CSE 312

Foundations of Computing II

Lecture 3: Pigeonhole principle + practice with counting

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Recap (1)

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Application. # of k-element sequences of distinct symbols (a.k.a. k-permutations) from n-element set is

$$P(n, k) = n \times (n-1) \times \cdots \times (n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

Recap (2)

Combination: If order does not matter, then count the number of ordered objects, and then divide by the number of orderings

Applications. The number of subsets of size k of a set of size n is

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!\,(n-k)!}$$

Binomial coefficient (verbalized as "n choose k")

Agenda

- Pigeonhole Principle
- More practice with counting

Pigeonhole Principle (PHP): Idea

10 pigeons, 9 pigeonholes

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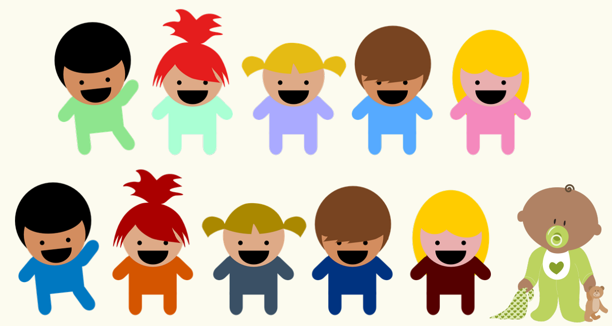

If 11 children have to share 3 cakes, at least one cake must be shared by how many children?

Pigeonhole Principle – More generally

If there are n pigeons in $k < n$ holes, then one hole must contain at least $\frac{n}{k}$ pigeons!

Proof. Assume there are $< \frac{n}{k}$ pigeons per hole.

Then, there are $< k\frac{n}{k} = n$ pigeons overall.

Contradiction!

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Reason. Can’t have fractional number of pigeons

Syntax reminder:

- Ceiling: $\lceil x \rceil$ is x rounded up to the nearest integer (e.g., $\lceil 2.731 \rceil = 3$)
- Floor: $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is x rounded down to the nearest integer (e.g., $\lfloor 2.731 \rfloor = 2$)

Pigeonhole Principle – Example

In a room with 367 people, there are at least two with the same birthday.

Solution:

1. **367** pigeons = people
2. **365** holes = possible birthdays
3. Person goes into hole corresponding to own birthday
4. By PHP, there must be two people with the same birthday

Pigeonhole Principle: Strategy

To use the PHP to solve a problem, there are generally 4 steps:

1. Identify pigeons
2. Identify pigeonholes
3. Specify a rule for assigning pigeons to pigeonholes
4. Apply PHP

Pigeonhole Principle – Example (Surprising?)

*In every set S of 100 integers, there are at least **two** elements whose difference is a multiple of 37.*

When solving a PHP problem:

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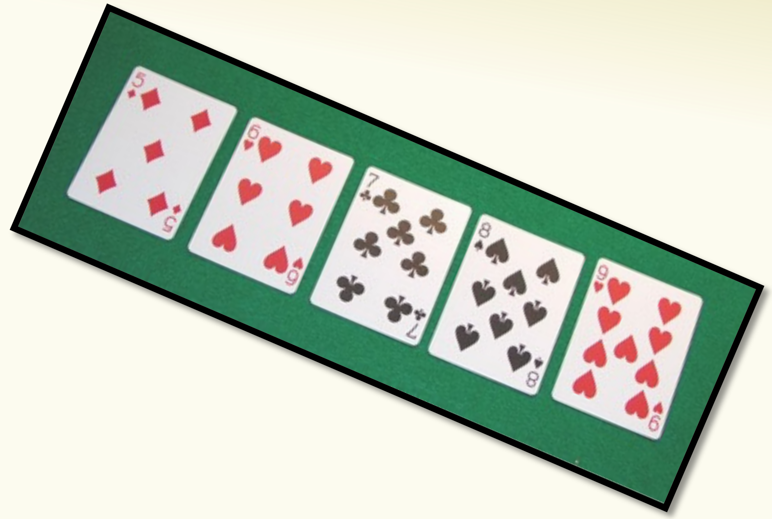
Quick Review of Cards



How many possible 5 card hands?

- 52 total cards
- 13 different ranks: 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,J,Q,K,A
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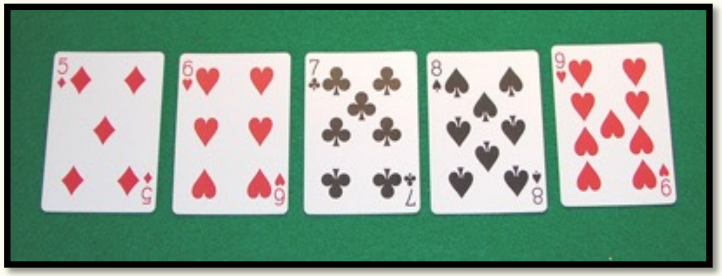
- A **straight** is five consecutive rank cards of any suit. How many possible straights?



Counting Cards II

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A **flush** is a five card hand all of the same suit.

How many possible flushes?

Counting Cards III

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How many possible flushes?

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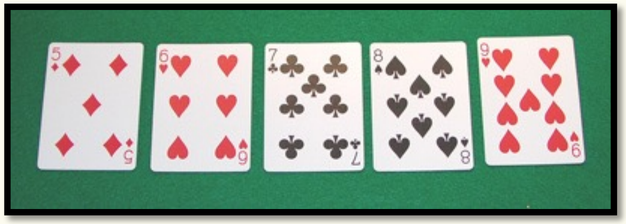
How many flushes are NOT straights?



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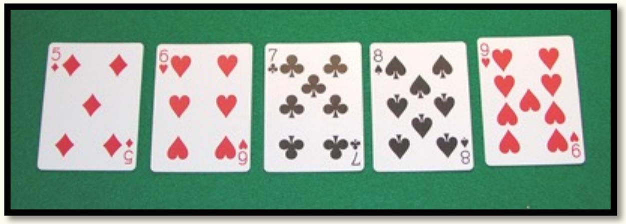
= #flush - #flush and straight

$$\left(4 \cdot \binom{13}{5} = 5148\right) - 10 \cdot 4$$



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Poll:

A. Correct
B. Overcount
C. Undercount

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When in doubt, break up into disjoint sets you know how to count, and then use the sum rule.

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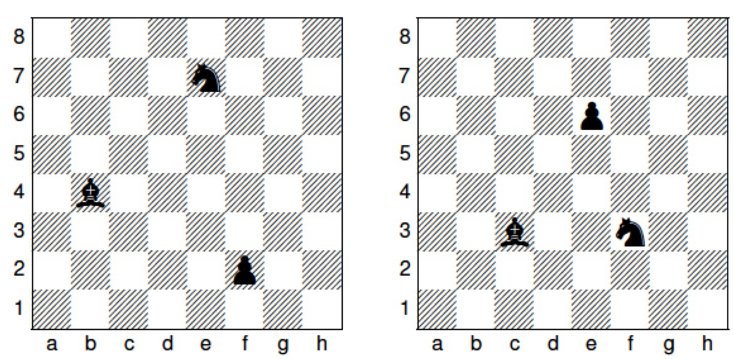
Use the sum rule

= # 5 card hand containing exactly 3 Aces $\binom{4}{3} \cdot \binom{48}{2}$

+ # 5 card hand containing exactly 4 Aces $\binom{48}{1}$

8 by 8 chessboard

How many ways to place a pawn, a bishop, and a knight so that none are in the same row or column ?



(a) valid (b) invalid

<u>Poll:</u>

A. $\binom{64}{3}$

B. $\binom{8}{3} \cdot \binom{8}{3}$

C. $8^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 6^2$

D. I don't know.

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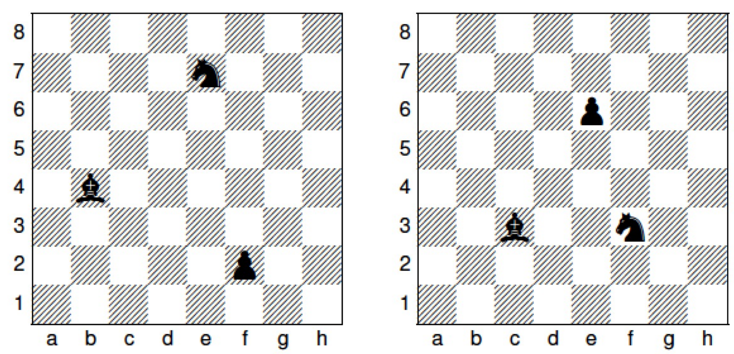

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Sequential process:

1. Column for pawn
2. Row for pawn
3. Column for bishop
4. Row for bishop
5. Column for knight
6. Row for knight

$$(8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6)^2$$

Rooks on chessboard

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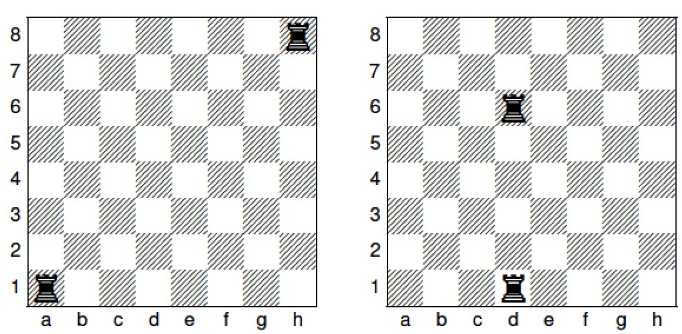

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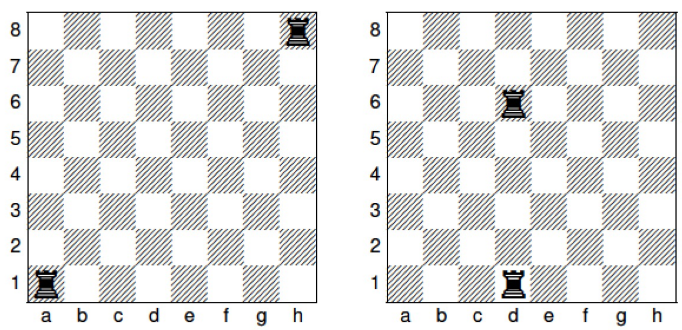

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Pretend Rooks are different

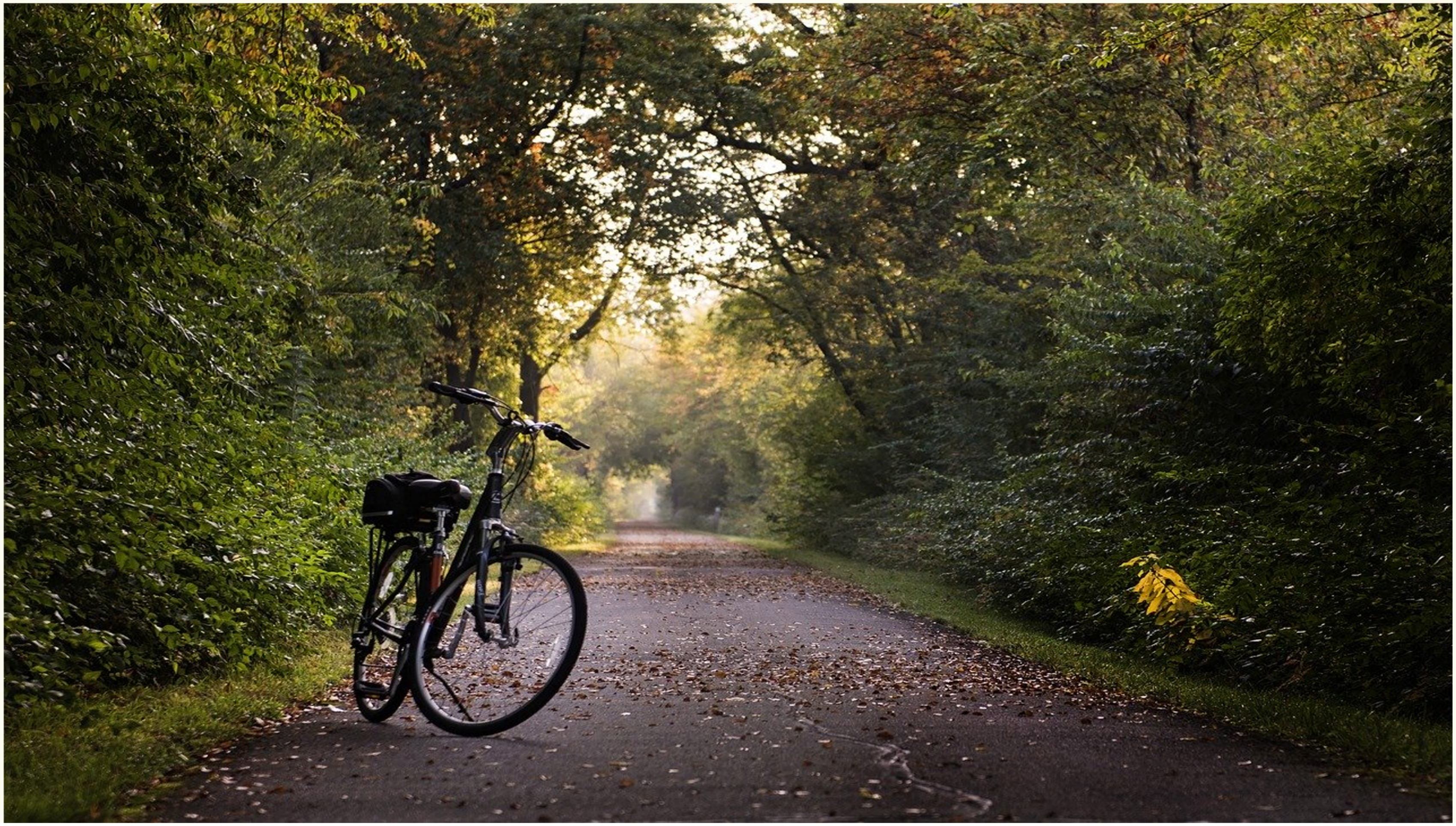
1. Column for rook1
2. Row for rook1
3. Column for rook2
4. Row for rook2

$$(8 \cdot 7)^2$$

Remove the order between two rooks

$$(8 \cdot 7)^2 / 2$$

Random Picture



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Try 2: First choose type of donut 1, then type of donut 2,…., then type of donut 12.

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Bijection Rule

If there is a bijection (one-to-one and onto mapping) between set A and set B, then $|A| = |B|$.

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Mental process:

1. Place one donut in each flavor bin
2. Choose the remaining 7 donuts without restriction

$$\binom{7+5-1}{5-1}$$

Tools and concepts

- Sum rule, Product rule
- Permutations, combinations
- Inclusion-exclusion
- Binomial Theorem
- Combinatorial proofs
- Pigeonhole principle
- Stars and bars

Counting is NOT for kindergarteners