

Math 374  
Practice Test 3

1) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{a, \{b\}, \{a, \{b\}\}\}$

a) List the set  $A \cup B$ .

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, a, \{b\}, \{a, \{b\}\}\}$$

b) What is the cardinality of  $A \times B$ ?

$$4 \cdot 3 = \boxed{12}$$

c) What is the cardinality of  $P(B)$ ?

$$2^3 = \boxed{8}$$

d) What is the cardinality of  $P(P(B))$ ?

$$2^{2^3} = 2^8 = \boxed{256}$$

e) For each of the following determine if the statement is true or false.

i)  $\{a, \{b\}\} \subseteq B$  (T)

ii)  $\{a, \{b\}\} \in B$  (T)

iii)  $\{1, 2\} \in A$  (F)

iv)  $\{1, 2\} \in P(A)$  (T)

v)  $\{a, b\} \subseteq B$  (F)

vi)  $\emptyset \subseteq A \cap B$  (T)

vii)  $\emptyset \in P(A) \cap P(B)$  (T)

viii)  $\{\{1, 2\}, \{b\}\} \subseteq A \cup B$  (F)

2) License plates in Utah come in two types: Standard plates and vanity plates. Standard plates have three distinct letters, followed by 3 digits, where the first digit must be non zero. Vanity plates use two letters (not necessarily distinct) followed by 3 digits, where again the first digit must not be zero. How many different license plates are there?

Option 1: Standard Plate -  $P(26, 3) \cdot 900$   
 Step 1: Letters.  $P(26, 3)$  ways  
 Step 2: First digit (9 choices)  
 Step 3: Second digit (10)  
 Step 3: 3rd digit (10)

Option 2: Vanity Plate  $\rightarrow 26^2 \cdot 900$   
 Step 1: First letter 26 ways  
 Step 2: Second letter 26 ways  
 Step 3: Number 900 ways.

So total of  $P(26, 3) \cdot 900 + 26^2 \cdot 900$  options

3) A standard set of pool balls is a collection of 15 balls, numbered (unsurprisingly) 1-15. Balls 1-8 are solids, and balls 9-15 are stripes.

a) How many collections of 3 balls are there?

$$\binom{15}{3}$$

b) How many collections of 5 balls have 3 stripes and 2 solids?

Step 1: choose stripes  $\binom{7}{3}$  ways

Step 2: choose solids  $\binom{8}{2}$  ways

$$\binom{7}{3} \cdot \binom{8}{2} \text{ collections}$$

c) How many 5-ball collections are there with at least one solid?

$$(\# \text{ 5 ball collections}) = (\# \text{ No Solids}) + (\# \text{ at least one Solid})$$

$$\binom{15}{5} = ~~\binom{15}{5}~~ \binom{7}{5} + (\# \text{ at least one Solid})$$

$$(\# \text{ at least one solid}) = \binom{15}{5} - \binom{7}{5}$$

- 4) We surveyed 150 college students about how they commute to school. 83 said they sometimes drive, 97 said they sometimes bike, and 28 said they sometimes ride a skateboard. 53 bike and ~~drive~~ drive, 14 drive and skateboard, and 7 bike and skateboard. 2 students said they sometimes drive, sometimes bike, and sometimes ride a skateboard. How many of the surveyed students use none of these 3 modes of transport?

A = Drive B = Bike C = Skateboard.

Want  $|(A \cup B \cup C)^c|$ . This is ~~150~~  $|S| - |A \cup B \cup C|$ .

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = 83 + 97 + 28 - 53 - 14 - 7 + 2 \quad (\text{by } I-E)$$

$$= 136$$

$$\text{So } |(A \cup B \cup C)^c| = 150 - 136 = \boxed{14}$$

- 5) Show that in any collection of 51 different numbers, bigger than 0 and less than 100, that two of the numbers add to 100.

Let  $\{50\}$  be one pigeonhole, and the sets

$$\{1, 99\}, \{2, 98\}, \{3, 97\}, \dots, \{48, 52\}, \{49, 51\}$$

be the others. There are fifty of these.

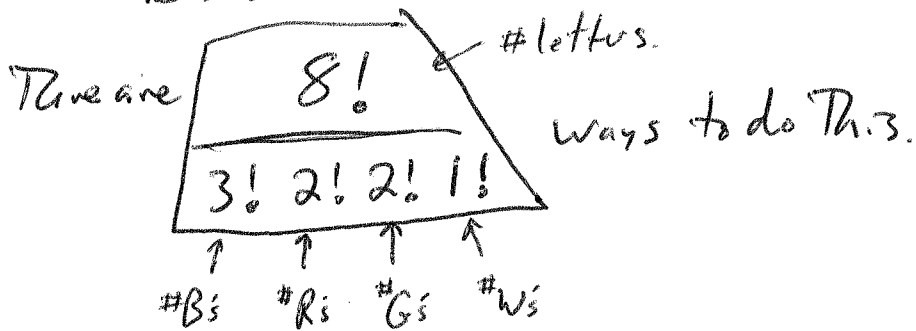
Assign our 51 numbers (pigeons) to the sets that contain them.

By pigeonhole, some set gets both of its members, which add to 100.

- 6) A dealership has 8 identical brand new cars to put on display. 3 are blue, 2 are red, 2 are green, and one is white. How many <sup>different</sup> ways can the dealership park them in a line?

Same as arranging the letters

BBB RR GG W into distinct words.



- 7) I've come across 21 bitcoins, and decided to distribute them to 5 of my friends.

a) How many ways can I do this? I need to tell each of my friends how many they get. "Stars and bars" with 21 stars, and 4 bars (separators). There are

$$\binom{21+4}{4} = \boxed{\binom{25}{4}} \text{ ways to do this.}$$

b) How many ways can I do this if I promise each of my <sup>5</sup> friends that they get at least 1 bitcoin?

Give each person one, then you have 16 left. The same process as a) says there are

$$\boxed{\binom{20}{4}} \text{ ways to distribute the remaining coins}$$

8) Expand  $(2x - y)^4$  using the binomial theorem

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

$$= 1 \cdot 16x^4 + 4 \cdot 8 \cdot (-1)x^3y + 6 \cdot 4 \cdot x^2y^2 + 4 \cdot 2 \cdot (-1)xy^3 + 1 \cdot y^4$$

$$= 16x^4 - 32x^3y + 24x^2y^2 - 8xy^3 + y^4$$

9) What is the coefficient of  $a^5b^6$  in  $(2a - \frac{b}{2})^{11}$ ?

This is  $i=6$  in the expansion, term is

$$\binom{11}{6} (2a)^5 \left(-\frac{b}{2}\right)^6$$

$$= \binom{11}{6} \cdot 2^5 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 a^5 b^6$$

$$= \binom{11}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} a^5 b^6$$

Coefficient is

$$\boxed{\binom{11}{6} / 2}$$