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Discrete Mathematics
Principle of Inclusion and Exclusion

Example 12 : Integer solutions of an equation

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How many integers solutions are there for $X+Y+Z = 20$, where $X < 7$, $Y < 8$, and $Z < 9$,
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 $x + y + z = 20$, $x < 7$, $y < 8$, $z < 9$?

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all three of them are strictly less than, all possible solutions for this is given by $3 + 20 - 1$
choose 20, following the formula $N+R-1$ choose R , which is 22 choose 20 which is $22 \times 21/2$
cancelling 2 and 22 we get it as 231,
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How many integer solutions are there for

$$\boxed{x + y + z = 20}, \quad x < 7, \quad y < 8, \quad z < 9?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{All possible solutions} &= \binom{3+20-1}{20} \\ &= \binom{22}{20} = \frac{22 \times 21}{2} \\ &= 231 \end{aligned}$$



now this is all possible solutions of $X+Y+Z = 20$, but we are over counting here and we must remove some.

Let C_1 be the condition which says that the solutions where X is greater than or equal to 7, and C_2 be the condition for solutions where Y is greater than or equal to 8, and C_3 be the condition for the solutions where Z is greater than or equal to 9.

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C_1 : solutions where $x \geq 7$.

C_2 : solutions where $y \geq 8$

C_3 : solutions where $z \geq 9$



Now what is the question, we have to find out $N(\overline{C_1}, \overline{C_2}, \overline{C_3})$, now C_1 is those solutions where X is greater than or equal to 7,
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C_1 : solutions where $x \geq 7$.

C_2 : solutions where $y \geq 8$

C_3 : solutions where $z \geq 9$

$$N(\overline{C_1} \overline{C_2} \overline{C_3}) = ?$$



how many of them are there? Let us see, $N(C_1)$ happens to be the following $X+Y+Z = 20$, now boils down to $X+Y+Z = 13$, right, there I had to have X greater than or equal to 7, now I'm removing 7 from both sides and I have got the equation $X+Y+Z = 13$.

Now the number of solutions for this equation is $3+13 - 1$ choose 13 which is 15 choose 13 which is $15 \times 14/2$ which is 105.

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$$N(C_1) = 105$$

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 20 \\ \downarrow \\ x + y + z &= 13 \\ \binom{3 + 13 - 1}{13} &= \frac{15 \times 14}{2}\end{aligned}$$



Now $N(C_2)$ happens to be the number of solutions for $X+Y+Z = 12$, how did I get this? I removed 8 from both the sides, now the number of solutions for this is $3+12-1/12$ which is 14 choose 12, and it is $14 \times 13/2$, cancelling 2 and 14 we get 91.
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$$N(C_1) = 105$$

$$N(C_2) = 91$$

$$x + y + z = 12$$
$$\binom{3 + 12 - 1}{12} = \frac{14 \times 13}{2}$$



$N(C_3)$ will be those solutions where Z is greater than or equal to 9, and how do I obtain that? Removing 9 on both sides I get the equation $X+Y+Z=11$, and $3+11-1$ choose 11, which is 13 choose 11, 13 choose 11 is $13 \times 12 / 2$ which is 78.
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$$N(C_1) = 105$$

$$N(C_2) = 91$$

$$N(C_3) = 78$$

$$x + y + z = 11$$

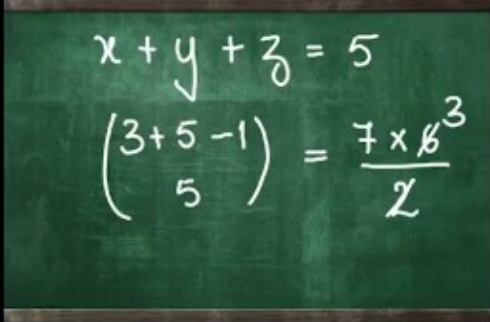
$$\binom{3 + 11 - 1}{11} = \frac{13 \times 12^6}{2}$$



Now moving ahead to calculating $N(C_1, C_2)$, C_1, C_2 means C_1 should happen as well as C_2 which means we must find the number of solutions for $X+Y+Z = 20$ where X is greater than or equal to 7 and Y is greater than or equal to 8, right, now removing both these conditions what do I get? It is equivalent to the equation $X+Y+Z = 5$, because $7+8$ is 15, right, now for this we have $3+5-1$ choose 5 which is 7 choose 5, which is $7 \times 6/2$ which is 21 ways, so $N(C_1, C_2)$ is 21,

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$$N(C_1, C_2) = 21$$


$$x + y + z = 5$$
$$\binom{3+5-1}{5} = \frac{7 \times 6^3}{2}$$

$N(C_2, C_3)$ happens to be $X+Y+Z=3$, how did I get this? On removing $8+9$ which is 17 from both sides of the original equation, now the number of solutions for this is $3+3-1$ choose 3 which is 5 choose 3 and solving this we get it as 10 , so $N(C_2, C_3)$ is 10 .
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$$N(C_1C_2) = 21$$

$$N(C_2C_3) = 10$$

$$x + y + z = 3$$
$$\binom{3+3-1}{3} = \frac{5 \times 4^2}{2}$$



$N(C_1, C_3)$ is, we get it by solving $X+Y+Z=4$, right, how did I get 4? Adding 7 and 9 which is 16, and removing 16 on both sides from the originally equation which is now the solution for $X+Y+Z=4$ is $3+4-1$ choose 4 which is 6 choose 4, and 6 choose 4 is equal to $\frac{6 \times 5}{2} = 15$,
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$$N(C_1, C_2) = 21$$

$$N(C_2, C_3) = 10$$

$$N(C_1, C_3) = 15$$

$$x + y + z = 4$$
$$\binom{3+4-1}{4} = \frac{3 \times 4 \times 5}{2!}$$

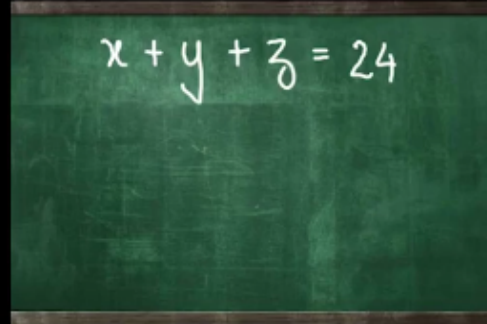
now $N(C_1, C_3)$ is 15, what will $N(C_1, C_2, C_3)$ be? $N(C_1, C_2, C_3)$ if I see if all of them should happens simultaneously will there be such a solutions, even if I substitute 7, 8 and 9 in place of X, Y, Z I will obtain $7+8$ is 15, $15+9$ is 24, 24 as the answer which will be an invalid solution, and hence $N(C_1, C_2, C_3)$ is 0,
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$$N(C_1, C_2) = 21$$

$$N(C_2, C_3) = 10$$

$$N(C_1, C_3) = 15$$

$$N(C_1, C_2, C_3) = 0$$


$$x + y + z = 24$$



now what is the final answer? $N(\bar{C}_1, \bar{C}_2, \bar{C}_3)$ will be $N - N(C_1) + N(C_2) + N(C_3) + N(C_1, C_2) + N(C_2, C_3) + N(C_1, C_3) - N(C_1, C_2, C_3)$ so we get it as $231 - 274 + 46$ and the final answer is 3,

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$$\begin{aligned}N(\bar{C}_1\bar{C}_2\bar{C}_3) &= N - [N(C_1) + N(C_2) + N(C_3)] \\ &\quad + [N(C_1C_2) + N(C_2C_3) + N(C_1C_3)] \\ &\quad - N(C_1C_2C_3) \\ &= 231 - [274] + 46 \\ &= 3\end{aligned}$$



so there are 3 solutions for the equation $X+Y+Z = 20$ where X is less than 7, Y is less than 8 and Z is less than 9.

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3 solutions for the equation

$$x + y + z = 20, \quad x < 7, \quad y < 8, \quad z < 9.$$



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