

Great Theoretical Ideas In Computer Science		
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Counting I: Bijection and Choice
Trees



Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.

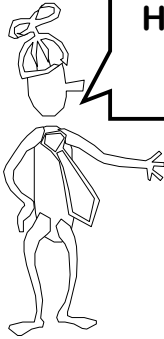
A. Einstein

If I have 14 teeth on the top and 12 teeth on the bottom, how many teeth do I have in all?



How many seats in this auditorium?

Hint:
Count without counting!




Addition Rule

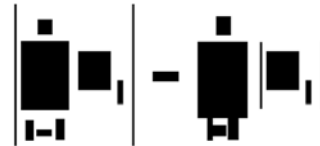
Let A and B be two disjoint finite sets.

The size of $A \cup B$ is the sum of the size of A and the size of B .

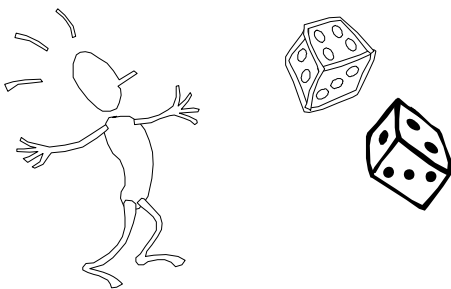


Corollary (by induction)

Let $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ be disjoint, finite sets.



Suppose I roll a white die and a black die.



$S \equiv$ Set of all outcomes where the dice show different values.

$$|S| = ?$$

$T \equiv$ set of outcomes where the two dice agree.

Two ways of counting...

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A_i = set of outcomes where the black die says i and the white die says something larger.



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L = set of all outcomes where the black die shows a larger number than the white die.

$$|S| + |L| = 30$$

It is clear by symmetry that $|S| = |L|$.

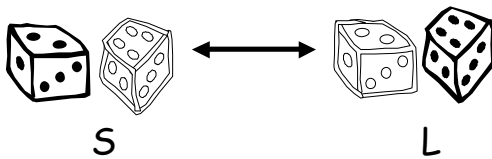
Therefore $|S| = 15$

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Each outcome in S gets matched with exactly one outcome in L , with none left over.

Thus: $|S| = |L|$.

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be a function from a set A to a set B .

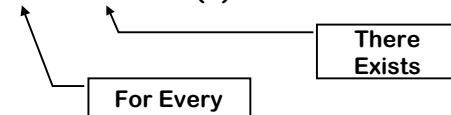
What is a function???

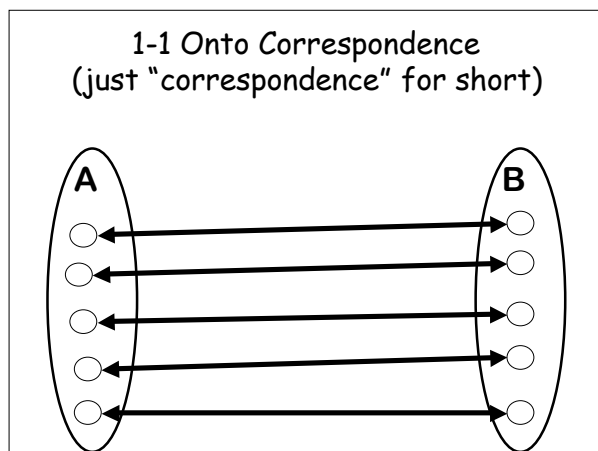
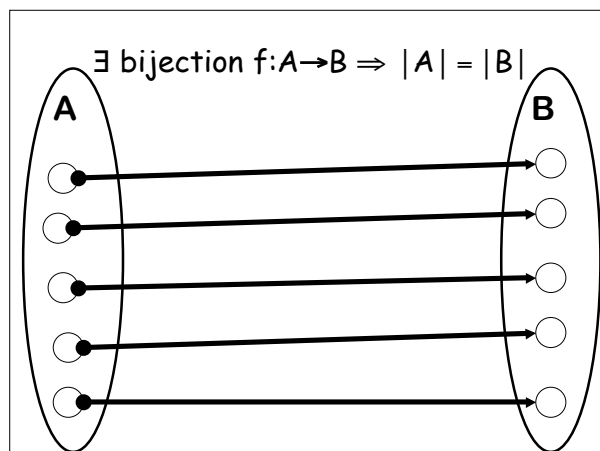
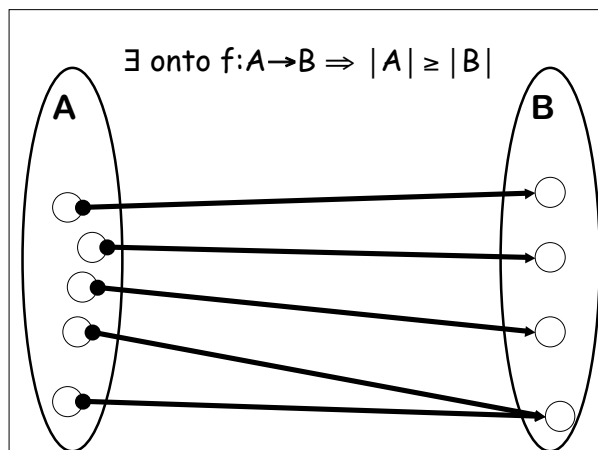
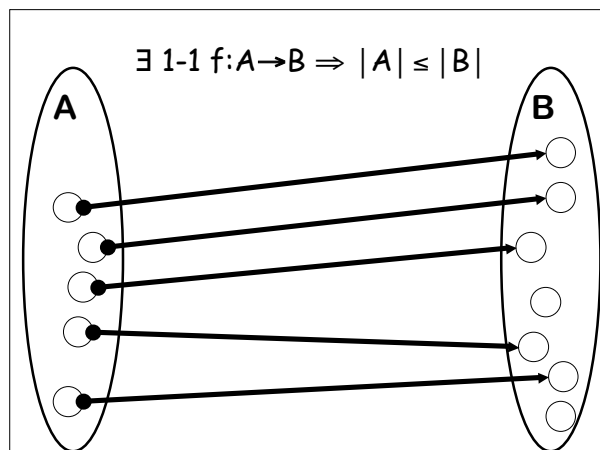
Read 21-127's textbook, ch. 6

Let $f:A \rightarrow B$
be a function from a set A to a set B .

f is 1-1 (or injective) if and only if
 $\forall x, y \in A, x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$

f is onto (or surjective) if and only if
 $\forall z \in B \exists x \in A f(x) = z$





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It's one of the most important mathematical ideas of all time!

Question: How many n-bit sequences are there?

000000	$\leftrightarrow$	0
000001	$\leftrightarrow$	1
000010	$\leftrightarrow$	2
000011	$\leftrightarrow$	3
...		
1...11111	$\leftrightarrow$	$2^n - 1$

2^n sequences

$S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ has many subsets.

$\{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, d, e\}, \{a, b, c, d, e\}, \{e\}, \emptyset, \dots$

The empty set is a set with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

Question: How many subsets can be formed from the elements of a 5-element set?

a	b	c	d	e
0	1	1	0	1

{b c e}

1 means "TAKE IT"
0 means "LEAVE IT"

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Each subset corresponds to a 5-bit sequence (using the "take it or leave it" code)

$$S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$$

$$b = b_1 b_2 b_3 \dots b_n$$

a_1	a_2	a_3	...	a_n
b_1	b_2	b_3	...	b_n

$$f(b) = \{a_i \mid b_i = 1\}$$

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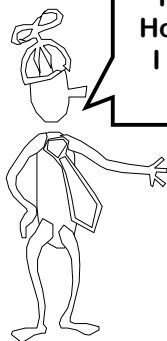
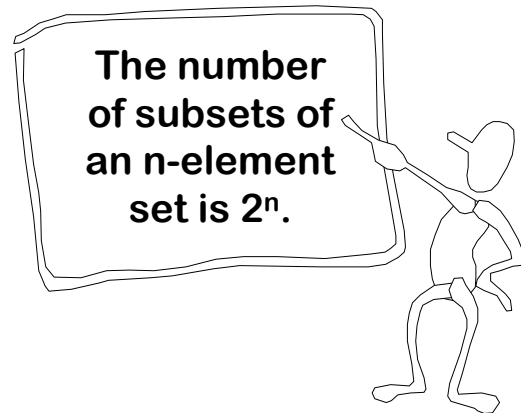
$$f(b) = \{a_i \mid b_i = 1\}$$

f is 1-1: Any two distinct binary sequences b and b' have a position i at which they differ. Hence, $f(b)$ is not equal to $f(b')$ because they disagree on element a_i .

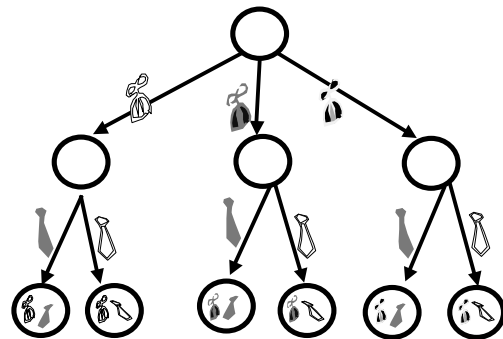
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b_1	b_2	b_3	...	b_n

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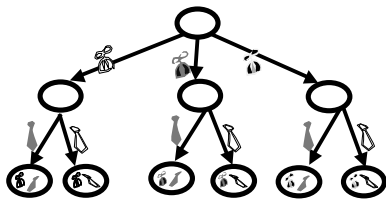
f is onto: Let S be a subset of $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$. Let $b_k = 1$ if a_k in S ; $b_k = 0$ otherwise. $f(b_1 b_2 \dots b_n) = S$.



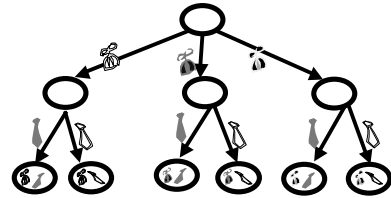
I own 3 beanies and 2 ties.
How many different ways can
I dress up in a beanie and a
tie?



Choice Tree



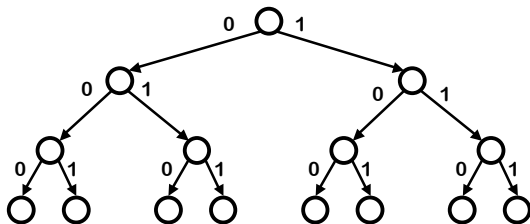
A choice tree is a rooted, directed tree with an object called a "choice" associated with each edge and a label on each leaf.



A choice tree provides a "choice tree representation" of a set S , if

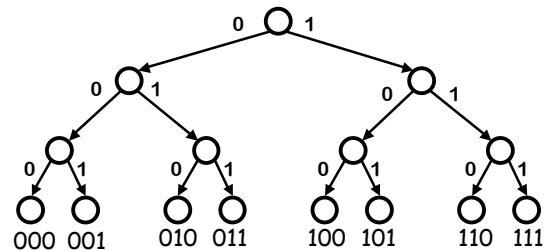
- 1) Each leaf label is in S
- 2) No two leaf labels are the same

Choice Tree for 2^n n-bit sequences

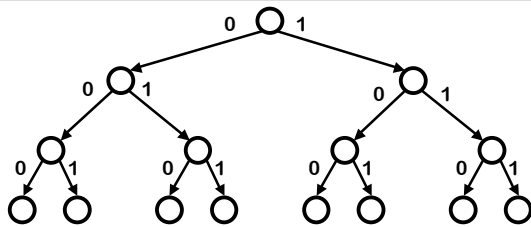


We can use a "choice tree" to represent the construction of objects of the desired type.

2^n n-bit sequences



Label each leaf with the object constructed by the choices along the path to the leaf.



- 2 choices for first bit
- X 2 choices for second bit
- X 2 choices for third bit
- ...
- X 2 choices for the n^{th}

We will now combine the correspondence principle with the leaf counting lemma to make a powerful counting rule for choice tree representation.

Product Rule

IF S has a choice tree representation with P_1 possibilities for the first choice, P_2 for the second, and so on,

THEN

there are $P_1 P_2 P_3 \dots P_n$ objects in S

Product Rule

Suppose that all objects of a type S can be constructed by a sequence of choices with P_1 possibilities for the first choice, P_2 for the second, and so on.

IF

1) Each sequence of choices constructs an object of type S

AND

2) No two different sequences create the same object

THEN

there are $P_1 P_2 P_3 \dots P_n$ objects of type S .

How many different orderings of deck with 52 cards?

What type of object are we making?

- Ordering of a deck

Construct an ordering of a deck by a sequence of 52 choices:

52 possible choices for the first card;

51 possible choices for the second card;

50 possible choices for the third card;

...

1 possible choice for the 52nd card.

How many different orderings of deck with 52 cards?

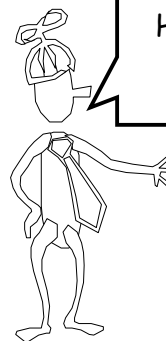
By the product rule:

$$52 * 51 * 50 * \dots * 3 * 2 * 1 = 52!$$

52 "factorial" orderings

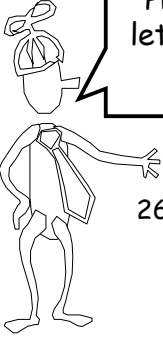
A permutation or arrangement of n objects is an ordering of the objects.

The number of permutations of n distinct objects is $n!$

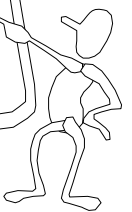


How many sequences of 7 letters are there?

$$26^7$$



How many sequences of 7 letters contain at least two of the same letter?

$$26^7 - 26 \cdot 25 \cdot 24 \cdot 23 \cdot 22 \cdot 21 \cdot 20$$


Sometimes it is easiest to count the number of objects with property Q, by counting the number of objects that do not have property Q.

Ordered Versus Unordered

From a set of {1,2,3} how many ordered pairs can be formed?

How many unordered pairs?

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From a deck of 52 cards how many ordered pairs can be formed?

- $52 \cdot 51$

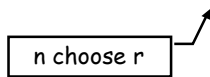
How many unordered 5 card hands?

- $52 \cdot 51 / 2 \leftarrow$ divide by overcount

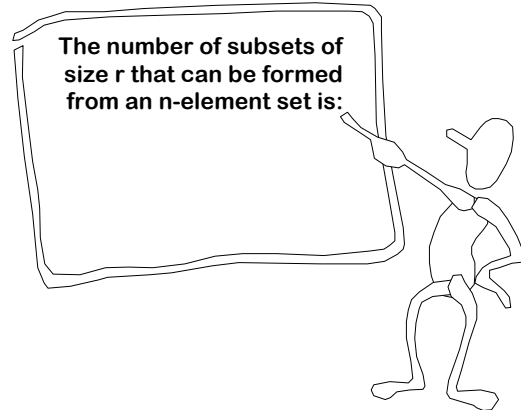
A combination or choice of r out of n objects is an (unordered) set of r of the n objects.

The number of r combinations of n objects:

n choose r



The number of subsets of size r that can be formed from an n -element set is:



How many 8 bit sequences have two 0's and six 1's?

1) Choose the set of 2 positions to put the 0's. The 1's are forced.

2) Choose the set of 6 positions to put the 1's. The 0's are forced.

How many 8 bit sequences have two 0's and six 1's?

Tempting, but incorrect:

8 ways to place first 0 times

7 ways to place second 0

Violates condition 2 of product rule!
Choosing position i for the first 0 and then position j for the second 0 gives the same sequence as choosing position j for the first 0 and position i for the second.

How many hands have at least 3 aces?

$\binom{24}{3} = 2$ ways of picking 3 of the 4 aces.

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How many hands have exactly 3 aces?

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How many hands have exactly 4 aces?

$\binom{24}{4} = 1$ way of picking 4 of the 4 aces.

48 ways of picking one of the remaining cards

$$4512 + 48 = 4560$$

$$4704 \neq 4560$$

At least one of the two counting arguments is not correct.



Four different sequences of choices produce the same hand

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A♣ A♦ A♥	A♠ K♦
A♣ A♦ A♠	A♥ K♦
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A♠ A♦ A♥	A♣ K♦

- 1) Choose 3 of 4 aces
- 2) Choose 2 non-ace cards

A♣ Q♠ A♦ A♥ K♦

The aces came from the first choice
and the non-aces came from the second
choice.

- 1) Choose 4 of 4 aces
- 2) Choose 1 non-ace

A♣ A♠ A♦ A♥ K♦

The aces came from the first choice
and the non-ace came from the second
choice.



Study Bee

- Correspondence Principle
If two finite sets can be
placed into 1-1 onto
correspondence, then they
have the same size
- Choice Tree
- Product Rule
two conditions
- Counting by complementing
it's sometimes easier to count
the "opposite" of something
- Binomial coefficient
Number of r sets of an n set