

c) r distinct balls into n nondistinct boxes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n S(r, k)$$

where $S(r,k)$ = number of ways to partition an r -set into k (non-empty) parts. $S(r,k)$ is called a Stirling number of the Second Kind.

Try to compute some $S(r,k)$:

eg: $S(r,0) = 1 \quad \forall r \geq 0.$
 $S(1,1) = 1 \quad S(r,2) = 2^{r-1} - 1$
 $S(r,1) = 1 \quad S(r,3)$

- (ii) 1
 (iii) $S(r,n)$

d) r non-distinct balls into n nondistinct boxes:

(i) $\sum_{k=1}^n P_k^{(r)}$, where

$P_k^{(r)}$ = number of ways to partition the numbers r into k parts, each part > 0

Think of the number r as a sum of r ones:

$$r = \underbrace{1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1}_{r \text{ times}}$$

We can group the ones as desired to form different parts. For example, for 3 we have:

3	$1 + 2$	- (2 parts, one each of size 1,2)
	$1 + 1 + 1$	- (3 parts, all of size 1)
	3	- (1 part of size 3)

For 4 we have:

4	$1 + 3$	
	$2 + 2$	- (2 parts, each of size 2)
	$1 + 1 + 2$	- (3 parts)

(ii) 1

(iii) $P_n^{(r)} = \sum_{k=1}^{r-n} P_k^{(r-n)}$

Ex. (i) How many non-negative integer solutions to $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 12$?

(ii) $x_i > 0$

(iii) $x_1 \geq 2, x_2 \geq 2, x_3 \geq 4, x_4 \geq 0$

Solution (i) $\binom{15}{12} = \binom{15}{3}$

(ii) $\binom{11}{8} = \binom{11}{3}$

(iii) $\binom{7}{3} = \binom{7}{4}$

More Occupancy Problems (and Arrangements too!) Suppose we have r distinguishable balls, n distinct boxes.

How many ways are there to place r_i balls in

box i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where $\sum_{i=1}^k r_i = r$

$$\binom{r}{r_1} \cdot \binom{r-r_1}{r} \binom{r-r_1-r_2}{r_3} - \binom{r - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} r_i}{r_k}$$

(Note: there is a typo in the formula, change k to n in the last term)

$$= \frac{r!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_n!} \equiv \binom{r}{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n}$$

"Multinomial Coeff"

Ex. Find the number of ways to arrange the letters of the word MISSISSIPPI

I M P S

$$\frac{11!}{4! 4! 2!}$$

4 distinct boxes

(corr. to letters)

11 distinct positions

11 balls (distinct)

4 distinct letters

(corr. to positions)

$$r_1 = 4 \quad r_2 = 1 \quad r_3 = 2 \quad r_4 = 4$$

Alt-Solution: r objects, r_i type i (indistinct), n types.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n r_i = r. \text{ Find all possible } \underline{\text{arrangements}}$$

Let the number be x . Then there are $r_1! r_2! \dots r_k!$ ways of further arranging each such arrangement if we could distinguish among the identical objects. But by the product rule this yields $r_1! r_2! \dots r_n! x$ arrangements, which also corresponds to all possible arrangements of r objects. Since the total number of arrangements of r distinct items is $r!$ we get $r_1! r_2! \dots r_n! x = r!$ which gives the desired value for x .

Binomial Expansion

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{j=1..n} \binom{n}{j} a^j b^{n-j}$$

(n is a positive integer)

Proof: (i) Induction

$$(ii) (a + b)^n = \underbrace{(a + b)(a + b) \dots (a + b)}_{n \text{ factors}}$$

to get a term $a^j b^{n-j}$, choose j of the a 's from the factors, in $\binom{n}{j}$ ways (order counts, in the sense that the term with a from 1st bracket, b from 2nd, is different than term with b from 1st, a from

2nd).

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{j \geq 0} \binom{n}{j} x^{n-j} = \sum_{j \geq 0} \binom{n}{j} x^{\text{SUP}j}$$

(use the fact that $\binom{n}{j} = \binom{n}{n-j}$)

Put $x = 1$

$$(1+1)^n = 2^n = \sum_{j \geq 0} \binom{n}{j}$$

Put $x = -1$

$$(1-1)^n = 0 = \sum_{j \geq 0} (-1)^j \binom{n}{j}$$

Example Find $\sum_{k \geq 0} k \binom{n}{k}$

Solution: (1) $k \binom{n}{k} = n \binom{n-1}{k-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{k \geq 0} k \binom{n}{k} &= \sum_{k \geq 1} n \binom{n-1}{k-1} \quad (k=0 \text{ term is 0 on both sides}) \\ &= n \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n-1}{k} \\ &= 2^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

(2) $(1+x)^n = \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n}{k} x^k$

$$n(1+x)^{n-1} = \sum_{k \geq 0} k \binom{n}{k} x^{k-1}$$

$$\text{Set } x = 1 \Rightarrow n2^{n-1} = \sum_{k \geq 0} k \binom{n}{k}$$

$$\text{Exercise: } \sum_k k^2 \binom{n}{k} = ?$$