CSE 312: Foundations of Computing II

Section 1: Combinatorics

0. Birthday Cake

A chef is preparing desserts for the week, starting on a Sunday. On each day, only one of five desserts (apple pie, cherry pie, strawberry pie, pineapple pie, and cake) may be served. On Thursday there is a birthday, so cake must be served that day. On no two consecutive days can the chef serve the same dessert. How many dessert menus are there for the week?

1. Photographs

Suppose that 8 people, including you and a friend, line up for a picture. In how many ways can the photographer organize the line if she wants to have fewer than 2 people between you and your friend?

2. Rearrangements

Permutations of objects, some of which are indistinguishable.

- (a) How many permutations are there of the letters in DAWGY?
- (b) How many permutations are there of the letters in DOGGY?
- (c) How many permutations are there of the letters in GODOGGY?

3. Rabbits!

Rabbits Peter and Pauline have three offspring: Flopsie, Mopsie, and Cotton-tail. These five rabbits are to be distributed to four different pet stores so that no store gets both a parent and a child. It is not required that every store gets a rabbit. In how many different ways can this be done?

4. Seating

How many ways are there to seat 10 people, consisting of 5 couples, in a row of 10 seats if ...

- (a) ... the seats are assigned arbitrarily?
- (b) ... all couples are to get adjacent seats?
- (c) ... the seats are assigned arbitrarily, except that one couple insists on not sitting in adjacent seats?

5. Bridge

How many bridge hands have a suit distribution of 5, 5, 2, 1? (That is, you are playing with a standard 52-card deck and you have 5 cards of one suit, 5 cards of another suit, 2 of another suit, and 1 of the last suit.)