CS 2104 Problem Solving in Computer Science

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Problem 1

Six boxes are numbered 1 through 6 (so we can tell which box is which). You are given a collection of 20 identical balls (so they are interchangeable).

In how many different ways can you distribute the 20 balls among the 6 boxes if none of the boxes are allowed to be empty?

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Problem 2

You are given five different purses (which you can tell apart), and 12 pennies (which you cannot tell apart).

In how many different ways can you distribute the 12 pennies among the 5 purses if none of the purses are allowed to be empty?

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Problem 3

A bookbinder must bind 12 identical books (you cannot tell one from another) using red, green or blue covers. In how many different ways can she do this?

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Problem 4

Thirty voters must choose from among 5 candidates; each voter can (and will) vote for exactly one candidate. In how many different ways can the votes be distributed among the five candidates, if we only consider the number of votes each candidate receives?

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Problem 5

You have three one-dollar bills (which you cannot tell apart) and 10 quarters (which you also cannot tell apart), and four boxes (which you can tell apart).

In how many different ways can you distribute the bills and quarters among the boxes?