

Distribution Problems¹

Domain (k)	Range (n)	may receive 0	each receives ≥ 1
DISTINCT	DISTINCT	<i>functions</i> n^k	<i>surjections</i> $n!S(k, n)$
DISTINCT	DISTINCT (each receives ≤ 1)	<i>injections</i> $P(n, k)$	<i>bijections</i> $n!$ if $n = k$ 0 if $n \neq k$
DISTINCT	DISTINCT (order received matters)	<i>ordered distributions</i> $P(n + k - 1, k)$	$k! \binom{k-1}{n-1} = k! \binom{k-1}{k-n}$
DISTINCT	IDENTICAL	$\sum_{i=0}^n S(k, i)$	$S(k, n)$
DISTINCT	IDENTICAL (each receives ≤ 1)	1 if $k \leq n$ 0 if $k > n$	1 if $k = n$ 0 if $k \neq n$
DISTINCT	IDENTICAL (order received matters)	$\sum_{i=0}^n L(k, i)$	<i>broken permutations</i> $L(k, n) =$ $\binom{k}{n} P(k-1, n-1)$
IDENTICAL	DISTINCT	$\binom{k+n-1}{k}$	$\binom{k-1}{k-n}$ if $k \geq n$ 0 if $k < n$
IDENTICAL	DISTINCT (each receives ≤ 1)	<i>subsets</i> $\binom{n}{k}$ if $k \leq n$ 0 if $k > n$	1 if $n = k$ 0 if $n \neq k$
IDENTICAL	IDENTICAL	$\sum_{i=0}^n Part(k, i)$ if $n < k$ $Part(k)$ if $k \leq n$	$Part(n, k)$
IDENTICAL	IDENTICAL (each receives ≤ 1)	1 if $k \leq n$ 0 if $k > n$	1 if $k = n$ 0 if $k \neq n$

1. $P(n, k)$ denotes the number of k -permutations of n objects.
2. $S(n, k)$ denotes the *Stirling numbers of the Second Kind*, i.e., the number of set partitions of an n -element set into k classes.
3. $L(k, n)$ denotes the *Lah numbers* or number of *broken permutations*, i.e., the number of ways to break up k distinct objects into n unordered classes of non-empty permutations.
4. $Part(k, n)$ denotes the number of integer partitions of an integer n into k parts.
5. $Part(n)$ denotes the total number of integer partitions of n .

¹ *Introductory Combinatorics*, Third Edition, by Kenneth P. Bogart