

CSE 16 8-7-24

SETS: open Th 8/8

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QUIZ: Th 8/8 : G.1, G.2, G.3, G.4

Final : Th 8/15

## 6.5 Generalized Permutations & Combinations

### Recall

- K - Permutations from an n-set  
(without repetition):

$$P(n, k) = n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \quad (0 \leq k \leq n)$$

- K-Permutations from an n-set with repetition. (strings)

$$= n^K$$

- K-combinations from an n-set (without repetition) (i.e. subsets)

$$C(n, k) = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

We need generalized combinations,  
i.e. with repetition.

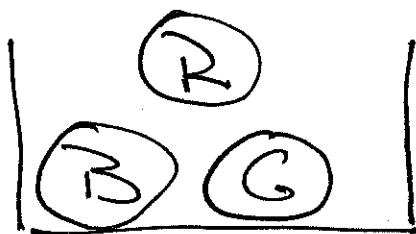
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Defn

A  $k$ -combination of a set  $S$  with repetition is an unordered arrangement of its elements where repetition is allowed. This is also called a  $k$ -multiset based on  $S$ .

Ex.

An urn contains 3 balls! Red, Blue, Green



Draw 4 balls with replacement. How many color combinations are possible?

RRRR, BBBB, GGGG  
 RRB, RRG,  
 BBBR, BBBG,  
 GGR, GGB  
 RRBB, RRGG, BBBG  
 RRBG, BBBG, GGRR

} 15 combinations

we've counted the 4-combinations  
 from  $\{R, B, G\}$  with repetition.

Also called a 4-multiset based  
 on  $\{R, B, G\}$

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Notice each combination corresponds to a bit string  $\{*, 1\}$ .

RRBG  $\leftrightarrow * * | * | *$

RBBB  $\leftrightarrow * | *** |$

BGGG  $\leftrightarrow | * | ***$

RRGG  $\leftrightarrow ** | | **$

RRRB  $\leftrightarrow *** | * |$

Each bit string is of len. 6 and contains 4 '\*'s and 2 '1's. The 2 bars | divide the string into 3 cells representing colors RRG. The number of stars '\*' in

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each cell gives the # of times that color is drawn.

BBGG  $\longleftrightarrow$  |\*\*|\*\*

GGGG  $\longleftrightarrow$  ||\*\*\*\*

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# color combinations

= # bit strings of len 6 with  
4 \*'s (or  $\geq$  1's)

$$= \binom{6}{4} = \binom{6}{2} = \frac{6!}{4!2!} = \boxed{15}$$

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## Theorem

Let  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ . The number of  $k$ -combinations from an  $n$ -set with repetition is

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

## Proof

Let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . each  $k$ -comb from  $S$  with rep. corresponds to a string on  $\{\ast, |\}$  with

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k \text{ stars } \ast \\ n-1 \text{ bars } | \end{array} \right.$

The  $n-1$  bars partition the string into  $n$  cells representing the  $n$  elements of  $S$ .

Cell(1) | Cell(2) | ... | Cell( $n$ )

The # of \*'s in each cell represents the # of times the corresponding element is selected.

The mapping

$\{K\text{-comb from } S \text{ with Rep.}\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{bit strings of len } n+K-1 \text{ with } K \text{ stars}\}$

is a bijection. (exercise Prove this)

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Thus

#  $k$ -comb from  $S$  with rep.= # b.t. strns. of len  $n+k-1$  with  $k$ \*s.

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

Ex.  $n=2$ ,  $k=3$ 

Same Prob. but 2 colens, 3 draws.

 $RRR \rightarrow ***|$  $RRB \rightarrow **|**$  $RBB \rightarrow *-**$  $BRR \rightarrow |***$ 

$$\binom{4}{3} = \binom{4}{1} = [4]$$

Ex.

Determine the sum

$$\sum_{k=1}^{10} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 1$$

Each term corresponds to a unique triple  $(i, j, k)$  satisfying

$$1 \leq i \leq j \leq k \leq 10$$

These are the 3-combinations from  $\{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$  with repetition.

$$\therefore \text{Sum} = \binom{10+3-1}{3} = \binom{12}{3} = \boxed{220}$$

By contrast

Ex. find

$$\sum_{k=3}^{10} \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} 1$$

Each term corresponds to a unique triple  $(i, j, k)$  with

$$1 \leq i < j < k \leq 10$$

These are 3-comb. from  $\{1, \dots, 10\}$   
(Without Repetition).

$$\therefore \text{Sum} = \binom{10}{3} = \boxed{120}$$

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Ex.

How many solutions are there to

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 11$$

where  $x_i \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 3$ ) ?

Each solution corresponds to an 11-combination from  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  with repetition.

$x_1$  = # of 1's

$x_2$  = # of 2's

$x_3$  = # of 3's

so

$$\# \text{sols} = \binom{3+11-1}{11} = \binom{13}{11} = \boxed{78}$$

## Summary

The # of arrangements of  $k$  elements from an  $n$ -set is

repetition?

	no	yes
no combin.	$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$	$\binom{n+k-1}{k}$
yes permuat.	$P(n, k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$	$n^k$

ordered?  
?

## Permutations with some objects

### Indistinguishable

Ex.

How many anagrams of 'EVERGREEN' are there?

EEEE	}	let $m = \#$ anagrams
G		
N		
RR		
V		

Temporarily mark E's; R's to make them distinguishable

$E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, R_1, R_2$

The # of Permutations of  
these 9 distinguishable objects  
is  $9!$

We count these permutations  
in another way.

- choose an anagram

$$\# \text{ways} = m$$

- choose a Permutation  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4\}$

$$\# \text{ways} = 4!$$

- choose a Permutation  $\{R_1, R_2\}$

$$\# \text{ways} = 2!$$

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By the Product rule

$$q! = m \cdot 4! \cdot 2!$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{q!}{4! 2!} = \frac{q!}{4! 2! 1! 1! 1! 1!}$$

$$= \boxed{7,560}$$

### Theorem

The # of permutations of  $n$  objects when there are  $n_i$  indistinguishable objects of type  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) and  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n$  is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! \cdot n_2! \cdots n_k!}$$

In last example:  $k=5$ ,  $n_1=4$  ( $E$ 's),  $n_2=n_3=n_4=1$  ( $G, N, V$ ),  $n_5=2$  ( $R$ 's)

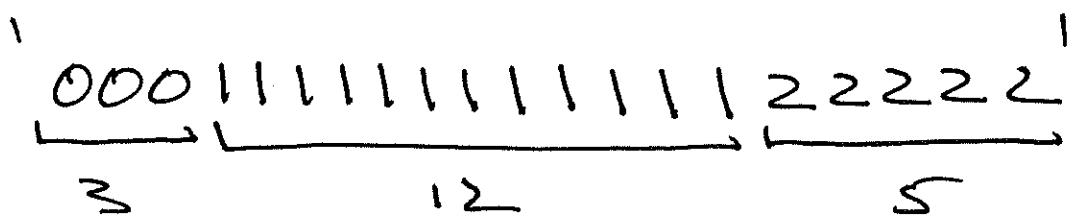
### Exercise

Pave this.

Ex. find the # of ternary strings (alphabet = {0, 1, 2}) of length 20 with exactly 3 0's, 12 1's (and 5 2's).

These strings are anagrams

of



by last time.

$$\text{ans} = \frac{20!}{3! 12! 5!} = \boxed{7,054,320}$$

Recall: We already did this

$$\text{ans} = \binom{20}{3} \cdot \binom{17}{12} = \frac{20!}{3! 17!} \cdot \frac{17!}{12! 5!}$$

↑                      ↑  
 choose    choose  
 0's            1's

$$= \boxed{7,054,320}$$

Defn

Let  $n = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k$  where  $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ). The Multinomial Coefficient

$$\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k}$$

is the # of Permutations of the  $n$ -element multiset

$$\{x_1^{n_1}, x_2^{n_2}, \dots, x_k^{n_k}\},$$

i.e. # of anagrams of

$$\overbrace{x_1 \cdots x_1}^{n_1} \overbrace{x_2 \cdots x_2}^{n_2} \cdots \overbrace{x_k \cdots x_k}^{n_k}$$

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By last thm

$$\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!}$$