

Last time: · the division principle:

if we place n objects into k boxes, at least one box get $\left\lceil \frac{n}{k} \right\rceil$ or more objects.

· a comb. proof of $\binom{2n}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2$

Today. · One more comb. identity $\binom{2n}{2} = 2 \binom{n}{2} + n^2$

· Topics for Midterm 1.

· Counting Worksheet 2.

1. $\binom{2n}{2} = 2\binom{n}{2} + n^2$

Pf: Consider picking 2 elts out of the union $A \cup B$ where $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ and $B = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ are sets with n elts each.

There are clearly $\binom{|A \cup B|}{2} = \binom{2n}{2}$ to do so.

On the other hand, we could pick these 2 elts in one of the following ways:

(1) Pick them both from A . $\rightarrow \binom{n}{2}$ ways to do this

(2) - - - - B $\rightarrow \binom{n}{2}$ - - - - .

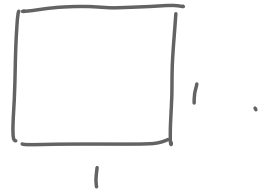
(3) Pick one from A and the other from B (the only other option)

$\rightarrow \binom{n}{1} \cdot \binom{n}{1} = n^2$ ways to do this.

It follows that $\binom{2n}{2} = 2\binom{n}{2} + n^2$.

HW. Q:

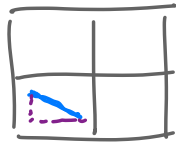
3.9.4. Place 5 points into the square



Show that two of the points must have a distance of $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ or less.

Hint: We have the objects: 5 points

need boxes: ideally any two points in a box has distance $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ or less.



(4 equal-size small squares) works.

MATH 2001. TOPICS FOR MIDTERM 1

You should master the following topics for Midterm 1.

- (1) Notation for sets, including the set-builder notation.
- (2) The difference between the notations \in and \subseteq .
- (3) Definition of Cartesian products and power sets of sets, and how to count them.
- (4) Definition of complements of sets.
- (5) Visualizing sets (including unions, intersections and complements) using Venn diagrams.
- (6) Notation for indexed sets.
- (7) Truth tables for “and”, “or”, “not”, conditional, and biconditional statements.
- (8) DeMorgan’s Law.
- (9) Using truth tables to prove two statements are or are not logically equivalent.
- (10) Notation for quantifiers.
- (11) The multiplication, addition and subtraction principles for counting.
- (12) Counting problems involving permutations and combinations, including problems requiring the bars-and-stars method and the word problem (see the two worksheets on counting.)
- (13) The binomial theorem and its applications.
- (14) Statements and applications of the inclusion-exclusion principle for two or three sets.
- (15) Statements and applications of the pigeonhole and division principles.