

Do You Know?

Introduction to Counting & Probability, by D. Patrick

If you can solve nearly all of the following problems with little difficulty, then the book **Introduction to Counting & Probability** would only serve as a review for you.

- 1. How many multiples of 7 are between 83 and 229?
- 2. How many distinct arrangements are there of the letters in the word MATHEMATICS?
- 3. A coin is flipped, a 6-sided die numbered 1 through 6 is rolled, and a 10-sided die numbered 0 through 9 is rolled. What is the probability that the coin comes up heads and the sum of the numbers that show on the dice is 8?
- 4. Find the coefficient of x^3y^8 in the expansion of $(x-2y^2)^7$.
- 5. Anna writes the first 1000 positive integers. She then circles the even ones with a green pen. Bob circles the multiples of three in red. Cindy circles the multiples of five in blue. How many numbers are circled exactly twice?
- 6. Particle Man is at the origin in three-dimensional space. How many ways can Particle Man take a series of 12 unit-length steps, each step parallel to one of the coordinate axes, from the origin to (3,4,5) without passing through the point (2,3,2)?
- 7. In poker, a hand is formed with 5 cards. The deck has 52 cards, separated into 4 suits. Each suit has 13 ranks which are the same in every suit. A full house occurs when a hand has 3 cards of one rank and 2 of another. How many different poker hands are full houses?
- 8. How many distinguishable ways can the faces of a regular hexagonal prism be painted 8 different colors (one color per face, no color used twice)?
- 9. There are 2n players in a chess tournament. The first round consists of pairing the players to participate in n matches with every player playing one match. In terms of n, how many ways can this pairing take place?
- 10. Find two proofs that for every positive integer n, the following equality holds:

$$\binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} - \binom{n}{3} + \ldots + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n} = 0.$$

11. A playoff series between two teams proceeds one game at a time until one team has won 5 games. What is the probability that the series lasts 9 games if each team is equally likely to win each game?

The answers to Do You Know Introduction to Counting & Probability are below.

- 1. 21
- 2. 4989600
- **3**. 1/20
- 4. 560
- 5. 233
- 6. 23520
- 7. 3744
- 8. 3360
- 10. One method is to let x = y = 1 in the binomial expansion of $(x y)^n$. There are many others.
- 11. 35/128