

Permutations

- ▶ The notion of permutation relates to the act of permuting (rearranging) objects or values.
- ▶ Informally, a permutation of a set of objects is an arrangement of those objects into a particular order.
- ▶ For example, there are six permutations of the set $\{1, 2, 3\}$, namely $(1,2,3)$, $(1,3,2)$, $(2,1,3)$, $(2,3,1)$, $(3,1,2)$, and $(3,2,1)$.
- ▶ As another example, an anagram of a word is a permutation of its letters.

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- ▶ Permutations where repetition is allowed:

$$n!$$

- ▶ Permutations where repetition is not allowed

$$\frac{n!}{(n - k)!}$$