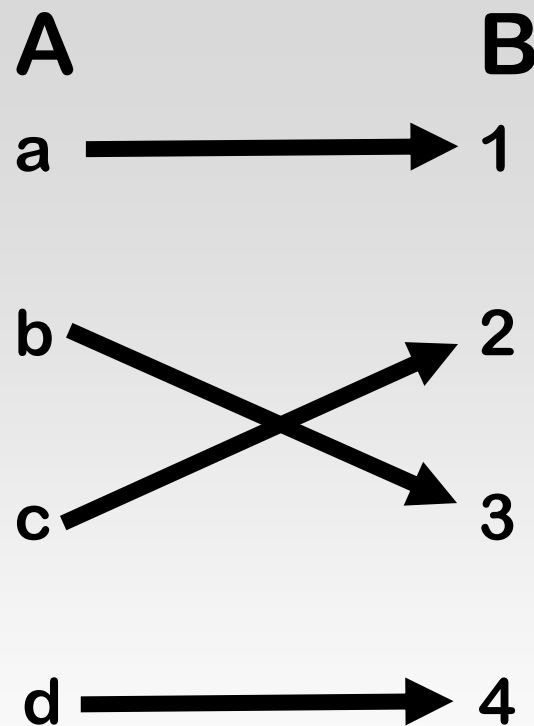


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Discrete Math

Lecture 6

**Counting one Thing by
Counting Another**

Recall: The Mapping Rule



If $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a bijection then $|A| = |B|$.

Example: Size of the Power Set

How many subsets of finite set A?

That is, what is $|P(A)|$?

A: $\{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, \dots, a_n\}$

subset: $\{a_1, a_3, a_4, \dots, a_n\}$

string: 1 0 1 1 0 ... 1

This is a bijection

1. Every subset is mapped to an n-bit binary string.
2. Any n-bit binary string corresponds to a subset.

Conclusion: $|P(A)| = |\text{n-bit binary strings}|$

Example: Balls with Different Colors

How many ways to select 12 balls w/ 5 different colors?

A = all ways to select 12 balls w/ 5 different colors.

B = all 16-bit numbers with exactly 4 ones.

element of A: $\underbrace{00}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{green}} \underbrace{000000}_{\text{yellow}} \underbrace{00}_{\text{blue}} \underbrace{00}_{\text{white}}$

element of B: $\underbrace{00}_{\text{red}} 1 \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{green}} 1 \underbrace{000000}_{\text{yellow}} 1 \underbrace{00}_{\text{blue}} 1 \underbrace{00}_{\text{white}}$

Balls with Different Colors II

A = all ways to select 12 balls w/ 5 different colors.

B = all 16-bit numbers with exactly 4 ones.

Bijection from A to B:

r red, g green, y yellow, b blue, w white

maps to

$\underbrace{0\dots0}_r \ 1 \ \underbrace{0\dots0}_g \ 1 \ \underbrace{0\dots0}_y \ 1 \ \underbrace{0\dots0}_b \ 1 \ \underbrace{0\dots0}_w$

1. Sequence has always 16 bits and exactly 4 ones.
2. Every sequence corresponds to exactly one order of balls.

Conclusion: $|A| = |B|$

Counting a Thing by Counting Another

Counting rule relates $|A|$ with $|B|$.

Once we figure out $|B|$, we will immediately know $|A|$.

Question: But how do we figure out $|B|$?

Answer: Sequences are easier to count...

General strategy:

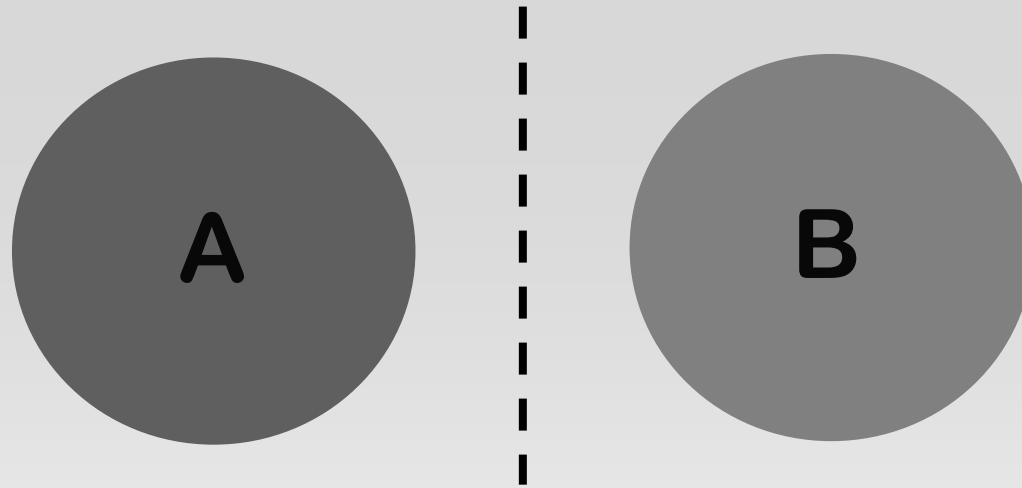
1. Get really good at counting sequences.
2. Use bijections to count everything else.

Given a set T :

1. Find bijection to set of sequences S .
2. Use counting skills to count $|S|$, which gives us $|T|$.

Rules for Counting

The Sum Rule

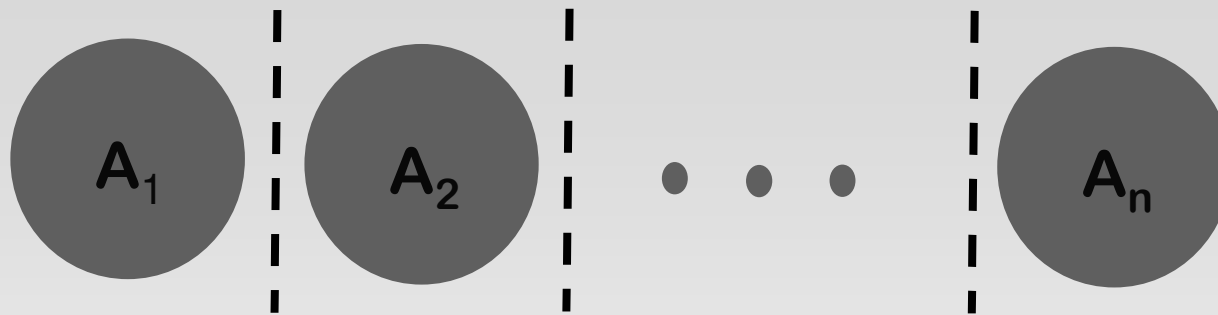


If sets A and B are disjoint, then

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$$

The sum rule כלל הסכום

More Generally



If sets $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ are disjoint, then

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = |A_1| + |A_2| + \dots + |A_n|$$

Sum Rule: Examples

Class has 11 women, 30 men so total enrollment is

$$11 + 30 = 41$$

26 Lower case letters, 26 upper case letters, and 10 digits, so total number of characters is

$$26 + 26 + 10 = 62$$

The Product Rule

If $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k$ are sets then

$$|P_1 \times P_2 \times \dots \times P_k| = |P_1| \cdot |P_2| \cdot \dots \cdot |P_k|$$

Recall:

$$P_1 \times P_2 \times \dots \times P_k := \{(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k) \mid p_1 \in P_1, p_2 \in P_2, \dots, p_k \in P_k\}$$

The Product Rule II

Unlike the sum rule, the product rule does not require the sets to be disjoint.

Example: If $|A| = m$ and $|B| = n$, then $|A \times B| = mn$

$$A = \{a, b, c, d\}, \quad B = \{a, 2, 3\}$$

$$A \times B = \{(a, a), (a, 2), (a, 3), \\ (b, a), (b, 2), (b, 3), \\ (c, a), (c, 2), (c, 3), \\ (d, a), (d, 2), (d, 3)\}$$

The Product Rule III

Counting strings:

Number of length-4 strings from alphabet $B := \{0,1\}$ is

$$|B \times B \times B \times B| = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^4$$

In particular,

$$|\{0,1\}^k| = 2^k$$

In general: Number of length-k strings from alphabet of size n is

$$n^k$$

Example: Counting Passwords

1. Between 6 and 8 characters long.
2. Starts with a letter.
3. Case sensitive.*
4. Other characters: digits or letters.

Examples: a5Tj6Vu5, sE5TG4

*Case sensitive – uppercase and lowercase are different.

Example: Counting Passwords II

$L := \{a, b, \dots, z, A, B, \dots, Z\}$

$D := \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$

$P_k :=$ length k passwords

Question: what is P_6 ?

Answer: Think of password as sequence

$$\begin{array}{c} L \quad (L \cup D) \\ \cup \quad \cup \\ \underbrace{\quad} \quad \underbrace{\quad} \\ sE5TG4 \leftrightarrow (s, E, 5, T, G, 4) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_6 &= L \times (L \cup D) \times (L \cup D) \times (L \cup D) \times (L \cup D) \times (L \cup D) \\ &= L \times (L \cup D)^5 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Counting Passwords III

$L := \{a, b, \dots, z, A, B, \dots, Z\}$

$D := \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$

$P_k :=$ length k passwords

$$P_k = L \times (L \cup D)^{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |L \times (L \cup D)^{k-1}| &= |L| \cdot |L \cup D|^{k-1} \\ &= |L| \cdot (|L| + |D|)^{k-1} \\ &= 52 \cdot 62^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Counting Passwords IV

The set of passwords:

$$P = P_6 \cup P_7 \cup P_8$$

$$\begin{aligned} |P| &= |P_6| + |P_7| + |P_8| \\ &= 52 \cdot 62^5 + 52 \cdot 62^6 + 52 \cdot 62^7 \\ &= 186125210680448 \\ &\approx 19 \cdot 10^{14} \end{aligned}$$

String, Sequences and Functions

$$\underbrace{|B \times B \times \dots \times B|}_{k \text{ times}} = \underbrace{|B| \times |B| \times \dots \times |B|}_{k \text{ times}} = |B|^k$$

AKA: # sequences with repeats.

Corollary 1: # length-k strings from alphabet B of size n is n^k

Corollary 2: # length-k binary strings is $|\{0,1\}^k| = 2^k$

Note:

1. Length-k string and length-k sequence is the same thing
2. Length-|A| string from alphabet B and $f: A \rightarrow B$ is the same thing.

AKA

“Also Known As”

Example: Counting Functions

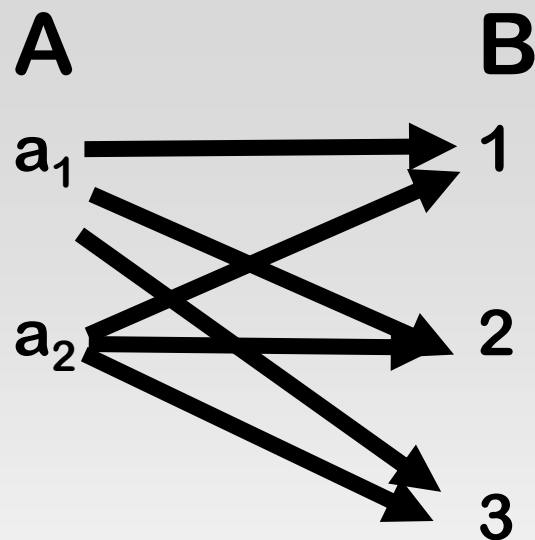
Let A, B be finite sets, and suppose that

$$|A| = k$$

$$|B| = n$$

Q: How many (total) functions $f: A \rightarrow B$ are there?

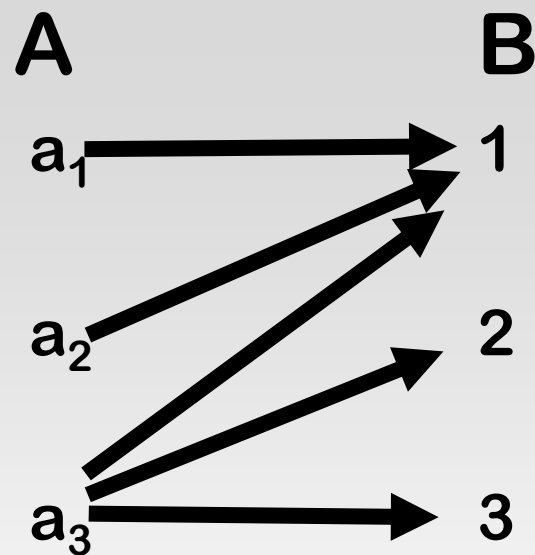
Example: $A=\{a_1, a_2\}$, $B=\{1, 2, 3\}$



For every choice for $f(a_1)$, there are 3 choices for $f(a_2)$

(total) functions $\{a_1, a_2\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\} = 3 \times 3 = 3^2$

Example: $A=\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$, $B=\{1, 2, 3\}$



For every choice for $f(a_1)$ and $f(a_2)$, there are 3 choices for $f(a_3)$

(total) functions $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\} = 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 3^3$

So What is the General Rule?

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ (total) functions } \{a_1, a_2\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\} &= 3 \times 3 \\ &= \underbrace{|B| \times |B|}_{|A|=2 \text{ times}} \end{aligned}$$

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The Rule: $|B|^{|A|}$

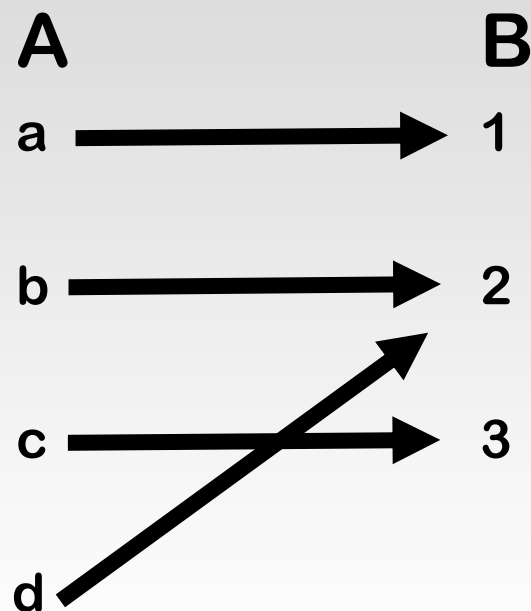
The idea: Think of $f: A \rightarrow B$ as a sequence of length $|A|$ with elements from the alphabet B .

Generalized Counting Rules

The Pigeonhole Principle

If $\exists$ injection $f: A \rightarrow B$ then $|A| \leq |B|$

Equivalently: if $|A| > |B|$, then $\nexists$ injection $f: A \rightarrow B$



The pigeonhole principle

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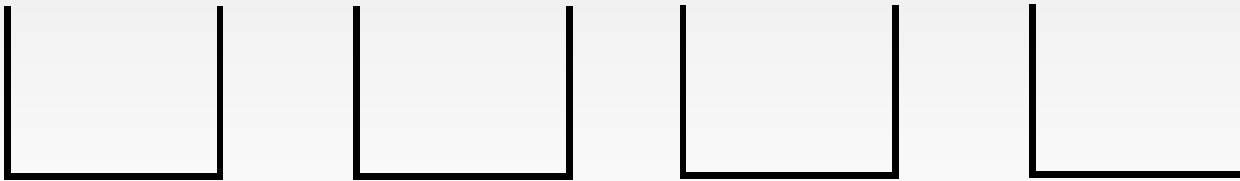
The Pigeonhole Principle

If $|A| > |B|$, then $\nexists$ injection $f: A \rightarrow B$

If more pigeons



Than pigeonholes



The Pigeonhole Principle II

Then some hole must have $\geq$ two pigeons!



Tip: when applying the pigeonhole principle, it is important to identify 3 things

1. The set A (the pigeons)
2. The set B (the pigeonholes)
3. The function f (rule of assigning pigeons to pigeonholes).

Example 1: Socks

A drawer in a dark room contains

1. red socks
2. green socks
3. blue socks.



Question: How many socks do you have to withdraw to be sure that you have a matching pair?

Answer: Let $A :=$ set of socks you withdraw
 $B := \{\text{red, green, blue}\}$

Then if $|A| > |B| = 3$ at least two elements of A will have same color.

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90 numbers – $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{90}\}$

25 digits each - $a_i \in \{0, \dots, 9\}^{25}$

Q: Are there two subsets of the numbers that have the same sum?

Example 2: Subset Sum

Q: Are there two subsets that have the same sum?

Note: the sum of any subset of numbers is $\leq 90 \cdot 10^{25}$

1. Let $X = P(\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{90}\})$
2. Let $Y = \{0, 1, \dots, 90 \cdot 10^{25}\}$
3. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ map each subset of numbers to its sum (in Y).

Now,

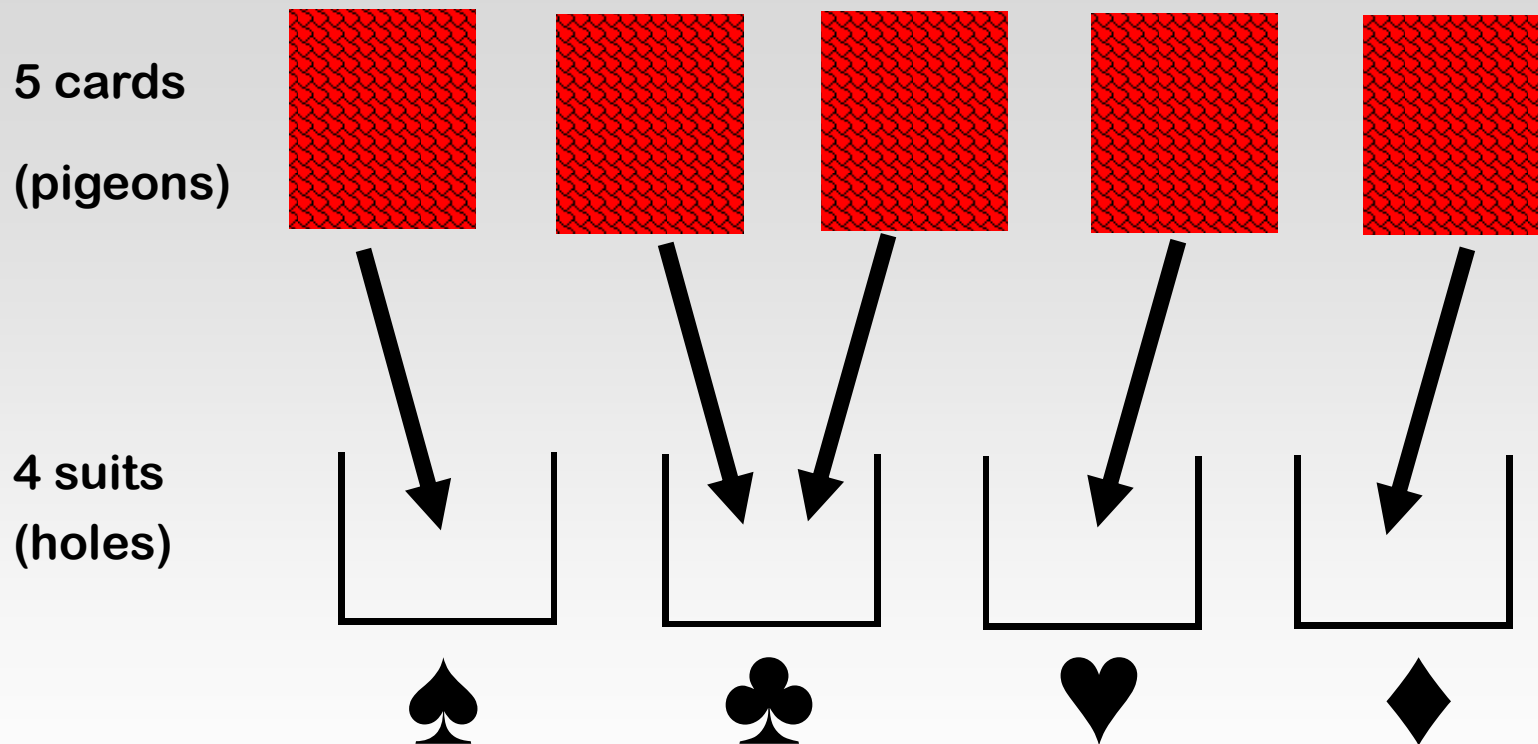
$$\begin{aligned} |X| &= 2^{90} \\ &\geq 1.237 \times 10^{27} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |Y| &= 90 \cdot 10^{25} + 1 \\ &\leq 0.901 \times 10^{27} \end{aligned}$$

By the pigeonhole principle, f maps at least two elements of X into the same element of Y !

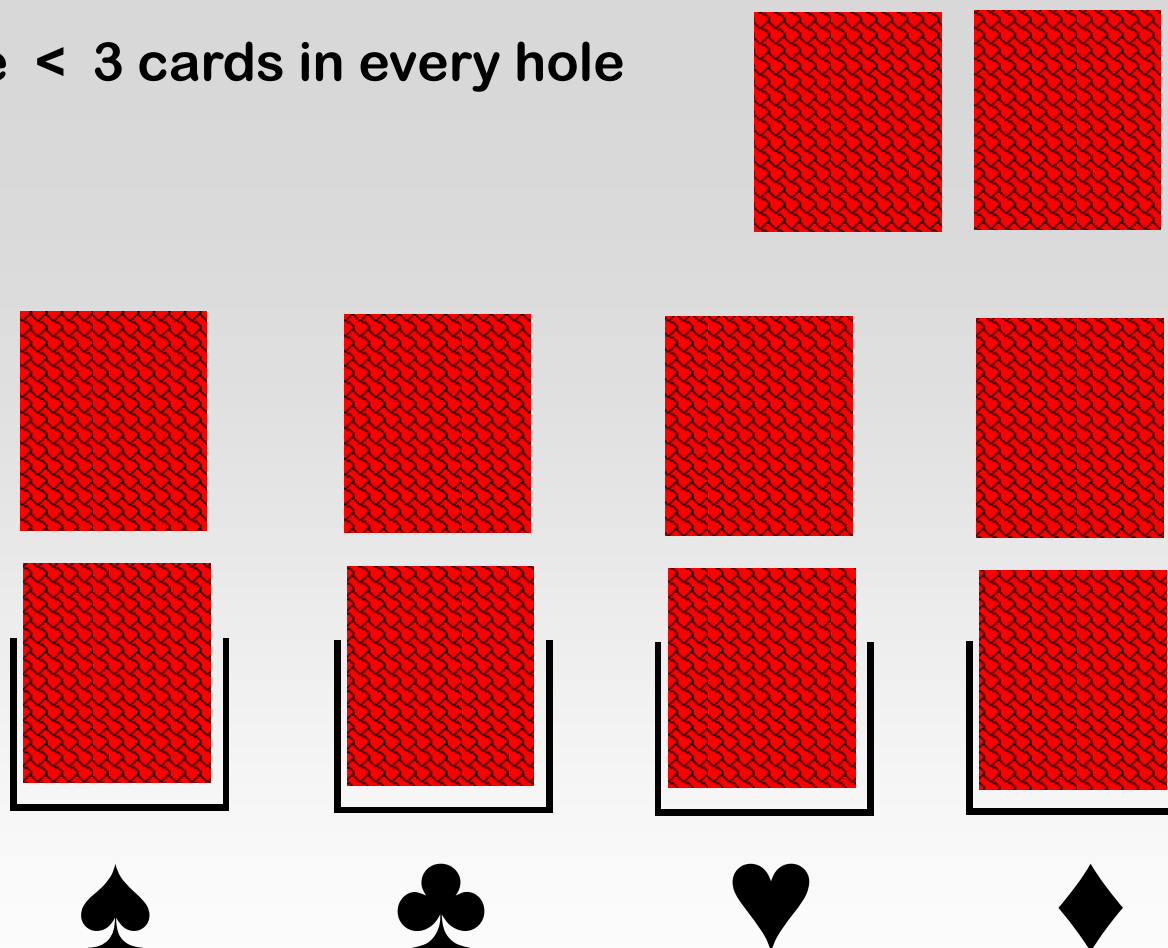
Remark: Proof is “nonconstructive” – gives no indication which two sets have the same sum...

Example 3: 5 Card Draw



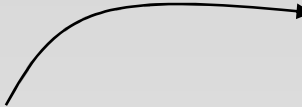
10 Card Draw

Cannot have < 3 cards in every hole



Generalized Pigeonhole Principle

cards with same suit ≥ 3

 $\left\lceil \frac{10}{4} \right\rceil = 3$ cards with same suit

“ceiling” – means round up

Generalized pigeonhole principle: If n pigeons and h holes, then some hole has at least

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{h} \right\rceil$$

pigeons.

More formally: If $|A| > k \cdot |B|$, then every function $f: A \rightarrow B$ maps at least $k+1$ different elements of A to the same element of B .

Generalized pigeonhole principle

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Example: Hairs on Heads

Claim: There exist at least 3 people* in Tel Aviv that have exactly the same number of hairs on their heads.

1. Tel Aviv has about 500,000 non bald people
2. # hairs on a person's head is $< 200,000$

A := set of non bald people in Tel Aviv

$B := \{1, 2, \dots, 200,000\}$

$f: A \rightarrow B$ maps a person to # hairs on her head.

$|A| > 2 \cdot |B|$, so by the generalized pigeonhole principle,
at least three people have the same number of hairs

*Not bald...

Advanced Comment: The “Birthday Paradox”

How many people in this class have the same birthday?

1. 41 students.
2. 365 days in the year.

Can we apply the pigeonhole principle?

The lesson: randomization is powerful!

Generalized Product Rule

Question: How many sequences of 5 students in class?

$S :=$ students in class

$$|S| = 41$$

$|\text{sequences of 5 students}| = 41^5?$

NO!

We want: $|\text{sequences in } S^5 \text{ with no repeats}|$

No repeats

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Generalized Product Rule II

|sequences in S^5 with no repeats|

41 choices for 1st student

40 choices for 2nd student

39 choices for 3rd student

38 choices for 4th student

37 choices for 5th student

so $41 \cdot 40 \cdot 39 \cdot 38 \cdot 37$

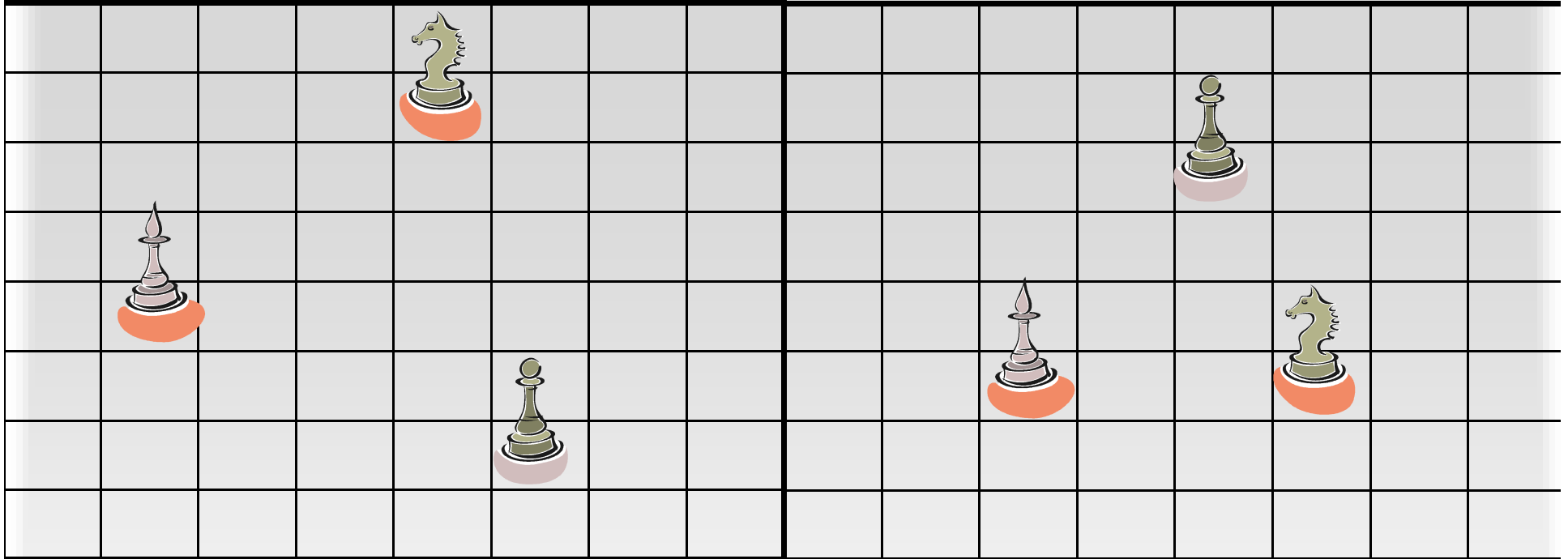
Generalized Product Rule III

The generalized product rule: Let S be a set of length- k sequences. If there are

- n_1 possible 1st entries,
- n_2 possible 2nd entries for each 1st entry,
- n_3 possible 3rd entries for each possible 1st and 2nd entries, etc.

then $|S| = n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot n_3 \cdot \dots \cdot n_k$

Example: A Chess Problem



valid

invalid

Q: In how many ways can we arrange knight, bishop and pawn so that no two pieces share a row or a column?

Example: A Chess Problem II

Let p – pawn, k – knight, b - bishop

First, notice that there is a bijection from configurations of the chessboard to sequences:

$$(r_p, c_p, r_k, c_k, r_b, c_b)$$

where r_p, r_k, r_b are distinct rows and c_p, c_k, c_b are distinct columns.

Now, using the generalized product rule:

r_p is one of 8 rows

c_p is one of 8 columns

r_k is one of 7 rows (any one but r_p)

c_k is one of 7 columns (any one but c_p)

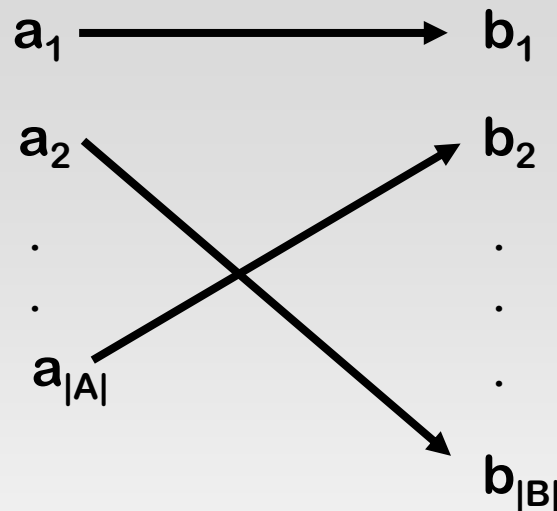
r_b is one of 6 rows (any one but r_p or r_k)

c_b is one of 6 columns (any one but c_p or c_k)

So the total number of configurations is $(8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6)^2$

Example: Counting Injective Functions

How many (total) injective functions from A to B ?



- $|B|$ possible values for $f(a_1)$,
- $|B| - 1$ possible values for $f(a_2)$, given $f(a_1)$
- $|B| - 2$ possible values for $f(a_3)$, given $f(a_1)$ and $f(a_2)$ etc.

By generalized product rule: # injective functions $f: A \rightarrow B$ is

$$|B| \cdot (|B| - 1) \cdot (|B| - 2) \cdots (|B| - |A| + 1)$$

Permutations

Definition: A permutation of a set S is a sequence that contains every element of S exactly once.

For example, the permutations of the set $\{a,b,c\}$ are

(a,b,c) (a,c,b) (b,a,c)
 (b,c,a) (c,a,b) (c,b,a)

Permutation
 n factorial

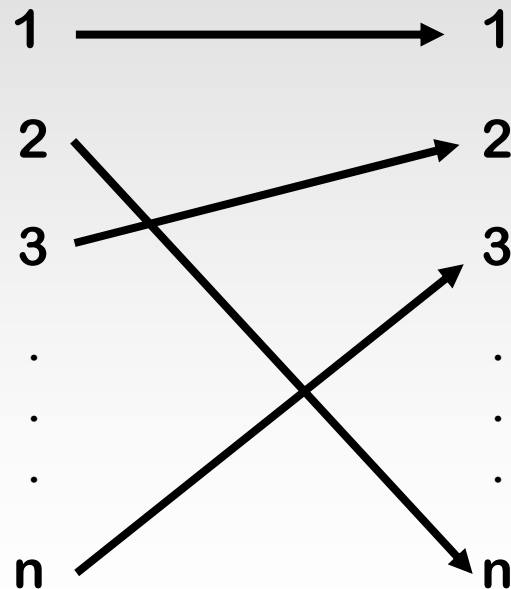
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Permutations as bijections

Typically: permutations on the set $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Notation: $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

A permutation on $[n]$ is a bijection $\pi: [n] \rightarrow [n]$



Counting Permutations

A permutation is a bijection $f: S \rightarrow S$.

We saw before: # injective functions $f: A \rightarrow B$ is

$$|B| \cdot (|B| - 1) \cdot (|B| - 2) \cdots (|B| - |A| + 1)$$

So: # permutations on an n -element set

$$n! := n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \cdots \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

(convention: $0! = 1$).

How Large is $n!$

Very large:

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e} \right)^n$$

This is known as Stirling's approximation.

#permutations vs. #functions

A permutation is a bijection $\pi: [n] \rightarrow [n]$.

Q: How many bijections $\pi: [n] \rightarrow [n]$ are there?

A: $n!$

Q: How many functions $f: [n] \rightarrow [n]$ are there?

A: n^n

By Stirling's approximation:

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi n}}{e^n} \cdot n^n$$

$n! \ll n^n$, but is still very large!

Quick Question

Q: How many functions $f: A \rightarrow B$ are not injective?

X – Set of all functions $f: A \rightarrow B$ ($|X| = |B|^{|A|}$)

Y – Set of all injective functions $f: A \rightarrow B$

$$|Y| = |B| \cdot (|B|-1) \cdots (|B|-|A|+1)$$

Z – Set of all non-injective functions $f: A \rightarrow B$

By sum rule: $|X| = |Y| + |Z|$

So $|Z| = |X| - |Y|$
 $= |B|^{|A|} - |B| \cdot (|B|-1) \cdots (|B|-|A|+1)$

Strings with no Repeats

Let B be an alphabet of size n .

By generalized product rule: # length- k strings w/ no repeats with elements from B is

$$|B| \cdot (|B| - 1) \cdot (|B| - 2) \cdots (|B| - k + 1)$$

In other words:

$$\begin{aligned} n \cdot (n - 1) \cdots (n - k + 1) &= \frac{n \cdot (n - 1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1}{(n - k) \cdot (n - k - 1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n - k)!} \end{aligned}$$

Summary so far

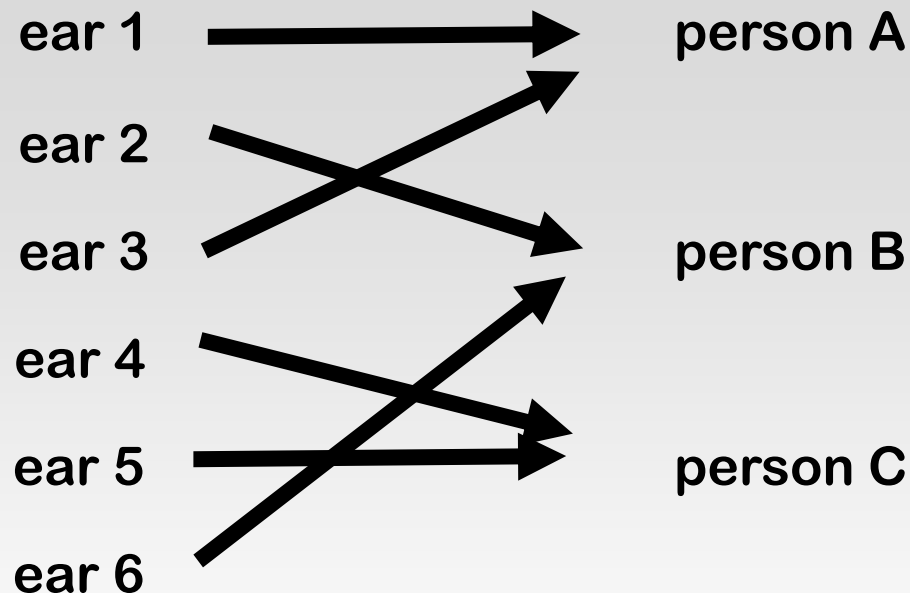
possibilities to choose k elements from a set of size n

	No repeats	With repeats
Order is important (sequence)	$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$	n^k
Order not important (subset)	Next week	Next week

The Division Rule

Definition: $f: A \rightarrow B$ is said to be k-to-1 if it maps exactly k elements from A to every element in B.

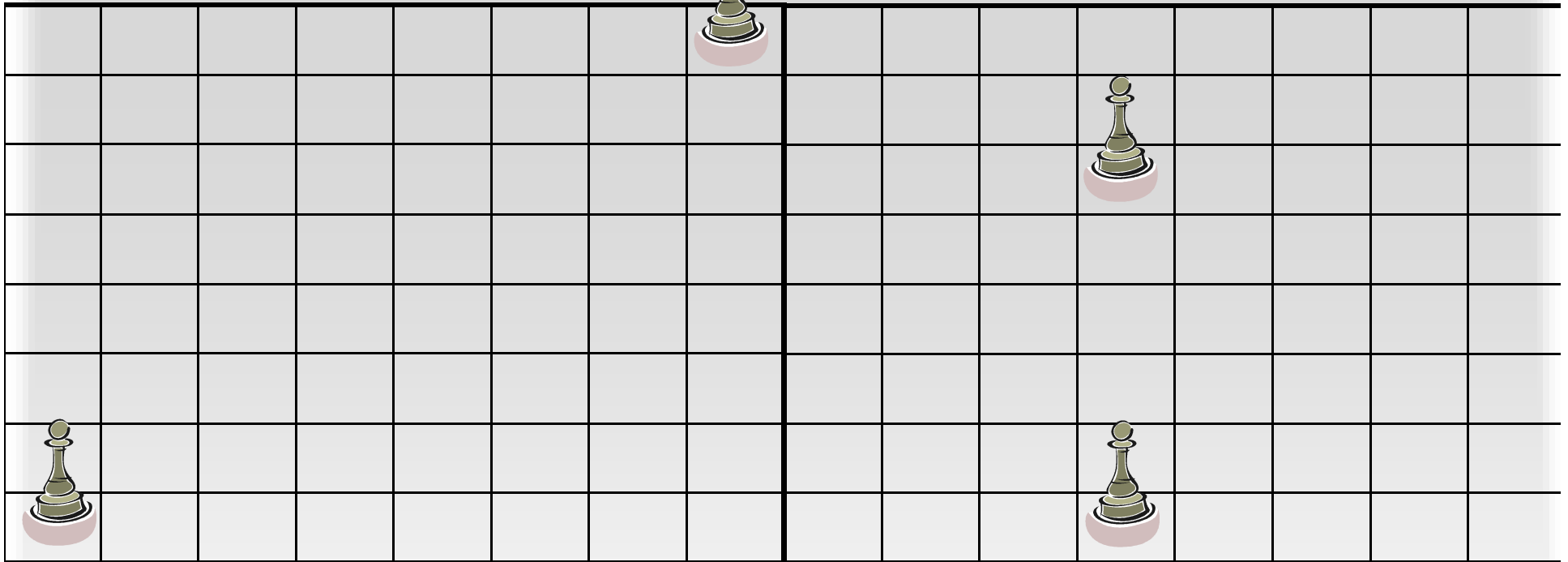
Example:



is a 2-to-1 function. Similarly a function mapping each finger to its owner is 10-to-1.

The division rule : If $f: A \rightarrow B$ is k-to-1 then $|A| = k \cdot |B|$.

Example: Another Chess Problem



valid

invalid

Q: In how many ways can we place two identical pawns so that they do not share a row or a column?

Example: Another Chess Problem II

Let A be the set of all sequences (r_1, c_1, r_2, c_2) where r_1 and r_2 are distinct rows, and c_1, c_2 are distinct columns.

Let B be the set of all valid pawn configurations.

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a function that maps the sequence (r_1, c_1, r_2, c_2) to a configuration with one pawn in row r_1 column c_1 and the other pawn in row r_2 column c_2 .

Note: The sequences $(1,1,8,8)$ and $(8,8,1,1)$ map to the same configuration!

More generally: the function f maps exactly two sequences to every configuration. That is, f is 2-to1.

Conclusion: By the division rule, $|A| = 2 \cdot |B|$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} |B| &= |A|/2 \\ &= (8 \cdot 7)^2/2 \end{aligned}$$