Counting

CS 70 Discussion 5B

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Counting Intro

	with replacement	without replacement
order matters	$\frac{k}{n}$	$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$
order doesn't matter	$\binom{n+k-1}{k} - \binom{n+k-1}{n-1}$	$\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{k}$

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Permutation space

(a)
$$\frac{1}{52} \frac{1}{51} \frac{1}{50} \frac{1}{49} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \cdot \frac{1}{k!} \text{ Overcounting}$$

$$\frac{\{A,2,3,4\}}{\{A,2,4,3\}} \frac{\{2,A,3,4\}}{\{3,A,2,4\}} \frac{\{4,A,2,3\}}{\{4,A,3,2\}} \frac{\{4,A,2,3\}}{\{4,3,2,4\}} \frac{\{4,A,2,3\}}{\{2,3,A,4\}} \frac{\{4,2,A,3\}}{\{4,2,3,A\}} \frac{\{4,3,4,2\}}{\{4,4,3,2\}} \frac{\{4,2,3,A\}}{\{4,4,3,2\}} \frac{\{4,4,2,3\}}{\{4,4,3,2\}} \frac{\{2,4,A,3\}}{\{3,4,4,2\}} \frac{\{4,3,A,2\}}{\{4,3,4,2\}} \frac{\{4,3,4,2\}}{\{4,3,4,2\}} \frac{\{4,3,2,A\}}{\{4,3,2,A\}}$$

48!

Combination space

(b)
$$\frac{+1}{10 \ 10 \ 10} = \frac{10 \ 10}{10 \ 10} = \frac{10}{10} = 10^{10}$$

(c) Selecting from the set $\{C, O, V, E, R\}$

$$\frac{1}{5}$$
 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{2}{1}$ $\frac{1}{5}$

Easier example, anagram of AAB, i.e. selecting from the set $\{A, A, B\} = \{A_1, A_2, B\}$

(c)
$$\{B, E, R, K, E, L, E, Y\}$$
 = $\frac{8!}{3!}$

What about $\{B, B, E, R, K, E, L, E, Y\}$

$$= \frac{8!}{2! \cdot 3!} \leftarrow \text{Permuting } E$$

Another perspective:

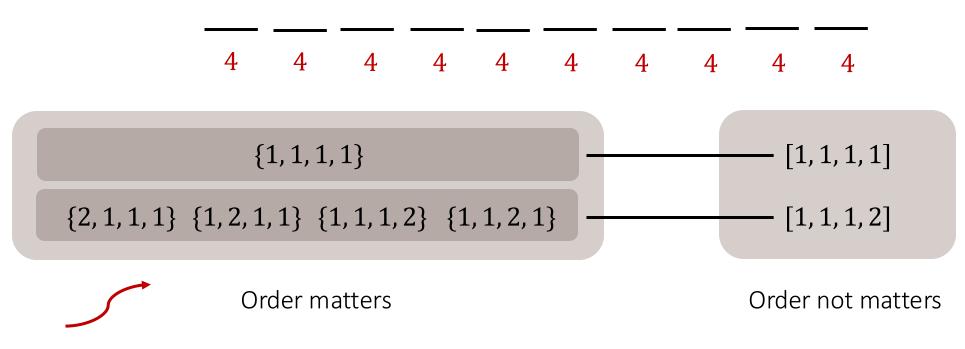
Step 1: Pick 3 index for the 3 Es

Step 2: Pick 2 index for the 2 Bs

Step 2: Permute the remainings

3! $\frac{8!}{3!5!} = \frac{8!}{3!5!} \cdot \frac{5!}{2!3!} \cdot 3! = \frac{8!}{2!3!}$ Step 2: Permute the remainings

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The size is different!

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$$[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] \Rightarrow \{1: 10, 2: 0, 3: 0, 4: 0\}$$

$$[1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4] \Rightarrow \{1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 3, 4: 2\}$$

$$[1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4] \Rightarrow \{1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 0, 4: 5\}$$

Let x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 be the number of 1, 2, 3, 4 respectively. Count how many nonnegative solutions does

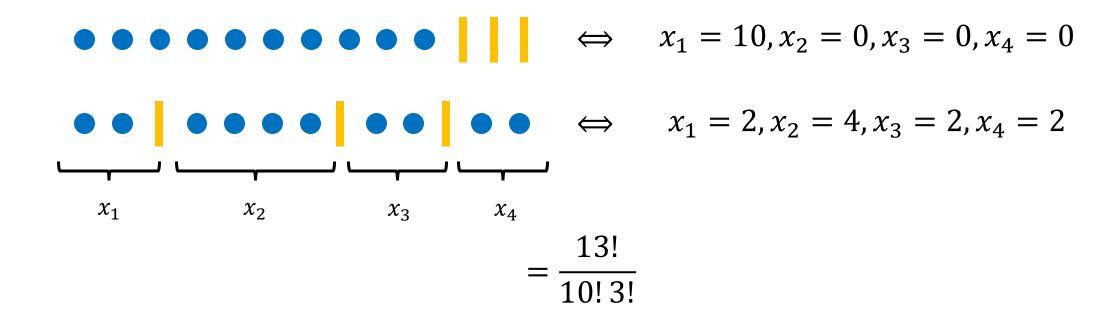
$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 10$$

Has?

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Consider 10 balls and 3 sticks, each configuration bijectively identifies to a solution



Problem 3: Farmer's Market

(a) Choose k elements from the set $\{A, P\}$

Same as counting the number of nonnegative solutions to

$$x_A + x_P = k$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)!}{k! \, 1!} = k+1$$

(b) Choose k elements from the set $\{A, P, O, E\}$

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$$x_A + x_P + x_O + x_E = k$$

$$= \frac{(k+3)!}{k! \, 3!}$$

Problem 3: Farmer's Market

(c) Choose k elements from the set $\{1, 2, 3, ..., n\}$

Same as counting the number of nonnegative solutions to

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = k$$

$$= \frac{(k+n-1)!}{k! (n-1)!}$$

Issue: We need at least two different kinds of fruits

$$=\frac{(k+n-1)!}{k!(n-1)!}-n$$

We don't want cases like

$$[1, 1, ..., 1]$$

 $[2, 2, ..., 2]$
...
 $[n, n, ..., n]$

(a) Sample with replacement, order not matter from the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ For each sample there is only one way of arranging them in non-increasing manner

$$[9, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0]$$

$$= \frac{(10 + 7 - 1)!}{7! (10 - 1)!} = \frac{16!}{7! 9!}$$

(b) Sample without replacement, order not matter from the set $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

$$=\frac{10!}{7!(10-7)!}=\frac{10!}{7!3!}$$

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$$= 2^5 + 5 \cdot 2^4$$