

CSE 20 Lecture Notes

1. Pigeonhole Principle
2. Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

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Pigeonhole Principle

A team plays 12 games in a 10 day period and at least one game per day. There is a period of days in which exactly 8 games were played.

Day	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Game	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
S_i	0	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12
T_i	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	19	20

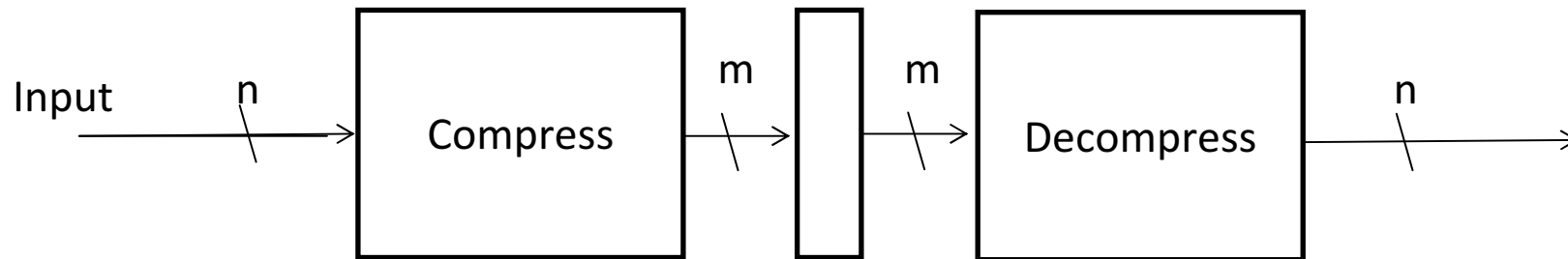
Pigeons
22

Holes
21

For the case that $S_i = T_j$,
we have $T_j = S_j + 8$ by definition of T_j .
Thus, $S_i - S_j = 8$.
In other words, 8 games are played
from day $j+1$ to day i

Example 6: Lossless Compression

An algorithm that compress n-bit string to m-bits
and then recover the n-bit string



A lossless compression for all possible inputs with $n > m$ does not exist.

Pigeons
 2^n

Holes
 2^m

If $n > m$, then $2^n > 2^m$

Two different strings map to an identical m-bit storage.

Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

Theorem#1: $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|.$

Example: Find number of integers in $\{1 \dots 100\}$ which is either divisible by 3 or 5.

A: divisible by 3

B: divisible by 5

$$n(A) = \lfloor 100/3 \rfloor = 33$$

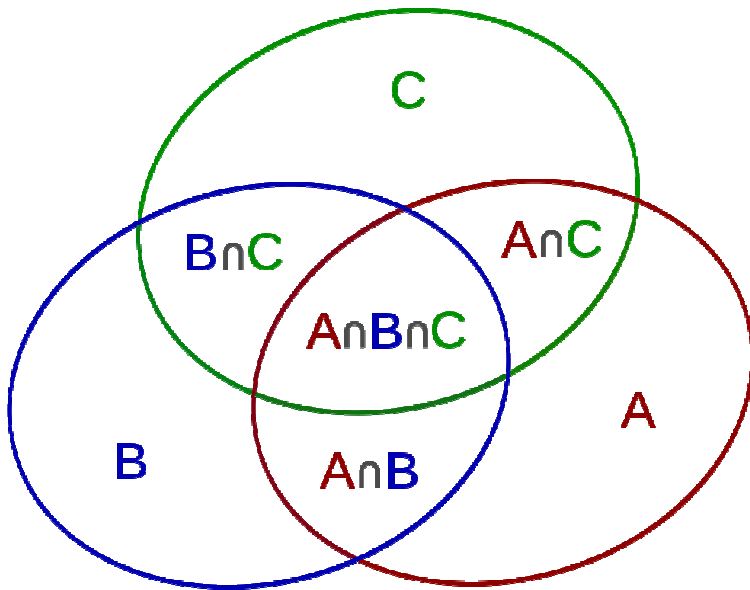
$$n(B) = \lfloor 100/5 \rfloor = 20$$

$$n(A \cap B) = \lfloor 100/15 \rfloor = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A \cup B| &= |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|, \\ &= 33 + 20 - 6 = 47 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem#2

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3) &= \mathbb{P}(A_1) + \mathbb{P}(A_2) + \mathbb{P}(A_3) \\ &\quad - \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap A_2) - \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap A_3) - \mathbb{P}(A_2 \cap A_3) \\ &\quad + \mathbb{P}(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3)\end{aligned}$$



Theorem#3

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{i,j:1 \leq i < j \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i,j,k:1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \cdots + (-1)^{n-1} |A_1 \cap \cdots \cap A_n|$$

Example: Hat Check Problem

$n=5$ people check in their hats. Later, they are given back their hats. Find the number of ways that no person receives his/her hat.

[Total # of combinations we have.]

5 objects: 1 2 3 4 5



U: # of permutations = $5!$ (Factorial)

A: Person 1 receives his/her hat, #permutations= $4!$

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#rows: $5=C(5,1)$. $|A|=C(5,1)4!$.

B: Person 1 & 2 receive their hats, #permutations= $3!$

Person 1 & 3 receive their hats, ...

#rows: $C(5,2)$. $|B|=C(5,2)3!$.

C: Person 1, 2 & 3 receive their hats, #permutations= $2!$

Person 1, 2 & 4 receive their hats, ...

#rows: $C(5,3)$. $|C|=C(5,3)2!$.

Example: Hat Check Problem (cont.)

D: Person 1, 2, 3 & 4 receive their hats, #permutations = 1!

Person 1, 2, 3 & 5 receive their hats, ...

#rows = $C(5,4)$. $|D| = C(5,4)1!$.

E: Person 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 receive their hats, #permutations = 1

#rows = 1. $|E| = C(5,5)1$.

total # permutations – $n(A) + n(B) - n(C) + n(D) - n(E)$

$$= 5! - 5! + \frac{5!}{2!} - \frac{5!}{3!} + \frac{5!}{4!} - \frac{5!}{5!}$$



$$= 5! \left(1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{1}{5!} \right)$$

= 44

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Example 1:

Find the number m of non-negative integer solutions to the equation:

$$x + y = 3$$

	x	y		
4 possible combinations	0	3		x: # unmarked circles on the left.
	1	2		y: # unmarked circles on the right.
	2	1		
	3	0		

Example 2:

Find the number m of non-negative integer solutions to the equation:

$$x + y + z = 3$$

NOTE: How to determine # of circles?

id	x	y	z
0	0	0	3
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1
3	0	3	0
4	1	0	2
5	1	1	1
6	1	2	0
7	2	0	1
8	2	1	0
9	3	0	0

