

CSCI 104

Counting

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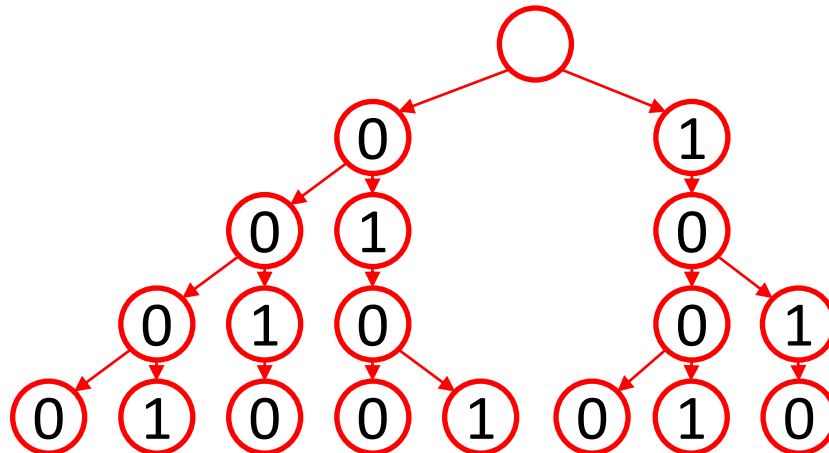
- Know some of the basic rules and formulas we provide
- But don't just look for a formula as your first step. STOP! Think through the problem, your intuitions, and what rules/formulas *may* seem useful
- Write some examples and then determine your approach
- Often you may need to break the problem up and apply the rules/formulas to the parts

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FUNDAMENTAL COUNTING RULES

Key Ideas

- Fundamental Counting Rules
 - **Product**, **Division**, **Subtraction**, and **Addition** rules
 - These can be used to fully solve "simple" problems or as a technique to decompose a problem into or solve subproblems
- Permutations and Combinations
 - Counting subsets when **order** DOES or DOES NOT matter
 - Counting techniques differ when elements/options CAN or CANNOT be **replaced** (chosen again)
- Distributing elements to "boxes/bins"
 - Different techniques based on distinguishability and indistinguishability of both elements and the "boxes/bins"

PERMUTATIONS AND COMBINATIONS

Product Rule Motivation

- A company has 3 new employees: Aaron, Simone, and Jenna. There are 12 offices. How many different ways are there to assign offices?

_____ _____ _____
A S J

The Product Rule

Fundamental Rule

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 - $12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 = 1320$
- The **Product Rule** states that if a procedure can be broken up into a **sequence of k tasks**, and there are n_i ways to do the i-th task, then there are a total of

$\prod_{i=1}^k n_i$ ways to do the procedure,

or $|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$

{ABC}x{1,2}	1	2
A	A1	A2
B	B1	B2
C	C1	C2

Replacement Or Non-Replacement

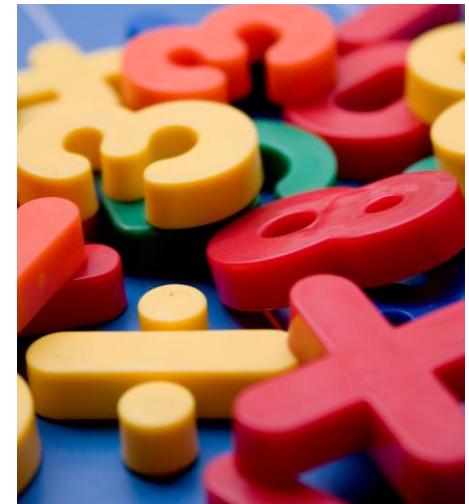
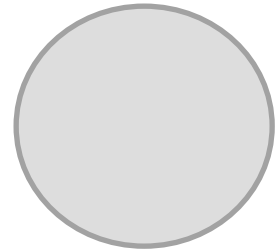
- Ex. 1: How many ways are there to arrange 10 people in a line?
- Ex. 2: If a license plate must have 3 letters followed by 3 digits, how many unique license plates are there?
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 - Without replacement: Answer often involves _____
 - How many ways to arrange {A,B,C,D}? _____
 - With replacement: Answer often involves _____
 - How many unique strings exist use only characters {A,B,C,D}? _____

Replacement Or Non-Replacement

- Ex. 1: How many ways are there to arrange 10 people in a line?
 - $10! = 3628800$
- Ex. 2: If a license plate must have 3 letters followed by 3 digits, how many unique license plates are there?
 - $26^3 \cdot 10^3 = 17576000$
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 - Without replacement: Answer often involves **factorials**
 - How many ways to arrange {A,B,C,D}? _____
 - $4!$
 - With replacement: Answer often involves **exponents**
 - How many length 3 strings exist use only characters {A,B,C,D}? _____
 - 4^3

Division Rule Motivation

- How many different ways are there to seat 4 people around a circular table, where two seatings are considered identical if each person has the same left neighbor in both seatings, and the same right neighbor in both seatings?
- How many ways are there to arrange 10 people in a line, when it is unspecified which end is the front?



The Division Rule

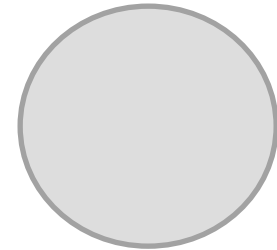
Fundamental Rule

- How many different ways are there to seat 4 people around a circular table, where two seatings are considered identical if each person has the same left neighbor in both settings, and the same right neighbor in both settings?

$$- \frac{4!}{4} = 6$$

- The **Division Rule** states that there are $\frac{n}{d}$ ways to do a task which can be done in one of n different ways, but for each specific way, it is identical to $d-1$ other ways.
- How many ways are there to arrange 10 people in a line, when it is unspecified which end is the front?

$$- \frac{10!}{2}$$



r Permutations

- How many ways can we select 3 students from a group of 5 to stand in line for groceries?
 - Consider the use of the multiplication and division rule

A	B	C	D	E
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A	B	D	C	E
A	B	D	E	C
A	B	E	C	D
A	B	E	D	C
...				
E	D	C	A	B
E	D	C	B	A

r Permutations

Subsets when order DOES matter

- How many ways can we select **3** students from a group of **5** to stand in line for groceries?

- Consider the use of the multiplication and division rule

- $\frac{5!}{2!}$

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A	B	E	C	D
A	B	E	D	C
...				
E	D	C	A	B
E	D	C	B	A

- An **r**-permutation is an **ordered** arrangement of **r** elements from a set of **n**, denoted nPr ,

$$P(n,r), \text{ or } {}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

- Note: Permuting all **n** items in the set

yields: $({}_n P_n) = \frac{n!}{(n-n)!} = \frac{n!}{0!} = n!$

Ordered r permutation

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

Combinations

Subsets when order does NOT matter

- How many ways are there to select **3** representatives from **5** students to go to a club meeting

$$- \frac{5!}{2! \cdot 3!}$$

- An **r**-combination is an unordered arrangement of **r** elements from a set of size **n**, is commonly spoken as "n choose **r**" and is denoted nCr , $C(n,r)$ or

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

A	B	C	D	E
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...				

r combination

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

Permutation/Combination Examples

- How many permutations of the letters DIJKSTRA contain the substring IJK?
 - _____
- How many different 5-card Poker hands can be dealt from a standard deck of 52 cards?
 - $\binom{52}{5} = 2,598,960$
- How many different 47-card hands can be dealt?
 - $\binom{52}{47} = 2,598,960$



Properties of Combinations

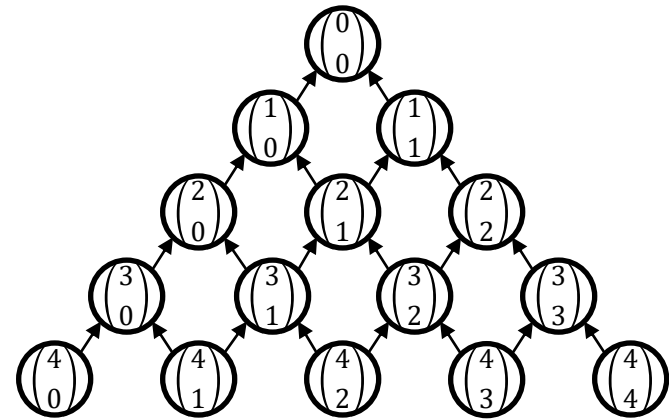
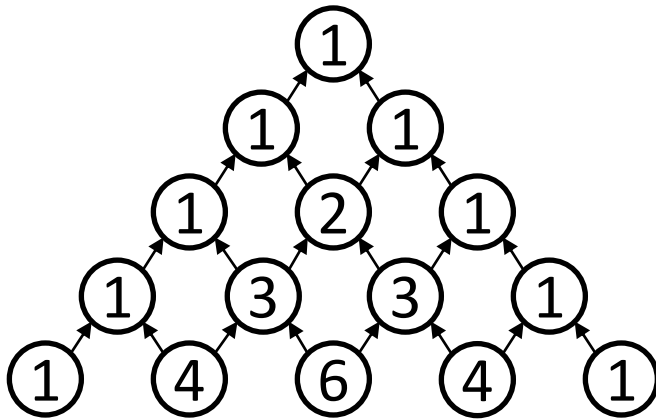
- Fact 1: $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$
 - $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$ and $\binom{n}{n-r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!(n-(n-r))!} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!(r)!}$
- Fact 2: $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$
 - This sum enumerates all possible subsets and yields the power set (of which there are 2^n total subsets)
 - Ex: {A, B, C}



Binomial Theorem & Pascal's Identity

- Expand $(x + y)^3 = (x + y)(x + y)(x + y)$
 - $x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$
 - $\binom{3}{0}x^3 + \binom{3}{1}x^2y + \binom{3}{2}xy^2 + \binom{3}{3}y^3$
- The Binomial Theorem is as follows:
 - $(x + y)^n = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} x^{n-j} y^j$
- What is the coefficient of $x^{12}y^{13}$ in the expansion of $(x + y)^{25}$?
 - $\binom{25}{13} = \binom{25}{12}$

Pascal's Triangle and Identity



Pascal's Identity:

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

Proof of Pascal's Identity

- Prove: $\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$
- Let T be a set with $n+1$ elements. Let a be an element in T , and let $S = T - \{a\}$
- There are $\binom{n+1}{k}$ subsets of T with k elements: some include a , the rest don't.
- There are $\binom{n}{k}$ ways to choose k elements from S (subsets of T without a)
- There are $\binom{n}{k-1}$ ways to choose $k-1$ elements from S
 - Add a to each of these, corresponding to subsets of T with a .
- Therefore, $\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$

Another Combination Property

- Prove: $\binom{2n}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2$
- $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot \binom{n}{n-k}$
- Suppose we have a class of $2n$ people, and we need to choose n people to get an A.
- We can divide the room up into the men (there are n of them) and the women (also n).
- The k th term in the summation is the number of ways to assign A's, so that exactly k men get an A and $n-k$ women get an A.
- If we add up over all k , this will give us the total number of ways to assign A's.

DECOMPOSING TO AND COMBINING ANSWERS TO SUBPROBLEMS

Addition Rule Motivation

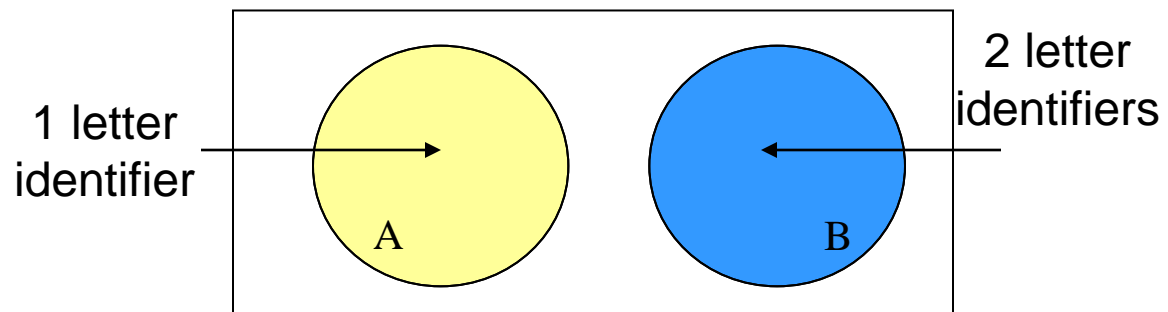
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 - $26 + 26 * 36 = 962$
- The **Addition Rule** states that if a task can be done in either one of **n1** ways or one of **n2** ways, and there is **NO** overlap between these groups, then the number of ways to do the task is $n1 + n2$, or $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$



Subtraction Rule Motivation

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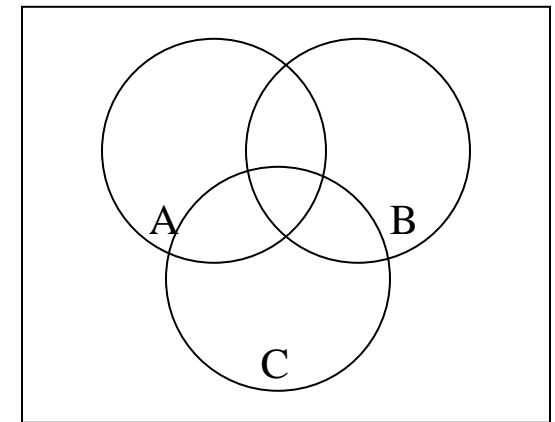
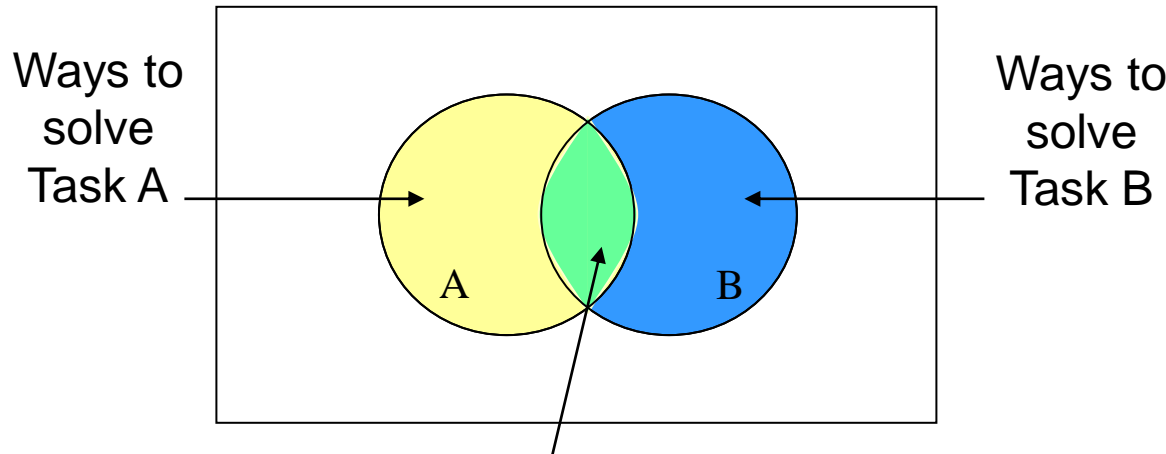
Fundamental Rule

- How many bit strings of length 8 either start with a 1 or end with two 0s?
 - $2^7 + 2^6 - 2^5 = 160$
- The company Grinding Gear Games has 350 job applicants. 220 are CSCI majors, 147 are BUAD majors, and 51 are double majors in both. How many applicants are neither?
 - $350 - (220 + 147 - 51) = 34$
- The **Subtraction Rule** states that if a task can be done in either one of n_1 ways or one of n_2 ways, and there is an overlap between these two methods of n_3 common ways, then the number of ways to do the task is $n_1 + n_2 - n_3$, or $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$

The Subtraction Rule

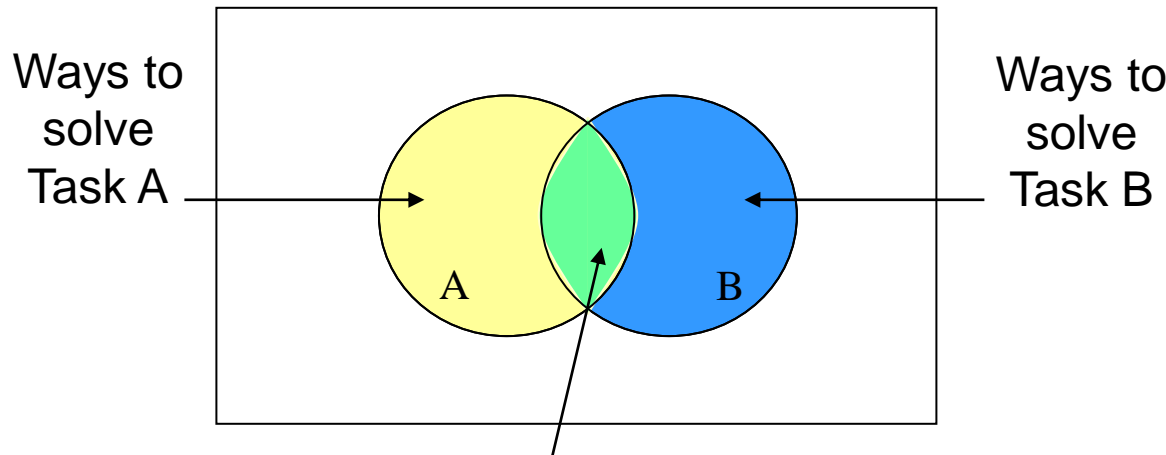
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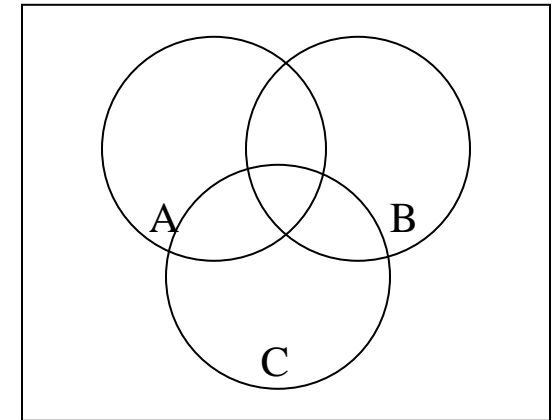


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$$|A| + |B| + |C| - |AB| - |AC| - |BC| + |ABC|$$

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 - $8 \cdot 10^6 - 10^4 = 7990000$
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 - $5 \cdot 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 = 2240$

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 - $36^6 - 26^6 + 36^7 - 26^7 + 36^8 - 26^8$
 - Why is it not $10 \cdot 36^5 + 10 \cdot 36^6 + 10 \cdot 36^7$?
 - Why is it not $6 \cdot 10 \cdot 36^5 + 7 \cdot 10 \cdot 36^6 + 8 \cdot 10 \cdot 36^7$?

PERMUTATIONS AND COMBINATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT REPLACEMENT

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 - 28^r
- The number of r -permutations of a set of n objects, where repetition is allowed, is n^r .

Motivation for Combinations with Repetition

- How many ways are there to select 5 bills from a cash box containing 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 dollar bills (7 denominations)?
 - Is it just 7^5 ?

Combinations with Repetition (Stars and Bars)

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- We need to write 7-1=6 bars (cash box dividers) and 5 stars (the bills) in some order (choose the locations for the *s or bars)

$\binom{11}{5} = \binom{11}{6} =$

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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		*	*	*			*			*

- The number of r-combinations of a set of n objects, where repetition is allowed, is $\binom{n-1+r}{r} = \binom{n-1+r}{n-1}$

Summary of Counting (Subsets) Taxonomy

- Summary based on replacement and ordering

	No Replacement	Replacement
Order matters	${}_n P_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$ <p>n total options, permute k</p> <p>Special case: Permute all n:</p> ${}_n P_n = \frac{n!}{(n-n)!} = n!$	<p>For replacement:</p> k^n <p>Length n, k options (Base-n combinations)</p>
Order does NOT matter	$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ <p>n total options, choose k</p>	$\binom{n+k-1}{k} = \binom{n+k-1}{n-1}$ <p>Stars and Bars</p>

MULTISSETS, ELEMENTS, BOXES, AND DISTINGUISHABILITY

Distributing Elements over Bins

- We will be filling this in over the next slides
- Distributing n items over k boxes

	Distinguishable Boxes	Indistinguishable Boxes
n Indistinguishable Elements		
n Distinguishable Elements		

Motivation for Multisets

- A multiset is a set which may contain duplicates
 - The number of occurrences of each element is its **multiplicity**
 - E.g. The multiplicity of 'S' in "SUCCESS" is 3
- How many different strings can be made by reordering the letters of SUCCESS?

S U C C E S S

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Multisets (Approach 1)

- How many different strings can be made by reordering the letters of SUCCESS?
 - What would the answer be if all the characters were unique ("1234567")?
 - But now realize 1 6 7 are interchangeable since they represent the same letter S and 3 and 4 are interchangeable since they represent the letter C
- The number of permutations of n objects, where n_i is the multiplicity (are indistinguishable objects) of type i , is

$$\frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^k n_i!}$$

S U C C E S S
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Multisets (Approach 2)

Permutations with Duplicates

- Take each "type" and choose which locations will have that type
- For SUCCESS, choose the 3 places for S, 2 places for C, etc.?

$$\begin{aligned} \blacktriangleright \binom{7}{3} \cdot \binom{4}{2} \cdot \binom{2}{1} \cdot \binom{1}{1} &= \frac{7!}{3! \cdot 4!} \cdot \frac{4!}{2! \cdot 2!} \cdot \frac{2!}{1! \cdot 1!} \cdot \frac{1!}{0! \cdot 1!} \\ &= \frac{7!}{3! \cdot 2! \cdot 1! \cdot 1!} \end{aligned}$$

- The number of permutations of n objects, where n_i are indistinguishable objects of type i, is

$$\blacktriangleright \frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^k n_i!}$$



Distinguishable Objects over Distinguishable Boxes

- 4 people are playing Poker, wherein each player receives 5 cards from a standard deck of 52 distinct cards. How many ways are there to deal out hands?

$$\triangleright \binom{52}{5} \cdot \binom{47}{5} \cdot \binom{42}{5} \cdot \binom{37}{5}$$

$$\triangleright = \frac{52!}{5! \cdot 47!} \cdot \frac{47!}{5! \cdot 42!} \cdot \frac{42!}{5! \cdot 37!} \cdot \frac{37!}{5! \cdot 32!}$$

$$\triangleright = \frac{52!}{5! \cdot 5! \cdot 5! \cdot 5! \cdot 32!}$$

- The number of ways to distribute n distinguishable objects into k distinguishable boxes so that n_i objects are placed in box i is:

$$\triangleright \frac{n!}{\prod_{i=1}^k n_i!}$$

Transform the problem to permutations with repetition

2♣	2♠	2♥	2♦	3♣	3♠	3♥	3♦	...
P1	D	P4	D	P2	P1	D	P3	

Bijection between cards and player hands (or D=Deck). How many permutations of the 5 P1s, 5 P2s, ..., 32 D (Deck) exist?

Indistinguishable Objects over Distinguishable Boxes

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➤ $\binom{17}{10}$

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➤ $\binom{n-1+r}{r}$

Indistinguishable Objects over Nonempty Distinguishable Boxes

- If we want to place r indistinguishable objects into n distinguishable boxes, but every box must **have at least one element**, we can start by placing one object in every box.
- Now we need to place $r-n$ indistinguishable objects into n distinguishable boxes.
 - This is the same problem as the previous one, now!
 - $$\binom{r-n+(n-1)}{r-n} = \binom{r-1}{r-n}$$

Practice

- How many ways can ANAGRAM be rearranged?
- How many ways are there to select 4 pieces of fruit from a bowl containing apples, oranges, and pears?
- How many solutions does the equation $x_1+x_2+x_3=11$ have, where x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 are nonnegative integers?

Practice

- How many ways can ANAGRAM be rearranged?
 - $\frac{7!}{3!}$
- How many ways are there to select 4 pieces of fruit from a bowl containing apples, oranges, and pears?
 - Combinations, with repetition
 - $\binom{6}{4}$
- How many solutions does the equation $x_1+x_2+x_3=11$ have, where x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 are nonnegative integers?
 - Indistinguishable objects into distinguishable boxes
 - $\binom{13}{11}$

Distinguishable Objects over Indistinguishable Boxes

- 4 different roommates are playing a multi-player game, and they're distributed over 3 indistinguishable servers. How many ways are there to distribute them?

A B C | | D |

D | | C B A |

Distinguishable Objects over Indistinguishable Boxes

- 4 different roommates are playing a multi-player game, and they're distributed over 3 indistinguishable servers. How many ways are there to distribute them?
 - Consider breaking this problem into non-overlapping subproblems and use the addition rule. For each case, consider the combinations that can be made.
 - $(4,0,0) = 1$
 - $(3,1,0) = 4$
 - $(2,1,1) = 6$
 - $(2,2,0) = 3$
 - Total = 14
 - There is no closed-form formula for this problem.

Indistinguishable Objects over Indistinguishable Boxes

- The company just worries about server-load, not who plays where.
- How many ways can you distribute 6 faceless players over 4 indistinguishable servers?
 - Again, break into case but now each case does not need to consider the different combinations that can be made since the objects are indistinguishable
 - (6,0,0,0)
 - (5,1,0,0) (4,2,0,0) (3,3,0,0)
 - (4,1,1,0) (3,2,1,0) (2,2,2,0)
 - (3,1,1,1) (2,2,1,1)
- Total = 9
- There is no closed-form formula for this problem.

Summary Of Distributing Elements

- Distributing n items over k boxes

	Distinguishable Boxes	Indistinguishable Boxes
n Indistinguishable Elements	<p>Stars and Bars</p> $= \binom{n+k-1}{k-1}$ <p>If at least 1 per box:</p> $= \binom{n-1}{k-1}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break into cases: $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = n$ (i.e. way to sum k non-neg integers to equal n) remembering order of x_i doesn't matter No closed-form formula
n Distinguishable Elements	$\frac{n!}{\prod_i^k n_i!}$ <p>n_i elements in a boxes for $i = 1 \dots k$</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break into cases: $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = n$ For each case, determine number of orderings (ways to choose x_i) but ordering of $x_1 \dots x_k$ doesn't matter No closed-form formula

NOT COVERED

A card trick

- Phillip shuffles a standard deck of 52 cards, and deals himself 5.
- Phillip looks at his 5 cards, then reveals 4 of them to Aaron, one at a time.
- Aaron then correctly determines the 5th card in Phillip's hand.
- There's no information being relayed to Aaron other than the cards Phillip reveals, and the order in which they are revealed.
- There's no magic: you can replicate this feat with a friend who also knows how it works. It comes down to a pigeonhole principle counting argument!

The first card

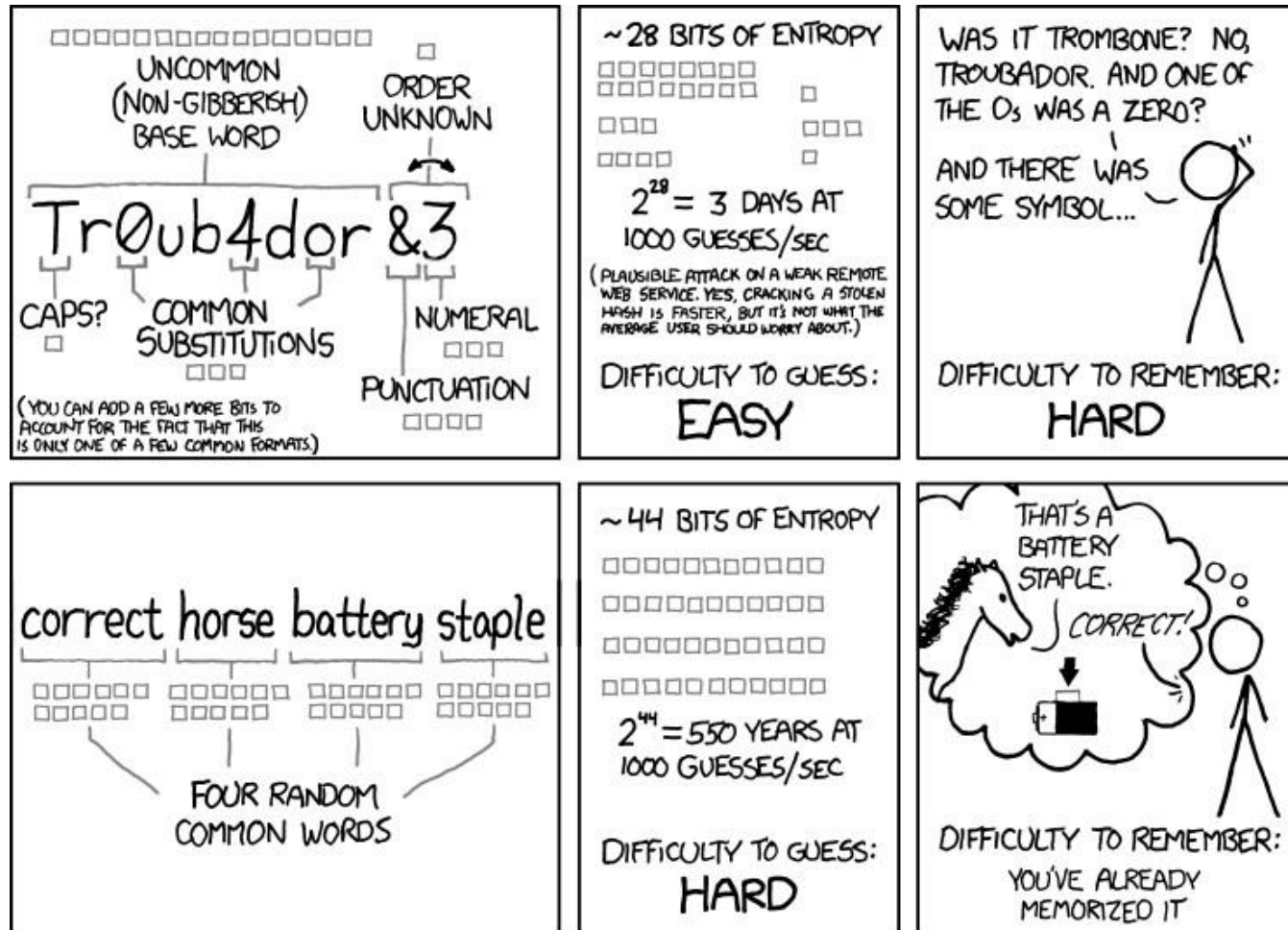
- There are 4 suits (\clubsuit , \diamondsuit , \heartsuit , \spadesuit) and 5 cards.
- By the pigeonhole principle, Phillip must have 2 cards of the same suit.
- Phillip will choose one of them to be the first card flipped over, and the other to be the card he keeps in his hand.
- There are 13 values (2-10, J=11, Q=12, K=13, A=14).
- If the value of the smaller card is within 6 of the larger card, Phillip will display the smaller card first. Otherwise, the larger card.
- After the first card flip, Aaron has narrowed the possible cards down to 6.
- If $J\diamondsuit$ is displayed, it is either $Q\diamondsuit$, $K\diamondsuit$, $A\diamondsuit$, $2\diamondsuit$, $3\diamondsuit$, or $4\diamondsuit$.
- If it were $5\diamondsuit$, Phillip would display that instead, which leaves $6\diamondsuit$, $7\diamondsuit$, $8\diamondsuit$, $9\diamondsuit$, $10\diamondsuit$, $J\diamondsuit$ as the possibilities.

The remaining cards

- By convention, if two cards have the same value, the tie-breaker is the suit: ♣ < ♦ < ♥ < ♠
- Phillip will choose the order of the remaining 3 cards based on which of the 6 options he wants Aaron to choose.
 - Smallest, then middle, then largest = 1st of the 6 options.
 - Smallest, then largest, then middle = 2nd option.
 - Middle, then smallest, then largest = 3rd option.
 - Middle, then largest, then smallest = 4th option.
 - Largest, then smallest, then middle = 5th option.
 - Largest, then middle, then smallest = 6th option.

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Password Strength



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