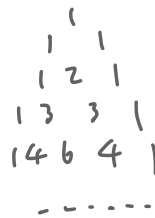


Last time : . The binomial thm

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i} y^i$$

. Pascal's Triangle



$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1} \quad \forall 0 < k < n.$$

Today :

. a bit more on binomial expansions

. the inclusion-exclusion principle

. multisets, the bars-and-stars method.

# 1. Binomial expansions

Example: Use the binomial thm to find the coeff. of  $x^8$  in  $(x+2)^{13}$ .

Soln:  $(x+2)^{13} = \sum_{i=0}^{13} \binom{13}{i} x^i 2^{13-i}$

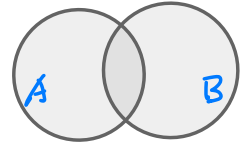
The power  $x^8$  occur only in the summand where  $i=8$ , i.e. only in the term  $\binom{13}{8} x^8 \cdot 2^{13-8} = \binom{13}{5} \cdot 2^5 \cdot x^8$ , so the desired coefficient is  $\underline{\binom{13}{5} \cdot 2^5}$ .

E.g. Similarly, the coefficient of  $x^b y^3$  in  $(3x-2y)^9$  is  
.....  $\binom{9}{b} (3x)^b (-2y)^3$ ,  
so it's  $\binom{9}{3} \cdot 3^b \cdot (-2)^3 = -2^3 \cdot 3^b \cdot \binom{9}{3}$

2. The inclusion-exclusion principle → for counting unions of sets

Prop 1. If  $A$  and  $B$  are finite sets, then  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ .

Pf: To get  $|A \cup B|$  we need to count each elt in  $A$  or  $B$  exactly once. The expression  $|A| + |B|$  counts every elt



in  $A \setminus B$  or  $B \setminus A$  once but counts every elt in  $A \cap B$  twice.

It follows that  $|A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$  counts  $|A \cup B|$ .

Rmk: When  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , we have  $|A \cap B| = 0$  so (\*) says  $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$ ,

reversing the addition principle.

(In other words, Prop 1 generalizes the addition principle.)

## Examples:

(3.17) A 3-card hand is dealt off a usual 52-card deck. How many such hands are there that are all red or all faces?

Soln: Let  $A$  be the set of 3-card hands that are (J, Q, K) all red.  
--  $B$  -- all faces.

Then we need  $|A \cup B|$ , which equals

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B| &= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| \\ &= \binom{26}{3} + \binom{3 \times 4}{3} - \binom{3 \times 2}{3} \\ &= \binom{26}{3} + \binom{12}{3} - \binom{6}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

• (3.7.3) How many 4-digit positive numbers are there that are even

or contain no zeros?

recall: an <sup>↓</sup>int. is even  
iff its last digit is even.

Answer:  $|A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ .

$\downarrow$                      $\downarrow$   
even                    no zero

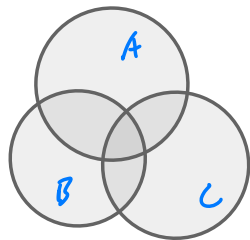
$$= 9 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 5 + 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 - 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 4$$

Prop 1. generalizes:

Prop 2: If  $A, B, C$  are three finite sets, then

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

Rmk: We can again prove the prop. by checking that that every elt in every region in the Venn diagram gets counted exactly once eventually on the RHS.



(representative examples):  $x \in A \setminus (B \cup C) : 1 + 0 + 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 + 0 = 1$

$x \in (B \cap C) \setminus (A \cap B \cap C) : 0 + 1 + 1 - 0 - 0 - 1 + 0 = 1$

$x \in A \cap B \cap C : 1 + 1 + 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 + 1 = 1.$

The full generalization of Prop 2 is :

Thm. (The inclusion-exclusion principle) If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are  $n$  finite sets,

then 
$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \left( \sum_{\substack{Y \subseteq X \\ |Y|=k}} \left| \bigcap_{A \in Y} A \right| \right)$$
 where  $X = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ .

E.x. Prove the theorem.

(Hint: Let  $a \in \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$ . Suppose  $a$  is contained in exactly  $k$  of the  $n$  sets  $A_1, \dots, A_n$ .  $\rightarrow$  check that  $a$  is counted exactly once on the RHS.)

### 3. Multiset combination, the bars-and-stars method.

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A multiset is a variation of a set where each elt can appear multiple times. The number of times an elt appears is called its multiplicity. We enclose multisets in  $[ \cdot ]$ .

eg. As sets,  $\{1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3\} = \{1, 2, 3\} = \{3, 1, 2\}$ .

As multisets,  $[1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3] = [3, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3]$

but  $[1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3] \neq [1, 2, 3]$

$[1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3] \neq [1, 2, 3, 3, 3]$ .



Q: Given a set  $X$  of size  $n$ , how many multisets of size  $k$  are there whose elems are from  $X$ ?

E.g. How many multisets of size 3 can be formed from the elems in the set  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ?

The numbers are small. Let's try listing all possibilities. (write xyz for  $(x, y, z)$ )

1 letter:  $aaa, bbb, ccc, ddd$ .

2 letters:  $aab, abb; aac, acc; aad, add;$

$bbc, bcc; bbd, bdd; ccd, cdd;$

3 letters:  $abc, abd, acd, bcd \rightarrow \binom{4}{3}$

Total:  $4 + 12 + 4 = 20$ .

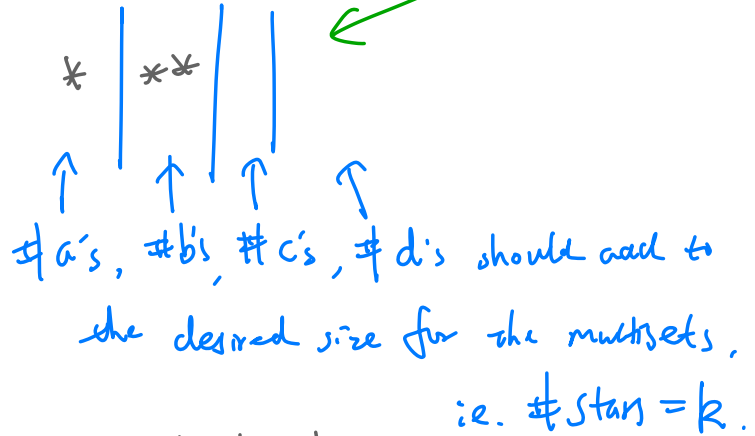
A better organization / encoding scheme :

"Use three bars to separate the different letters,"

# bars = n-1

e.g.

a b b  $\leftrightarrow$



b c d  $\leftrightarrow$

0, 1, 1, 1

| \* | \* | \*

e.g.

a b d  $\leftrightarrow$

\* | \* | | \*

d d d  $\leftrightarrow$

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Point: There is a bijection between

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the multisets of size } k \\ \text{with elems from a set of } n \text{ things} \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{bars-and-stars configuration,} \\ \text{with } k \text{ stars and } (n-1) \text{ bars.} \end{array} \right\}$$

The number of the latter type of configurations is

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

For our problem, the desired number of multisets ( $k=3, n=4$ )

$$= \binom{(4-1)+3}{3} = \binom{6}{3} = 20.$$

## More examples:

• # multisets of size 5 formed using  $\{a, b, c, d\} = \binom{(4-1)+5}{5}$ .

eg.  $ab|cc|d \leftrightarrow *|*|**|*$

• A bag has 20 (identical) red marbles, 20 green marbles, and 20 blue marbles. You reach into the bag and grab 20 marbles.

How many outcomes are there?



# multisets of size 20 formed using  $\{R, G, B\} = \binom{(3-1)+20}{20} = \binom{22}{2} = 231$ .

• How many nonnegative integer solns are there for the equation

$$w + x + y + z = 20 \quad ?$$

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 e.g.  $(w, x, y, z) = (2, 3, 5, 10) \longleftrightarrow \begin{array}{c} ** | ** | **** | * \\ \hline \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{20} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} * \\ \hline 10 \end{array} \cdot$ 
  
 Does  $\begin{array}{c} | | | \\ \hline \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{20} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} * * \dots * \\ \hline \end{array}$  make sense (correspond to a soln)?
   
 Yes, it corresponds to the soln  $(x, y, z, w) = (0, 0, 0, 20)$ 
  
 thanks to the fact that  $w, x, y, z$  can be zero.
   
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Answer:  $\binom{20 + (4-1)}{4-1} = \binom{23}{3}$ .

• What about the number of positive integer soln to

$$x + y + z + w = 20 ?$$

Note:  $|| \underbrace{x \cdots x}_{20}$  no longer corresponds to a legitimate soln !

Soln: Under the (change-of-variable) correspondence

$$w \mapsto w' := w - 1, \quad x \mapsto x' := x - 1, \quad y \mapsto y' := y - 1,$$

$z \mapsto z' := z - 1$ , the positive solns  $(x, y, z, w)$  of  $x + y + z + w = 20$  corresponds bijectively to the nonnegative solns  $(x', y', z', w')$  of  $(2, 3, 5, 10)$

$$(x' + 1) + (y' + 1) + (z' + 1) + (w' + 1) = 20.$$

i.e.:  $x' + y' + z' + w' = 16$ , (1, 2, 4, 9)

So the desired number is  $\binom{16 + (4-1)}{4-1} = \binom{19}{3}$ .