Quiz 4 Solutions

1. How many numbers between 1 and 888,881 are divisible by 2,5, or 13?

$$x = \left\lfloor \frac{888,881}{2} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{888,881}{5} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{888,881}{13} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{888,881}{lcm(2,5)} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{888,881}{lcm(2,13)} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{888,881}{lcm(5,13)} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{888,881}{lcm(2,5,13)} \right\rfloor$$

Answer for typo: How many numbers between 1 and 888,881 are divisible by 2,5, and 13?

$$x = \left\lfloor \frac{888,881}{2*5*13} \right\rfloor$$

2. How many numbers between 1 and 888,881 are not divisible by 2,5, and/or 13?

$$888,881-x$$

3. Give the number of Combinations of n things taken k at a time (C(n,k)) in terms of Permutations, and explain why this makes sense in English.

$$C(n,k) = \frac{P(n,k)}{P(k,k)} = \frac{P(n,k)}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k!)}$$

With permutations we care about the order of elements and with combinations we don't. If we are interested in knowing the number of combinations of n things taken k at a time, we can arrange all n things in some arbitrary order and pick k of them. The number of ways we can do this is the number of permutations of n things taken k at a time. However, since with combinations we are not interested in the order of the k things, we need to remove the permutations that represent the same combinations. There are k! such permutations. By dividing by k! we remove duplicates when counting the number of combinations.

In short, the number of combinations is k! times smaller than the number of permutations.

4.

a) Give the formula for how many 5-card hands have 3 of a kind (but not 4 of a kind, and not 3 of a kind and 2 of a kind).

$$\binom{13}{1} * \binom{4}{3} * \binom{12}{2} * \binom{4}{1} * \binom{4}{1} = 54,912$$

b) Give the formula for how many 5-card hands have 2 pairs and a fifth card that is a different rank than either of the pairs.

$$\binom{13}{2} * \binom{4}{2} * \binom{4}{2} * \binom{4}{1} * \binom{11}{1} * \binom{4}{1} = 123,552$$

c) Explain why 3 of a kind is a more valuable hand than 2 pairs, in English.

There are more 5-card hands that have 2 pairs than 3 of a kind, therefore, the probability of getting 3 of a kind is smaller, making 3 of a kind more valuable.