

Worksheet 10.2.

1.a. Let word $w = \text{"country"}$

We can rearrange its letters into $7! = 5040$ strings.

(All letters are unique, so it is a regular permutation)

1.b. Word $w = \text{"brittle"}$

can be rearranged into $\frac{7!}{2!} = 2520$

different strings. It is a

permutation where 2 letters "t" are indistinguishable.

1.c. Word $w = \text{"popping"}$

can be rearranged into $\frac{7!}{3!} = 840$

ways. Now 3 letters "p" are the same.

1. d. Word $w = \text{"crevice"}$

can be rearranged into $\frac{7!}{2!2!} = 1260$

different ways. It contains

two indistinguishable "c"s and
two more indistinguishable "e"s.

1. e. Word $w = \text{"mississippi"}$.

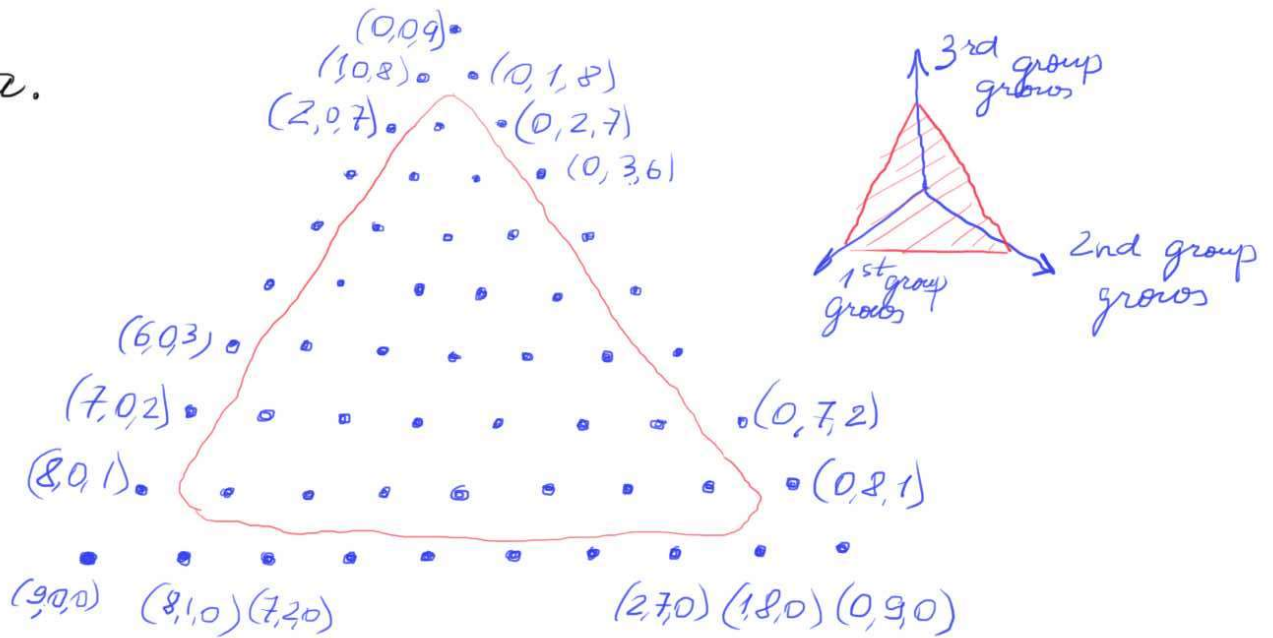
The number of unique strings

that can be written using all its letters

$$\text{is } \frac{11!}{4!4!2!} \cdot \begin{cases} 4 \text{ letters "i"} \\ 4 \text{ letters "s"} \\ 2 \text{ letters "p"} \\ 1 \text{ letter "m"} \end{cases}$$

In this case there are multiple
groups of indistinguishable letters

2.a.



Every point in this diagram represents a way to split 9 people into 3 groups (if we do not care about the individual people assigned to groups). All the points inside the red triangle (i.e. NOT on the perimeter) are those where all 3 groups are non-empty.

On the other hand, there are 3^9 ways to assign 9 people to 3 groups. From these

$\binom{9}{0}, \binom{9}{1}, \binom{9}{2}, \dots, \binom{9}{7}, \binom{9}{8}, \binom{9}{9}$ ways

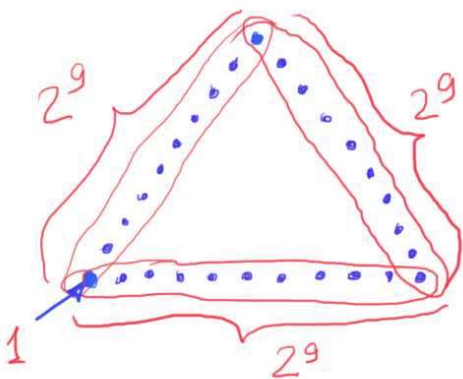
do not use the 3rd group at all.

Their total is 2^9 (bottom side of the triangle).

Other sides are similar.

We get

$$3^9 - 2^9 - 2^9 - 2^9 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 18150$$



2.6. Splitting 9 people into 3 groups of equal size is permutations with repetition. We have 9 "slots" in groups of three and we seat 9 people into these slots:



They can be seated in $9!$ ways. But the order within the group does not matter, so divide by $3!$ three times. We get

$$\frac{9!}{3!3!3!} = 1680$$

Note: If the order of the groups does not matter (groups have no unique names, just the people who end up in the same group) then divide by $3!$ one more time. $\frac{1680}{3!} = 280$

2.c. In order to expand the expression $(x+y+z)^9$ we can apply the Multinomial theorem:

$$(x+y+z)^9 = \sum_{a+b+c=9} \frac{9!}{a!b!c!} x^a y^b z^c,$$

where the summation is over all non-negative integers a, b, c such that $a+b+c=9$.

In our case $a=b=c=3$.

So, the coefficient is $\frac{9!}{3!3!3!} = 1680$.

This is closely related to splitting 9 people into 3 groups in 2.b.

9 parentheses

$$\underbrace{(x+y+z)(x+y+z)\dots(x+y+z)}_{9 \text{ parentheses}}$$

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There are 3^9 ways to pick x 's, y 's, z 's. Just 1680 of them pick equal # of x, y, z

3.a. There are altogether 365^2 ways to assign birthdays to two people. Out of these there are 365 ways to pick identical birthdays for $n=2$ people.

We get the probability $p = \frac{365}{365^2} = \frac{1}{365}$

3.b. There are $365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363$ ways to assign different birthdays to 3 people.

Remaining $365^3 - 365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363$ ways will have some overlaps. The probability

$$p = \frac{365^3 - 365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363}{365^3} \approx \frac{3}{365}$$

3.c. By Pidgeonhole principle $n=366$ people will always have overlapping birthdays.

4.a. Use Binomial Formula:

$$(x+1)^4 = \binom{4}{0}x^4 1^0 + \binom{4}{1}x^3 1^1 + \binom{4}{2}x^2 1^2 + \binom{4}{3}x^1 1^3 + \binom{4}{4}x^0 1^4 = x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1.$$

4.b. $(x+y)^{20} = \dots + \binom{20}{9}x^{11}y^9 + \binom{20}{10}x^{10}y^{10} + \binom{20}{11}x^9y^{11} + \dots$

Just look at the middle 3 terms (out of all 21 terms).

These can be evaluated manually:

$$\binom{20}{9} = \frac{20!}{11!9!} = \frac{\cancel{12} \cdot \cancel{13} \cdot \cancel{14} \cdot \cancel{15} \cdot \cancel{16} \cdot \cancel{17} \cdot \cancel{18} \cdot \cancel{19} \cdot 20}{\cancel{1} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{7} \cdot \cancel{8} \cdot \cancel{9}} = 13 \cdot 2 \cdot 17 \cdot 19 \cdot 20 = 442 \cdot 380 = 167960.$$

Typically, we evaluate these using a calculator:

$$(x+y)^{20} = \dots + 167960x^{11}y^9 + 184756x^{10}y^{10} + 167960x^9y^{11} + \dots$$

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Anaconda Powershell Prompt (Anaconda3)
(base) PS C:\> python
Python 3.8.5 (default, Sep
Type "help", "copyright",
>>> import math
>>> math.comb(20,9)
167960
>>> math.comb(20,10)
184756
>>> math.comb(20,11)
167960
>>>
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$$4.c. (2x+5y)^{10} = \sum_{k=0}^{10} \binom{10}{k} (2x)^{10-k} (5y)^k$$

In the sequence $2^{10-k} \cdot 5^k$
every next member is $\frac{5}{2}$ times
bigger than the previous one.

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>>> import math  
>>> list(map(lambda x: math.comb(10,x), range(0,11)))  
[1, 10, 45, 120, 210, 252, 210, 120, 45, 10, 1]
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As we can see from the 10th
row in the Pascal's triangle
 $\binom{10}{7} = 120$ reduces more than $\frac{5}{2}$ times
as it is replaced by $\binom{10}{8} = 45$.

So, the biggest coefficient is

$$\binom{10}{7} 2^3 \cdot 5^7 = 120 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 5^7 = 75\,000\,000.$$

$$4.d. \quad (x+y^2)^{12} = \dots + \binom{12}{8} x^8 (y^2)^4 + \dots =$$

$$= \dots + \boxed{495} x^8 y^8 + \dots$$

(Other terms don't have $x^8 y^8$).

$$4.e. \quad \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^8 = \sum_{k=0}^8 \binom{8}{k} x^{8-k} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^k$$

The expansion contains 9 terms with these powers: $x^8, x^6, x^4, x^2, 1, x^{-2}, x^{-4}, x^{-6}, x^{-8}$.

The coefficient for the free term 1 (or $x^4 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4$) is $\binom{8}{4} = \boxed{70}$

4.4. Substitute the 6th row in Pascal's triangle

$$\binom{6}{0}=1, \binom{6}{1}=6, \binom{6}{2}=15, \binom{6}{3}=20, \binom{6}{4}=15, \binom{6}{5}=6, \binom{6}{6}=1$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1)^2 = \\ & = \dots + x^6 \cdot 1^6 + (6x^5)(6x) + (15x^4)(15x^2) + (20x^3)(20x^3) + \\ & \quad + (15x^2)(15x^4) + (6x)(6x^5) + 1 \cdot x^6 = \\ & = \boxed{1^2 + 6^2 + 15^2 + 20^2 + 15^2 + 6^2 + 1^2} x^6 = \\ & = \boxed{924} x^6 \end{aligned}$$

From another side, this equals

$$\left((x+1)^6 \right)^2 = (x+1)^{12} = \dots + \boxed{\binom{12}{6}} x^6 + \dots$$

This latter coefficient also

evaluates to the same $\binom{12}{6} = \frac{12!}{6!6!} = \boxed{924}$

4.g. given $f(x) = (x+1)^5$,
find $f'(1)$.

We have $f'(x) = 5(x+1)^4$.

Substitute $x=1$, get $f'(1) = 5 \cdot 2^4 = 80$.

On another hand, transform:

$$f(x) = \binom{5}{0}x^5 + \binom{5}{1}x^4 + \binom{5}{2}x^3 + \binom{5}{3}x^2 + \binom{5}{4}x + \binom{5}{5}$$

$$f'(x) = 5\binom{5}{0}x^4 + 4\binom{5}{1}x^3 + 3\binom{5}{2}x^2 + 2\binom{5}{3}x + \binom{5}{4}$$

$$f'(1) = 5\binom{5}{0} + 4\binom{5}{1} + 3\binom{5}{2} + 2\binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4}$$

$=1 \qquad =5 \qquad =10 \qquad =10 \qquad =5$

We get an identity

$$5 \cdot 2^4 = 5\binom{5}{0} + 4\binom{5}{1} + 3\binom{5}{2} + 2\binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4}$$

or numerically:

$$80 = 5 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 10 + 2 \cdot 10 + 5$$

5.a. Expand $(1-1)^{2n} = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{k} (-1)^k$.

$$0 = \binom{2n}{2n} - \binom{2n}{2n-1} + \binom{2n}{2n-2} - \binom{2n}{2n-3} + \dots - \binom{2n}{1} + \binom{2n}{0}$$

Rewrite the negative terms on the opposite side:

$$\binom{2n}{n} + \binom{2n}{2n-2} + \dots + \binom{2n}{2} + \binom{2n}{0} = \binom{2n}{2n-1} + \binom{2n}{2n-3} + \dots + \binom{2n}{1}$$

5.b. $\sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} = n \cdot 2^{n-1}$ (should prove this)

Evaluate the derivative $((x+1)^n)'$ at $x=1$.

In 4.g. we did this for $n=5$.

We got this identity:

$$5 \cdot 2^4 = 5 \binom{5}{0} + 4 \binom{5}{1} + 3 \binom{5}{2} + 2 \binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4}$$

Since $\binom{5}{k} = \binom{5}{5-k}$, we can rewrite

$$5 \cdot 2^4 = 5 \cdot \binom{5}{5} + 4 \cdot \binom{5}{4} + 3 \cdot \binom{5}{3} + 2 \cdot \binom{5}{2} + \binom{5}{1}$$

or $5 \cdot 2^{5-1} = \sum_{k=1}^5 k \cdot \binom{5}{k}$

For other values n the proof is identical.

5.c. Expand $((x+1)^n)^2 = (x+1)^{2n}$ in two different ways and find the coefficient for x^n .

Expanding $(x+1)^{2n}$ we get

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

On the other hand,

$$\left(\binom{n}{0} x^n + \binom{n}{1} x^{n-1} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} x + \binom{n}{n} \right)^2.$$

If we square this polynomial, we get various terms with power x^n :

$$\binom{n}{0} \cdot \binom{n}{n} + \binom{n}{1} \cdot \binom{n}{n-1} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} \cdot \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{n} \cdot \binom{n}{0}.$$

Since $\binom{n}{0} = \binom{n}{n}$; $\binom{n}{1} = \binom{n}{n-1}$, we get

$$\binom{n}{0}^2 + \binom{n}{1}^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}^2 + \binom{n}{n}^2.$$

(See also 4. f where $n=6$).

6.a. $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}; V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$

We multiply these permutations

$$V \circ H = \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right\} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

Note that in $V \circ H$ we apply H before V

$$H \circ V = \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right\} = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

We see that $V \circ H = H \circ V.$

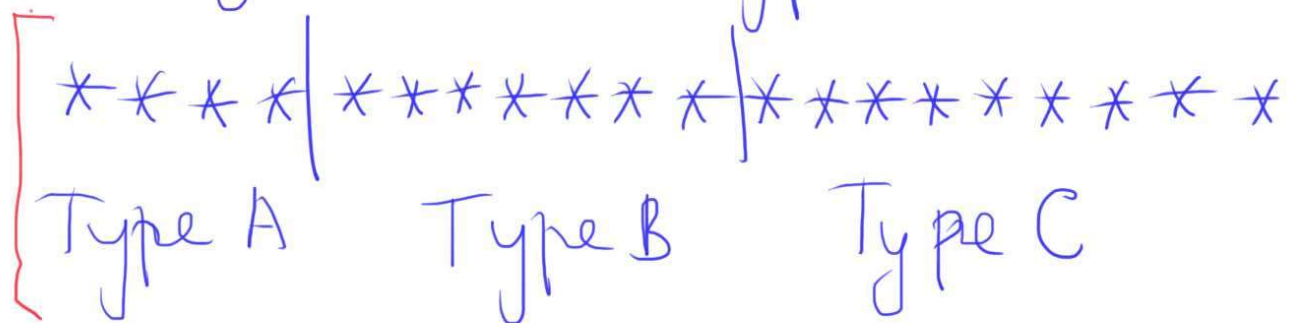
6.b. $M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$M_2 \circ M_3 = M_3 \circ M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

6.c. $V \circ M_2 = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}},$ but

$$M_2 \circ V = \boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}}. \text{ So } V \circ M_2 \neq M_2 \circ V.$$

7. a. Represent every piece of candy by an asterisk (*) and insert vertical bars whenever we switch from Candy Type A to Type B or Type C



The diagram represents 4 candies A, 7 candies B and 9 candies C.

There are $\binom{22}{2} = 231$ ways to insert 2 bars (and 20 asterisks) in 22 slots. This is the known formula of combinations with repetition, $\binom{n+r-1}{r-1}$ where we pick $r=20$ elements out of $n=3$ kinds (with repetition)

7.b. $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 17$

can be solved using same asterisk-bar diagrams as 7.a.

(17 asterisks^{*}, 4-1=3 dividing bars!)

It is also combination with repetitions: Pick $r=17$ items out of $n=4$ different kinds (the order of items does not matter, only the four counts do).

We get $\boxed{\binom{n+r-1}{n-1} = \binom{20}{3} = 1140}$.

7.c. Filling 3 chairs out of 20 (where the filling order does not matter) is regular combinations:

$$\binom{20}{3} = \frac{20!}{17!3!} = \boxed{1140}$$

7. d. Let us solve a different problem first: We have 10 empty chairs \square and 5 inseparable pairs $\square \square \overset{\text{O}}{\square}$ of two chairs (the right one is occupied by a person, but to the left there is an empty chair that serves as a padding).

There are $\binom{15}{5} = 3003$ ways to mix 10 empty chairs and 5 pairs.

But in reality someone can sit on the leftmost chair as well.

Then we have 4 pairs and 11 empty chairs remaining: $\binom{16}{4} = 1820$.

Altogether $\binom{15}{5} + \binom{16}{4} = \boxed{4823}$ ways.

8.a. There are $\binom{100}{51} \approx 9,9 \cdot 10^{28}$ ways to pick 51 numbers; no chance to analyze each variant separately,

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>>> import math
>>> math.comb(100,51)
98913082887808032681188722800
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8.b. An easy way to ensure that two numbers are mutually prime: Pick them next to each other

$\overbrace{[n \quad n+1]}$ We can separate all
1 bucket numbers 1, 2, 3, ..., 99, 100
into such buckets:
(1; 2), (3; 4), (5; 6), ..., (97; 98), (99; 100)
50 buckets

8.c. Whenever one picks 51 numbers, at least 2 will be in the same bucket (Pidgeonhole principle) so they are mutually prime

BTW, one can pick 50 numbers (all even ones) so that none are relative primes.