

CSE 16

Homework Assignment 3

Solutions to Selected Problems

(2.7) 10

Translate $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, m = n + 5$ into natural language, and determine whether it is true or false.

Solution:

Either one of the following translations work.

"There exists an integer m such that for all integers n , we have $m = n + 5$ "

or

"There is an integer that is 5 more than every integer"

This statement is **false**. ■

(3.2) 10

A die is tossed four times in a row. How many different outcomes are possible.

Solution:

Each outcome is a list of length 4 from the set $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. Equivalently, each outcome can be identified with a string of length 4 from the alphabet A . Therefore

$$\# \text{outcomes} = |A \times A \times A \times A| = |A|^4 = 6^4 = \mathbf{1296}$$

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(3.3) 10

Consider the lists of length six made with the symbols $\{P, R, O, F, S\}$ where repetition is allowed. How many such lists can be made if the list must end with S , and the symbol O is used more than once?

Solution:

Since position 6 is occupied by S , the remaining characters constitute a list of length 5 from the alphabet $\{P, R, O, F, S\}$, of which there are $5^5 = 3125$. Instead of counting the number of such lists that contain at least two O 's, we can count the complementary set of lists, i.e those containing at most one O , and subtract that from 3125. We partition the complementary set of lists into two subsets, based on the number n of O 's in the string.

- (1) $n = 0$. The symbols in positions $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ constitute a list of length 5 from the alphabet $\{P, R, F, S\}$, of which there are $4^5 = 1024$.
- (2) $n = 1$. Choose which position from $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ is to be occupied by O , then choose the remaining 4 symbols from $\{P, R, F, S\}$, with repetition allowed. By the multiplication principle, the number of ways of making these choices is $5 \cdot 4^4 = 1280$.

By the addition principle, the complementary set of lists contains $1024 + 1280 = 2304$ elements. By the subtraction principle, the number of lists with at least two O 's is $3125 - 2304 = \mathbf{821}$.

Alternate Solution: (using results from section 3.5)

Our list will have 6 positions $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. Position 6 will be occupied by S , and positions $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ will be chosen from $\{P, R, O, F, S\}$. At minimum, 2 of these must be O 's. For instance:

$$\frac{O}{1} \frac{O}{2} \frac{\quad}{3} \frac{O}{4} \frac{\quad}{5} \frac{S}{6} .$$

The set of such lists can be partitioned into 4 subsets, based on the number of O 's appearing in the list. This number, which we denote as n , can be 2, 3, 4 or 5.

- (1) $n = 2$. Choose which 2 positions from $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ are to be occupied by O 's, then choose symbols for the remaining 3 positions from $\{P, R, F, S\}$ (where repetition is allowed). By the multiplication principle this can be done in $\binom{5}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = 10 \cdot 64 = 640$ ways.
- (2) $n = 3$. Choose which 3 positions from $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ are to be occupied by O 's, then choose symbols for the remaining 2 positions from $\{P, R, F, S\}$ (repetition allowed). By the multiplication principle this can be done in $\binom{5}{3} \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = 10 \cdot 16 = 160$ ways.
- (3) $n = 4$. Choose which 4 positions from $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ are to be occupied by O 's, then choose a symbol for the remaining 1 position from $\{P, R, F, S\}$ (repetition allowed). By the multiplication principle this can be done in $\binom{5}{4} \cdot 4 = 5 \cdot 4 = 20$ ways.
- (4) $n = 5$. Let all 5 positions from $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ be occupied by O 's. This can be done in just 1 way.

By the addition principle, there are $640 + 160 + 20 + 1 = \mathbf{821}$ such lists. ■