CS 3333: Mathematical Foundations

Combinatorics

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- There are $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 2^7$ ways.

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- There are 26 options for the first letter.
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- There are 24 options for the third letter.

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- ► By the sum rule, the total number of passwords of length 6, 7, or 8 is 36⁶ + 36⁷ + 36⁸.

What if we require there to be at least one digit in the password to be valid?



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▶ Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion (PIE): If a task can be done in either n_1 ways or n_2 ways but the first group has n_3 things in common with the second group, then the number of ways to do the task is $n_1 + n_2 - n_3$.

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Example 18: How many bit strings of length 8 start with a 1 or end with 00?



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This rule can help us to ignore "unimportant" differences when counting things.



Example: There are 10 different sandwiches and 3 different drinks. What is the number of ways to pick a lunch? If the choice of a drink does not matter, what is the number of ways to pick a lunch?