Generating Functions

Section 8.4

Section Summary

- √Generating Functions
- √ Counting Problems and Generating Functions
- √Useful Generating Functions
- ✓ Solving Recurrence Relations Using Generating Functions
- √Proving Identities Using Generating Functions



Why should we study generating functions?

Generating functions are useful for manipulating sequences.

- ✓ to solve many kinds of counting problems

 For example, the problem of combination or permutation with constraints
- √ to solve the recurrence relations
- √ to prove combinatorial identities



Generating Functions

[Definition 1] The generating function for the sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2, ..., a_k, ...$ of real numbers is the infinite series.

$$G(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_k x^k + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$$

Example 1

(1) What is the generating function for the sequence

$$G(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

(2) What is the generating function for the sequence 0, 1, 2,

$$G(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kx^k$$



Generating Functions for Finite Sequences

The generating function for finite sequence of real numbers

 $a_0, a_1, a_2, ..., a_n$ is

$$G(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + ... + a_n x^n$$

Example 2

(1) The finite sequence: 1,1,1. The generating function for this sequence is

$$G(x) = 1 + x + x^2 = \frac{1 - x^3}{1 - x}$$

(2) Let $a_k = C(m, k), k = 0,1,2,...,m$. The generating function for this sequence is

$$G(x) = C(m,0) + C(m,1)x + C(m,2)x^{2} + ... + C(m,m)x^{m} = (1+x)^{m}$$



Useful Facts About Power Series

Theorem 1 Let $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Proof_{\infty}^{k}$

(1)
$$f(x) + g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k) x^k$$

(2)
$$\alpha \cdot f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha \cdot a_k x^k$$

$$(3) \quad x \cdot f'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \cdot a_k x^k$$

$$(4) \quad f(\alpha x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^k \cdot a_k x^k$$

(5)
$$f(x)g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j b_{k-j}) x^k$$

Theorem 1 Let
$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ka_k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \cdot x \cdot kx^{k-1}$$

(1) $f(x) + g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k) x^k$

(2) $\alpha \cdot f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha \cdot a_k x^k$

(3) $x \cdot f'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \cdot a_k x^k$

$$=x\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}a_k(x^k)'$$

$$=x(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty}a_kx^k)'$$

$$= xf'(x)$$

Useful facts about power series

Let
$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x$$

$$(1) \ f(x) + g(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j b_{k-j}) x^k \\ = a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0) x + (a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0) x^2 \\ + \dots + (\sum_{j=1}^{k} a_j b_{k-1}) x^k + \dots \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \ \alpha \cdot f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (x \cdot f'(x)) = (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots)(b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$(4) \ f(\alpha x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (x \cdot f'(x)) = (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots)(b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots)$$

$$(5) \ f(x)g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (x \cdot f'(x)) = (x \cdot f'$$

 Using the above properties, the generating functions of some sequence can be obtained easily.

Example 3 (1) What is the generating function for the sequence 0,1,2,3,4,5,...?

$$b_k = k$$

$$G(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kx^{k}$$

$$= x(\frac{1}{1-x})'$$

$$= \frac{x}{(1-x)^{2}}$$



Example 3 (2) Suppose that the generating function of the sequence: $a_0, a_1, a_2, ..., a_n, ...$ is G(x). What is the generating function for the sequence $b_k = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i$?

Solution:
$$a_k \leftrightarrow G(x)$$
, $c_k = 1$

$$b_k = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k a_i \times c_{k-i}$$

$$F(x) = G(x) \cdot \frac{1}{1-x}$$
For example:
$$\frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

Example 3 (3) What is the generating function for the sequence $a_k = k^2$?

$$a_k = 1$$
 $\xrightarrow{1}$ $\frac{1}{1-x}$

$$a_k = k \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$a_k = k^2$$
 $(\frac{x}{(1-x)^2})' = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$



Example 3 (4) What is the generating function for the sequence $a_k = \sum_{i=1}^{k} i^2$?

$$a_k = k^2$$
 $(\frac{x}{(1-x)^2})' = \frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$

$$a_k = \sum_{i=1}^k i^2$$

$$\frac{x(1+x)}{(1-x)^4}$$



Example 4 Let
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - 4x^2}$$
. Find the coefficient $a_0, a_1, a_2, ..., a_n, ...$ in the expansion $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 - 4x^2} = \frac{1}{(1 - 2x)(1 + 2x)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1 - 2x} + \frac{1}{1 + 2x}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(2^k + (-2)^k) = \begin{cases} 2^k & k \text{ is even} \\ 0 & k \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

The extended binomial coefficient Recall:

$$\binom{m}{k} = C(m,k) = \frac{m!}{k!(m-k)!}$$

Where m, k are nonnegative integers, $k \le m$

[Definition 2] Let u be a real number and k a nonnegative integer. Then the extended binomial coefficient is defined by



Example 5
$$(1) \binom{1/2}{3} = ? \qquad (2) \binom{-n}{k} = ?$$

$$(1)\binom{1/2}{3} = \frac{(1/2)(1/2-1)(1/2-2)}{3!} = 1/16$$

$$(2) {\binom{-n}{k}} = \frac{(-n)(-n-1)...(-n-k+1)}{k!}$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^k n(n+1)...(n+k-1)}{k!}$$

$$= (-1)^k C(n+k-1,k)$$

The extended Binomial Theorem

[Theorem 2] Let x be a real number with |x| < 1 and let u be a real number. Then

$$(1+x)^{u} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{u}{k} x^{k}$$



Example 6 Find the generating functions for

$$(1+x)^{-n}$$
 and $(1-x)^{-n}$

where n is a positive integer, using the extended Binomial Theorem.

Solution:

By the extended Binomial Theorem, it follows that

$$(1+x)^{-n} \qquad (1-x)^{-n}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} {\binom{-n}{k}} x^k \qquad = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} {\binom{-n}{k}} (-x)^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k C(n+k-1,k) x^k \qquad = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k C(n+k-1,k) (-1)^k x^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C(n+k-1,k) x^k$$

Some Common Used Generating Functions

Sequence

(1)
$$C(n,k)$$

(2)
$$C(n,k)a^k$$

(5)
$$a^{k}$$

(6)
$$k+1$$

Generating function

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C(n,k) x^k = (1+x)^n$$

$$(1+ax)^n$$

$$1 + x + x^{2} + \dots + x^{n} = \frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-ax}$$

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$



Some Common Used Generating Functions

Sequence

(7)
$$C(n+k-1,k)$$

$$(1-x)^{-n}$$

(8)
$$(-1)^k C(n+k-1,k)$$

$$(1+x)^{-n}$$

(9)
$$C(n+k-1,k)a^{k}$$

$$(1-ax)^{-n}$$

$$(10) \frac{1}{k!}$$

$$e^{x}$$

$$(11) \ \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k}$$

$$ln(1+x)$$



Counting Problems and Generating Functions

Example 7 Find the number of solutions of $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = 17$ where e_1, e_2, e_3 are nonnegative integers with $2 \le e_1 \le 5, 3 \le e_2 \le 6, and 4 \le e_3 \le 7$

Solution:

$$e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = 17$$

(1)
$$e_i \ge 0$$
 $H_3^{17} = C(3-1+17,17)$

(2)
$$e_1 \ge 10$$
 $e_1 + e_2 + e_3 = 7(e_i \ge 0)$

$$H_3^7 = C(3 - 1 + 7, 7)$$

(3)
$$2 \le e_1 \le 5, 3 \le e_2 \le 6, and 4 \le e_3 \le 7$$
?

The generating function for this counting problem is

$$G(x) = (x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5)(x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6)(x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7)$$

The number of solutions is the coefficient of x^{17} in the expansion of G(x).

Example 8 Use generating functions to find the number of r-combinations from a set with n elements when repetition of elements is allowed.

Solution:

Since there are n elements in the set, each can be selected zero times, one times and so on. It follows that

$$G(x) = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + ...)^n = (\frac{1}{1 - x})^n = \frac{1}{(1 - x)^n}$$

the number of r-combinations from a set with n elements when repetition of elements is allowed, is the coefficient a_r of x^r in the expansion of G(x). Since

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C(n+k-1,k)x^k$$

Then the coefficient a_r equals C(n+r-1,r)

Example 9 Suppose that there are 2*r* red balls, 2*r* blue balls, and 2*r* white balls. How many ways to select 3*r* balls from these balls?

Solution:

 $G(x) = (1 + x + x^2 + ... + x^{2r})^{\bigcirc}$

The coefficient a_{3r} of x^{3r} in the expansion of G(x) is the solution of this problem.

How to find a_{3r} ?

$$G(x) = (1 + x + x^{2} + ... + x^{2r})^{3} = (\frac{1 - x^{2r+1}}{1 - x})^{3} = \frac{1 - 3x^{2r+1}}{(1 - x)^{3}} 3x^{4r+2} - x^{6r+3}$$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{(1 - x)^{3}} = (1 + x + x^{2} + ...)^{3}$$

The coefficient of term x^i in F(x) is $H_3^i = C_{3+i-1}^i = C_{i+2}^i$

$$2r+1+y=3r \qquad \therefore y=r-1$$

The coefficient of term x^{r-1} in F(x) is C_{r+1}^{r-1}

$$\therefore a_{3r} = C_{3r+2}^{3r} - 3C_{r+1}^{r-1}$$

Example 10 Determine the number of ways to insert tokens worth \$1,\$2 and \$5 into a vending machine to pay for an item that costs *r* dollars in both the case when the order in which the tokens are inserted does not matter and when the order does matter.

Solution:

(1) The order in which the tokens are inserted does not matter

$$G(x) = (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + ...)(1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + ...)(1 + x^5 + x^{10} + x^{15} + ...)$$

The coefficient of x^r in the expansion of G(x) is the solution of this problem.

- (2) The order in which the tokens are inserted does matter
 - **The number of ways to insert exactly** *n* **tokens to produce a total of** *r***\$** is the coefficient of x^r in $(x + x^2 + x^5)^n$
 - Since any number of tokens may be inserted, the number of ways to produce r\$ using \$1,\$2 and \$5 tokens, is the coefficient of x^r in

$$1 + (x + x^{2} + x^{5}) + (x + x^{2} + x^{5})^{2} + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - (x + x^{2} + x^{5})}$$

Use Generating Function To Solve Recurrence Relations

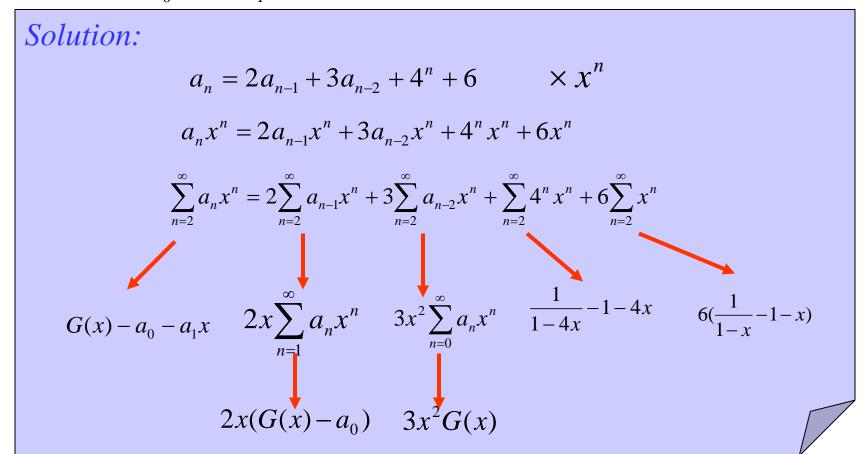
The Method:

(1) Use the recurrence relation find the generating function of this sequence.

(2)
$$G(x) \Rightarrow a_n$$



Example 11 Use generating functions to solve the recurrence relation $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2} + 4^n + 6$ with initial conditions $a_0 = 20, a_1 = 60$.



$$(1-2x-3x^{2})G(x) = \frac{20-80x+2x^{2}+40x^{3}}{(1-4x)(1-x)}$$

$$G(x) = \frac{20-80x+2x^{2}+40x^{3}}{(1-4x)(1-x)(1+x)(1-3x)}$$

$$= \frac{16/5}{1-4x} + \frac{-3/2}{1-x} + \frac{31/20}{1+x} + \frac{67/4}{1-3x}$$

$$\frac{16}{5} \times 4^{n} - \frac{3}{2} \times 1^{n} \quad \frac{31}{20} \times (-1)^{n} \quad \frac{67}{4} \times 3^{n}$$

$$a_{n} = \frac{16}{5} \times 4^{n} - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{31}{20} \times (-1)^{n} + \frac{67}{4} \times 3^{n}$$

Proving Identities Via Generating Functions

Example 12 Use generating function to prove Pascal's identity C(n,r) = C(n-1,r) + C(n-1,r-1) when n and r are positive integers with r < n.

Proof:
$$G(x) = (1+x)^{n} = \sum_{r=0}^{n} C(n,r)x^{r}$$

$$(1+x)^{n} = (1+x)(1+x)^{n-1} = (1+x)^{n-1} + x(1+x)^{n-1}$$

$$\sum_{r=0}^{n} C(n,r)x^{r} = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} C(n-1,r)x^{r} + \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} C(n-1,r)x^{r+1}$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} C(n-1,r)x^{r} + \sum_{r=1}^{n} C(n-1,r-1)x^{r}$$

$$1 + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(n,r)x^{r} + x^{n}$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(n-1,r)x^{r} + \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(n-1,r-1)x^{r} + x^{n}$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} C(n,r)x^{r} = \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} [C(n-1,r) + C(n-1,r-1)]x^{r}$$

Inclusion-Exclusion and Its Application

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Recall:

☐ The principle of Inclusion-exclusion

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

☐ For the union of three finite sets:

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

 \Box For the union of *n* finite sets:

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

How to prove?

An element in the union is counted exactly once by the right-hand side of the equation.

$$\mid A_{1} \cup A_{2} \cup ... \cup A_{n} \mid = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mid A_{i} \mid -\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \mid A_{i} \cap A_{j} \mid +\sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} \mid A_{i} \cap A_{j} \cap A_{k} \mid + ... + (-1)^{n-1} \mid A_{1} \cap A_{2} \cap ... \cap A_{n} \mid A_{n} \cap A_{$$

Proof:

Suppose that a is an element of exactly r of the sets

$$A_1, A_2, \square, A_n$$
 where $1 \le r \le n$.

This element is counted C(r,1) times by $\sum_{i=1}^{n} |A_i|$.

This element is counted C(r,2) times by $\sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} |A_i \cap A_j|$.

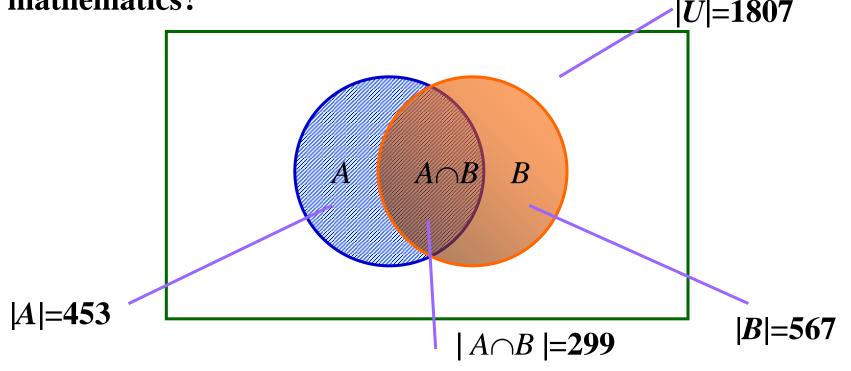
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Thus, it is counted exactly

$$C(r,1) - C(r,2) + C(r,3) - \dots + (-1)^{r-1}C(r,r) = 1$$

Why ? Since
$$(-1+1)^r = 0$$

[Example 1] Suppose that there are 1807 freshmen at your school. Of these, 453 are taking a course in computer science, 567 are taking a course in mathematics, and 299 are taking courses in both computer science and mathematics. How many are not taking a course either in computer science or in mathematics?



Example 2 How many positive integers not exceeding 1000 that are not divisible by 5, 6 or 8?

Solution:

U: the set of positive integers not exceeding 1000

A: the set of positive integers not exceeding 1000 that are divisible by 5,

B: the set of positive integers not exceeding 1000 that are divisible by 6,

C: the set of positive integers not exceeding 1000 that are divisible by 8.

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{A} \cap \overline{B} \cap \overline{C}| &= |U| - |A \cup B \cup C| \\ &= |U| - (|A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C| \\ &= 1000 - \left(\left| \frac{1000}{5} \right| + \left| \frac{1000}{6} \right| + \left| \frac{1000}{8} \right| - \left| \frac{1000}{5 \times 6} \right| - \left| \frac{1000}{5 \times 8} \right| + \left| \frac{1000}{5 \times 6 \times 4} \right| \right) \\ &= 600 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3 How many permutations of the 26 letters of the English alphabet do not contain any of the strings *fish*, *rat* or *bird*?

Solution:

U: the set of permutations of the 26 letters

A: the set of permutations of the 26 letters containing fish,

B: the set of permutations of the 26 letters containing rat,

C: the set of permutations of the 26 letters containing bird.

$$|\overline{A} \cap \overline{B} \cap \overline{C}| = |U| - |A \cup B \cup C|$$

$$= |U| - (|A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

$$= 26! - (23! + 24! + 23! - 21! - 0 - 0 - 0)$$

An alternative form of inclusion-exclusion

 \checkmark to solve problems that ask for the number of elements in a set that have none of n properties.

$$P_1, P_2, ..., P_n$$

Let A_i be the subset containing the elements that have property P_i .

 $N(P_1P_2...P_k)$: The number of elements with all properties $P_1, P_2, ..., P_k$.

It follows that

$$N(P_1P_2...P_k) = |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap ... \cap A_k|$$

 $N(P_1'P_2'...P_n')$:The number of elements with none of the properties $P_1,P_2,...,P_n$.

From the inclusion-exclusion principle, we see that

$$N(P_1'P_2'...P_n') = N - |A_1 \cup A_2... \cup A_n| = N - \sum_{1 \le i \le n} N(P_i) + \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} N(P_iP_j) + ... + (-1)^n N(P_1P_2...P_n)$$

Example 4 How many solutions does $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 13$ have, where x_i are nonnegative integers with $x_i < 6, i = 1,2,3$?

Solution:

Let a solution has property P_1 is $x_1 \ge 6$, property P_2 is $x_2 \ge 6$, property P_3 is $x_3 \ge 6$.

The number of solutions is

$$N(P_1'P_2'P_3') = N - N(P_1) - N(P_2) - N(P_3) + N(P_1P_2) + N(P_1P_3) + N(P_2P_3) - N(P_1P_2P_3)$$

$$C(3-1+13,13)$$

$$C(3-1+13,13)$$
 $N(P_i) = C(3-1+7,7)$ $N(P_iP_j) = C(3-1+1,1)$ $N(P_1P_2P_3) = 0$

$$N(P_i P_j) = C(3-1+1,1)$$

$$N(P_1P_2P_3)=0$$

[Example 5] Find the number of primes not exceeding a specified positive integer.

Take 100 for example.

- ♦ A composite integer is divisible by a prime not exceeding its square root.
 - Composite integer not exceeding 100 must have a prime factor not exceeding 10.
 - Since the only primes less than 10 are 2,3,5,7, the primes not exceeding 100 are these four primes and the positive integers greater than 1 and not exceeding 100 that are divisible by none of 2,3,5,7.

- P_1 : the property that an integer is divisible by 2
- P_2 : the property that an integer is divisible by 3
- P_3 : the property that an integer is divisible by 5
- P_{4} : the property that an integer is divisible by 7

The number of primes not exceeding positive integer 100 is

$$4 + N(P_1'P_2'P_3'P_4')$$

$$= 4 + N - N(P_{1}) - N(P_{2}) - N(P_{3}) - N(P_{4}) + N(P_{1}P_{2}) + N(P_{1}P_{3}) + N(P_{1}P_{4})$$

$$+ N(P_{2}P_{3}) + N(P_{2}P_{4}) + N(P_{3}P_{4}) - N(P_{1}P_{2}P_{3}) - N(P_{1}P_{2}P_{4}) - N(P_{1}P_{3}P_{4}) - N(P_{2}P_{3}P_{4}) + N(P_{1}P_{2}P_{3}P_{4})$$

$$= 25$$

$$\lfloor 100/(2 \times 3) \rfloor$$

$$\lfloor 100/(2 \times 3 \times 5) \rfloor$$

 $\lfloor 100/(2\times3\times5\times7) \rfloor$

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The number of onto functions

Theorem 1: Let m and n be positive integers with $m \ge n$. Then, there are

$$n^{m} - C(n,1)(n-1)^{m} + C(n,2)(n-2)^{m} - ... + (-1)^{n-1}C(n,n-1) \cdot 1^{m}$$

onto functions from a set with m elements to a set with n elements.

Proof:

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, ..., a_m\}$$
 $B = \{b_1, b_2, ..., b_n\}$

Let P_i be the property that b_i is not in the range of the function, respectively.

Note that a function is onto if and only if it has none of the properties $P_i(i=1,2,...,n)$.



By the principle of inclusion-exclusion, it follows that the number of onto functions is

$$N(P_{1}'P_{2}'...P_{n}') = N - \sum_{1 \le i \le n} N(P_{i}) + \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} N(P_{i}P_{j}) - ... + (-1)^{n} N(P_{1}P_{2}...P_{n})$$

$$n^{m} \qquad C(n,1)(n-1)^{m} \qquad C(n,2)(n-2)^{m} \qquad (-1)^{n} N(P_{1}P_{2}...P_{n}) = 0$$

Problem:

S(m, n): the number of ways to distribute m distinguishable objects into n indistinguishable boxes so that no boxes is empty

the number of ways to partition the set with m elements into n nonempty and disjoint subsets.

S(m,n) n!: the number of onto functions from a set with m elements to a set with n elements

Application:

- Assign m different jobs to n different employees if every employee is assigned at least one job.
- ◆ Distribute m different toys to n different children such that each child gets at deast one toy.

Derangements

Definition: A derangement is a permutation of objects that leaves no object in the original position.

Example:

The permutation of 21453 is a derangement of 12345 because no number is left in its original position. But 21543 is not a derangement of 12345, because 4 is in its original position.



Derangements

Theorem 2: The number of derangements of a set with n elements is

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

Proof:

Let a permutation have property P_i if it fixes element i.

The number of derangements is the number of permutation having none of the properties P_i for i=1, 2, ..., n, namely



$$\begin{split} D_n &= N(P_1'P_2'...P_n') \\ &= N - \sum_{1 \le i \le n} N(P_i) + \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} N(P_iP_j) + ... + (-1)^n N(P_1P_2...P_n) \\ &= n! - C(n,1)(n-1)! + C(n,2)(n-2)! - C(n,3)(n-3)! + ... + (-1)^n \times C(n,n)(n-n)! \\ &= n! - \frac{n!}{1!(n-1)!} \times (n-1)! + \frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} \times (n-2)! - \frac{n!}{3!(n-3)!} \times (n-3)! + ... + (-1)^n \frac{n!}{n!(n-n)!} \times (n-n)! \\ &= n! \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + ... + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!}) \end{split}$$



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