

- A question on pigeonhole principle (section 6.2).
- Two or three questions on sum rule, product rule, permutation and combination, (sections 6.1 and 6.3).
- At most two questions on solving counting problem using recurrence relations (section 8.1).
- At most three questions on solving recurrence relations (section 8.2).
- One question on inclusion-exclusion principle(section 8.5)
- One question on relations (section 9.1)

How many positive integers between 100 and 999 inclusive are divisible by 3 or 4?

- Divisible by 3:  $n = \left\lfloor \frac{999-100+1}{3} \right\rfloor = 300$
- Divisible by 4:  $n = \left\lfloor \frac{999-100+1}{4} \right\rfloor = 225$
- Divisible by 3 and 4:  $n = \left\lfloor \frac{999-100+1}{3*4} \right\rfloor = 75$
- Divisible by 3 or 4:  $300 + 225 - 75 = 450$

How many positive integers between 100 and 999 inclusive are divisible by 3 but not 4?

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- Divisible by 3 and 4:  $n = \left\lfloor \frac{999-100+1}{3*4} \right\rfloor = 75$
- Divisible by 3 but not 4 :  $300 - 75 = 225$

How many one-to-one functions are there from a set with five elements to sets with 4 number of elements?

- 0
- A function is one-to-one, if each element only has a **unique** image
- We have 5 elements in the domain and 4 elements in the range (image). Two elements will need to have the same image.

How many one-to-one functions are there from a set with five elements to sets with 6 number of elements?

- $6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 720$
- The 1<sup>st</sup> element in the domain have 6 possible ways
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> element in the domain have 5 possible ways
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> element in the domain have 4 possible ways
- ...

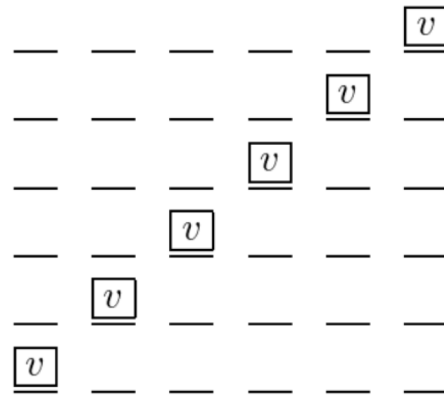
How many numbers must be selected from the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  to guarantee that at least one pair of these numbers add up to 9?

- 5
- Because, there are 4 subsets of two elements that can add up to 9
  - $\{1,8\}, \{2,7\}, \{3,6\}, \{4,5\}$

The English alphabet contains 21 consonants and 5 vowels.  
 How many strings of six lowercase letters of the English  
 alphabet contain

a) exactly one vowel?

$$n = 6 \times 21^5 \times 5$$



6 ways

b) exactly two vowels?

$$n = C(6,2) \times 21^4 \times 5^2$$

Hint: The two vowels can be at any locations  $\rightarrow C(6,2)$

The English alphabet contains 21 consonants and five vowels.  
How many strings of six lowercase letters of the English  
alphabet contain

c) at least one vowel?

$$n = 26^6 - 21^6$$

$$N = (\#\_of\_6\_letter\_strings) - (\#\_of\_6\_letter\_strings\_with\_no\_vowel)$$

d) at least two vowel?

$$n = 26^6 - 21^6 - 6 \times 21^5 \times 5$$

$$N = (\#\_of\_6\_letter\_strings) - (\#\_of\_6\_letter\_strings\_with\_no\_vowel) - (\#\_of\_6\_letter\_strings\_with\_1\_vowel)$$



A vending machine dispensing books of stamps accepts only one-dollar coins, \$1 bills, and \$5 bills.

Find a recurrence relation for the number of ways to deposit  $n$  dollars in the vending machine, where the order in which the coins and bills are deposited matters.

**When  $n \leq 5$**

$n=0$	$a(n)=1$ (no deposit)
$n=1$	$a(n)=2$
$n=2$	$a(n)=2^2$
$n=3$	$a(n)=2^3$
$n=4$	$a(n)=2^4$
$n=5$	$a(n)=2^5+1$

**When  $n \geq 5$  (e.g.,  $n=6$ ), we have three choices for next deposit**

- Next deposit is **\$1 coin**
  - We have  $a(n-1)$  way for deposit
- Next deposit is **\$1 bill**
  - We have another  $a(n-1)$  way for deposit
- Next deposit is **\$5 bill**
  - We have  $a(n-5)$  way for deposit

Thus, the totally ways is  $a_n = 2a_{(n-1)} + a_{(n-5)}$  for  $n \geq 5$

Solve the recurrence relation together with the initial conditions given.

$$a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 2, a_0 = 1, a_1 = 0$$

Step 1: Since it is linear homogeneous recurrence, first find its characteristic equation

$$\text{Let } a_n = r^2, a_{n-1} = r, a_{n-2} = 1$$

$$\text{Then, } r^2 = 5r - 6$$

$$r^2 - 5r + 6 = 0$$

$$(r-2)(r-3) = 0$$

$$r=2 \text{ or } r=3$$

Step 2: By **Theorem 1**, the solution of the recurrence relation is  $a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n$

Step 3: Find  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  using initial conditions

$$a_0 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1 \quad 1)$$

$$a_1 = 2\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 = 0 \quad 2)$$

$$1) * 2 \quad 2\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 = 2 \quad 3)$$

$$2) - 3) \quad \alpha_2 = -2$$

$$\text{Use } \alpha_2 \text{ to solve } 1), \alpha_1 = 3$$

Step 4:  $a_n = 3 \cdot 2^n - 2 \cdot 3^n$

# Find all solutions of the recurrence relation $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3^n$

- Since  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3^n$  is a non-homogeneous linear recurrence relation, all solutions are formed as  $\{a_n^{(p)} + a_n^{(h)}\}$ ,  $a_n^{(h)}$  is the solutions of the associated homogeneous linear recurrence.
- Step 1, find  $a_n^{(h)}$ 
  - The associated homogeneous linear recurrence is:  $a_n = 2a_{n-1}$
  - The characteristic equation:  $r-2=0 \Rightarrow r=2$
  - $a_n^{(h)} = \alpha 2^n$
- Step 2, find  $a_n^{(p)}$ 
  - Consider  $a_n^{(p)} = C3^n$
  - Substituting  $a_n^{(p)} = C3^n$  in  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3^n$ 
    - $C3^n = 2 C3^{n-1} + 3^n$
    - $C3^n = 2 C(3^n/3) + 3^n$
    - $C3^n = 2 C(3^n/3) + 3^n$
    - $C3^n = (2 C/3 + 1)3^n \Rightarrow C3^n = (\frac{2}{3}C + 1)3^n \Rightarrow C = \frac{2}{3}C + 1 \Rightarrow C = 3$
  - Substituting  $C=3$  in  $a_n^{(p)} = C3^n$ 
    - $a_n^{(p)} = 3 \cdot 3^n \Rightarrow a_n^{(p)} = 3^{n+1}$
- Final:
  - $a_n = a_n^{(p)} + a_n^{(h)} = \alpha 2^n + 3^{n+1}$

Given linear nonhomogeneous recurrence relation

$$a_n = 8a_{n-2} - 16a_{n-4} + F(n)$$

A) What is the general form of the particular solution guaranteed to exist if  $F(n) = n^3$

- Step 1, solve the characteristic equation of the associated homogeneous recurrence relation
  - The associated homogeneous recurrence relation,  $a_n = 8a_{n-2} - 16a_{n-4}$
  - The characteristic equation of  $a_n = 8a_{n-2} - 16a_{n-4}$ 
    - $r^4 - 8r^2 + 16 = 0$
    - $r = 2, -2$  or multiplicity 2
- Step 2, find  $s$  in  $F(n) = (b_t n^t + b_{t-1} n^{t-1} + \dots + b_1 n^1 + b_0) s^n$ 
  - In our case,  $t=3, s=1$ 
    - $F(n) = (b_3 n^3) 1^n$
- Step 3, apply Theorem 6,
  - $s=1$ , is NOT a root of the associated characteristic equation
  - According to Theorem 6
    - There is a particular solution of the form  $(p_3 n^3 + p_2 n^2 + p_1 n^1 + p_0) x 1^n = p_3 n^3 + p_2 n^2 + p_1 n^1 + p_0$

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- B) Find the  $t$  and  $s$ , if  $F(n) = n^4 2^n$ 
  - $s=2, t=4$ 
    - $F(n) = (b_4 n^4) 2^n$
- C) Find the  $t$  and  $s$ , if  $F(n) = n^2 4^n$ 
  - $s=4, t=2$ 
    - $F(n) = (b_2 n^2) 4^n$