

1. Give an example of each of the following or explain why it cannot be done.
  - (a) A bijection from  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  to  $\{a, b, c\}$ .
 

**A.** Impossible. A bijection has its range and domain the same size.
  - (b) A permutation of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  that has a cycle of length 4 and also has a cycle of length 5.
 

**A.** Impossible. The sum of cycle lengths is the size of the set being permuted and  $4 + 5 > 7$ .
  
2. A committee contains 7 women and 6 men. We want to form a subcommittee with 5 of these people.
  - (a) How many ways can this be done?
 

**A.**  $\binom{7+6}{5}$
  - (b) How many ways can this be done if the subcommittee must contain at least 2 women and at least 2 men?
 

**A.** There are either (2 men AND 3 women) OR (3 men AND 2 women). By the Rules of Sum and Product, the answer is  $\binom{6}{2} \times \binom{7}{3} + \binom{6}{3} \times \binom{7}{2}$ .  
 Choosing two of each sex and then a fifth committee member via  $\binom{6}{2} \binom{7}{2} \binom{9}{1}$  overcounts. For example, if there are 3 women on the committee, the committee is counted 3 times depending on which woman is selected as the fifth committee member.
  
3. The table below gives the joint distribution function,  $h_{X,Y}$ , for two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  - (a) Find the distribution functions  $f_X$  for  $X$  and  $f_Y$  for  $Y$ .
 

**A.**  $f_X(-1) = f_X(0) = f_X(1) = 1/3$ . The distribution function for  $Y$  is the same.
  - (b) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? (You must give a correct reason for your answer.)
 

**A.** No. It suffices to give two values  $r$  and  $s$  for which  $P(X=r \& Y=s)$  does not equal  $P(X=r)P(Y=s)$ . Any choices of  $r$  and  $s$  from  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$  have this property.

*Note:* Recall that, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0$ . This table shows that the converse is false: If you do the calculations, you will find that  $\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0$ , but we just showed that  $X$  and  $Y$  are *not* independent.

$h_{X,Y}$	$Y=-1$	$Y=0$	$Y=+1$
$X=-1$	1/6	0	1/6
$X=0$	0	1/3	0
$X=+1$	1/6	0	1/6

4. A deck of cards has 52 cards and 13 of these cards are spades.
- (a) I take seven cards at random from the deck. What is the probability that I get exactly three spades?
- A.** We have a set of size 52 and 13 are “bad” (spades). The probability that a subset of size 7 contains exactly 3 bad is  $\binom{52-13}{7-3} \binom{13}{3} / \binom{52}{7}$  by the hypergeometric probability formula.
- (b) I take a card at random from the deck, note whether it is a spade, and put it back. If I do this seven times, what is the probability that I get a spade exactly three times?
- A.** This is a sequence of 7 independent trials. The probability of spade being drawn is  $13/52 = 1/4$ . By the binomial distribution, the probability of drawing exactly 3 spades is  $\binom{7}{3} (1/4)^3 (3/4)^4$ .  
You could have left  $1/4$  and  $3/4$  as unreduced fractions and switched the roles of spade and non-spade; for example, your answer might have been  $\binom{7}{4} ((52-13)/52)^4 (1 - (52-13)/52)^3$ .

*Suggestion:* Think of spade and non-spade like bad and good.

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