

AND: multiply

OR: add

Permutations: order matters

Combinations: order does NOT matter

Quotient Rule/Identifications/Multisets

Inclusion/Exclusion

Recursion (generating functions/exponential generating functions)

Defn: The *Catalan sequence* $C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$

Thm 8.1.1

Let $S_n = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2n} \mid a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2n} \text{ is a sequence containing } n \text{ +1's and } n \text{ -1's such that } \sum_{i=0}^k a_k \geq 0 \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$.

Then $|S_n| = C_n$

Ex:

$$|S_1| = |\{1, -1\}| = 1 = C_1 = \frac{1}{2} \binom{2}{1}$$

$$|S_2| = |\{1, 1, -1, -1; 1, -1, 1, -1\}| = 2 = C_2 = \frac{1}{3} \binom{4}{2}$$

$$|S_3| = |\{1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1; 1, 1, -1, 1, -1, -1; 1, 1, -1, -1, 1, -1; 1, -1, 1, 1, -1, -1; 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1\}| = 5 = C_3 = \frac{1}{4} \binom{6}{3}$$