

**Basics of counting**

1. How many different three-letter initials are there that begin with an A? Contain an A?
2. How many 6-element RNA sequences
  - (a) end with GU?
  - (b) contain only A or U?
3.
  - (a) How many different functions are there from a set with  $n$  elements to a set with  $m$  elements?
  - (b) How many different injective functions are there from a set with  $n$  elements to a set with  $m$  elements? You may assume  $n \leq m$ .
4. How many positive integers between 100 and 999 inclusive
  - (a) are divisible by 7?
  - (b) are divisible by 3 or 4?
  - (c) are divisible by 3 but not by 4?
  - (d) if we change the range from 100~999 to 100~1000, how the answer for (b) will be changed?
5. How many strings of 5 decimal digits
  - (a) do not have the same digit?
  - (b) do not have two consecutive digits that are the same?
  - (c) start with an odd digit?
  - (d) end with an odd digit?
  - (e) do not have the same digit and end with an odd digit?
6. How many diagonals does a convex polygon with  $n$  sides have?
7. In how many ways can a photographer at a wedding arrange six people in a row, including the bride and groom, if
  - (a) the bride must be next to the groom?
  - (b) the bride is not next to the groom?
  - (c) the bride is positioned somewhere to the left of the groom?

Source: Rosen's *Discrete Mathematics and its Applications*.