



Permutation & combination

01 Fundamental Principles of - Counting

(1) Multiplication Principle

If an operation can be performed in 'm' different way, following which a second operation can be performed in 'n' different ways, then the two operations in succession can be performed in $m \times n$ ways. This can be extended to any finite number of operations

(2) Addition Principle

If an operation can be performed in 'm' different ways & another operation, which is independent of the first operation, can be performed in 'n' different ways, then either of the two operations can be performed in $(m + n)$ ways. This can be extended to any finite number of mutually exclusive operations.

02 Permutation

Each of the different arrangements which can be made by taking some or all of a number of things is called permutations.
Factorial notation: $n! = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$
 $n! = n(n-1)!$ $0! = 1! = 1$
 $2n! = 2n \times n!$ $[1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, (2n-1)]$
Factorials of negative integers are not defined.

03 Important results

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Number of permutations of n different things, taking r at a time is denoted by ${}^n P_r$ or $P(n, r)$.

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1)$$

Number of permutations of n different things taken all at a time $= {}^n P_n = n!$

$${}^n P_0 = 1, {}^n P_1 = n, {}^n P_n = n! \quad {}^n P_r = n({}^{n-1} P_{r-1}) = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots ({}^{n-2} P_{r-2}) \quad {}^{n-1} P_r = (n-r){}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$$
$$P_n = n! \quad P_r = {}^{n-1} P_r + r {}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$$

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The number of permutation of n things taken all at a time, p are alike of one kind, q are alike of second kind, r are alike of a third kind and $n = p + q + r$; $\frac{n!}{p!q!r!}$

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The number of permutations of n different things taken r at a time when each thing may be repeated any number of times is n^r .

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Number of permutations of n different things taken r at a time when a particular thing is to be always included in each arrangement, is $r {}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$.
Number of permutations of n different things, taken r at a time, when p particular things is to be always included in each arrangement, is $p! (r - (p - 1)) {}^{n-p} P_{r-p}$

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Number of permutation of n different things taken r at a time, when a particular thing is never taken in each arrangement is ${}^{n-1} P_r$.

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Number of permutations of n different things, taken all at a time, when m specified things always come together is $m! \times (n - m + 1)!$

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Number of permutations of n different things, taken all at a time, when m specified things never come together is $n! - m! \times (n - m + 1)!$

04 Circular Permutations

Arrangement round a circular table: Number of circular permutations of n different things taken all at a time is $(n-1)!$, if clockwise & anticlockwise orders are taken as different.

Arrangement of beads around a circular necklace: Number of circular permutations of n different things taken all at a time is $\frac{1}{2}(n-1)!$ if clockwise & anticlockwise orders are taken as not different

Number of circular permutations of n different things taken r at a time is-

(i) $\frac{{}^n P_r}{r}$, when anti clockwise & clockwise orders are taken as different. (ii) $\frac{{}^n P_r}{2r}$, when anticlockwise & clockwise orders are not different.

05 Combination

each of the different selections made by taking some or all at a time, irrespective of their arrangements, is called a combination.

The number of all combinations of n objects taken r at a time is denoted by $c(n, r)$ or ${}^n C_r$ or $\binom{n}{r}$

$${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \quad {}^n C_r = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1)}{1.2.3 \dots r} \quad {}^n C_n = {}^n C_0 = 1 \quad {}^n C_r = \frac{{}^n P_r}{r!}$$

06 Number of Combinations without Repetition

The number of combination (selections or groups) that can be formed from n different objects taken r ($0 \leq r \leq n$) at a time is ${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

• ${}^n C_r$ is a natural number • ${}^n C_0 = {}^n C_n = 1, {}^n C_1 = n$ • ${}^n C_r = {}^n C_{n-r}$ • ${}^n C_r + {}^n C_{r-1} = {}^{n+1} C_r$ • ${}^n C_x = {}^n C_y \Leftrightarrow x = y$ or $x + y = n$ • $n \cdot {}^{n-1} C_{r-1} = (n-r+1) {}^n C_r$

• If n is even, then the greatest value of ${}^n C_r$ is ${}^n C_{n/2}$ • If n is odd, then the greatest value of ${}^n C_r$ is $\frac{{}^n C_{n+1}}{2}$ or $\frac{{}^n C_{n-1}}{2}$ • ${}^n C_r = \frac{n}{r} \cdot {}^{n-1} C_{r-1}$



$$\bullet \frac{{}^nC_r}{{}^nC_{r-1}} = \frac{n-r+1}{r} \quad \bullet {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n = 2^n \quad \bullet {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_2 + {}^nC_4 + \dots = {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_3 + {}^nC_5 + \dots = 2^{n-1} \quad \bullet 2^{n+1}C_0 + 2^{n+1}C_1 + 2^{n+1}C_2 + \dots + 2^{n+1}C_n = 2^{2n}$$

$$\bullet {}^nC_n + {}^{n+1}C_n + {}^{n+2}C_n + {}^{n+3}C_n + \dots + {}^{2n-1}C_n = 2^n C_{n+1}$$

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Total number of divisors of a given natural number

The number of factors of a given natural number greater than 1 we can write as, $N = P_1^{\alpha_1} P_2^{\alpha_2} P_3^{\alpha_3} \dots P_n^{\alpha_n}$ where p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n are distinct prime numbers and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ are non-negative integers. $(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_n + 1)$ ways. Sum of all the divisors of n is given by $\left(\frac{p_1^{\alpha_1+1}-1}{p_1-1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{p_2^{\alpha_2+1}-1}{p_2-1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{p_3^{\alpha_3+1}-1}{p_3-1}\right) \dots \left(\frac{p_n^{\alpha_n+1}-1}{p_n-1}\right)$

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Derangements

Any change in the existing order of things is called a derangement. If 'n' things are arranged in a row, the number of ways in which they can be deranged so that none of them occupies its

original place is $n! \left(1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!}\right) = n! \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \frac{1}{r!}$ And it is denoted by $D(n)$.

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Multinomial Theorem

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m be integers. Then number of solutions to the equation $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_m = n$... (i)

subject to the conditions ... (ii)

$a_1 \leq x_1 \leq b_1, a_2 \leq x_2 \leq b_2, \dots, a_m \leq x_m \leq b_m$ is equal to the coefficient of x^n in

$(x^{a_1} + x^{a_1+1} + \dots + x^{b_1})(x^{a_2} + x^{a_2+1} + \dots + x^{b_2}) \dots (x^{a_m} + x^{a_m+1} + \dots + x^{b_m}) \dots$ (iii)

This is because the number of ways in which sum of m integers in (i) subject to given conditions (ii) equals n is the same as the number of times x^n comes in (iii).

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Distribution

(1)

Number of ways of distribution of n distinct balls in r distinct boxes when order is considered

$= n! {}^{n-1}C_{r-1}$, if blank (empty) boxes are not allowed. And it is:

$= n! {}^{n+r-1}C_{r-1}$, if blank (empty) boxes are allowed.

(2)

Number of ways of distribution of n identical balls into r distinct boxes $= {}^{n-1}C_{r-1}$, if blank

(empty) boxes are not allowed. And it is:

$= {}^{n+r-1}C_{r-1}$, if blank (empty) boxes are allowed.

(3)

Number of ways of distribution of n distinct balls into r distinct boxes when order is not considered $= r^n$, if blank (empty) boxes are allowed, And it is:

$= r^n - {}^rC_1 (r-1)^n + {}^rC_2 (r-2)^n - {}^rC_3 (r-3)^n + \dots + (-1)^{r-1} {}^rC_{r-1} 1^n$ if blank (empty) boxes are not allowed.

(4)

The number of combinations of n objects of which p are identical taken r at a time is

$= {}^{n-p}C_r + {}^{n-p}C_{r-1} + \dots + {}^{n-p}C_0$ if $r \leq p$.

(5)

The coefficient of x^r in the expansion of $(1-x)^{-n}$ $= {}^{n+r-1}C_r$

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Multinomial Theorem

If there are n_1 objects of one kind, n_2 objects of second kind and so on n_k objects of k th kind, then the number of ways of choosing r objects out of these objects is

$=$ coeff of x^r in $(1+x$

$+x^2 + \dots + x^{n_1})(1+x+x^2 + \dots + x^{n_2}) \dots (1+x+x^2 + \dots + x^{n_k})$.

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If one object of each kind is to be included in selection of (1), then the number of ways of choosing r objects is:

$=$ coeff of x^r in $(x+x^2 + \dots + x^{n_1})(x+x^2 + \dots + x^{n_2}) \dots (x+x^2 + \dots + x^{n_k})$

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The number of possible arrangements permutations of p objects out of n_1 objects of kind 1, n_2 of kind 2 and so on is $= p!$ times the coefficient of x^p in the expansion

$\left(1+x+\frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^{n_1}}{n_1!}\right) \dots \left(1+x+\frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^{n_k}}{n_k!}\right)$