

CS 228, Counting Exercises

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Some questions are from **Discrete Mathematics and It's Applications 7e** by Kenneth Rosen.

- How many possible sets of initials are there, assuming that people may have either two or three names?

- How many license plates can be made using either two or three uppercase English letters followed by either two or three digits?

- The name of a variable in the Java programming language is a string of between one and 65535 characters, inclusive, where each character can be an uppercase or a lowercase letter, a dollar sign, an underscore, or a digit, except that the first character must not be a digit.

Determine the number of different variable names in Java. (Hint: $\sum_{k=0}^n r^k = \frac{r^{n+1} - 1}{r - 1}$.)

