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Note Title

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If we have n equally likely possible outcomes, then the probability of k of them occurring is

$$\frac{k}{n}.$$

The basic principle of counting:

If we have two independent experiments the first of which has m possible outcomes and the second of which has n possible

outcomes, then the number of possible outcomes of both experiments together is $\underline{m} \cdot \underline{n}$.

Proof: this is the number of pairs of outcomes (i, j) , $i = 1, \dots, m$
 $j = 1, \dots, n$.

This is $m \cdot n$. $\square$

Generalization: If we have r experiments which are independent and the numbers of possible outcomes are $n_1, \dots, n_r$ then

the total number of possible outcomes is

$$n_1 \cdot \dots \cdot n_r.$$

Example : How many possible functions are there on n points if the value of the function at each point is allowed to be 0 or 1?

Solution : 2 ^{possible} values at each point
= independent experiments,

so the number of outcomes is

$$\underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2}_{n \text{ times}} = 2^n \quad \square$$

Permutations

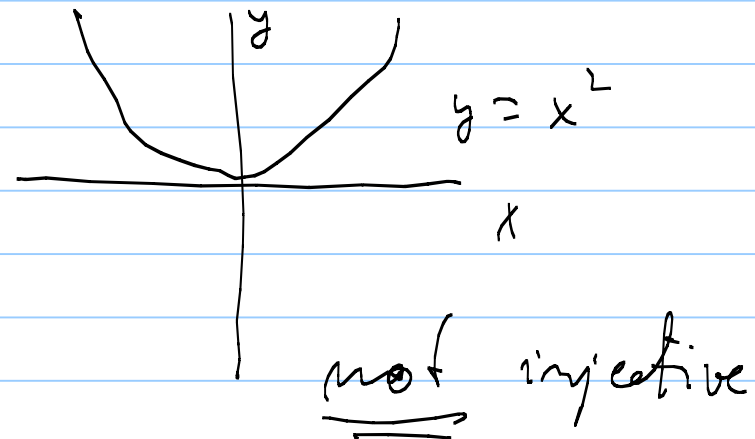
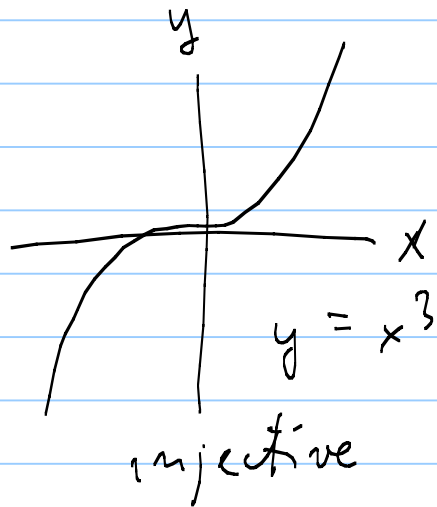
are arrangements of n different objects
in n places

$\underbrace{\text{maps}}_{\text{functions}} \quad \underbrace{\{1, \dots, n\}}_{\text{domain}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{\{1, \dots, n\}}_{\text{codomain}}$
 $\uparrow$
 a rule assigning to each element of the

domain precisely one element of the codomain

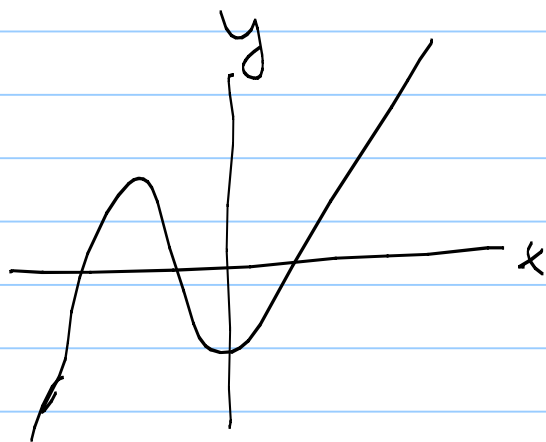
Permutations are bijective maps.

injective | to | : every element of the codomain appears as a value at most once



surjective

: every element of the codomain does appear as a value at least once



surjective
(not injective)

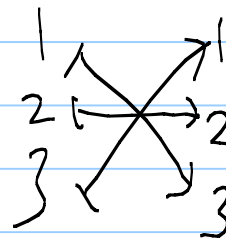
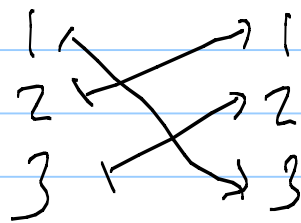
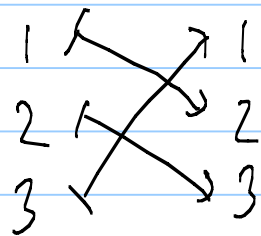
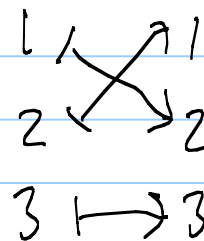
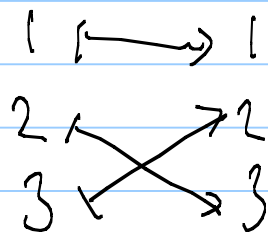
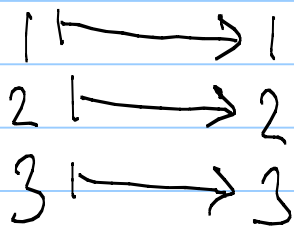


not surjective

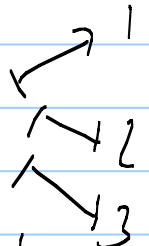
A bijective map is one which is both surjective and injective

A permutation is a bijective map
 $\{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$

Example: $n = 3$ Permutations



6 permutations on the set of 3 elements
 $\{1, 2, 3\}$. Why?

Where can 1 go?  } 3 choices

After choosing where 1 went,

Where can 2 go? - anywhere except } 2 choices
where 1 went

Where can 3 go? - anywhere except } 1 choice
where 1 and 2 went

Total number of choices: $3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6$.

Similarly, the number of permutations on the n element set $\{1, \dots, n\}$ is

$$n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot \dots \cdot 1 = n!$$

" n factorial".

Example (p. 4, Example 3c modified)

Ms. Jones has : 4 math books
 3 chem. books

2 history books

How many ways can she arrange them on a shelf so that the books of each subject are next to each other?

Solution: $\overbrace{4!}^{\text{math chem history}} \cdot \overbrace{3!}^{\text{order of subjects}} \cdot \overbrace{2!}^{\text{order of subjects}} \cdot \overbrace{3!}^{\text{order of subjects}} = 24 \cdot 6 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = \dots$



Example 3d: How many different words (real or made up) can be made from

the word PEPPER using every letter
precisely once?

Solution: Permutations on 6 elements: $6!$.

But certain arrangements count as the
same word:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 3! & \cdot & 2! & \cdot & 1! & = 12 \\ \underbrace{} & & \underbrace{} & & \underbrace{} & \\ \text{arrangement of P's} & & \text{arrangement} & & \text{arrangement} & \\ & & \text{of the E's} & & \text{of the R's} & \end{array}$$

Correct answer to the problem: $\frac{6!}{3! \cdot 2! \cdot 1!} = 60. \square$

In general : If we have n objects
such that m_1 of them are the same,
 m_2 are the same but different from the
first m_1 , ..., m_k are the same but
different from the remaining ones,

$$n = m_1 + \dots + m_k$$

then the total number of different arrangements
is

$$\frac{n!}{m_1! \cdot \dots \cdot m_k!}$$

HW : ① Which of the following functions with domain and codomain $\mathbb{R}$ (= real numbers) are injective, surjective and/or bijective?

$$f: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

(a) $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$

(b) $f(x) = x^4 + x + 1$

(c) $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 1$

(d) $f(x) = x^5$

② How many different words (real or

made up) can be made from the
letters of the word MISSISSIPPI where
each letter must be used exactly once?