

Math 3322 Quiz III  
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**Instructions.** Show all your work. Credit cannot and will not be awarded for work not shown. **Where appropriate, simplify all answers to a single decimal expansion.**

- (20 points) Provide a combinatorial proof that  $\binom{3n}{2} = 3\binom{n}{2} + 3n^2$ .  
Suppose  $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 3n\}$  and  $S$  is the collection of all subsets of size 2 from  $A$ . On the one hand, it is immediate that  $|S| = \binom{3n}{2}$ . On the other hand partition  $A$  into  $B = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $C = \{n+1, n+2, \dots, 2n\}$  and  $D = \{2n+1, 2n+2, \dots, 3n\}$ . How can we select two elements from  $A$  relative to  $B, C$  and  $D$ ? We can pick two from the same set in  $3\binom{n}{2}$  ways. Or, we can select two sets and pick one element from each in  $\binom{3}{2}n^2$  ways. Thus,  $|S| = 3\binom{n}{2} + 3n^2$ . However, we've counted the same set  $S$  in two different ways and  $\binom{3n}{2} = 3\binom{n}{2} + 3n^2$ .
- (25 points) A donut shop offers 15 different varieties of donuts. How many ways can
  - John select a dozen different donuts?  $\binom{15}{12} = 455$
  - John, Paul and George each select one donut?  $15^3 = 3375$
  - Ringo purchase two dozen donuts for band rehearsal?  $\binom{15+24-1}{24} = 9669\,554\,100$
  - Ringo purchase two dozen donuts with at least one of each type for band rehearsal?  $\binom{15+9-1}{9} = 817\,190$
  - Ringo purchase two dozen donuts with at least three jelly-filled donuts and no more than two glazed donuts?  
 $\binom{14+21-1}{21} + \binom{14+20-1}{20} + \binom{14+19-1}{19} = 1848\,523\,800$
- (10 points) How many strings can be made from the letters in
  - Aardvark*?  $\frac{8!}{3!2!} = 3360$
  - Aardvark* if the three *A*s must be consecutive?  $\frac{6!}{2!} = 360$
- (10 points) How many ways are there to choose 18 coins from a piggy bank containing 50 identical nickels, 100 identical dimes and 80 identical quarters?  $\binom{3+18-1}{18} = 190$
- (10 points) What is the probability that a positive integer not exceeding 1000 selected at random is divisible by 9 or 15?  
 $p = \frac{\lfloor \frac{1000}{9} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{1000}{15} \rfloor - \lfloor \frac{1000}{\text{lcm}(9,15)} \rfloor}{1000} = \frac{31}{200} = 0.155$
- (15 points) A single card is selected from a standard deck of playing cards. What is the probability that you draw
  - an *Ace* or a *King*?  $p = \frac{4+4}{52} = \frac{2}{13} = 0.15385$
  - an *Ace* or a *Heart*?  $p = \frac{4+13-1}{52} = \frac{4}{13} = 0.30769$
- (15 points) In a five card poker hand, compute the probability of a *Flush*.  
 $p = \frac{4\binom{13}{5} - 40}{\binom{52}{5}} = \frac{1277}{649740} = 1.9654 \times 10^{-3}$
- (15 points) If a deck of cards contains two jokers (one red, one black) that can be any desired card, what is the probability of a *Royal Flush*?  
 $p = \frac{4\binom{7}{5}}{\binom{54}{5}} = \frac{14}{527085} = 2.6561 \times 10^{-5}$