

## Section 6.3 Derangements.

Question How many ways can 4 non-attacking rooks be placed on a 4x4 chessboard so that no rook occupies a diagonal?

	1	2	3	4
1	X	⊙		
2	⊙	X		
3			X	⊙
4			⊙	X

2143

	1	2	3	4
1	X	⊙		
2		X		⊙
3	⊙		X	
4			⊙	X

3142

	1	2	3	4
1	X	⊙		
2		X	⊙	
3			X	⊙
4	⊙			X

4123

	1	2	3	4
1	X			⊙
2	⊙	X		
3		⊙	X	
4			⊙	X

2341

	1	2	3	4
1	X		⊙	
2		X		⊙
3	⊙		X	
4		⊙		X

3412

	1	2	3	4
1	X		⊙	
2		X		⊙
3		⊙	X	
4	⊙			X

4312

	1	2	3	4
1	X		⊙	
2	⊙	X		
3			X	⊙
4		⊙		X

2413

	1	2	3	4
1	X			⊙
2		X	⊙	
3	⊙		X	
4		⊙		X

3421

	1	2	3	4
1	X			⊙
2		X	⊙	
3		⊙	X	
4	⊙			X

4321

There are 9 such arrangements. They correspond to the permutations of 1234 in which no number appears in its natural position (i.e.  $i^{\text{th}}$  entry of permutation does not equal  $i$ ) as shown above.

Note a rook arrangement corresponds to the permutation  $i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4$  where the rook in column 1 is in row  $i_1$ , the rook in column 2 is in row  $i_2$ , etc.

Permutations in which no entry appears in its natural position are called derangements

A derangement of a set  $S$  is a permutation of  $S$  in which none of its elements are in their original position.  
Notation  $D_n = \#$  of derangements of an  $n$ -element set.

Examples

$S$	permutations of $S$	derangements of $S$	$D_n$
$\{1\}$	1	none	$D_1 = 0$
$\{1, 2\}$	12 21	21	$D_2 = 1$
$\{1, 2, 3\}$	123 132 213 231 312 321	231 312	$D_3 = 2$
$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$	1234 1243 ... 1324	2143 3142 4123 2341 3412 4312 2413 3421 4321	$D_4 = 9$

Inclusion - Exclusion gives an easy formula for  $D_n$

Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be set of all permutations of  $S$ , so  $|\mathcal{U}| = n!$

Also  $A_i \subseteq S$  is permutations where  $i$  is in  $i^{\text{th}}$  position  
 $A_2 \subseteq S$  " " " " 2 " " 2<sup>nd</sup> "  
 $\vdots$   
 $A_n \subseteq S$  " " " "  $n$  " "  $n^{\text{th}}$  "

Then  $|A_i| = (n-1)!$  for each  $i$ .

$|A_i \cap A_j| = (n-2)!$

$|A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| = (n-3)!$  etc.

Then set of all derangements of  $S$  is  $\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n$

so  $D_n = |\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n|$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= |\mathcal{U}| - \sum |A_i| + \sum |A_i \cap A_j| - \sum |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| + \dots \\
 &= n! - \binom{n}{1}(n-1)! + \binom{n}{2}(n-2)! - \binom{n}{3}(n-3)! + \dots \pm \binom{n}{n}(n-n)! \\
 &= n! - \frac{n!}{1!} + \frac{n!}{2!} - \frac{n!}{3!} + \dots \pm \frac{n!}{n!} = n! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem  $D_n = n! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} \right)$

$$D_1 = 1! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} \right) = 0$$

$$D_2 = 2! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} \right) = 1$$

$$D_3 = 3! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} \right) = 2$$

$$D_4 = 4! \left( 1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{24} \right) = 9$$

$$D_5 = 5! \left( 1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{120} \right) = 44$$

⋮

Recall:  $e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$

Thus:  $e^{-1} = 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{1}{5!} + \dots$

Therefore  $D_n \approx n! e^{-1}$  so  $n! \approx e D_n$  and moreover  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{D_n} = e$

i.e. between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of permutations of an  $n$ -element set are derangements.

Notice:  $D_n \approx n! e^{-1} = n [(n-1)! e^{-1}] \approx n D_{n-1}$

Exact Formula:  $D_n = n D_{n-1} + (-1)^n$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} n D_{n-1} + (-1)^n &= n (n-1)! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right) + (-1)^n \\ &= n! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right) + (-1)^n \frac{n!}{n!} \\ &= n! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} \right) \\ &= D_n \end{aligned}$$

We also have the following

Formula:  $D_n = (n-1)(D_{n-2} + D_{n-1})$

(Verify it yourself or read proof in text.)

Example

$$\frac{5!}{D_5} = \frac{120}{44} = 2.72$$

$$\approx 2.71828... = e$$

# Section 6.4 Permutations with Forbidden Positions

## Motivational Example

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$X_1 = \{1, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$X_2 = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$X_3 = \{5\}$$

$$X_4 = \emptyset$$

$$X_5 = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

We denote a permutation of  $S$  as  $i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5$

$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3) = \{ i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5 \mid i_1 \notin X_1, i_2 \notin X_2, i_3 \notin X_3, i_4 \notin X_4, i_5 \notin X_5 \}$$

= set of permutations of  $S$  where  $i_k$  is forbidden to be in  $X_k$

$$= \{ 24135, 24315, 25134, 25314 \}$$

We can visualize these permutations by drawing a  $5 \times 5$  grid and in each column  $i$  crossing out the squares in  $X_i$ .

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$X_4$	$X_5$
1	X	X			X
2		X			X
3	X	X			X
4	X				
5	X		X		

Note: We use the transpose of Brualdi's diagrams

The x's represent "forbidden squares". The 4 permutations in  $P(X_1, \dots, X_5)$  encode the 4 ways we can place non-attacking rooks on the board, avoiding forbidden squares.

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$X_4$	$X_5$
1	X	X	o		X
2	o	X			X
3	X	X		o	X
4	X	o			
5	X		X		o

24135

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$X_4$	$X_5$
1	X	X		o	X
2	o	X			X
3	X	X	o		X
4	X	o			
5	X		X		o

24315

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$X_4$	$X_5$
1	X	X	o		X
2	o	X			X
3	X	X		o	X
4	X				o
5	X	o	X		

25134

	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$X_4$	$X_5$
1	X	X		o	X
2	o	X			X
3	X	X	o		X
4	X				o
5	X	o	X		

25314

Summary  $P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5) = \{ 31425, 31452, 41325, 41352 \}$

Notation  $p(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5) = |P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5)| = 4$

Example  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$   $X_1 = \{1, 2\}$   $X_2 = \{2, 3\}$   $X_3 = \{2\}$

X		
X	X	X
	X	

Then  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \emptyset$  and  $p(X_1, X_2, X_3) = 0$

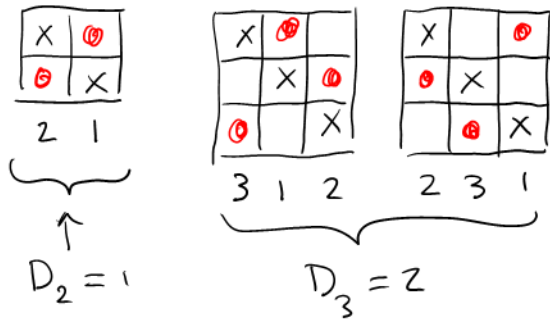
Example  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and  $X_i = \emptyset$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

Then  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is set of all permutations of  $S$ ,  
so  $p(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n) = n!$

Example  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$   $X_1 = \{1\}$ ,  $X_2 = \{2\}$ ,  $X_3 = \{3\}$ ,  $\dots$   $X_n = \{n\}$

Then  $P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is set of derangements of  $S$ , and  $p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = D_n$

In this sense, derangements correspond to the ways to place non-attacking rooks on a board, avoiding the diagonal.



### General Problem

Given  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n \subseteq S$ , let

$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be permutations of  $S$  with  $i^{\text{th}}$  entry not in  $X_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$

Find  $p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$

Solution Let  $U$  be set of all permutations of  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ , so  $|U| = n!$

$A_1 =$  Permutations with rook in forbidden position in col. 1

$A_2 =$  Permutations with rook in forbidden position in col. 2

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$A_n =$  Permutations with rook in forbidden position in col.  $n$

		X	X		X
X		X			
		X	X		

Then by inclusion-exclusion

$$p(X_1, \dots, X_n) = |\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n|$$

$$= |U| - \sum |A_i| + \sum |A_i \cap A_j| - \sum |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| + \dots \pm |A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n|$$

To work this out you need to calculate the individual  $s$

Note  $|A_i| = |X_i| (n-1)!$

and  $|A_j| = |X_j| (n-1)!$

Thus  $\sum |A_i| = \sum |X_i| (n-1)!$

$= (\sum |X_i|) (n-1)!$

$= r_1 (n-1)!$  where  $r_1 = \sum |X_i| = \binom{\text{total number of forbidden positions}}{\text{number of ways to place 1 rook on a forbidden position}}$

Similarly  $\sum |A_i \cap A_j| = r_2 (n-2)!$  where  $r_2 = \binom{\text{number of ways to place 2 rooks on forbidden positions}}$

$\sum |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| = r_3 (n-3)!$  where  $r_3 = \binom{\text{number of ways to place 3 rooks on forbidden positions}}$

etc.

Thus  $p(X_1, \dots, X_n) = n! - r_1 (n-1)! + r_2 (n-2)! - r_3 (n-3)! + \dots + r_n$

Formula only useful if it's easy to compute the  $r_i$ 's !!

Example  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$X_1 = \{4, 5\}$

$X_2 = \{4, 5\}$

$X_3 = \{1, 2\}$

$X_4 = \{1, 2\}$

$X_5 = \emptyset$

		X	X	
		X	X	
X	X			
X	X			

$r_1 = 8$

$r_2 = 4 \cdot 4 + 2 + 2 = 20$

$r_3 = 2 \cdot 4 + 4 \cdot 2 = 16$

$r_4 = 4$

$r_5 = 0$

$p(X_1, \dots, X_5) = 5! - 8 \cdot 4! + 20 \cdot 3! - 16 \cdot 2! + 4 \cdot 1! + 0 \cdot 0!$