

**Problem 1.** How many of the integers  $x$  with  $1 \leq x \leq 120$  are divisible by at least one of 2 or 5?

- A) 12    B) 60    C) 72    D) 84    E) 96

*Solution.* The correct answer is 72. □

**Problem 2.** How many of the integers  $x$  with  $1 \leq x \leq 120$  are divisible by at least one of 2, 3, or 5?

- A) 4    B) 40    C) 76    D) 108    E) 112

*Solution.* The correct answer is 88. □

**Problem 3.** How many ways are there to rearrange the list  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$  such that 1, 3, and 5 do not wind up in the same place?

- A)  $2! = 2$   
B)  $5! - 5 \times 4! + 10 \times 3! - 10 \times 2! + 5 \times 1! = 120 - 120 + 60 - 20 + 5 = 45$   
C)  $5! - 3 \times 4! = 120 - 72 = 48$   
D)  $5! - 3 \times 4! + 3 \times 3! - 2! = 120 - 72 + 18 - 2 = 64$   
E)  $5! = 120$

*Solution.* The answer is 64. Let  $S$  be the set of rearrangements of the list  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$ . This contains  $5! = 120$  elements. Let  $A_i$  be the subset of rearrangements that hold  $i$  in place. Then we want to count  $|S - A_1 - A_3 - A_5|$ . We can try to compute this number as

$$|S| - |A_1| - |A_3| - |A_5|$$

but then we will have subtracted everything in  $A_1 \cap A_3$ ,  $A_1 \cap A_5$  and  $A_3 \cap A_5$  twice. We can try adding those back in:

$$|S| - |A_1| - |A_3| - |A_5| + |A_1 \cap A_3| + |A_1 \cap A_5| + |A_3 \cap A_5|$$

Now if  $x \in A_1 \cap A_3$  and  $x \notin A_5$  it will be counted

$$1 - 1 - 1 + 1 = 0$$

times, but if  $x \in A_1 \cap A_3 \cap A_5$ , it will be counted

$$1 - 1 - 1 - 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 1$$

times. To correct for this, we subtract off  $|A_1 \cap A_3 \cap A_5|$  and get

$$|S| - |A_1| - |A_3| - |A_5| + |A_1 \cap A_3| + |A_1 \cap A_5| + |A_3 \cap A_5| - |A_1 \cap A_3 \cap A_5|.$$

To conclude, we should compute these values. The size of  $A_i$  is  $4!$ ; the size of  $A_i \cap A_j$  is  $3!$  if  $i \neq j$ . And the size of  $A_1 \cap A_3 \cap A_5$  is  $2! = 2$ . Therefore the number of rearrangements that move 1 and 3 and 5 is

$$5! - 3 \times 4! - 3 \times 3! + 2! = 64.$$

□

**Problem 4.** Let  $S$  be a set with three subsets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ . Suppose that  $x$  is an element of  $S$ . How many of the sets

$$A, B, C, A \cap B, A \cap C, B \cap C, A \cap B \cap C$$

could contain  $x$ ? Answer as precisely as possible.

- A) 1
- B) 1 or 7
- C) 1, 3, or 7
- D) an odd number
- E) Any number between 1 and 7

*Solution.* The correct answer is 1, 3 or 7. If  $x$  is in just one of  $A$ ,  $B$ , or  $C$  then the number is 1. If  $x$  is in two of them then the answer is 3. If  $x$  is in all three then the answer is 7.  $\square$

**Problem 5.** Suppose that  $S$  is a set and that for every  $s \in S$  we have a set  $A_s$ . For every subset  $T \subset S$ , let us define

$$A_T = \bigcap_{t \in T} A_t.$$

Suppose that  $s \in S$ . Express, in terms of  $|S|$  and the ordinary operations of arithmetic, the number of  $T \subset S$  such that  $s \in A_T$ . How many of these  $T$  have an even and how many have an odd number of elements?

*Solution.* The number is  $2^{|S|-1}$  if  $S \neq \emptyset$  and it is 0 if  $S = \emptyset$ . The numbers with even and odd sizes are both  $2^{|S|-2}$  if  $|S| \geq 2$ . If  $|S| = 1$  there is one odd-sized  $T$  and no even-sized  $T$ -s. If  $|S| = 0$  then the numbers of odd- and even-sized  $T$ -s are both zero.  $\square$