

## Combinatorics HW 2.1

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- How many different permutations for word "Combinatorics"? (Case sensitive)  
Let S be a multiset of objects of  $k = 11$  types, with repetition numbers: C:1, o:2, m:1, b:1, i:2, n:1, a:1, t:1, r:1, c:1, s:1. The size of S is  $1+2+1+1+2+1+1+1+1+1+1=13$ , the number of permutations of the letters for this word equals

$$\frac{13!}{1! * 2! * 1! * 1! * 2! * 1! * 1! * 1! * 1! * 1! * 1!} = \frac{6227020800}{4} = 1556755200$$

- The coefficient number of  $a^2b^2c^2$  in the expanded equation of  $(2a+b+c)^6$  is \_\_\_\_\_. 【Please calculate the exact number】

Using Pascal's triangle and Newton binomial formula:

$$(2a + b + c)^6 = (2a)^6 + \frac{6}{1!}(2a)^5(b + c) + \frac{6 * 5}{2!}(2a)^4(b + c)^2 + \dots + (b + c)^6$$

The coefficient number of  $a^2$  is:  $C_6^{6-4} * (2^2) * (b + c)^4$ , because every other term contains a in a power different from 2.

Again, using Pascal's triangle and Newton binomial formula:

$$(b + c)^4 = b^4 + C_4^1 * b^3 * c + C_4^2 * b^2 * c^2 + C_4^3 * b * c^3 + c^4$$

Thus the coefficient number of is  $C_6^{6-4} * 4 * C_4^2 = 15 * 4 * 6 = 360$

- For the case of giving fruits to 3 kids, in total there are 12 identical apples, each child may at least have one apple, how many different ways to give apples to 3 kids?

It is equivalent to find the solution of

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 12, x_1 \geq 1; x_2 \geq 1; x_3 \geq 1$$

Introducing new variables:

$$y_1 = x_1 - 1; y_2 = x_2 - 1; y_3 = x_3 - 1$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 9$$

The number of different ways is  $C_{9+3-1}^9 = 55$

- What is the number of integral solutions of the equation  $x_1+x_2+x_3=30$ , in which  $x_1 \geq 5, x_2 \geq -8, x_3 \geq 5$ .

Introduce new variables:

$$y_1 = x_1 - 5; y_2 = x_2 + 8; y_3 = x_3 - 5$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 30 - 5 + 8 - 5 = 28; y_1 \geq 0; y_2 \geq 0; y_3 \geq 0$$

The number of nonnegative solutions for the equation above (same for

$$x_1+x_2+x_3=30) \text{ is } C_{28+3-1}^{28} = C_{30}^{28} = 435$$