1046-05-1352 Camillia Smith* (cammie@math.harvard.edu), Harvard University Department of Mathematics, 1 Oxford St, Cambridge, MA 02138. Enumeration of the distinct shuffles of permutations. Preliminary report.

A shuffle of two words is a word obtained by concatenating the two original words in either order and then sliding any letters from the second word back past letters of the first word, in such a way that the letters of each original word remain spelled out in their original relative order. Examples of shuffles of the words abcd and efgh are, for instance, aebcfghd and eabcfgdh. In this paper, I enumerate the distinct shuffles of two permutations of any two lengths, where the permutations are written as words in the letters 1, 2, 3, ..., m and 1, 2, 3, ..., n, respectively. (Received September 15, 2008)