

## Combinatorics HW 2.1

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### 1. How many different permutations for word “Combinatorics”? (Case sensitive)

The word “Combinatorics” consists of 13 letters. Accordingly, the total number of different permutations, considering each letter as distinct, would be  $13!$ . However, letters “i” and “o” have been repeated twice. It should be noted that letters “C” and “c” are not considered a repetition as the problem statement is looking for case sensitive permutations. Therefore, the total number of permutations should be divided by  $2!2!$ . Hence, there exists  $\frac{13!}{2!2!} = \underline{1556755200}$  different permutations for the word “Combinatorics”.

### 2. The coefficient number of $a^2b^2c^2$ in the expanded equation of $(2a+b+c)^6$ is \_\_\_\_.

[Please calculate the exact number]

Let's assume  $d = 2a$ . Since the power of the equation is 6, then we can think of each element of the expanded equation as \_\_\_\_\_, where each empty location could be d, b or c and the final product would be the multiplication of these elements. For instance, ddbbcd gives  $d^3b^2c$ . Hence, the number of total permutations, assuming that each occurrence of these variables is distinct, would be  $6!$ . In addition, in order to have  $d^2b^2c^2$ , we have to choose two locations from the six available locations for each variable d, b, and c; meaning that each of these variables would be repeated twice. Hence, the total number of permutations for the term  $d^2b^2c^2$  would be  $\frac{6!}{2!2!2!} = 90$ . This value represents the coefficient of this term as it records the total number of its permutations in this equation. Replacing d with 2a in  $90d^2b^2c^2$  would give

$$90(2a)^2b^2c^2 = 360a^2b^2c^2$$

Therefore, the coefficient number of  $a^2b^2c^2$  is 360.

3. 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?

Assuming that the 3 kids are represented by variables  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $x_3$  gives

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 12$$

Where  $x_1 \geq 1, x_2 \geq 1$ , and  $x_3 \geq 1$ . Hence, we can rewrite the equation by setting  $y_i = x_i - 1$  as below

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 12 - 1 - 1 - 1 = 9$$

Where  $y_i$  is non-negative and  $x_i \geq 1$ . The number of solutions is

$$C(r + k - 1, r) = \binom{9 + 3 - 1}{9} = \binom{11}{9} = \frac{11!}{9!2!} = 55$$

Therefore, there are 55 different ways to distribute 12 identical apples between 3 kids, in which each kid gets at least one apple.

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

Similar to the approach in the previous question, we can have

$$y_1 = x_1 - 5$$

$$y_2 = x_2 + 8$$

$$y_3 = x_3 - 5$$

Where  $y_i$  is non-negative and  $x_i$  meets the required constraints. By replacing  $x$  in the original equation with  $y$ , we get

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 30 - 5 + 8 - 5 = 28$$

The number of integral solutions would be

$$C(r + k - 1, r) = \binom{28 + 3 - 1}{28} = \binom{30}{28} = \frac{30!}{28!2!} = 435$$

Hence, there are 435 integral solutions for the equation with its constraints.