

Stirling Numbers, Derrangements, Indistinguishable Boxes

Note: most of these problems don't have particularly nice solutions—your answers will almost surely involve either Stirling Numbers or $p_k(n)$'s

1. Find $p_4(4)$ and $p_3(5)$
2. (a) How many ways are there to distribute 6 identical books into 4 identical boxes?
(b) What if each box must contain at least one book?
3. How many ways are there to distribute 9 balls into 5 boxes if each box must have at least one ball and:
 - (a) both the balls and boxes are labeled?
 - (b) the balls are all identical, but the boxes are labeled?
 - (c) the balls are labeled but the boxes aren't?
 - (d) neither the balls nor the boxes are labeled?
4. How many ways can you split a set of n elements into 2 disjoint subsets? Note: you should be able to write down an explicit formula for this.
5. How many onto functions are there from a set of 5 elements to a set of 3 elements?
6. How many ways can you return n hats to n people so that
 - (a) Exactly one person gets their original hat back?
 - (b) At least two people get their original hats back?
7. Show that $n! = \binom{n}{0}D_n + \binom{n}{1}D_{n-1} + \cdots + \binom{n}{n}D_0$
8. Show that the sequence D_n (the number of derrangements of n objects) satisfies the recurrence relation $D_n = (n-1)(D_{n-1} + D_{n-2})$
9. Find a generating function for the number of partitions of n that have only even-sized pieces.
10. (Tricky but Cute) Show that for any positive integers n, k , the number of partitions of n that have k parts is the same as the number of partitions of n that have k as their largest part.