

In-Class Problems Week 10, Fri.

Problem 1. (a) Show that the Magician could not pull off the trick with a deck larger than 124 cards.

Hint: Compare the number of 5-card hands in an n -card deck with the number of 4-card sequences.

(b) Show that, in principle, the Magician could pull off the Card Trick with a deck of 124 cards.

Hint: Hall's Theorem and [degree-constrained](#) graphs.

Problem 2. The Tao of BOOKKEEPER: we seek enlightenment through contemplation of the word *BOOKKEEPER*.

(a) In how many ways can you arrange the letters in the word *POKE*?

(b) In how many ways can you arrange the letters in the word BO_1O_2K ? Observe that we have subscripted the O's to make them distinct symbols.

(c) Suppose we map arrangements of the letters in BO_1O_2K to arrangements of the letters in *BOOK* by erasing the subscripts. Indicate with arrows how the arrangements on the left are mapped to the arrangements on the right.

O_2BO_1K	
KO_2BO_1	
O_1BO_2K	<i>BOOK</i>
KO_1BO_2	<i>OBOK</i>
BO_1O_2K	<i>KOBO</i>
BO_2O_1K	...
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(d) What kind of mapping is this, young grasshopper?

(e) In light of the Division Rule, how many arrangements are there of *BOOK*?

(f) Very good, young master! How many arrangements are there of the letters in $KE_1E_2PE_3R$?

(g) Suppose we map each arrangement of $KE_1E_2PE_3R$ to an arrangement of *KEEPER* by erasing subscripts. List all the different arrangements of $KE_1E_2PE_3R$ that are mapped to *REPEEK* in this way.

- (h) What kind of mapping is this?
- (i) So how many arrangements are there of the letters in *KEEPER*?
- (j) *Now you are ready to face the BOOKKEEPER!*
How many arrangements of $BO_1O_2K_1K_2E_1E_2PE_3R$ are there?
- (k) How many arrangements of $BOOK_1K_2E_1E_2PE_3R$ are there?
- (l) How many arrangements of $BOOKKE_1E_2PE_3R$ are there?
- (m) How many arrangements of *BOOKKEEPER* are there?
- (n) How many arrangements of *VOODOODOLL* are there?
- (o) **(IMPORTANT)** How many n -bit sequences contain k zeros and $(n - k)$ ones?

Remember well what you have learned: subscripts on, subscripts off.

This is the Tao of Bookkeeper.

Problem 3. Solve the following counting problems. Define an appropriate mapping (bijective or k -to-1) between a set whose size you know and the set in question.

- (a) How many different ways are there to select a dozen donuts if four varieties are available?
- (b) How many paths are there from $(0, 0)$ to $(10, 20)$ consisting of right-steps (which increment the first coordinate) and up-steps (which increment the second coordinate)?
- (c) An independent living group is hosting nine new candidates for membership. Each candidate must be assigned a task: 1 must wash pots, 2 must clean the kitchen, 3 must clean the bathrooms, 1 must clean the common area, and 2 must serve dinner. In how many ways can this be done?
- (d) In how many ways can Mr. and Mrs. Grumperson distribute 13 identical pieces of coal to their two—no, three!—children for Christmas?
- (e) How many solutions over the natural numbers are there to the equation:

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{10} \leq 100$$

- (f) Suppose that two identical 52-card decks are mixed together. In how many ways can the cards in this double-size deck be arranged?