

Combinatorics Handout #8

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1 Problems

1. Consider a round table with six identical chairs. If four students and two teachers randomly take seats, what is the probability that two teachers will not sit next to each other?
2. There are three different French books and two different Spanish books. How many ways are there to arrange the books in a row on a shelf with all books of the same language grouped together?
3. Three points are randomly located on a circle. What is the probability that the shortest distance between each point is less than or equal to the radius of the circle?
4. How many two digit positive integers are multiples of 3 and/or 7?
5. How many ordered pairs (x, y) of positive integers x and y satisfy the equation $3x + 5y = 80$?
6. Find the number of 10-tuples $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{10})$ such that $a_i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ for $1 \leq i \leq 10$, $a_i < a_{i+1}$ if $i = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9$ and $a_i > a_{i+1}$ if $i = 2, 4, 6, 8$.
7. Find the number of 5-tuples of positive integers $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$ such that $x_1 = x_5$, $x_i \neq x_{i+1}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, and $x_i + x_{i+1} \leq 6$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$.
8. Find the number of functions $f : \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ such that for $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$, $f(k+1) \leq f(k) + 1$.
9. Let $q(n)$ be the number of ways to express n as a sum of two positive integers, using each of them at least once. For example, since $5 = 4 + 1 = 3 + 2 = 3 + 1 + 1 = 2 + 2 + 1 = 2 + 1 + 1 + 1$, we have $q(5) = 5$. Find the number of positive integers n such that $n \leq 100$, $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, and $q(n) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$.
10. In a 2×6 matrix, we want to fill 1 or 2 in each term. Also, for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$, define c_i as the product of the terms in the i th column. How many ways are there to fill the terms so that

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 c_i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}?$$

11. In the set $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 8\}$, how many subsets contain 4 consecutive integers?
12. In a regular 20-gon with 1 as the length of all sides, pick 5 points to make a pentagon. How many pentagons have all of its sides larger than 2? If two pentagons are the same when rotated, they are still considered to be different.
13. We want to choose 8 people out of 20 people who are sitting in a circle. We do not want to choose two people who are next to each other. Calculate how many ways are possible.
14. How many 5-digit numbers are there such that all digits are either 1, 2, 3, or 4 and no two digits next to each other differ by 1?

15. Find the number of subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, 23\}$ such that the number of elements is 11 and the sum of the elements is 194.

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