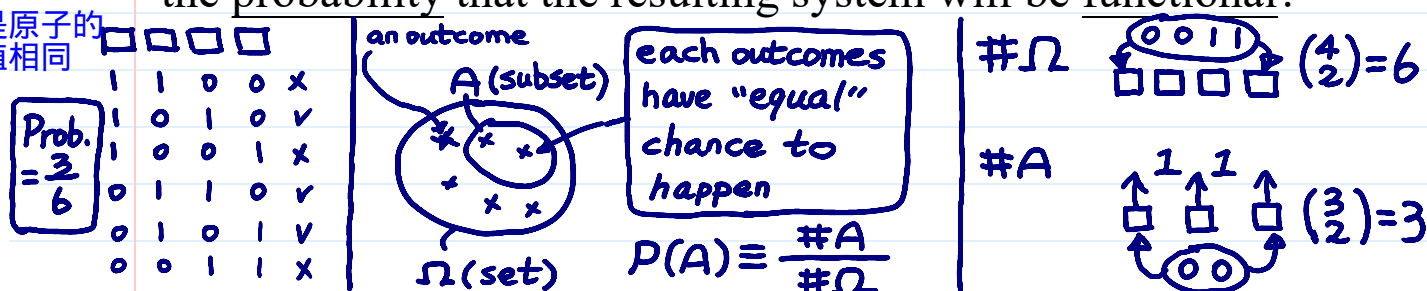
- An example:

古典概型 概率论理论的出现不是数学家钻研出来的



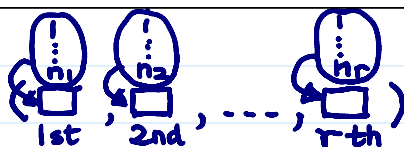
- A communication system is to consist of  $n$  seemingly identical antennas that are to be lined up in a linear order
- A resulting system will be functional as long as no two consecutive antennas are defective
- If it turns out  $m (=2)$  of the  $n (=4)$  antennas are defective, what is the probability that the resulting system will be functional?

前提是原子的  
概率值相同



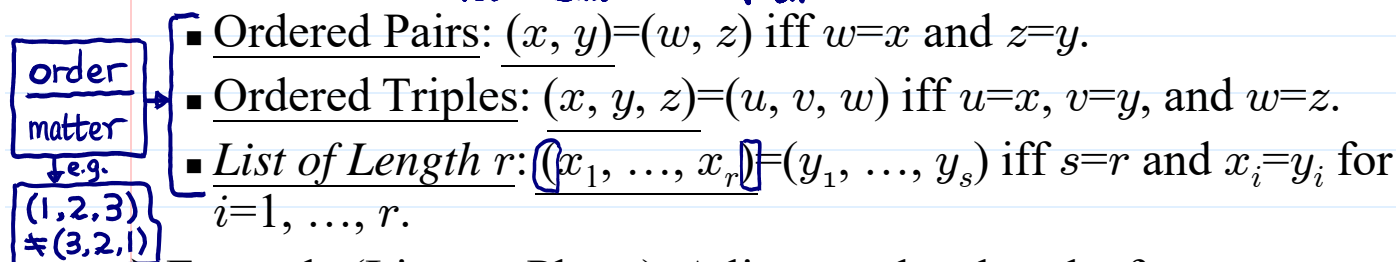
- Many problems in probability theory can be solved simply by counting the number of different ways that a certain event can occur
- The mathematical theory of counting is formally known as combinatorial analysis
- What to Count? (i) Lists, (ii) Permutations, (iii) Combination, (iv) Partition, (v) Number of integer solutions.

- Lists



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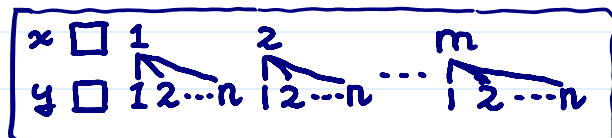
- Definition



- Example (License Plates): A license plate has the form  $LMNwxyz$ , where

$L, M, N \in \{A, B, \dots, Z\}$ ,  
 $w, x, y, z \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ ,

and, so, is a list of length seven.



乘法原则其实是一棵树

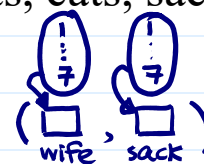
- The basic principle of counting - multiplication principle

- For two: If there are  $m$  choices for  $x$  and for each choice of  $x$ ,  $n$  choice for  $y$ , then there are  $mn$  choices for  $(x, y)$ .
- For several: If there are  $n_i$  choices for  $x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, r$ , then there are  $n_1 n_2 \dots n_r$  choices for  $(x_1, \dots, x_r)$ .

### ■ Example:

As I was going to St. Ives, I met a man with seven wives  
Every wife had seven sacks, Every sack had seven cats  
Every cat had seven kits, Kits, cats, sacks, wives  
How many were going to St. Ives?

□ Ans: none one吧 哈哈



□ However, how many were going the other way?

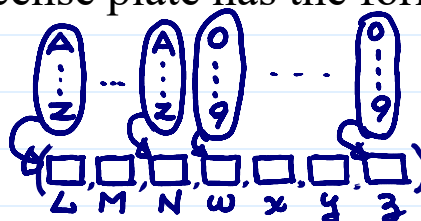
7 Wives,  $7 \times 7 = 49$  sacks,  $49 \times 7 = 343$  cats,  $343 \times 7 = 2401$  kits

Total =  $7 + 49 + 343 + 2401 = 2800 = 7^1 + 7^2 + 7^3 + 7^4$  (等比級數)

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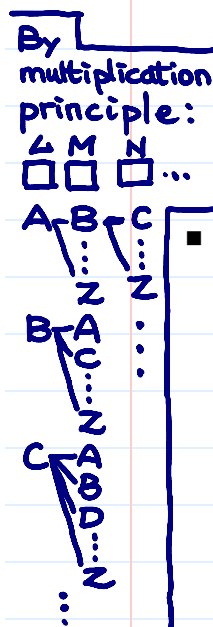


There are  $26^3 \times 10^4 = 175,760,000$  license plates. Of these,

c.f.  $(26 \times 25 \times 24) \times (10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7) = 78,624,000$

List + permutation

of them have distinct letters and digits (no repetition).



### • Permutation (r-permutation of n objects, $r \leq n$ )

➤ Definition: For n objects, a permutation of length r is a list  $(x_1, \dots, x_r)$  with distinct components (no repetition); that is  $x_i \neq x_j$  when  $i \neq j$

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order matters

➤ Example:  $(1, 2, 3)$  is a permutation of three elements;  $(1, 2, 1)$  is not a permutation

➤ Counting Formulas. From n objects, there are

$$n^r = n \times \dots \times n \quad (r \text{ factors})$$

lists of length r and

$$(n)_r \equiv n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times (n-r+1)$$

permutations of length r may be formed.

➤ Example: There are  $10^3 = 1000$  three digit numbers, of which  $(10)_3 = 10 \times 9 \times 8 = 720$  lists with distinct digits.

➤ Some notations

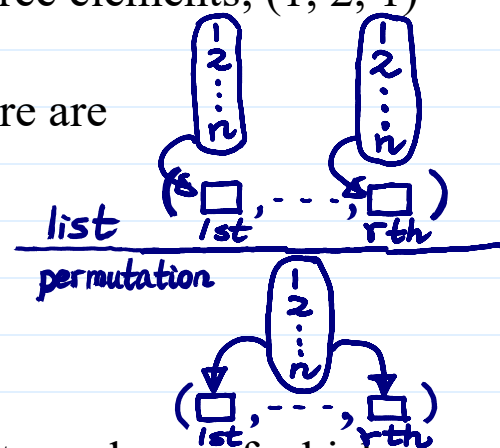
■ Factorials: For positive integers n and r, when  $r=n$ , write

$$n! \equiv (n)_n = n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1$$

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■ Conventions:  $(n)_0 = 1$  and  $0! = 1$

permutation defined in textbook



## Some Notes

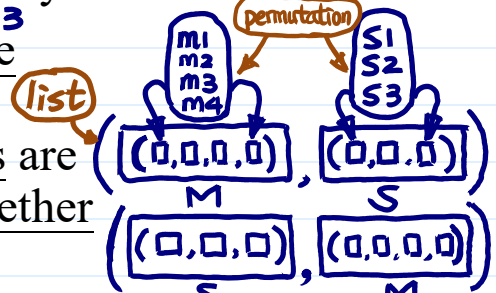
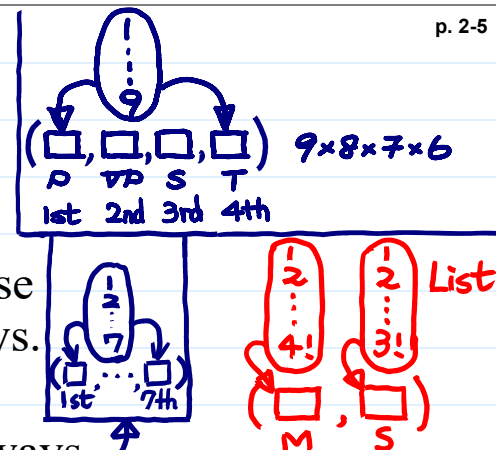
- The textbook only consider  $r=n$ .
- $(n)_r \equiv 0$ , if  $r > n$ .  $(n)_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$
- If  $r < n$ , then  $n! = (n)_r (n-r)!$

➤ Example: A group of 9 people may choose officers (P, VP, S, T) in  $(9)_4 = 3024$  ways.

➤ Example:  $n=9, r=4, (9)_4 = \frac{9!}{5!}$

■ 7 books may be arranged in  $7! = 5040$  ways

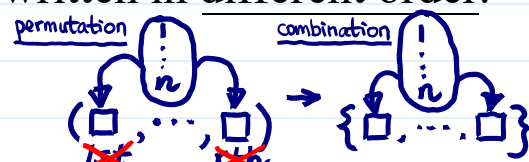
■ If there are 4 math books and 3 science books, then there are  $2 \times (4! \times 3!) = 288$  arrangements in which the math books are together and the science books are together



## Combinations

➤ Definition: For  $n$  objects, a combination of size  $r$  is a set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_r\}$  of  $r$  distinct elements. Two combinations equal if they have the same elements, possibly written in different order.

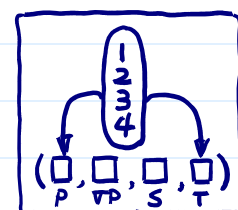
➤ Example:  $\{1, 2, 3\} = \{3, 2, 1\}, \{1, 3, 2\} = \{2, 3, 1\} = \{2, 1, 3\} = \{3, 1, 2\}$   
but  $(1, 2, 3) \neq (3, 2, 1)$



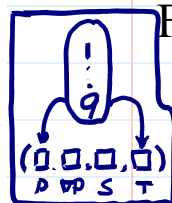
➤ Example: How many committees of size 4 may be chosen from 9 people? Choose officers in two steps:

Choose a committee in ?? Ways.

Choose officers from the committee in  $4!$  Ways



From the Basic principle



■  $(9)_4 = 4! \times ??$

■ So,  $?? = (9)_4 / 4! = 126 = \frac{9!}{5!4!}$

➤ Combinations Formula

■ From  $n (\geq 1)$  objects,

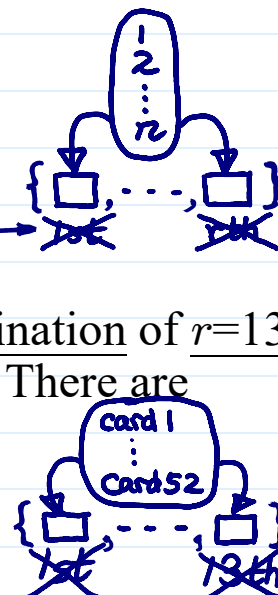
$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{1}{r!} (n)_r$$

combinations of size  $r \leq n$  may be formed

■ Example (bridge): A bridge hand is a combination of  $r=13$  cards drawn from a standard deck of  $n=52$ . There are

$$\binom{52}{13} = 635,013,559,600$$

such hands.



- Binomial coefficients

➤ Alternatively, 
$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = (n)_r$$

➤ **The Binomial Theorem:** For all  $-\infty < x, y < \infty$

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^r y^{n-r}.$$

■ Proof. If

$$(x+y)^n = (x+y) \times \cdots \times (x+y).$$

is expanded, then  $x^r y^{n-r}$  will appear as often as  $x$  can be chosen from  $r$  of the  $n$  factors; i.e., in  $\binom{n}{r}$  ways

■ Example. When  $n=3$ ,  $(x+y)^3 = \binom{3}{0}x^3 + \binom{3}{1}3x^2y + \binom{3}{2}3xy^2 + \binom{3}{3}y^3.$

➤ Binomial identities

■ Setting  $x=y=1$ , we get  $2^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r}$

◆ Example: how many subsets are there of a set consisting of  $n$  elements?

■ Letting  $x=-1$  and  $y=1$ , we get  $0 = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} (-1)^r$

$$\{1, \dots, n\} \Rightarrow \phi, \{1\}, \{1, 2\}, \dots, \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$\{2\}, \{1, 3\}, \dots, \{n\}, \{n-1, n\}, \dots$$

➤ A useful identity:

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

• Partitions

➤ Example: How many distinct arrangements formed from the letters

M I<sub>1</sub> S<sub>1</sub> S<sub>2</sub> I<sub>2</sub> S<sub>3</sub> S<sub>4</sub> I<sub>3</sub> P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>2</sub> I<sub>4</sub>?

■ There are 11 letters which can be arranged in 11! Ways

But, this leads to double counting. If the 4 "S" are permuted, then nothing is changed. Similarly, for the 4 "I"s and 2 "P"s.

■ Each configuration of letters counted

$$4! \times 4! \times 2! = 1,152$$

times and the answer is  $\frac{11!}{4!4!2!} = 34,650.$

Definition: Let  $Z$  be a set with  $n$  objects. If  $r \geq 2$  is an integer, then, an ordered partition of  $Z$  into  $r$  subsets is a list

e.g.  $\{ \{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\} \}$   
 $\neq \{ \{3, 4\}, \{1, 2\} \}$

$$(Z_1, \dots, Z_r)$$

where  $Z_1, \dots, Z_r$  are mutually exclusive subsets of  $Z$  whose union is  $Z$ ; i.e.,

combination