

CSE 16
Summer 2022
Quiz 2

Solutions

1. (15 Points) Let $K(x, y)$ be the statement “ x knows y ”, where the universe of discourse for both x and y is the set of all people. (Assume it is possible for x to know y while y does not know x , and hence $K(x, y)$ and $K(y, x)$ are different statements.) Translate the sentence “everybody knows somebody and somebody knows everybody” into predicate logic.

Solution:

$$(\forall x \exists y K(x, y)) \wedge (\exists z \forall w K(z, w))$$

Alternate Solution:

$$(\forall x \exists y K(x, y)) \wedge (\exists x \forall y K(x, y))$$

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2. (15 Points) A banking system requires Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) that satisfy the following constraints.
- (1) Must consist of only decimal digits $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$.
 - (2) Must have length at least 5, and at most 8.
 - (3) Must not be the customer's birth date. (Here, a birth date would be encoded as a 6 digit number, so for instance May 3, 1998 would be 050398)

How many different valid PINs are there?

Solution:

We partition the PINs satisfying (1) and (2) into 4 sets. By the multiplication principle we have

$$\begin{aligned}\text{length 5: } \# \text{ of PINs} &= 10^5 \\ \text{length 6: } \# \text{ of PINs} &= 10^6 \\ \text{length 7: } \# \text{ of PINs} &= 10^7 \\ \text{length 8: } \# \text{ of PINs} &= 10^8\end{aligned}$$

There is only one PIN violating condition (3), so by the addition and subtraction principles, the number of valid PINs is: $10^5 + 10^6 + 10^7 + 10^8 - 1 = \mathbf{111,099,999}$.

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3. (20 Points) Let $0 \leq k \leq n$. Show that $P(n, k) = k \cdot P(n - 1, k - 1) + P(n - 1, k)$. You may use an algebraic or combinatorial proof.

Algebraic Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{RHS} &= k \cdot P(n - 1, k - 1) + P(n - 1, k) \\
 &= k \cdot \frac{(n - 1)!}{((n - 1) - (k - 1))!} + \frac{(n - 1)!}{((n - 1) - k)!} \\
 &= \frac{k \cdot (n - 1)!}{(n - k)!} + \frac{(n - k) \cdot (n - 1)!}{(n - k) \cdot (n - k - 1)!} \\
 &= \frac{k \cdot (n - 1)!}{(n - k)!} + \frac{(n - k) \cdot (n - 1)!}{(n - k)!} \\
 &= \frac{(k + n - k) \cdot (n - 1)!}{(n - k)!} \\
 &= \frac{n \cdot (n - 1)!}{(n - k)!} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{(n - k)!} = P(n, k) = \text{LHS}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Combinatorial Proof:

The left hand side counts the number of k -permutations of an n -element set, or equivalently, the number of strings of length k from an alphabet of size n with no repeated symbols. We count the set another way by partitioning it into two disjoint classes of such strings.

Let the alphabet be $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, (n - 1), n\}$, so that $A - \{n\} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, (n - 1)\}$ is an alphabet of size $(n - 1)$. The two classes are:

I. Strings that **do not contain** n . These are all (non repeating) strings of length k from $A - \{n\}$, of which there are $P(n - 1, k)$.

II. Strings that **do contain** n . We can form these strings by making the following choices in succession.

(1) Choose a (non repeating) string of length $(k - 1)$ from $A - \{n\}$: #ways = $P(n - 1, k - 1)$.

(2) This string has k spaces between it's symbols. (e.g. "_a_b_c_d_" for $k = 5$). Choose one of those spaces in which to insert the symbol n . #ways = k .

By the multiplication principle, the number of such strings containing n is $k \cdot P(n - 1, k - 1)$.

By the addition principle, the number of strings in both classes is $k \cdot P(n - 1, k - 1) + P(n - 1, k)$ which is the right hand side of the above formula.

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