

Lists, continued.

Recall: a list is an ordered sequence of items.

Guidelines/principles for counting lists:

1. Multiplication principle (MP):

(a) If Thing 1 can be done in  $m$  ways and, for each of these ways, Thing 2 can be done in  $n$  ways, then Things 1 and 2 together can be done in  $mn$  ways.

(b) The number of length- $k$  lists that can be made from  $n$  items is

(i)  $n^k$  allowing repetition;

(ii)  $n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(n-k+1)$  \*  
disallowing repetition.

\* Sometimes denoted  $nP_k$  or  $P(n, k)$ .

Note: a length- $k$  list from  $n$  items, without repetition, is called a  $k$ -permutation of  $n$ .

2)(a) Addition principle (AP):

If Thing 1 can be done in  $m$  ways and Thing 2 can be done in  $n$  ways, then the number of ways of doing Thing 1 or Thing 2 is  $m+n$ , provided you're not counting twice.

(b) Inclusion-Exclusion Principle (IEP):  
If you are counting twice, subtract

to compensate.

- 3) Subtraction principle (SP):  
 number of lists with a property P  
 = total number of lists  
 - number without property P.

### Example

How many 5-card lists can be dealt from a standard 52-card deck if:

- (A) all have the same suit;
- (B) Exactly one card is a 3;
- (C) No card is a 3;
- (D) At least one card is a 3;
- (E) All have the same suit or no card is a 3 (or both).

### Solution.

- (A) The first card can be anything; its suit determines the suit of the other cards. So there are

$$52 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 = 617,760 \text{ such lists.}$$

(We've used MP(a).)

- (B)  $\exists$   $4 \cdot 48 \cdot 47 \cdot 46 \cdot 45$  lists where 3 is the first card,  $48 \cdot 4 \cdot 47 \cdot 46 \cdot 45$  where it's the second, etc. Total:

$$5(4 \cdot 48 \cdot 47 \cdot 46 \cdot 45) = 93,398,400 \text{ such lists.}$$

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(We've used  $MP(a)$  and  $AP(a)$ .)

(C) 48 cards total are not 3's. So there are  
 $48 \cdot 47 \cdot 46 \cdot 45 \cdot 44 = 205,476,480$   
lists with no 3's.

(We've used  $MP(a)$  or, equivalently,  $MP(b)(ii)$ .)

(D) all possible 5-card lists those with no 3's.  
 $52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48 - 48 \cdot 47 \cdot 46 \cdot 45 \cdot 44$   
 $= 106,398,720$  such lists, by  
 $MP(a)$  (or  $b(ii)$ ) together with  $SP$ .

(E) The number of lists where all cards have  
the same suit and no card is a 3 is

$$48 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 = 380,160, \text{ by } MP(a).$$

So, by the answers to parts (A) and (C) above,  
and by IEP, the number of lists with all  
cards the same suit or with no 3's is

$$617,760 + 205,476,480 - 380,160$$
$$= 205,714,080.$$