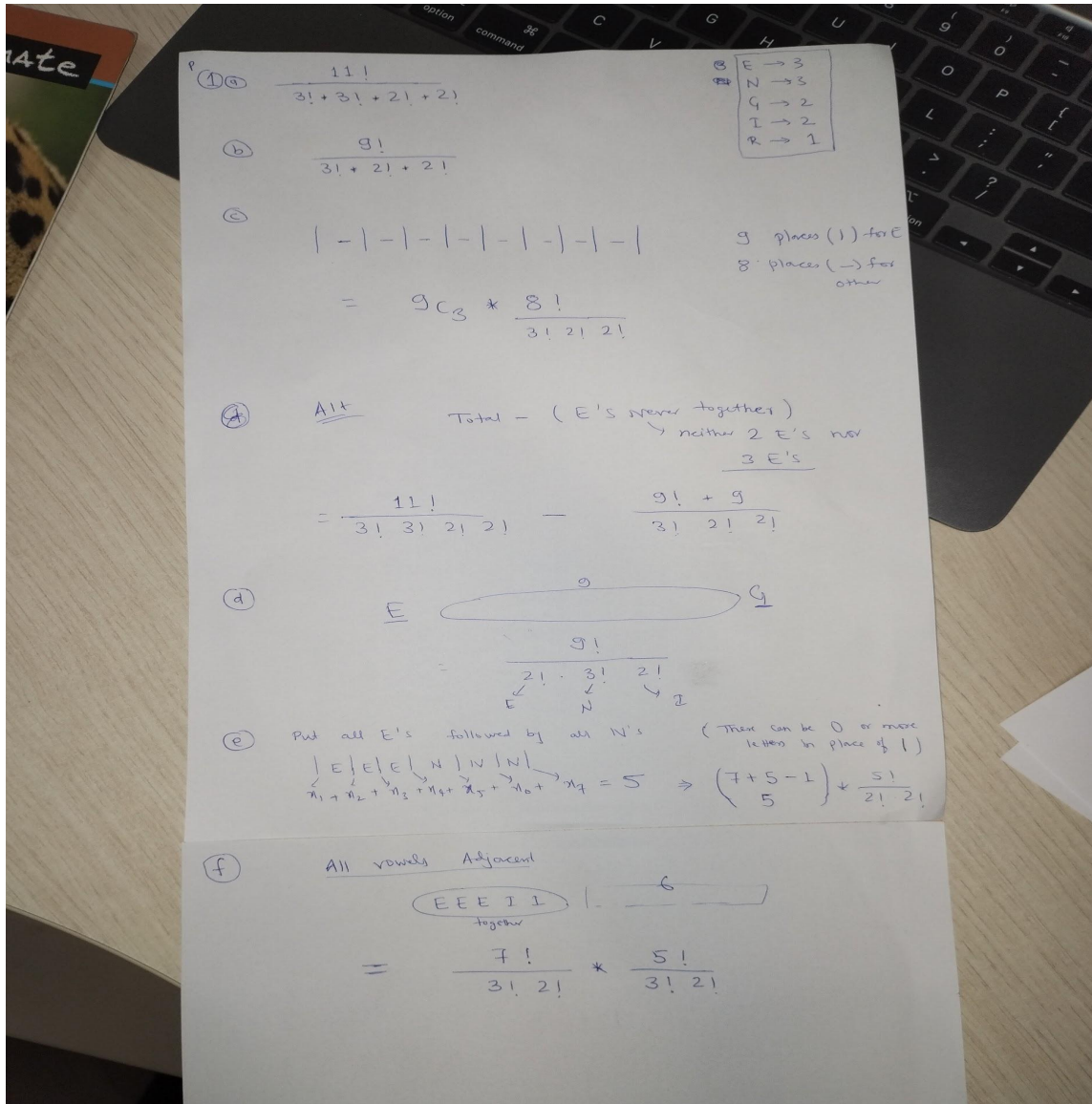


CS21201 Discrete Structures
Tutorial & Practice Problems Solution
Elementary Counting Techniques

Problem 1



Problem 2

Proceed as in the derivation of Catalan numbers. The answer is $\binom{m+n}{n} - \binom{m+n}{n-1} = \frac{m-n+1}{m+1} \binom{m+n}{n}$.

Problem 4

P ④ (a) 50 objects (people)
take 5 (first five runner position)

$$= P(50, 5) = \frac{50!}{45!}$$

⑥ (b) For top 3 runners
Krishna & Shyam can finish in $3! = 6$ ways.

For each of these 6 ways, there are $P(48, 3)$ ways
for other 3 finishers. [For top 5]

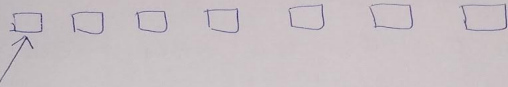
Hence, by product rule

Ways to award
trophies with
Shyam & Krishna
among top 3

$$= 6 * P(48, 3)$$

Problem 5

5



3 choices (6, 7, 9)

If first digit is "6"

Remaining digit can be placed in any order, but
5 is repeated twice

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6!}{2!} = 360$$

If first digit is "7 or 9"

In this case 5 as well as 6 is repeated twice

$$\Rightarrow 2 * \frac{6!}{2! \cdot 2!} = 360$$

$$\text{Total} = 360 + 360 = 720$$

Problem 6

P6

Committee

18

Men: 15

Women: 20

$$(a) \binom{15+20}{18} = \binom{35}{18}$$

$$(b) \binom{15}{8} \cdot \binom{20}{6} \cdot \binom{21}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 15-8 &= 7 \\ 20-6 &= 14 \\ 8+6 &= 14 \end{aligned}$$

(c) No of Men
0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14

$$\begin{aligned} &\binom{15}{0} \cdot \binom{20}{18} + \binom{15}{2} \cdot \binom{20}{16} + \binom{15}{4} \cdot \binom{20}{14} \\ &\quad + \dots + \binom{15}{14} \cdot \binom{20}{4} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^7 \binom{15}{2i} \cdot \binom{20}{18-2i} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Max men than women
No of men: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

$$\begin{aligned} &\binom{15}{10} \cdot \binom{20}{8} + \binom{15}{11} \cdot \binom{20}{7} + \dots + \binom{15}{15} \cdot \binom{20}{3} \\ &= \sum_{i=10}^{15} \binom{15}{i} \cdot \binom{20}{18-i} \end{aligned}$$

(e) at least 8 men

$$\sum_{i=8}^{15} \binom{15}{i} \cdot \binom{20}{18-i}$$

Total

Problem 7

P 7

(a) Treat all b balls as single object.

$$= \frac{(r+g+1)!}{r! \cdot g!}$$

(b) Green & red balls can be arranged in $\frac{(g+r)!}{g! \cdot r!}$ ways

Now, insert b blue balls in between or at the left-right ends without repetition.

$$= \frac{(g+r)!}{g! \cdot r!} \cdot \binom{g+r+1}{b}$$

(c) No blue after green

Put all blue balls followed by green balls. \rightarrow (1) way

Now inserting red balls at in between or at the both ends with repetition allowed.

$$= \binom{b+g+1+r-1}{r} = \binom{r+g+b}{r}$$

(d) Start with Blue end with Non-Blue

Put a Blue ball at beginning & a red/green at end.

$$\text{count} = \frac{(b-1+g+r-1)!}{(b-1)! \cdot g! \cdot (r-1)!} + \frac{(b-1+r+g-1)!}{(b-1)! \cdot r! \cdot (g-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(r+g+b-2)!}{(r-1)! \cdot (g-1)! \cdot (b-1)!} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{g} + \frac{1}{r} \right)$$

Problem 8

8 For "19"
 There must be an odd no of 1's (bet 1 & 19 inclusive)

For $(2K+1)$ 1's $0 \leq K \leq 9$, there are $(2K+2)$ locations to select with repetition allowed.

$$\text{No of 2's required} = \frac{19 - (2K+1)}{2} = 9-K$$

$$\text{No of ways to select} = \binom{(2K+2) + (9-K) - 1}{9-K} = \binom{10+K}{9-K}$$

$$\text{Total no of ways} = \sum_{K=0}^9 \binom{10+K}{9-K} = \dots$$

9 For "20"

$$\text{No of 1's} = \text{even} = 2K \quad 0 \leq K \leq 10$$

If there are $2K$ 1's, there are $2K+1$ location with repetition allowed. No of 2's = $\frac{20 - 2K}{2} = 10-K$

$$\text{No of ways to select} = \binom{(2K+1) + (10-K) - 1}{10-K} = \binom{10+K}{10-K}$$

$$\text{Total no of ways} = \sum_{K=0}^{10} \binom{10+K}{10-K} = \dots$$

Problem 8

P8

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If n is odd

Let $n = 2k + 1$ for $k \geq 0$

No of ways to write
 n as ordered sum
of 1's and 2's $= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k+1+i}{k-i}$

If n is even

Let $n = 2k$ for $k \geq 1$

No of ways $= \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{k+i}{k-i}$

Tutorial 1

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①

Let there be x_i occurrences of $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, r\}$

So we have,

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_r = n \quad \forall x_i \geq 0$$

Hence,

~~According to selecting~~

This matches with selecting r objects with repetition from r objects s.t. we are selecting 0 or more of some object.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Total no of methods} &= \binom{r+n-1}{n} \\ &= \binom{r+n-1}{r-1} \quad \text{Ans} \end{aligned}$$

Tutorial 2

$\textcircled{2}$ $n \geq 2k$

0^* : Any no of 0's (0 or more)
 1^* : Any no of 1's (0 or more)

$0^* 1^* 10 0^* 1^* 10 \dots 0^* 1^* 10 0^* 1^*$
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 $x_1 \quad x_2 \quad 2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad 2 \quad \dots \quad x_{2k-1} \quad x_{2k} \quad 2 \quad x_{2k+1} \quad x_{2k+2}$
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 $1^{st} \quad 2^{nd} \quad \dots \quad k^{th} \text{ (occurrence of } 10)$

Here, we have exactly k occurrences of "10" and other strings of format above (Because of $0^* 1^*$, form "10" is NOT being affected)

So, we can write this in form,

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2 + x_3 + x_4 + 2 + \dots + x_{2k-1} + x_{2k} + 2 + x_{2k+1} + x_{2k+2} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{2k+2} + \underline{3 \cdot k} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{2k+2} = n - 2k$$

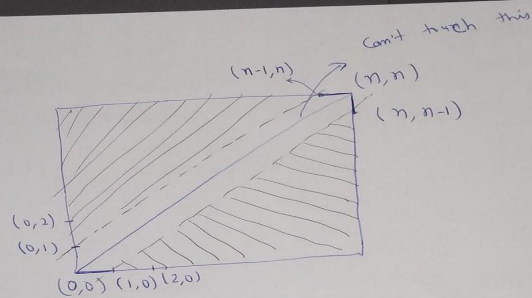
Hence

$$\binom{(n-2k) + (2k+2) - 1}{n-2k} = \binom{n+1}{n-2k}$$

$$= {}^{n+1}C_{(n+1)-(n-2k)} = ({}^{n+1}C_{2k+2}) \text{ Ans}$$

Tutorial 3 [Keeping the constraint -- at no point in time $y > x$]

T (3)



For the case, where robot could touch the diagonal
(and NOT cross it),

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the total path} &= \text{Catalan no} \\ &= C(n) \end{aligned}$$

Now, for this case,

If starting case is $(0,0) \rightarrow (1,0)$
then final case would be $(n, n-1) \rightarrow (n, n)$

Similarly if starting $(0,0) \rightarrow (0,1)$
then ending $(n-1, n) \rightarrow (n, n)$

Hence we can assume it as a case of $(n-1) \times (n-1)$
where robot can touch the diagonal.

$$\text{Hence, possible steps} = C(n-1)$$

Tutorial 4

T(4)

No of times the statements inside the innermost for loop is executed

$$= \binom{15+3-1}{3} = \binom{17}{3} = 680$$

Now, after execution of this segment, the value of

$$\text{counter} = \sum_{i=1}^{680} i = \frac{680 \times 681}{2}$$