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There are five special dishes in a collection of ten dishes. In how many ways can we serve seven dishes in a sequence such that at least three special dishes are served and special dishes are served consecutively?



$S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5$

$O_1, O_2, O_3, O_4, O_5$

Case 1:  $\frac{5 \text{ Special}}{1}$  and  $\frac{2 \text{ Ordinary}}{5C_2 = \frac{5!}{3!2!} = 10}$

In this question, they are saying there are 5 special dishes in a collection of 10 dishes. So there are 5 special dishes, let us call them  $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4$ , and  $S_5$  as special. And there are ordinary dishes which are  $O_1, O_2, O_3, O_4$ , and  $O_5$ .

So these are the dishes and now, we have to serve these dishes; serve 7 dishes. Out of these 10, we have to pick 7 and serve them in a sequence. So we are looking at permutations, we are not looking at combinations. And they are saying at least 3; at least 3 special dishes should be served.

So of the 7, you can have 3 special dishes or 4 special dishes or all 5 special dishes. And all special dishes are served consecutively, that is, they are served together; there is no serving of an ordinary dish in the middle of the special dishes sequence.

So we consider the 3 cases which are case 1, let us consider the easiest one which is 5 special and 2 ordinary. Before we look at the permutations, the ordering, let us see how many ways we can pick these dishes in the first place without any sequencing. So there is only 1 way to pick the 5 special dishes because there are only 5 special dishes.

And here, you can do  ${}^5C_2$  which is  $\frac{5!}{2! \times 3!}$  which gives us 10. So in 10 ways, we pick 2 ordinary dishes and in 1 way, we pick 5 special dishes.

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Case 1:

5 Special

and 2 Ordinary



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$${}^5C_2 = \frac{5!}{3!2!}$$

$$= 10$$

permutations of special sequence  $\uparrow$   $5!$   
permutations of 3 entities  $\leftarrow$   $3!$

5 Special 0 0

3 entities  
 $\hookrightarrow$  2 ordinary  
 $\hookrightarrow$  1 special sequence

$$3! \times 5! \times {}^5C_2 = 6 \times 120 \times 10 = 7200 \text{ ways}$$

$\downarrow$   
ways to pick 2 ordinary dishes

Now we have our 7 with us. However, these 5 put together, they make 1 block; 5 special. So other than that, we have 2 ordinaries. So in effect, it is like we are dealing with 3 entities which is basically 2 ordinary and the 1 sequence of 5 special dishes.

So now, these 3 entities can be permuted in  $3!$  ways. And within them, our special sequence has  $5!$  permutations within itself. So each of our 3 entity permutations gets  $5!$  permutations. And then the picking of these 2 ordinary dishes happens in 10 ways. So we further multiply this by 10, which is basically  ${}^5C_2$ . And this should be our answer for the case 1.

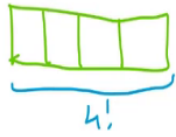
So let us make sure we understand these terms. This  $3!$  is to account for permutations of the 3 entities. And these  $5$  factorials are the permutations of the special sequence. So for every permutation of these 3 entities, you get  $5!$  permutations of the special sequence. And for every such permutation of 3 entities, we have to pick, this is the number of ways to pick 2 ordinary dishes.

So for every such permutation, we have  ${}^5C_2$  options of picking the ordinary dishes. So all put together, this is the answer we get for case 1, which gives us  $3!$  is 6 into  $5!$  is 120 into  ${}^5C_2$  is 10. So we get 7200 ways. This is for case 1 where you have 5 special and 2 ordinary.

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Case 2:

4 special



4!

3 ordinary



4 entities

$$4! \times 4! \times {}^5C_4 \times {}^5C_3$$

$$= 24 \times 24 \times 5 \times 10 = 28800 \text{ ways}$$

Now, let us look at case 2 which is 4 special. So these 4, we get in a sequence. And 3 ordinary, these we get as independent entities. So now, we have as, by our previous logic, we have 4 entities; these 4 special together is 1 entity, and then each of them is, each of the ordinaries is 1 entity.

So since you have 4 entities, we will have  $4!$  permutations. So every permutation of our 4 entities also should account for the  $4!$  permutations within the sequence. And now, we also have to account for how many ways we can pick 4 special items from 5. So we have  ${}^5C_4$ .

And how many ways we are picking 3 ordinary items from 5, which will give us  ${}^5C_3$ . So this is going to give us  $24 \times 24 \times 5 \times 10$ . So that is 28,800 ways for case 2, which is 4 special and 3 ordinary.

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$$= 24 \times 24 \times 5 \times 10 = 28800 \text{ ways}$$



Case 3:

3 special



4 ordinary



5 entities.

$$5! \cdot 3! \cdot {}^5C_3 \cdot {}^5C_4$$

$$= 120 \times 6 \times 10 \times 5 = 36000 \text{ ways}$$

That leaves us with case 3, which is 3 special and 4 ordinary. So these 3 special, they come together like this as a special sequence, whereas the 4 ordinary gives us 4 independent entities.

So this time, we have 5 entities leading to  $5!$  permutations of these entities. And again, each of these permutations will have to consider the permutations within the special sequence, therefore, that is  $3!$ .

And now, we look at how many ways we can pick these 3 from 5. So that is  ${}^5C_3$ . And again, picking these ordinary ones from 5 that is  ${}^5C_4$ . So this will give us  $120 \times 6 \times 5 \times 10$  which is equal to 36,000 ways.

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$$= 120 \times 6 \times 10 \times 5 = 36000$$

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 21 \\
 36000 \\
 + 28800 \\
 + 7200 \\
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 72000 \text{ ways}
 \end{array}$$

So all put together, we are getting 36,000 for case 3, plus 28,800 for case 2, plus 7,200 for case 1. So that gives us 72,000 ways in all.

