Math 3103 Combinatorics (Luecking)

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First Quiz (solutions)

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Instructions: You need not simplify, but you must write your answer using only numbers and the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, power and factorial. For example, "5!/2!" is OK, but "P(5,3)" is not finished.

Write your answers on this sheet in the spaces provided.

- 1. A box labeled 'A' contains 7 prizes, and a box labeled 'B' contains 11 prizes. All the prizes are different.
 - (a) Suppose a contest winner is told to select **one** prize, to be chosen either from box A **or** from box B. How many possible outcomes are there?
- Ans: There are 2 tasks: select from box A (7 possibilities), or select from box B (11 possibilities. Since the sets are disjoint there are 7 + 11 = 18 possibilities.
 - (b) Suppose the instructions are to select **two** prizes, one of them from box A **and** one of them from box B. How many possible outcomes are there?
- Ans: These are the same 2 tasks, but *both* must be done. So, multiply the numbers $7 \cdot 11 = 77$.
 - (c) Suppose the instructions are to select **either** two prizes from box A or two prizes from box B (but not both). How many possible outcomes are there?
- Ans: There are C(7,2) ways to pick from box A and C(11,2) ways to pick from box B. By the rule of sum there are: $C(7,2) + C(11,2) = \frac{7 \cdot 6}{2 \cdot 1} + \frac{11 \cdot 10}{2 \cdot 1} = 76$ possible outcomes
- 2. The 10-letter string "STATISTICS" has 3 occurrences of 'S', 3 occurrences 'T' and 2 occurrences of 'I', and no other repetitions.
 - (a) How many different 10-letter strings are arrangements of this string?

Ans:
$$\frac{10}{3!3!2!}$$
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(b) How many arrangements of this string contain all three of the substrings "SSS", "TTT" and "II"?

Ans: Permutations of the 5 objects, 'SSS', 'TTT', 'II', 'A', and 'C': 5! arrangements.