

Def: Let m be a nonnegative integer, We set

$$m! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m=0 \\ 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot m & \text{if } m>0 \end{cases}$$

• The number $m!$ is called m factorial.

• Let us also introduce the notation

$$(x)_k = x(x-1) \dots (x-k+1) \quad \text{where } k \text{ is an integer, and } \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

↳ This is called the Pochhammer symbol.

Pochhammer symbol

$$\boxed{\text{Ex}}: (20)_3 = 20 \cdot (20-1) \cdot (20-2)$$

Sampling without replacement

• An urn contains n balls labeled 1 through n . Sampling with replacement is the experiment consisting of the following steps:

- extract one ball at random from the urn
- record the label of the extracted ball
- discard the extracted ball

• The number of possible outcomes:

$$A_{k,n} = n(n-1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-k+1) = (n)_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

where n is the number of items and you are sampling k items.

1st Problem in the Problemset

- Urn contains balls labeled 0 to 99
- 5 balls drawn without replacement
- Winner must guess all five numbers in the order they were drawn
- What are odds of winning the lottery?

$$P(\text{win}) = \frac{1}{\# \text{ of possible outcomes}}$$

$$\# \text{ of possible outcomes} : 100 \cdot 99 \cdot 98 \cdot 97 \cdot 96 = (100)_5$$

Problem #2

- n people in a room
- each person birthday is independently and uniformly distributed over 365 days
- What is probability 2 people share the same birthday?

$$\# \text{ of possible outcomes} : 365^n$$

A_n = "at least 2 people have the same birthday"

$$P(A_n) = 1 - P(A_n^c)$$

A_n^c = "all n people have different bday"

$$P(A_n^c) = \frac{365 \cdot 364 \cdot \dots \cdot (365 - n + 1)}{365^n} = \frac{(365)_n}{365^n}$$

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Permutations

Def: A permutation of objects labeled $1, 2, \dots, k$ is a bijection:

$$l: \{1, 2, \dots, k\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$$

Ex Permutations for $\{1, 2\}$: $(1, 2), (2, 1)$

• The number of permutations of k objects is $k!$

Rank: Stirling's formula: $k! \approx \sqrt{2\pi k} \left(\frac{k}{e}\right)^k$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$

Problem #3

• How many 5 card hands can be formed from a standard 52-card deck?

number of 5 card hands = $52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48$ ← but here the order matters

for example lets say we get: card 1, card 2, card 3, card 4, card 5

↳ any permutation of these is the same hand

↳ so we need to divide by the # of permutations.

$$\text{ans} = \frac{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

Combinations

$\binom{n}{k}$ or C_n^k (read n choose k) is the number of combinations of k objects out of n.

$$C_n^k = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{(n)_k}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

• $\binom{n}{k}$ also called binomial coefficients

Pascal Triangle:

$\binom{0}{0}$					1				
$\binom{1}{0}$					1				
$\binom{2}{0}$					$\binom{2}{0}$ 1		$\binom{2}{2}$ 1		
$\binom{3}{0}$					1	3	3	1	
$\binom{4}{0}$					1	4	6	4	1
$\binom{5}{0}$	1	$\binom{5}{1}$ 5	$\binom{5}{2}$ 10	10	5	1			

Properties of Pascal Triangle:

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

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

3. $\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} = 2^n$ ← this is the number of different colorings if there are n objects to color and 2 available colors.