

Chapter 2 Number 17.

17. Seven different gifts are to be distributed among ten children. How many distinct results are possible if no child is to receive more than one gift?

Solution. If no child is to receive more than one gift, the problem actually asks to pick seven children out of ten to give to make an arrangement about their order.

In the first step, we have  $\binom{10}{7}$  possible ways according to combinations.

In the second step, we have  $7!$  possible ways according to permutations.

Combine two steps, we have  $\binom{10}{7} 7!$  distinct results.

Chapter 1. T. 8.  $\rightarrow$  what are  $n, m, & r$  allowed to be?

8. prove,  $\binom{n+m}{r} = \binom{n}{0} \binom{m}{r} + \binom{n}{1} \binom{m}{r-1} + \dots + \binom{n}{r} \binom{m}{0}$

pf: think about the scenario about a group consisting of  $n$  men and  $m$  women. If we want to pick  $r$  people out of this group, how many different results are possible?

First method: According to combinations, simply pick  $r$  people out of  $(n+m)$  people, we have  $\binom{n+m}{r}$

Second method: we can also split the problem into two steps. The first step is to pick  $x$  people out of  $n$  men; and the second step is to pick the rest  $(r-x)$  people out of  $m$  women. ( $0 \leq x \leq r$ )

$\therefore$  we have  $\binom{n}{x} \binom{m}{r-x}$  to denote  $x$  men and  $(r-x)$  women

Situation. To combine all possible  $x$ , we have

$$\binom{n}{0} \binom{m}{r} + \binom{n}{1} \binom{m}{r-1} + \dots + \binom{n}{r} \binom{m}{0}$$

And  $\therefore$  the first method and the second method give the same result.  $\therefore \binom{n+m}{r} = \binom{n}{0} \binom{m}{r} + \binom{n}{1} \binom{m}{r-1} + \dots + \binom{n}{r} \binom{m}{0}$

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9. Use Theoretical Exercise 8 to prove

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2$$

Pf: Spce  $m=n=n$ ,  $r=n$  is ex 8. then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{n+n}{n} &= \binom{n}{0} \binom{n}{n} + \binom{n}{1} \binom{n}{n-1} + \binom{n}{2} \binom{n}{n-2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} \binom{n}{0} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{n-k} \quad \because \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} = \binom{n}{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \binom{n+n}{n} = \binom{2n}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2$$

13. Show that, for  $n > 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} = 0$ .

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Pf:  $\because (x+y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i}$  Spce  $x=(-1)$ ,  $y=1$ . then

$$(-1+1)^n = 0 = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (-1)^i = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} = 0$$

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3. Two dice are thrown. Let  $B$  be the event that the sum of the dice is odd, let  $F$  be the event that at least one of the dice lands on 1, and let  $G$  be the event that the sum is 5. Describe the events  $BF$ ,  $B \cup F$ ,  $FG$ ,  $F \cap G$  and  $\overline{B \cap G}$

Solution:  $\cup \overline{B \cap G}$ . Two dice are thrown, one lands on 2, another lands on 2, 4 or 6. that is  $B \cap G = \{(1,2), (1,4), (1,6), (2,1), (4,1), (6,1)\}$



12)  $\bar{E} \cup F$ : Two dice are thrown,  $\bar{E} \cup F$  means either one lands on 1 and the other could be any value, or the sum of two dice is odd. That is  $\bar{E} \cup F = \{(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (1,5), (1,6), (2,2), (2,5), (3,4), (3,6), (5,4), (5,6), (2,1), (3,1), (4,1), (5,1), (6,1), (3,2), (5,2), (4,3), (6,3)\}$ .

$F \cap \bar{E}$ : Two dice are thrown, one lands on 1 and the other lands on 4.  $\therefore F \cap \bar{E} = \{(1,4), (4,1)\}$

$\bar{E} \cap F^c$ :  $F^c$  means; Two dice are thrown, no dice land on 1.  $\therefore \bar{E} \cap F^c$  means Two dice are thrown, no dice land on 1 and the sum of two dice is odd. That is  $\{(3,2), (3,4), (3,6), (5,2), (5,4), (5,6), (2,3), (4,3), (6,3), (2,5), (4,5), (6,5)\}$ .

$\bar{E} \cap F$ : Two dice are thrown, one lands on 1 and the other lands on 4.  $\therefore \bar{E} \cap F = \{(1,4), (4,1)\}$ .

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10. Sixty percent of the students at a certain school wear neither a ring or a necklace. Twenty percent wear a ring and 30 percent wear a necklace. If one of the students is chosen randomly, what is the probability that this student is wearing

- (a) a ring or a necklace
- (b) a ring and a necklace.

ordered unordered?

Solution: The sample space of this problem could be pairs of wearings, let  $\bar{E} = \{(Ring, x), x \text{ is some wearings}\}$ .  
Let  $F = \{(y, necklace), y \text{ is some wearings}\}$ .

The event that wearing either a ring or a necklace is  $\bar{E} \cup F$ .  
And because the student is picked randomly, that means  $P(\bar{E} \cup F) = 1 - P((\bar{E} \cup F)^c)$ .  $\checkmark$   $P((\bar{E} \cup F)^c) = 0.6$   
 $\therefore P(\bar{E} \cup F) = 0.4$

and that means the probability of this student is wearing either a ring or a necklace is 0.4

(b) that is asking us to show  $P(B \cap F)$  because  $B \cap F$  denotes the outcome that a student wears both a ring and a necklace.

$$\therefore P(B) = 0.2$$

$$\begin{cases} P(F) = 0.3 \\ P(B \cup F) = 0.4 \end{cases}$$

$$P(B \cup F) = 0.4$$

$$\therefore P(B \cup F) = P(B) + P(F) - P(B \cap F)$$

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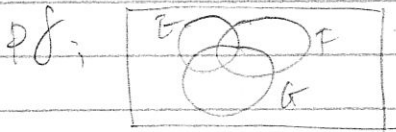
$$= 0.2 + 0.3 - 0.4 = 0.1$$

$\therefore$  The probability that this student is wearing a ring and a necklace is 0.1.

## Chapter 2 Theoretical problems 10.

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$$10. \text{ prove that } P(B \cup F \cup G) = P(B) + P(F) + P(G) - P(B^c \cap F \cap G) - P(B \cap F^c \cap G) - P(B \cap F \cap G^c) - 2P(B \cap F \cap G)$$



$$\therefore P(B \cup F) = P(B) + P(F) - P(B \cap F)$$

$$\text{Similarly } P((B \cup F) \cup G) = P(B \cup F) + P(G) - P((B \cup F) \cap G)$$

According to the associativity and distribution law of set union and intersection,  $(B \cup F) \cup G = B \cup F \cup G$

$$\text{and } (B \cup F) \cap G = (B \cap G) \cup (F \cap G)$$

$$\therefore P(B \cup F \cup G) = P(B \cup F) + P(G) - P((B \cap G) \cup (F \cap G))$$

$$= P(B) + P(F) + P(G) - P(B \cap G) - P(B \cap G \cup (F \cap G))$$

$$\therefore P(B \cap G \cup (F \cap G)) = P(B \cap G) + P(F \cap G) - P(B \cap F \cap G)$$

$\therefore$  Substitute this into the above equation, we have

$$P(B \cup F \cup G) = P(B) + P(F) + P(G) - P(B \cap F) - P(B \cap G) - P(F \cap G) + P(B \cap F \cap G)$$

$$\therefore P(B \cap F) = P(B \cap F \cap G^c \cup B \cap F \cap G) \quad \therefore B \cap F \cap G^c \text{ and } B \cap F \cap G \text{ are disjoint}$$

sets.  $\therefore P(ZF) = P(ZFG^c) + P(ZFG)$

Similarly  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(FG) = P(Z^cFG) + P(ZFG) \\ P(ZFG) = P(ZFG) \end{array} \right.$

$\therefore$  substitute again  $\therefore P(Z \cup F \cup G) = P(Z) + P(F) + P(G) -$

$$P(ZFG^c) - P(ZFG) = P(Z^cFG) - P(ZFG) - P(Z^cFG) - P(ZFG) + P(ZFG)$$

$$\therefore P(Z \cup F \cup G) = P(Z) + P(F) + P(G) - P(Z^cFG) - P(ZFG) - P(ZFG) - 2P(ZFG)$$

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11. If  $P(Z) = 0.9$ ,  $P(F) = 0.8$ , show that  $P(ZF) \geq 0.7$ . In general prove Bonferroni's inequality, namely

$$P(ZF) \geq P(Z) + P(F) - 1.$$

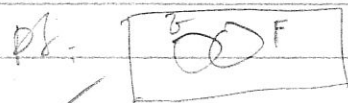
pf:  $\therefore P(Z \cup F) = P(Z) + P(F) - P(ZF)$

$\checkmark$   $\therefore P(ZF) = P(Z) + P(F) - P(Z \cup F)$   $\therefore P(Z) = 0.9$ ,  $P(F) = 0.8$   
and  $P(Z \cup F) \leq 1$ .  $\therefore P(ZF) \geq 0.9 + 0.8 - 1 = 0.7$ .

Similarly  $\therefore P(Z \cup F) \leq 1 \therefore P(ZF) \geq P(Z) + P(F) - 1$ .

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12. Show that the probability that exactly one of the events  $Z$  or  $F$  occurs equals  $P(Z) + P(F) - 2P(ZF)$



pf: exactly one of the events  $Z$  or  $F$  occurs correspond to  $Z^cF \cup ZF^c$

$\checkmark$   $\therefore P(Z^cF \cup ZF^c) = P(Z^cF) + P(ZF^c)$

$$\therefore P(Z^cF \cup ZF^c) = P(Z^cF) + P(ZF^c) = P(F) - P(ZF) + P(ZF^c)$$

$$P(ZF^c \cup Z^cF) = P(ZF^c) + P(Z^cF) = P(Z) - P(ZF) + P(Z^cF)$$

$$\therefore P(Z^cF \cup ZF^c) = P(F) - P(ZF) + P(Z) - P(ZF) = P(Z) + P(F) - 2P(ZF)$$

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problem A: Consider the  $n \times n$  square array of points in the plane  $S = \{(i, j) \mid 0 \leq i, j < n\}$ , where  $n > 1$ . Is it possible to draw a path consisting of line segments between the points in this array such that the path meets and changes direction at every point in  $S$ , and such that no two line segments making up the path have the same length.

Solution: if for a  $n \times n$  square, a line segment in the square can be formed by a pair  $(x, y)$  ( $0 \leq x \leq n-1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq n-1$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are not 0 at the same time)

If  $x$  and  $y$  are identical then we have  $(n-1)$  different lengths

If  $x$  and  $y$  are different, then we have  $\frac{\binom{n}{2}}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  different

lengths. In total, we have  $(n-1) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{(n+2)(n-1)}{2}$

line segments with different lengths.

And in order to connect all those points in the square we will need  $\binom{n^2-1}{2}$  line segments at least.

$$\binom{n^2-1}{2} - \frac{(n+2)(n-1)}{2} = (n+1)(n-1) - \frac{n+2}{2}(n-1) = (n-1) \left[ (n+1) - \frac{n+2}{2} \right]$$

$$= (n-1) \left[ n+1 - \frac{n}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{n}{2}(n-1) \text{ for } n \geq 2 \quad \frac{n}{2}(n-1) > 0.$$

$\therefore \binom{n^2-1}{2} > \frac{(n+2)(n-1)}{2}$  Applying pigeonhole principle.

there must be two line segments in the path of same length.

great.

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