

➤ 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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} &(\{1,2\}, \{3,4\}, \{5,6\}) \\ &\neq (\{3,4\}, \{5,6\}, \{1,2\}) \\ &(\{1,2\}, \{3,4\}, \{5,6\}) \\ &= (\{2,1\}, \{4,3\}, \{6,5\}) \end{aligned}$$

■  $Z_i \cap Z_j = \emptyset$ , if  $i \neq j$ , and

■  $Z_1 \cup \dots \cup Z_r = Z$ .

➤ Let  $n_i = \#Z_i$ , the number of elements in  $Z_i$ . Then,  $n_1, \dots, n_r \geq 0$ , and  $n_1 + \dots + n_r = n$ .

■ Example: In the "MISSISSIPPI" example, 11 positions,

$$Z = \{1, 2, \dots, 11\}$$

were partitioned into four groups of size

$$n_1=4 \text{ "I"s}, \quad n_2=1 \text{ "M"s}, \quad n_3=2 \text{ "P"s}, \quad n_4=4 \text{ "S"s}$$

■ In a bridge game, a deck of 52 cards is partitioned into four hands of size 13 each, one for each of South, West, North, and East.

➤ The Partitions Formula. Let  $n, r \geq 1$ , and  $n_1, \dots, n_r \geq 0$  be integers s.t.  $n_1 + \dots + n_r = n$ . If  $Z$  is a set of  $n$  objects, then there are

$$\binom{n}{n_1} \times \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \times \dots \times \binom{n_r}{n_r} = \binom{n}{n_1, \dots, n_r} \equiv \frac{n!}{n_1! \times \dots \times n_r!}$$

(called multinomial coefficients) ways to partition  $Z$  into  $r$  subsets  $(Z_1, \dots, Z_r)$  for which  $\#Z_i = n_i$  for  $i=1, \dots, r$ .

## The multinomial theorem

binomial  
Theorem  
(LNp.2-7)

c.f.

$$(x_1 + \cdots + x_r)^n = \sum_{n_1 + \cdots + n_r = n} \binom{n}{n_1, \dots, n_r} x_1^{n_1} \cdots x_r^{n_r}$$

### Examples:

order matters

Note:  
ordered  
partition

diff.

A	1	4
	2	5
	3	6
B	4	7
	5	8
	6	9
C	7	1
	8	2
	9	3

9 children divided into A, B, C

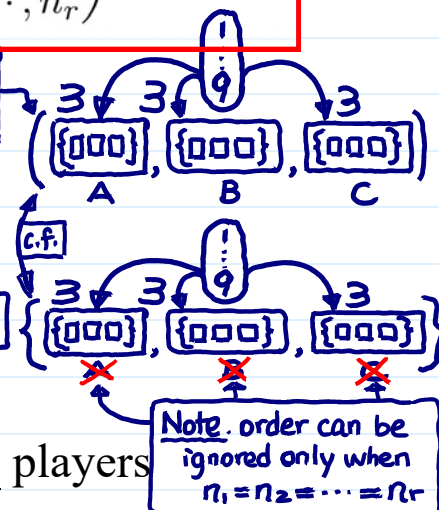
3 teams of 3 each. How many

different divisions? Ans:  $\binom{9}{3,3,3} = \frac{9!}{3!3!3!}$

same

9 children divided into 3 groups of 3 each, to play a game. How many different divisions? Ans:  $\binom{9}{3,3,3} / 3!$

order ignored



a knockout tournament involving  $n=2^m$  players

◆  $n$  players divided into  $n/2$  pairs

◆ losers of each pair eliminated; winner go next round

◆ the process repeated until a single player remains

◆ Q: How many possible outcomes for the 1st round?

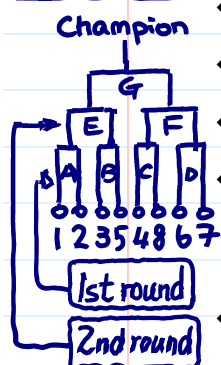
① # of different pairing (order matters)

$$\frac{n!}{2! \cdots 2!} = \frac{n!}{2^{n/2}}$$

②  $\frac{n!}{2^{n/2}} \times \frac{1}{(n/2)!} \times (2 \times \cdots \times 2) = \frac{n!}{(n/2)!}$

◆ Q: How many possible outcomes of the tournament?

$$\frac{n!}{(n/2)!} \times \frac{(n/2)!}{(n/4)!} \times \cdots \times \frac{2!}{1!} = n!$$



1	beat	2
3	:	5
8	:	4
6	:	7

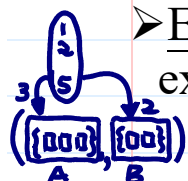
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Q: How many terms in multinomial Thm (LNp.2-10)?

• The Number of Integer Solutions

► If  $n$  and  $r$  are positive integers, how many integer solutions are there to the equations:  $n_1, \dots, n_r \geq 0$  and  $n_1 + \cdots + n_r = n$ ?

► Example: How many arrangements from  $a$  A's and  $b$  B's, for example, ABAAB? There are  $\binom{a+b}{a} = \binom{a+b}{b}$



eg.  $a=3$   
 $b=2$

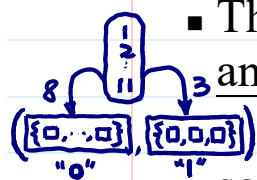
such arrangements, since an arrangement is determined by the  $a$  places occupied by A.

► Example: Suppose  $n=8$  and  $r=4$ . Represent solutions by "o" and "+" by "|".

■ For example,  $ooo|oo||oooo$  means  $n_1=3, n_2=2, n_3=0, n_4=3$ .

■ Note: only  $r-1$  ( $=3$ ) "|"s are needed.

■ There are as many solutions as there are ways to arrange "o" and "|". By the last example, there are

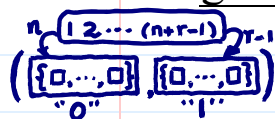


$$\binom{8+3}{3} = \binom{11}{3} = 165$$

$$a=n$$
  
$$b=r-1$$

solutions.

➤ A general formula. For positive integers  $n$  and  $r$ , there are



(a)  $\binom{n+r-1}{r-1} = \binom{n+r-1}{n}$  (b)

special case of combination or partition of 2 subsets

integer solutions to  $n_1, \dots, n_r \geq 0$  and  $n_1 + \dots + n_r = n$ .

➤ If  $n \geq r$ , then there are

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

$$n'_i = n_i - 1$$

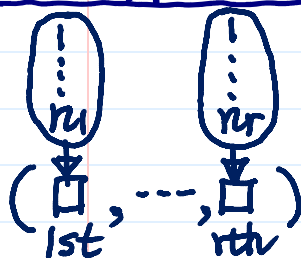
$$n'_i \geq 0$$

$$n'_1 + n'_2 + \dots + n'_r = n_1 + \dots + n_r - r = n - r$$

$$\Rightarrow n' = n - r$$

solutions with  $n_i \geq 1$ , for  $i=1, \dots, r$ .

### Summary

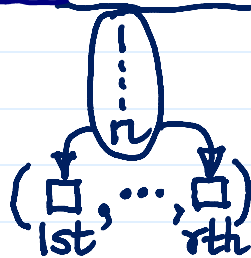


allow repetition  
order matters

List

$$n_1 \times \dots \times n_r$$

required, not optional

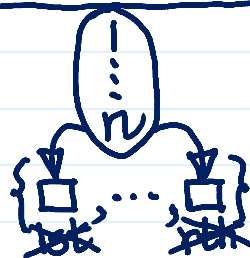


no repetition  
order matters

Permutation

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

$$r = n$$

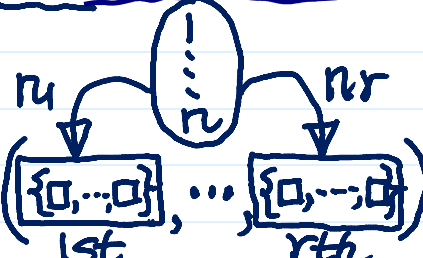


no repetition  
order ignored

Combination

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

2 groups



no repetition  
[order matter between  
order matter within]

Partition

$$\binom{n}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_r}$$

r groups

Integer Solution

❖ Reading: textbook, Chapter 1