

multisetencodingstring

[2, 2, 3, 3]

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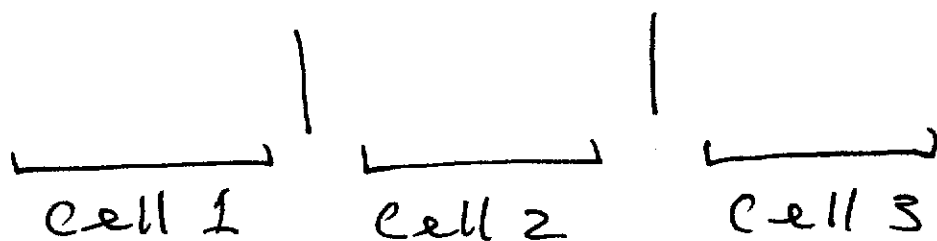
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[3, 3, 3, 3]

 $\longleftrightarrow$

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Each string of length $6 = 2 + 4 = (3-1) + 4$ consists of z bars & 4 stars. The z bars divide string into 3 cells



cell 1 contains # stars = # 1's

" 2 " " " = # 2's

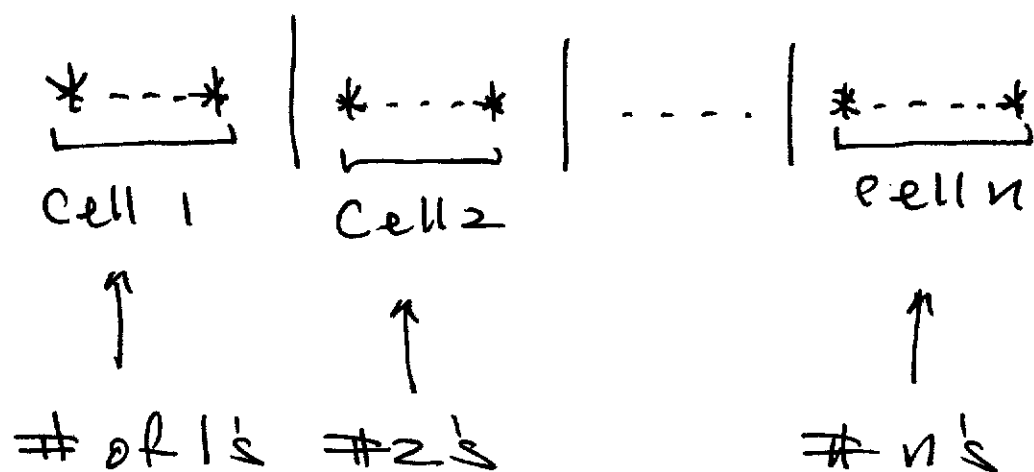
" 3 " " " = # 3's

In general if

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$$S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

the k -element multisets based on S are encoded as



observe

$$(\# \text{ stars}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{mult}(x_i) = k$$

$$(\# \text{ 1's}) = (\# \text{ cells}) - 1 = n - 1$$

Theorem

The number of k -element multisets based on an n -element set equals the number of strings over $\{*, | \}$ of length $k+n-1$ containing k stars (or $n-1$ bars), namely

$$\binom{k+n-1}{k} = \binom{k+n-1}{n-1},$$

Prev. example $n=3$

$$k=0 : \binom{0+3-1}{0} = \binom{2}{0} = 1$$

$$k=1 : \binom{1+3-1}{1} = \binom{3}{1} = 3$$

$$k=2 : \binom{2+3-1}{2} = \binom{4}{2} = 6$$

$$k=3: \binom{3+3-1}{3} = \binom{5}{3} = 10$$

$$k=4: \binom{4+3-1}{4} = \binom{6}{4} = 15$$

Ex. (3.19 on P. 99)

have unlimited supply of Red, Blue and Green marbles. How many ways can you select 20 marbles?
(consider like colored marbles to be indistinguishable.)

Each collection of 20 marbles is a 20-multiset based on $\{R, B, G\}$.

i.e. $n=3, k=20$.

$$\binom{20+3-1}{20} = \binom{22}{20} = \boxed{231}$$

note since we're selecting 20 marbles, we could start with 60 marbles: 20 Red, 20 Blue, 20 Green.

Ex.

how many non-negative integer solutions are there to

$$x + y + z = 20$$

note: a solution is a triple $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{N}^3$ satisfying above eqn.

e.g. $(3, 10, 7)$, $(5, 0, 15)$

are solutions and $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, 17)$ and

$(3, 10, 9)$ are not solutions,

Answer : $\boxed{231}$ since this is marble problem again.

Soln

$$(3, 10, 7) \leftrightarrow [\underbrace{R, R, R}_3, \underbrace{B, \dots, B}_{10}, \underbrace{G, \dots, G}_7]$$

$$\leftrightarrow \underbrace{***}_3 \mid \underbrace{* \dots *}_{10} \mid \underbrace{* \dots *}_7$$

Ex. how many non-negative int.

sols. to $x + y + z = 20$

satisfy : $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 5$.

Let $w = z - 5$, then $w \geq 0$ and

$z = w + 5$. We have

$$x + y + z = 20$$

$$x + y + (z - 5) = 20 - 5$$

$$x + y + w = 15$$

where $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, w \geq 0$.

$$\# \text{ solns} = \binom{15+3-1}{15} = \binom{17}{15} = \boxed{136}$$

Permutations in some elements are indistinguishable ($\frac{1}{2}$ some are).

also called Anagrams

Ex. Anagrams of LOOK are:

KLOO	LOOK	OKLO	} 12
LKOO	KOOL	OLKO	
KOLO	OKOL	OOKL	
LOKO	OLOK	OOKL	

how to count without Testing?

Temporarily make the O's distinguishable

$\{L, O_1, O_2, K\}$ ←

The # of Permutations of is

$$4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 = \boxed{24}$$

Divide by # of Permutations of $\{O_1, O_2\}$

$$2! = 2 \cdot 1 = \boxed{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{# anagrams} = \frac{24}{2} = \boxed{12}$$

i.e. identity:

$$L O_1 O_2 K \leftrightarrow L O_2 O_1 K$$

$$K O_1 L O_2 \leftrightarrow K O_2 L O_1$$

Ex. how many anagrams of

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are there?

$M I_1 S_1 S_2 I_2 S_3 S_4 I_3 P_1 P_2 I_4$

Permutations = 11!

Perm. of $\{I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4\} = 4!$

Perm. of $\{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4\} = 4!$

" " $\{P_1, P_2\} = 2!$

$$\# \text{anag-ams} = \frac{11!}{4! 4! 2!} = 34,650$$

note: an anag-ams of

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is a permutation (i.e. an ordering)
of the 11-element multiset

$[I, I, I, I, M, P, P, S, S, S, S]$

based on $\{I, M, P, S\}$

Theorem

The number of Permutations of an n -element multiset based on a k -element set with multiplicities $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_k$ ($P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_k = n$) is

$$\frac{n!}{P_1! P_2! \dots P_k!}$$

In mississippi example:

$$\frac{11!}{4! 1! 2! 4!} = 34,650$$

notation!

multinomial coefficient

$$\binom{n}{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_k} = \frac{n!}{p_1! p_2! \dots p_k!}$$

where $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + \dots + p_k = n$.

These appear in multinomial theorem

(not covered)

Then

$$\binom{n}{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k} = \binom{n}{p_1} \cdot \binom{n-p_1}{p_2} \binom{n-p_1-p_2}{p_3} \dots \binom{n-p_1-p_2-\dots-p_{k-1}}{p_k}$$

Exercise: Prove this

• algebraic! easy

• combinatorial! also easy!

(3.9) Pigeonhole Principle

Defn

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$

- $\lfloor x \rfloor$ = g-eatest int. less than or eq. to x (floor).
- $\lceil x \rceil$ = least int. g-eater-than or eq. to x (ceiling).

Alternately: $\lfloor x \rfloor$ and $\lceil x \rceil$ are the unique ints satisfying

$$\bullet \quad \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x < \lfloor x \rfloor + 1$$

and

$$\bullet \quad \lceil x \rceil - 1 < x \leq \lceil x \rceil$$

equivalently:

$$x - 1 < \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x \leq \lceil x \rceil < x + 1$$

Pigeonhole Principle

Suppose n objects are placed in k boxes. Then

(a) at least one box contains $\lceil \frac{n}{k} \rceil$ (or more) objects

(b) at least one box contains $\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor$ (or fewer) objects.

Proof.

The average # of objects per box is $\frac{n}{k}$. We can't have all boxes containing below the average # objects.

∴ Some box contains $\geq \frac{n}{k}$ objects

Since #obj in a box is an integer,

∴ Some box contains $\geq \lceil \frac{n}{k} \rceil$ objects

This proves (a).

Similarly, not all boxes have a number of objects above average.

∴ Some box contains $\leq \frac{n}{k}$

∴ " " " $\leq \lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor$

