

Lecture 6

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Example Let $A = \{0, 1\}$

How many n -tuples of elements of A are there (called binary sequences of length n)

This is the set A^n

$$|A^n| = |A|^n = \underline{\underline{2^n}}$$

Example The binary sequences of length 3 are

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} (0, 0, 0) & (1, 1, 0) \\ (0, 0, 1) & (1, 0, 1) \\ (0, 1, 0) & (0, 1, 1) \\ (1, 0, 0) & (1, 1, 1) \end{array} \right\} 8 = 2^3$$

Proof of Theorem 1 We prove that

$$|P(A)| = 2^{|A|}. \quad \text{Let } |A| = n.$$

We prove that there is a bijection between

$$\{0,1\}^n \quad \text{and} \quad P(A)$$

which by (I) and our Example above proves the result.

List the elements of A as: $a_1, \dots, a_n$

A subset $B \subseteq A$ consists of choosing some elements of A (and rejecting others).

Define the binary n -tuple paired off with B to be $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$ where

$$e_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a_i \notin B \\ 1 & \text{if } a_i \in B \end{cases}$$

end of proof


We prove Theorem 2 after we have proved Theorem 3.

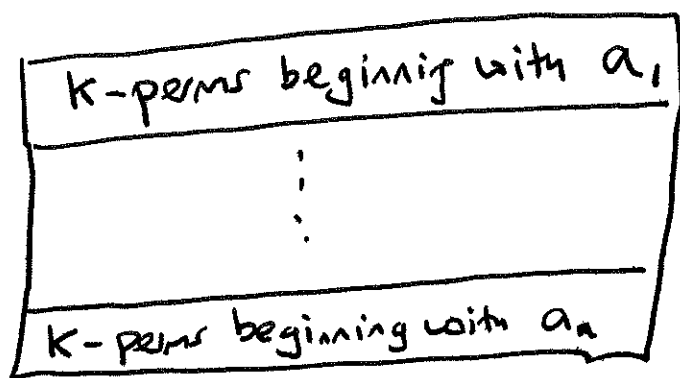
Proof of Theorem 3 We prove that the number of k -perms of an n -element set

$$\begin{aligned} {}^n P_k &= \frac{n!}{(n-k)!} \\ &= n(n-1) \dots (n-(k-1)) \end{aligned}$$

Let the set $X = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$. The set of all k -perms can be partitioned

← all k -perms of X

n blocks
each block
having the
same
cardinality →



By (II)

$${}^n P_k = n {}^{n-1} P_{k-1}$$

Now repeat...

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^n P_k &= n(n-1) \overset{n-2}{\overbrace{P_{k-2}}} \\
 &= n(n-1)(n-2) \overset{n-3}{\overbrace{P_{k-3}}} \\
 &= n(n-1) \dots (n-(k-1)) \overset{n-k}{P_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

But ${}^{n-k} P_0 = 1$ — think

of this as a definition. 

Essentially, there is such a thing as an 0-tuple and it looks like this $()$ it's a bit like the empty set

Proof of Theorem 2

$${}^nC_k = \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!}$$



of k -subsets of an n -element set.

{Idea} $\equiv k!$ k -perms
and determine the same k -subset

$[(a_1, a_2), (a_2, a_1)]$ both determine $\{a_1, a_2\}$

$$\therefore {}^nC_k = \frac{1}{k!} {}^n P_k \quad \blacksquare$$

Example

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Let $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$

2-perms over X	2-subsets over X
$(a, b), (b, a)$	$\{a, b\}$
$(a, c), (c, a)$	$\{a, c\}$
$(a, d), (d, a)$	$\{a, d\}$
$(b, d), (d, b)$	$\{b, d\}$
$(b, c), (c, b)$	$\{b, c\}$
$(c, d), (d, c)$	$\{c, d\}$

This illustrates why

$$k! \cdot {}^n C_k = {}^n P_k$$