

Binomial Theorem: $(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$,
for any nonnegative integer n and any x, y .

Proof: $(x+y)^n = \underbrace{(x+y)(x+y)(x+y) \cdots (x+y)}_{n \text{ factors}}$

From each factor, choose either x or y to multiply in, and then collect all the terms $x^k y^{n-k}$. How many are there?

$\underbrace{x \quad x \quad \cdots \quad x \quad x \quad \cdots}_{n \text{ factors, } k \text{ of them are } x}$

How many ways? $\binom{n}{k}$. So the coefficient of $x^k y^{n-k}$ is $\binom{n}{k}$.

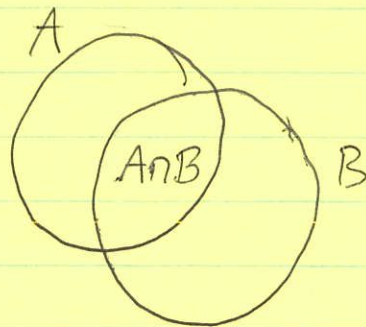
Corollary: $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$.

Proof: $2^n = (1+1)^n \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Binomial theorem}}}{=} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} |1|^k |1|^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$

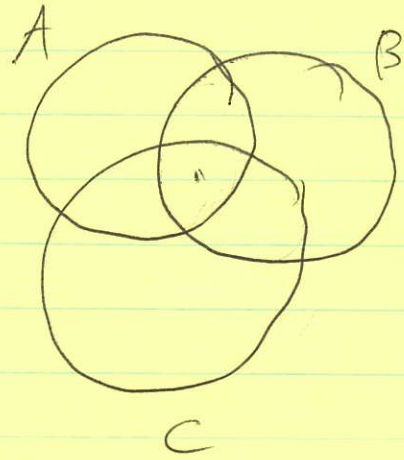
Both sides of the corollary count the number of subsets of a set of size n .

Inclusion - Exclusion Principle:

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$



$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| \\ - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| \\ + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

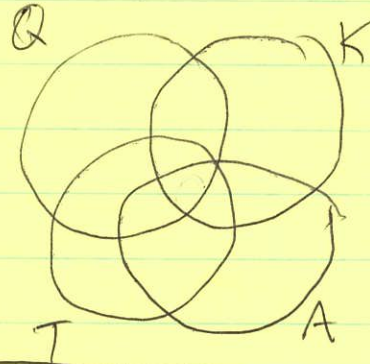


In general: + singles - pairs + triples
- quads + ----

Recall our Schnapsen example: ♠ J face-up. How many initial 5-card hands have ≥ 1 trump?

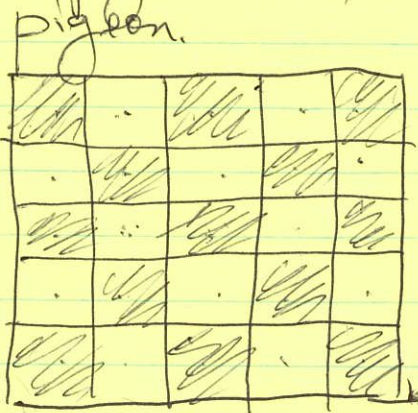
$$\binom{4}{1} \binom{18}{4} - \binom{4}{2} \binom{17}{3} + \binom{4}{3} \binom{16}{2} - \binom{4}{4} \binom{15}{1}$$

$$12,240 - 4,080 + 480 - 15 = 8625$$



Pigeonhole Principle: If you have $n+1$ pigeons in n pigeonholes, then some pigeonhole must have > 1 pigeon.

Ex:



5x5 chessboard.

1 flea on each square. When you ring a bell, each flea jumps to a random adjacent square. Some square must have > 1 flea.

13 black squares. Pigeons = 13 fleas on black.
Pigeonholes = 12 white squares.

Intro to probability

1. Sample space: set Ω of possible "outcomes" of an experiment.

Ex: Coin flip: $\Omega = \{H, T\}$

2 coin flips: $\Omega = \{(H, H), (H, T), (T, H), (T, T)\}$.

Die roll: $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

5-card Schnapsen hands, assuming \heartsuit is face-up:
 $|\Omega| = \binom{47}{5}$.

2. Event: any $E \subseteq \Omega$

Ex: ≥ 1 head in 2 coin flips: $E = \{(H, H), (H, T), (T, H)\}$