

count II

Multiplication: the product rule

- The **product rule** says that Cartesian product maps to arithmetic product.
- Intuitively, we line the elements (a, b) of $A \times B$ in lexicographic order and count them off.
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- This looks very much like packing a two-dimensional array in a one-dimensional array by mapping each pair of indices (i, j) to $i \cdot |B| + j$

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Relate $C(i,j)$ to $D(k)$

$|B|=n=4$

- C is an $m \times n$ array
- $D(k)$ is related to $C(i,j)$
- for $i \geq 0$, $j \geq 0$
 - $k = i * n + j$

$|A|=m=5$

	0	1	2	3
0	D(0)	D(1)	D(2)	D(3)
1	D(4)			
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4				D(19)

- $|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B|$.
- *Proof.* The trick is to order $A \times B$ lexicographically and then count off the elements. Given bijections $f : A \rightarrow [|A|]$ and $g : B \rightarrow [|B|]$, define $h : (A \times B) \rightarrow [|A| \cdot |B|]$ by the rule $h((a,b)) = a \cdot |B| + b$.
- The division algorithm recovers a and b from $h(a, b)$ by recovering the unique natural numbers q and r such that $h(a, b) = q \cdot |B| + r$ and $0 \leq r < |B|$ and letting $a = f^{-1}(q)$ and $b = g^{-1}(r)$.

Relate $D(k)$ to $C(i,j)$

$|B|=n=4$

- C is an $m \times n$ array
- Relate $D(k)$ to $C(i,j)$
- for $k \geq 0$,
 - $j = \text{mod}(k,n)$
 - $i = (k-j)/n$

$|A|=m=5$

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The general form is

$$\left| \prod_{i=1}^k A_i \right| = \prod_{i=1}^k |A_i|,$$

where the product on the left is a Cartesian product and the product on the right is an ordinary integer product.

- As I was going to Saint Ives, I met a man with seven sacks, and every sack had seven cats. How many cats total?
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- Answer: Label the sacks 0,1,2,...,6, and label the cats in each sack 0,1,2,...,6. Then each cat can be specified uniquely by giving a pair (sack number, cat number), giving a bijection between the set of cats and the set 7×7 . Since $|7 \times 7| = 7 \cdot 7 = 49$, we have 49 cats.

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- Dr. Frankenstein's trusty assistant Igor has brought him 6 torsos, 4 brains, 8 pairs of matching arms, and 4 pairs of legs. How many different monsters can Dr Frankenstein build?
- Answer: there is a one- to-one correspondence between possible monsters and 4-tuples of the form (torso, brain, pair of arms, pair of legs); the set of such 4-tuples has $6 \cdot 4 \cdot 8 \cdot 4 = 728$ members.

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order or sorting

How many different ways can you order n items? Call this quantity $n!$ (pronounced “ n factorial”). With 0 or 1 items, there is only one way; so we have $0! = 1! = 1$. For $n > 1$, there are n choices for the first item, leaving $n - 1$ items to be ordered. From the product rule we thus have $n! = n \cdot (n - 1)!$, which we can expand out as $\prod_{i=1}^n i$, our previous definition of $n!$.

For infinite sets

- The product rule also works for infinite sets, because we again use it as a definition: for any A and B , $|A| \cdot |B|$ is defined to be $|A \times B|$
- One oddity for infinite sets is that this definition gives $|A| \cdot |B| = |A| + |B| = \max(|A|, |B|)$, because if at least one of A and B is infinite, it is possible to construct a bijection between $A \times B$ and the larger of A and B . Infinite sets are strange.
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Exponentiation: the exponent rule

Given sets A and B , let A^B be the set of functions $f : B \rightarrow A$. The
 $|A^B| = |A|^{|B|}$.

- If $|B|$ is finite, this is just a $|B|$ -fold application of the product rule: we can write any function $f : B \rightarrow A$ as a sequence of length $|B|$ that gives the value in A for each input in B . Since each element of the sequence contributes $|A|$ possible choices, we get $|A|^{|B|}$ choices total.

For infinite sets

- For infinite sets, the exponent rule is a definition of $|A|^{|B|}$.
- Some simple facts are that $n^{\alpha} = 2^{\alpha}$ whenever n is finite and α is infinite (this comes down to the fact that we can represent any element of $[n]$ as a finite sequence of bits)
- and $\alpha^n = \alpha$ under the same conditions (follows by induction on n from $\alpha \cdot \alpha = \alpha$).

a combinatorial proof

- $x^a x^b = x^{a+b}$, for any cardinal numbers x , a , and b .
- Let $x = |X|$ and let $a = |A|$ and $b = |B|$ where A and B are disjoint (we can always use the tagging trick that we used for inclusion-exclusion to make A and B be disjoint). Then

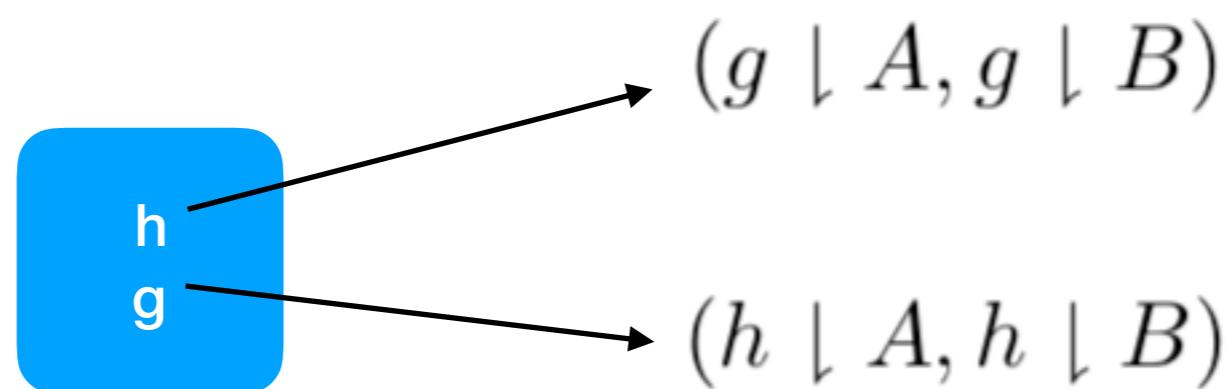
$$x^a x^b = |X^A \times X^B| \text{ and } x^{a+b} = |X^{A \cup B}|$$

- bijection $f : X^{A \cup B} \rightarrow X^A \times X^B$
- The input to f is a function $g : A \cup B \rightarrow X$; the output is a pair of functions $(g_A : A \rightarrow X, g_B : B \rightarrow X)$.
- We define g_A by $g_A(x) = g(x)$ for all x in A (this makes g_A the **restriction** of g to A , usually written as $g \upharpoonright A$ or $g|A$); similarly $g_B = g \upharpoonright B$

- This is easily seen to be a bijection

if $g = h$, then $f(g) = (g \upharpoonright A, g \upharpoonright B) = f(h) = (h \upharpoonright A, h \upharpoonright B)$

and if $g \neq h$ there is some x for which $g(x) \neq h(x)$, implying $g \upharpoonright A \neq h \upharpoonright A$ (if x is in A) or $g \upharpoonright B \neq h \upharpoonright B$ (if x is in B).



Counting injections

.Select k elements from n elements
.permute k selected elements on a
sequence

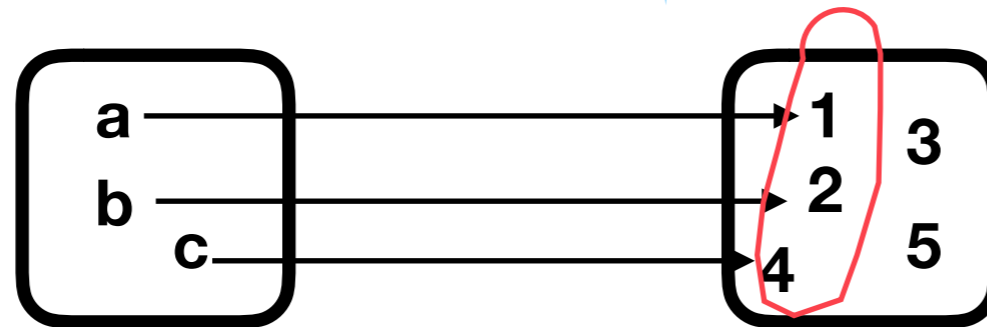
- Counting injections from a k-element set to an n-element set corresponds to counting the number of ways $P(n,k)$
- we can pick an ordered subset of k of n items without replacement, also known as picking a **k-permutation**. (The k elements of the domain correspond to the k positions in the order.)

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.Select 3 elements from 5 elements
.permute 3 selected elements on a
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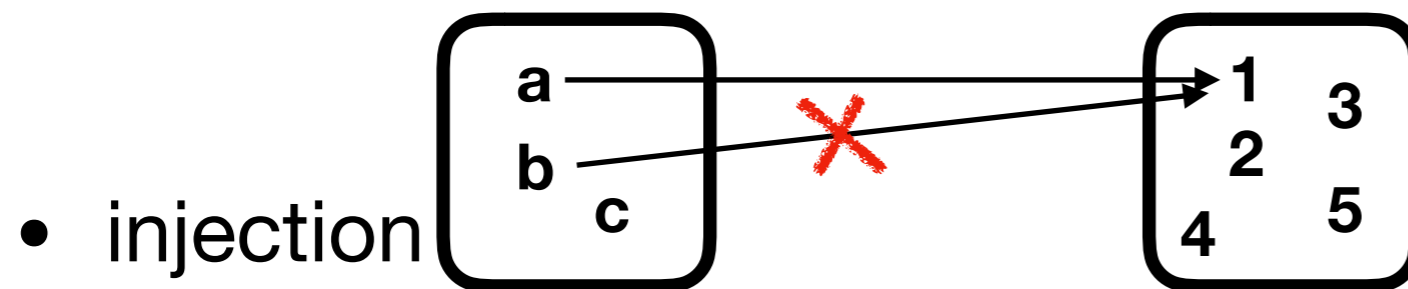
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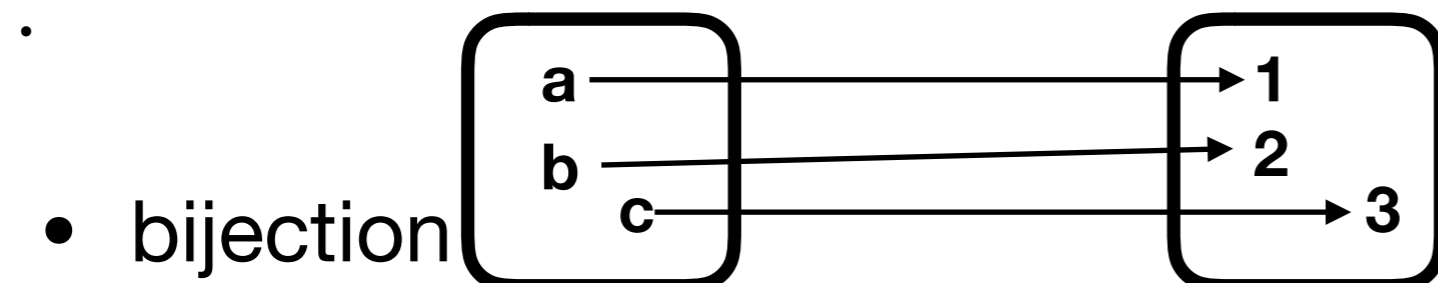
$$P(n, k) = \prod_{i=n-k+1}^n i = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

such k -permutations by the product rule.

Among combinatorialists, the notation $(n)_k$ (pronounced “ n **lower-factorial** k ”) is more common than $P(n, k)$ for $n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-k+1)$. As an extreme case we have $(n)_n = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-n+1) = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot 1 = n!$, so $n!$ counts the number of **permutations** of n .



- n^k counts the number of functions from a k -element set to an n -element set
- $(n)_k$ counts the number of injections from a k -element set to an n -element set, and
- $n!$ counts the number of bijections between two n -element sets



counting two ways

- Let $|S_k|$ denote the number of ways of choosing k elements from a set of n elements, S .
- count the number m of sequences of k elements of S with no repetitions
 - By picking a size- k subset A and then choosing one of $k!$ ways to order the elements. This gives $m = |S_k| \cdot k!$.
 - By choosing the first element in one of n ways, the second in one of $n-1$, the third in one of $n-2$ ways, and so on until the k -th element, which can be chosen in one of $n - k + 1$ ways.
 - This gives $m = (n)_k = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-k+1)$, which can be written as $n! / (n - k)!$
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binomial coefficient

- So we have $m = |S_k| \cdot k! = n!/(n - k)!$, from which we get

$$|S_k| = \frac{n!}{k! \cdot (n - k)!}.$$

This quantity turns out to be so useful that it has a special notation:

$$\binom{n}{k} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{n!}{k! \cdot (n - k)!}.$$

Binomial coefficients

- The **binomial coefficient** “n choose k”, written

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{(n)_k}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k! \cdot (n-k)!}, \quad (11.2.1)$$

- counts the number of k-element subsets of an n-element set.

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Multinomial coefficients

- let the multinomial coefficient

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$$\binom{n}{n_1 \ n_2 \ \dots \ n_k}$$

- be the number of different ways to distribute n items among k bins where the i -th bin gets exactly n_i of the items and we don't care what order the items appear in each bin. (Obviously this only makes sense if $n_1+n_2+\dots+n_k=n$.)

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Two ways

- Here are two ways to count the number of permutations of the n -element set:
 - 1. Pick the first element, then the second, etc., to get $n!$ permutations.
 - 2. Generate a permutation in three steps:
 - (a) Pick a partition of the n elements into blocks of size n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k .
 - (b) Order the elements of each block.
 - (c) Paste the blocks together into a single ordered list.

There are

$$\binom{n}{n_1 \ n_2 \ \dots \ n_k}$$

ways to pick the partition and

$$n_1! \cdot n_2! \cdot \dots \cdot n_k!$$

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ways to order the elements of all the groups, so we have

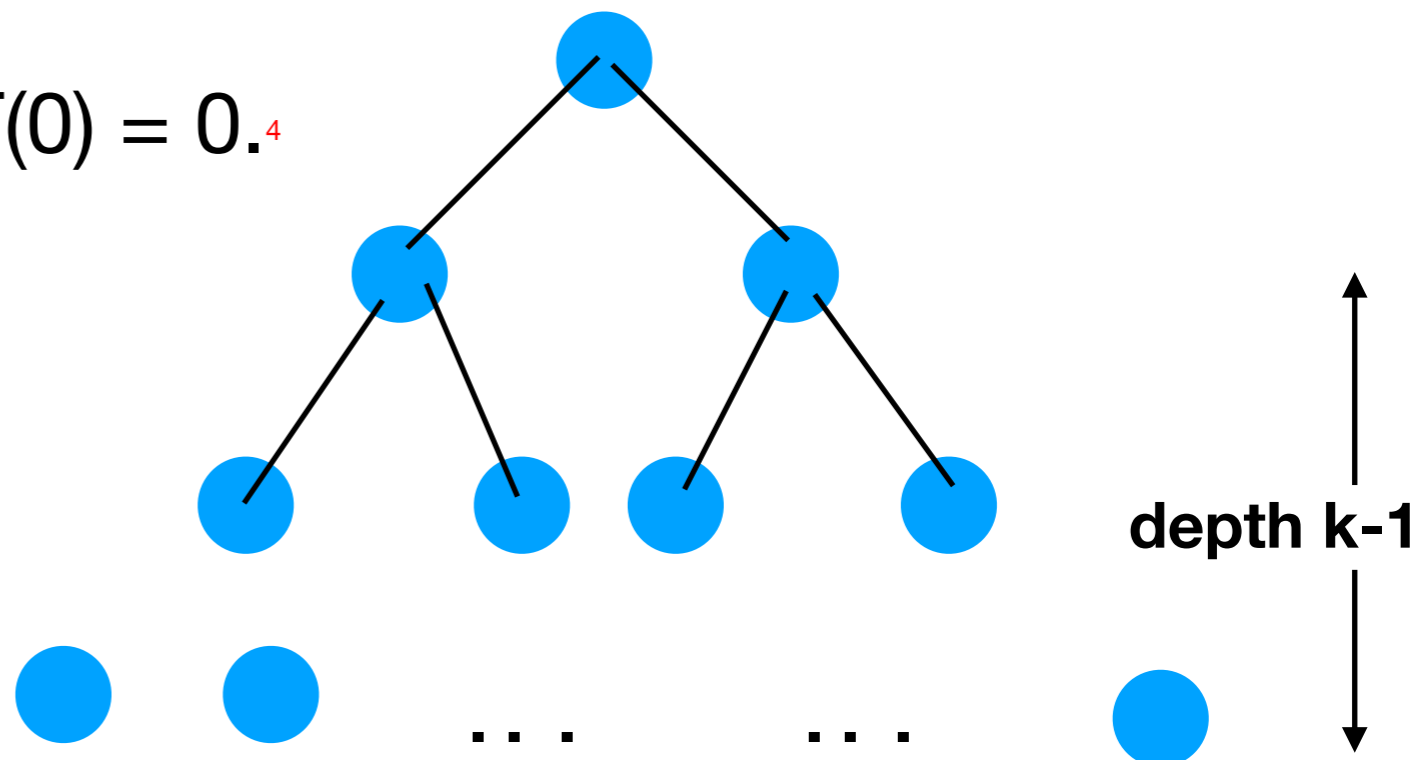
$$n! = \binom{n}{n_1 \ n_2 \ \dots \ n_k} \cdot n_1! \cdot n_2! \cdot \dots \cdot n_k!,$$

which we can solve to get

$$\binom{n}{n_1 \ n_2 \ \dots \ n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! \cdot n_2! \cdot \dots \cdot n_k!}.$$

- a rule of the form x is in S if either $P(x)$ or $Q(x)$ is true
- use the sum rule (if P and Q are mutually exclusive) or inclusion- exclusion
- e.g. x is a tree of depth at most k if it is either (a) a single leaf node (provided $k > 0$) or (b) a root node with two subtrees of depth at most $k-1$

- $T(k) = 1 + T(k - 1)^2$ with $T(0) = 0$.⁴



- For objects made out of many small components or resulting from many small decisions, try to reduce the description of the object to something previously known
- (a) a word of length k of letters from an alphabet of size n allowing repetition (there are n^k of them, by the product rule);

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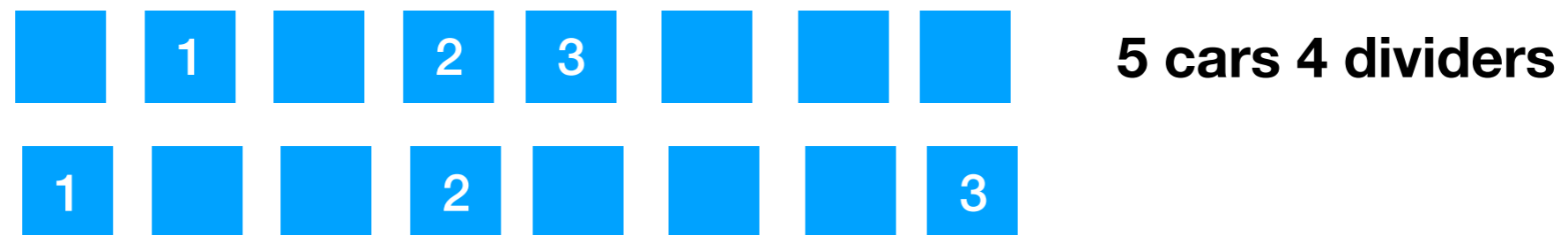
- (b) a word of length k not allowing repetition (there are $(n)_k$ of them—or $n!$ if $n = k$);
- (c) a subset of k distinct things from a set of size n , where we don't care about the order (there are $\binom{n}{k}$ of them)

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- The number of games of Tic-Tac-Toe assuming both players keep playing until the board is filled
- each such game can be specified by listing which of the 9 squares are filled in order, giving $9! = 362880$ distinct games.
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- only consider games that end when one player wins
- probably the easiest way to count such games is to send a computer off to generate all of them. This gives 255168 possible games and 958 distinct final positions
- How to count this by a program?
- <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Tic-Tac-Toe+Endgame>

- suppose you win n identical cars on a game show and want to divide them among your k greedy relatives
- it's OK if some people don't get a car at all
- putting n cars and $k - 1$ dividers in a line



- Assume that each car—and each divider—takes one parking space. Then you have $n + k - 1$ parking spaces with $k - 1$ dividers in them (and cars in the rest). There are exactly $\binom{n+k-1}{k-1}$ ways to do this.

`>> factorial(8)/(factorial(5)*factorial(3))`

`ans =`

`56`

Divide 5 cars to 4 groups, then assign these four groups to 4 different relatives

- $(5,0,0,0) - 4$
- $(4,1,0,0) - 4^*3$
- $(3,2,0,0) - 4^*3$
- $(3,1,1,0) - 4^*3$
- $(2,2,1,0) - 4^*3$
- $(2,1,1,1) - 4$
- $12^*4+8 = 56$

- suppose you win n identical cars on a game show and want to divide them among your k greedy relatives
- Then you can just hand out one car to each relative to start with, leaving $n - k$ cars to divide as in the previous case. There are $\binom{(n-k)+k-1}{k-1} = \binom{n-1}{k-1}$ ways to do this.

- $\text{factorial}(4)/(\text{factorial}(1)*\text{factorial}(3))$

- $\text{ans} =$

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Divide 1 car to 4 relatives

- Divide one card to four groups, then assign these groups to 4 relatives
- $(1,0,0,0)$ - 4
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binomial theorem of Isaac Newton

Theorem 11.2.1 (Binomial theorem). *For any $n \in \mathbb{R}$,*

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}, \quad (11.2.2)$$

provided the sum converges.

A sufficient condition for the sum converging is $|x/y| < 1$. For the general version of the theorem, $\binom{n}{k}$ is defined as $(n)_k / k!$, which works even if n is not a non-negative integer. The usual proof requires calculus.

n is a non-negative integer

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}.$$

- The connection between (11.2.3) and counting subsets is straightforward: expanding $(x + y)^n$ using the distributive law gives 2^n terms, each of which is a unique sequence of n x 's and y 's.
- If we think of the x 's in each term as labeling a subset of the n positions in the term, the terms that get added together to get $x^k y^{n-k}$ correspond one-to-one to subsets of size k .
- So there are $\binom{n}{k}$ such terms, accounting for the coefficient on the right-hand side.

Recursive definition

Base cases:

- If $k = 0$, then there is exactly one zero-element set of our n -element set—it's the empty set—and we have $\binom{n}{0} = 1$.
- If $k > n$, then there are no k -element subsets, and we have $\forall k > n, \binom{n}{k} = 0$.

Recursive step: We'll use **Pascal's identity**, which says that

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}.$$

- On the left-hand side, we are counting all the k -element subsets of an n -element set S .
- On the right hand side, we are counting two different collections of sets: the $(k - 1)$ -element and k -element subsets of an $(n - 1)$ - element set. The trick is to recognize that we get an $(n - 1)$ -element set S' from our original set by removing one of the elements x .

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- If the subset doesn't contain x , it doesn't change. So there is a one-to-one correspondence (the identity function) between k -subsets of S that don't contain x and k -subsets of S' . This bijection accounts for the first term on the right-hand side.

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}.$$

- If the subset does contain x , then we get a $(k - 1)$ -element subset of S' when we remove it. Since we can go back the other way by reinserting x , we get a bijection between k -subsets of S that contain x and $(k - 1)$ -subsets of S' . This bijection accounts for the second term on the right-hand side.

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}.$$

Here's the proof of Pascal's identity:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k &= (1+x)^n \\ &= (1+x)(1+x)^{n-1} \\ &= (1+x)^{n-1} + x(1+x)^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} x^k + x \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} x^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} x^k + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} x^{k+1} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} x^k + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} x^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1}{k} x^k + \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} x^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1} \right) x^k.\end{aligned}$$

Vandermonde's identity

Vandermonde's identity says that, provided r does not exceed m or n

$$\binom{m+n}{r} = \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{m}{r-k} \binom{n}{k}.$$

- To pick r elements of an $m + n$ element set, we have to pick some of them from the first m elements and some from the second n elements.
- we choose k elements from the last n
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$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i \right) \left(\sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{m+n} \left(\sum_{j=0}^i a_j b_{i-j} \right) x^i.$$

So now consider

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=0}^{m+n} \binom{m+n}{r} x^r &= (1+x)^{m+n} \\ &= (1+x)^n (1+x)^m \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i \right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} x^j \right) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{m+n} \left(\sum_{k=0}^r \binom{n}{k} \binom{m}{r-k} \right) x^r. \end{aligned}$$