

# 6.5 HW SOL

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## 6.5 Counting Using the Sticks and Stones Method

1. If I have 10 identical stones, how many ways can I split them into 4 groups?

$0 \_ 0 \_ 0 \_ 0 \_ 0 \_ 0 \_ 0 \_ 0 \_ 0$  . 9 spots in BETWEEN .  
 . choose 3 to split into 4 groups.  
 $= 9C_3$

2. If "a", "b", and "c" are whole numbers, how many combinations of (a,b,c) are there such that:

$a + b + c = 9$

- ① whole numbers,  $\rightarrow$  zero is allowed
- ② sum is 9.  $\rightarrow$  9 rows
- ③ 3 variables  $\rightarrow$  2 sticks.
- 11 spaces  $\rightarrow$   $11C_2$

3. How many ways can four whole numbers (a,b,c,d) add to 15?

- ① sum is 15  $\rightarrow$  15 rows
- ② 4 var.  $\rightarrow$  3 sticks
- ③ 18 spaces  $\rightarrow$   $18C_3$

4. Sandy wants to buy four donuts from Tim Hortons. She has 15 different flavours to choose from. How many different combinations of donuts can she buy her four donuts?

$1 \_ 2 \_ 3 \_ 4 \_ 5 \_ 6 \_ 7 \_ 8 \_ 9 \_ 10 \_ 11 \_ 12 \_ 13 \_ 14 \_ 15$  fixed!

$(14 + 4)C_4 = 18C_4$  // . put a stick left to a number means you choose that flavour

5. Tom walks to a buffet to pick his food. There are 5 types of meat, chicken, beef, pork, lamb, and fish. He can have up to 6 servings of any meat he wants. How many can he select his food?

$1 \_ 2 \_ 3 \_ 4 \_ 5 \_ 6$  fixed. . 4 rows . 6 servings

$\Rightarrow 10C_4$

6. Suppose "a", "b", "c", and "d" are natural numbers, how many different combinations of (a,b,c,d) are there such that  $a + b + c + d = 15$ ?

SAME AS Q3 // . sum is 15  $\rightarrow$  15 rows . 4 variables  $\rightarrow$  3 sticks .  $18C_3$  //

7. In a basketball game, in a team of 12 players, six of the players took 45 shots altogether. How many ways can the 45 shots be distributed to the 6 players?

①  $a + b + c + d = 45$   
 Rows = 45 sticks = 3 .  
 $48C_3$  //

8. You are ordering a dozen doughnuts (12) and need to choose from among four flavors: glazed, powdered, cream-filled, and jelly-filled. How many different doughnut orders are possible if you must choose at least one of each flavour?

①  $a+b+c+d=12$   
 ②  $a, b, c, d \geq 1$   
 So CANNOT BE ZERO!  
 $(8+3)C_3$   
 $11C_3$

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 ↓  
 ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑  
 11 spaces, choose 3.  
 $11C_3$

9. David has 25 coins in his pocket: nickels, dimes, pennies, and quarters. How many different combinations of coins can he have?

①  $N+D+P+Q=25$   
 ② 25 Rows 3 sticks  
 $27C_3$

10. Each of the numbers from 1 to 10 are placed in a bag and three numbers are taken out with replacement. How many ways can the three numbers drawn add to a sum of 20?

1, 9, 10 | 2, 10, 8 | 4, 10, 6 | ~~6, 10, 4~~ | 7, 10, 3  
 3, 10, 7 | 4, 9, 7 | ~~6, 9, 5~~ | ~~7, 9, 4~~ | 8 ways  
 3, 9, 8 | 5, 9, 6 | ~~6, 8, 6~~ | 7, 8, 5 | (No sum of 20)  
 < 8, 7

11. Suppose Tom goes to a different buffet to eat. If there are "X" types of meat to choose from and he can have up to "Y" servings of any meat he wants, how many can he select his food in terms of "x" and "Y"?

e.g. suppose  $x=5, y=2$ .  
 Then  
 $\frac{0,1,2}{(5)} \quad \frac{0,1,2}{(5)} \quad \frac{0,1,2}{(5)} \quad \frac{0,1,2}{(5)} \quad \frac{0,1,2}{(5)}$   
 $\therefore (y+1)^x$   
 $= 3^5$

12. Liz went to a buffet where they served 5 types of dessert. For the 1<sup>st</sup> type of dessert you are only allowed 1 serving. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> type of dessert you are allowed up to 2 servings. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> type of dessert, you are allowed up to 3 servings. Same pattern applies to the fourth and fifth type of dessert. If Liz is to have 10 servings altogether, how many ways can he order her desserts?

$a=0,1$   
 $b=0,1,2$   
 $c=0,1,2,3$   
 $d=0,1,2,3,4$   
 $e=0,1,2,3,4,5$

a	b	c	d	e
 $15C_5 =$

13. Let a,b,c be three different whole numbers. What is the number of triple pairs (a,b,c) such that the equation is true?  $a+b+c \leq 18$

① whole numbers → value can be zero  
 ② less than or equal to 18 → last stick can be anywhere  
 18 Rows, 3 sticks  
 $21C_3$

14. Given that  $0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq x_4 \leq 6$ , how many ways are there to select  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ ?

$\_0\_1\_2\_3\_4\_5\_6$   
 ① put any sticks left to that number means you have that value.  
 ② last number is fixed  $\leftarrow$  fixed  $\rightarrow 10C_4 //$   
 6 rows 4 sticks

15. Four standard six sided dice are rolled. How many ways can you get a sum of 12?

①  $a+b+c+d=12$   
 ②  $a, b, c, d$  b/w 1 to 6 (not zero)  
 $12-4=8$  6 rows  
 3 sticks  $\rightarrow 15$   
 $11C_3 = \frac{11 \times 10 \times 9}{6} = 165$   
 ③ Take out bad cases:  
 $9, 2, 1 \rightarrow 6$   
 $8, 2, 2 \rightarrow 3$   
 $8, 3, 1 \rightarrow 6$   
 $7, 4, 1 \rightarrow 6$   
 $7, 2, 3 \rightarrow 6$   
 Total =  $165 - 27 = 138$

16. Given that  $0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \dots \leq x_6 \leq 20$ , where  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  and  $x_6$  are whole numbers. How many different combinations of  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6)$  can there be?

$\_0\_1\_2\_3\_4\_5\_6 \dots 18 \_19 \_20$   
 ① 20 rows, last number on the right is fixed [0-19]  
 ② 6 sticks, place your number to the left of each to choose that number.  $26C_6$

17. Suppose we have 5 integers that add up to 25. The first number must be greater or equal to 1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> number must be greater or equal to 2. The third number must be greater or equal to 3, fourth number greater or equal to 4, and the fifth number greater or equal to 5. How many combinations are there for the five numbers?  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$

$a+b+c+d+e=25$   
 $-1 -2 -3 -4 -5 \quad -15$   
 $\therefore a+b+c+d+e=10$   
 $\therefore$  sum is 10  $\rightarrow$  10 rows  
 5 var.  $\rightarrow$  4 sticks  
 Plan  
 $x_1$  |  $x_2$  |  $x_3$  |  $x_4$  |  $x_5$   
 25 sticks  $\rightarrow$  15 sticks  
 10 sticks left  $\rightarrow 14C_4$

$a+b+c=10$   
 $a \geq 1, b \geq 2, c \geq 3$   
 $1 \ 2 \ 3$   
 $1 \ 3 \ 6$   
 $1 \ 5 \ 4$   
 $1 \ 6 \ 3$   
 $2 \ 2 \ 6$   
 $2 \ 3 \ 5$   
 $2 \ 4 \ 4$   
 $2 \ 5 \ 3$   
 $3 \ 2 \ 5$   
 $3 \ 3 \ 4$   
 $3 \ 4 \ 3$   
 $4 \ 2 \ 4$   
 $4 \ 3 \ 3$   
 $5 \ 2 \ 3$   
 ①

18. The polynomial  $(a+b+c+d)^{15}$  is expanded. How many terms in the expansion contains all four variables "a", "b", "c", and "d"?

①  $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

$(a+b)^3 = a^3 + a^2b + ab^2 + b^3$

② Any term with all variables must have exponent greater than 1.

③ All terms with all 4 variables are in the form of  $a^x \cdot b^y \cdot c^z \cdot d^w$ .

So  $x+y+z+w = 15$  ( $x, y, z, w \geq 1$ )

$15-4 = 11$  rows  
3 sticks  $\rightarrow 14$  sol.

19. Suppose "a", "b", "c", and "d" are all positive odd integers. How many different combinations of (a,b,c,d) are there such that  $a+b+c+d = 98$

① Let  $a = 2m+1$

$b = 2n+1$

$c = 2p+1$

$d = 2q+1$

WHICH  $m, n, p, q$  ARE WHOLE NUMBERS.

②  $2m+1+2n+1+2p+1+2q+1 = 98$

$2m+2n+2p+2q = 94$

$m+n+p+q = 47$

Sum is 47  $\rightarrow$  47 rows

4 VAR  $\rightarrow$  3 sticks.

SOL 3.

20. There are nine chairs in a row and 6 chairs are to be seated by students. 3 Professors arrive at the chairs before any students show up. Professors "X", "Y", and "Z" decides to sit down before any students arrive. How many ways can the professors choose their seats if each professor must be in between two students? AHSME 1994

① THERE ARE 3 SPACES ARE FOR THE 3 PROFESSORS = 3! (ways).



②  $-\square-\square-\square-\square-\square-\square \rightarrow$

2 student spaces left  
 $5C2 = \frac{5 \times 4}{2 \times 1} = 10$

③ 6 students 4 student spaces are left.



④ Total =  $6 \times 10 = 60$  ways.

21. A giant spider has eight legs and needs to wear 8 socks and 8 shoes. The spider needs to wear a sock before it puts a shoe on any of its legs. How many different orders can the spider put on all 8 socks and shoes.



LETTER THE LEGS FROM A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H.

SINCE EACH LEG WILL NEED 2 THINGS, THEN EACH LEG WILL NEED 2 LETTERS

SO WE HAVE

AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG, HH.

NUMBER OF WAYS TO ARRANGE THESE

LETTERS:

$\frac{16!}{(2!)^8}$

SINCE SOCK IS ALWAYS WHEN BEFORE SHOE, THEN  
1st A  $\rightarrow$  sock  
2nd A  $\rightarrow$  shoe.

When 7 fair standard 6-sided dice are thrown, the probability that the sum of the numbers on the top faces is 10 can be written as

$$\frac{n}{6^7}$$

where  $n$  is a positive integer. What is  $n$ ?

- (A) 42   (B) 49   (C) 56   (D) 63   (E) 84