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Question 1  $2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$

Use a counting argument to show that  $2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$

L.H.  $2^n$  = (counts the cardinality of all possible subsets of a set with  $2n$  elements)

R.H.  $\binom{n}{i}$  denotes the number of ways you may count subsets of  $i$  from  $n$  elements

$\binom{n}{k-i}$  denotes the number of ways you may count subsets of  $k-i$  from  $n$  elements.

$\binom{n}{i} \binom{n}{k-i}$  denotes the number of ways you may create two subsets, one with  $i$  cardinality, one with  $k-i$  cardinality, from  $n$  elements  $\rightarrow$  creating two subsets whose total cardinality is  $k$

$\sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n}{i} \binom{n}{k-i}$  is the same as picking all possible ways you may pick  $i$  elements (from  $0 < i < k < n$ ), then choosing from the same elements, choosing  $k-i$  elements from a set of  $n$ , which effectively creates all possible subsets of  $2n$  cardinality.

Question 2

[a] A bin of light bulbs has six bad light bulbs and twelve good light bulbs. We pick seven lightbulbs uniformly at random from this bin. Let  $A$  be the event that at most two of them are defective. What is  $P(A)$ ?

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$A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6$

This is the same as choosing two subsets, whose sum is from 0 to  $2n$ , from a set of  $n$  elements

$P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A})$

$P(A) = 1 - \left[ \binom{12}{7} + \binom{12}{6} \binom{6}{1} + \binom{12}{5} \binom{6}{2} + \binom{12}{4} \binom{6}{3} + \binom{12}{3} \binom{6}{4} + \binom{12}{2} \binom{6}{5} + \binom{12}{1} \binom{6}{6} \right]$

$P(\dots)$  1 or do not pick

[b] Let  $B$  be the event that we pick all six defective bulbs. What is  $P(A|\bar{B})$ ? (You may write this in terms of  $P(A)$ , without writing that out again, whether or not you found it in the previous step.)

$$P(A|\bar{B}) = \frac{P(A \cap \bar{B})}{P(\bar{B})} = \frac{P(A) - \frac{1}{\binom{14}{5}}}{1 - \frac{1}{\binom{14}{5}}}$$

$$P(B) = \frac{1}{\binom{14}{6}} \quad P(\bar{B}) = 1 - \frac{1}{\binom{14}{6}}$$

Question 3

$$a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 8a_{n-2}$$

Solve the following recurrence relation:  $a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 8a_{n-2}$ , with initial conditions  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 &= 6r - 8 \\ r^2 - 6r + 8 &= 0 \\ (r-4)(r-2) &= 0 \\ r_1 &= 4 \quad r_2 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4a + 2b &= 1 \\ 2a + 2b &= 2 \\ \hline 2a &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ b &= \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$a4^n + b2^n = ?$$

I.C.  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} a4^0 + b2^0 &= 1 \\ a + b &= 1 \\ a4^1 + b2^1 &= 1 \\ \begin{cases} 4a + 2b = 1 \\ a + b = 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4^n + \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2^n$$

$a_2 = \frac{14}{2}$

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