

# Discrete

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## 1 Combinatorics

Combinatorics studies methods of counting things.

**Theorem 1.1.** Addition Principle: Consider some task  $T$ . If  $T$  can be accomplished by methods  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n$  which can each be accomplished in  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  ways, then  $T$  can be accomplished in  $\sum a_k$  ways.

**Theorem 1.2.** Multiplication Principle: Consider some task  $T$ . If  $T$  can be broken down into necessary subtasks  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  which can be accomplished in  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  ways, then  $T$  can be done in  $\prod b_k$  ways.

**Theorem 1.3.** An arrangement of  $n$  objects is called a “permutation”. There are  $n!$  possible permutations.

**Theorem 1.4.** An arrangement of  $r$  objects out of a collection of  $n$  objects is called an “ $r$ -permutation”. This can be done in  $P(n, r) = {}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$  ways.

**Theorem 1.5.** An  $r$ -combination is how many combinations of  $r$  objects (ignoring order) you can choose from  $n$  objects. There are  $C(n, r) = {}_nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$  ways.

We will now try to determine how many ways  $n$  balls can be put in to  $r$  boxes. To see this, we use the following trick. Think of balls distributed into boxes in the following structure:  $\circ\circ/\circ\circ\circ/\circ/\circ\circ$  where “ $\circ$ ” represents balls and the “/” symbols divide the balls into categories or boxes. So, the amount of ways to divide  $n$  balls into  $r$  categories is the amount of ways we can distribute the dividers among the characters. This is equivalent to “*characters choose dividers*”. There are  $n + r - 1$  characters and  $r - 1$

dividers. So, we have  $\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$  ways to divide  $n$  identical things into  $r$  categories. Additionally, we have the following useful equivalency:

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{n+r-1}{r-1} &= \frac{(n+r-1)!}{(r-1)!(n+r-1-(r-1))} \\ &= \frac{(n+r-1)!}{(n+r-1-(n))!(n)!} = \binom{n+r-1}{n}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.6.** The number of ways to distribute  $n$  identical balls into  $r$  distinct boxes is  $\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$  or  $\binom{n+r-1}{n}$  ways.

## 2 Number Theory

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $k$  and  $n$  be integers with  $k \neq 0$ . If there exists integer  $q$  such that  $kq = n$ , we say  $k$  divides  $n$ , denoted  $k|n$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $a, b, c$  be integers. If  $a|b$  and  $b|c$ , then  $a|c$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $a, b, c$  be integers. If  $a|b$  and  $a|c$ , then  $a|b+c$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** (The Division Algorithm). Let  $m$  and  $n$  be integers, with  $m > 0$ . Then, there is a unique pair of integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $n = mq + r$  where  $0 \leq r < m$ .

/\*Irrational numbers and  $\sqrt{2}$ \*/

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $n > 0$  and  $p > 1$  be integers.  $p$  is *prime* if “ $n|p$ ” is only true if  $n = p$  or  $n = 1$ .

There is a useful mathematical proof technique called *induction*. Induction operates in two parts. If you want to prove some statement involving an arbitrary  $n$  is true, you first prove it is true for the specific case  $n = c$  where you choose  $c$ . Secondly, you show that if the statement holds for  $n = k$ , then it holds for  $n = k + 1$ . Then, you are done. By the first part, you have proved the case  $n = c$ . Then, combining this with the second part of the proof, you know it holds for  $n = c + 1, n = c + 2, n = \dots$ . A formal inductive proof has the following form:

**Proof.** *Sample Inductive Proof:*

We proceed by the method of Induction,

For the base case of  $n = 0$ , *prove the statement holds for  $n = 0$*

Now we make the inductive hypothesis that *the statement holds for arbitrary  $k$* .

Now we proceed to prove the inductive step *prove that if statement holds for  $k$ , it holds for  $k + 1$* .

Thus by induction *the statement holds*.  $\square$

### 3 Logic

The symbols:

- $\neg$ : Represents “not”.  $\neg A$  is read “not  $A$ ” or “negation of  $A$ ”.
- $\wedge$ : Represents “and”.  $A \rightarrow B$  is read “ $A$  and  $B$ ”.
- $\vee$ : Represents “or”.  $A \vee B$  is read “ $A$  or  $B$ ”.
- $\rightarrow$ : Represent “if”.  $A \wedge B$  is read “ $A$  implies  $B$ ” or “if  $A$  then  $B$ ”.
- $\leftrightarrow$ : Represent “necessary and sufficient condition”.  $A \leftrightarrow B$  is equivalent to  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $B \rightarrow A$ .
- $\forall$ : The universal quantifier; represents “for all”.  $\forall x \in D$  is read “for all  $x$  in  $D$ ”.
- $\exists$ : The existential quantifier; represents “for some” or “there exists”.  $\exists x \in D$  is read “there exists an  $x$  in  $D$ ”.
- $\exists!$ : Represent “there exists unique”.

**Definition 3.1.** A statement that is always false called is a *contradiction*. The classic contradiction is  $p \wedge \neg p$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A statement that is always true is called a *tautology*. The classic tautology is  $p \vee \neg p$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** DeMorgan’s Law:

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \iff \neg p \vee \neg q \text{ and } \neg(p \vee q) \iff \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

**Theorem 3.2.** General DeMorgan’s Law:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge p_n) &\iff (\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2 \vee \cdots \vee \neg p_n) \\ \neg(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \cdots \vee p_n) &\iff (\neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge \neg p_n) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.3.** Reduction ad absurdum,  $(p \rightarrow q) \iff ((p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow c)$

**Theorem 3.4.** Modus ponens,  $((p \leftarrow q) \wedge p) \implies q$

**Theorem 3.5.** Modus tollens,  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q) \implies \neg p$

**Theorem 3.6.** Law of syllogism,  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \implies (p \rightarrow r)$

**Theorem 3.7.** Law of disjunctive syllogism,  $((p \vee q) \wedge \neg p) \implies q$

**Theorem 3.8.**  $\neg(\forall x \in D, p(x)) \iff \exists x \in D, \neg p(x)$

## 4 Informal Set Theory

There exists objects. Objects can be “in”, “belong to” or be an “element” of a set. If an object is in a set  $S$ , we say  $a \in S$ . If not, we say  $a \notin S$ . We can describe the elements of a set  $S$  in the following notation.  $S = \{f | \text{rule that } f \text{ must obey}\}$ .

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. If  $\forall x \in A, x \in B$  then  $A$  is a *subset* of  $B$ , denoted  $A \subseteq B$ .

**Definition 4.2.** The set of everything in the relevant universe is denoted  $\mathcal{U}$ .

**Definition 4.3.** The set with nothing in it is the *empty set*, denoted  $\emptyset$ .  $\emptyset = \{f | f \notin \mathcal{U}\}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** For any set  $A$ ,  $\emptyset \subseteq A$ .

**Definition 4.4.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets such that  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . Then, we say  $A = B$ .

**Definition 4.5.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. If  $A \subseteq B$  but  $A \neq B$  then  $A$  is a *proper subset* of  $B$ , denoted  $A \subset B$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** The empty set is unique.

**Definition 4.6.** Let  $n$  be a nonnegative integer. A set containing  $n$  distinct elements is called an *n-set*.

**Definition 4.7.** Let  $A$  be an  $n$ -set.  $n$  is called the *cardinality* of  $A$  or the *order* of  $A$ , denoted  $|A| = n$

**Definition 4.8.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets so that  $B \in A$  and  $|B| = r$ . Then  $B$  is said to be an *r-subset* of  $A$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** There are  $\binom{n}{r}$ .  $r$ -subsets of and  $n$ -set.

**Definition 4.9.** Let  $A$  be a set. The set of all subsets of  $A$  is called the *power set of  $A$*  denoted  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** For any nonnegative integer  $n$  there are  $2^n$  subsets of an  $n$ -set  $A$ . So  $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^n$

/\*Note about summing over choose operators\*/

**Definition 4.10.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The *union* of  $A$  and  $B$  denoted  $A \cup B$  is defined  $A \cup B = \{x | x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$ .

**Definition 4.11.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The *intersection* of  $A$  and  $B$  denoted  $A \cap B$  is defined  $A \cap B = \{x | x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$ .

**Definition 4.12.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  then  $A$  and  $B$  are *disjoint*.

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Then  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ .