

You may answer any question with factorial, choose, and unresolved arithmetic notation, but may not use ellipses. For example, the following are all OK: $\boxed{120}$, $\boxed{5!}$, $\boxed{\frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{(2 \cdot 1)(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)}}$, $\boxed{\binom{5}{3}}$; however, the following is *not* OK: $\boxed{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdots 2 \cdot 1}$.

PROBLEM 1 *Stand-alone problems*

- $\binom{21}{8}$ _____ How many 8-element subsets of a 21-element set are there?
- 2^5 _____ How many strictly-increasing sequences of the numbers $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ are there?
- $\frac{5 \times 10^9 - 5 \approx 5 \times 10^9}{}$ _____ My passphrase is a six-word extract taken randomly from the 5-billion-word string created by concatenating all Wikipedia articles. If no six-word string is repeated twice in that corpus, how many passwords can be created in this method?
- $\frac{26!}{18!} \approx 6.3 \times 10^{10}$ _____ My passphrase is an eight-character string made up of a random collection of lower-case letters (from the 26 letters a through z), without repeating any letter. How many passwords can be created in this method?
- $26^8 \approx 2 \times 10^{11}$ _____ My passphrase is an eight-character string made up of a random collection of lower-case letters (from the 26 letters a through z), allowing letter repetitions. How many passwords can be created in this method?
- $4 \cdot 6 - 3 = 21$ _____ I roll four fair six-sided dice and total the result. How many possible numbers could I roll?
- $\frac{1}{6^4} = \frac{1}{1296}$ _____ I roll four fair six-sided dice and total the result. What is the chance the total will be 4?
- $\frac{6^2 + 2(5^2 + 4^2 + 3^2 + 2^2 + 1^2)}{6^4}$ _____ I roll four fair six-sided dice and total the result. What is the chance the total will be 14?

PROBLEM 2 *Problems about Bogosort*

Bogosort sorts a list by shuffling it, checking to see if it is in order, and then shuffling again if not. We have two versions: version **R** shuffles randomly each time; version **U** shuffles in a way that guarantees each shuffling will be unique (i.e., it never checks the same permutation twice).

9. $\frac{1}{20!}$ If given a list of 20 distinct numbers, what is the chance **R** will get the sorted list after just one shuffle?
10. $1 \div \binom{20}{10}$ If given a list of 20 numbers consisting of ten 1s and ten 2s, what is the chance **R** will get the sorted list after just one shuffle?
11. $\frac{2}{20!}$ If given a list of 20 distinct numbers, 0 through 18 with 0 repeated in the list twice; what is the chance **U** will get the sorted list after just one shuffle?
12. $\frac{1}{20!} + \frac{20! - 1}{20!^2} + \frac{(20! - 1)^2}{20!^3}$ How likely is **R** to get the right answer after no more than three tries given a list of 20 distinct numbers?
13. $\frac{3}{20!}$ How likely is **U** to get the right answer after no more than three tries given a list of 20 distinct numbers?
14. $n!$ If I know nothing about the contents of the list, but know it contains n values, how many times could **U** shuffle the list in the worst case before it gets the list sorted?
15. all values distinct
(continuing from the previous problem) Describe that worst-case list.