Counting

Basic Counting Principles

Product Rule:

Suppose a procedure consists of 2 tasks

 n_1 ways to perform 1st task

 n_2 ways to perform 2^{nd} task



 $n_1 \cdot n_2$ ways to perform procedure

Example: 2 employees 10 offices

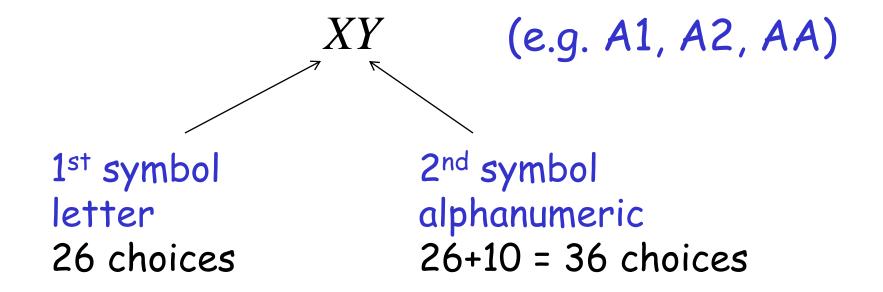
How many ways to assign employees
to offices?

1st employee has 10 office choices

2nd employee has 9 office choices

Total office assignment ways: 10x9 = 90

Example: How many different variable names with 2 symbols?



Total variable name choices: 26x36 = 936

Generalized Product Rule:

Suppose a procedure consists of k tasks

 n_1 ways to perform 1^{st} task

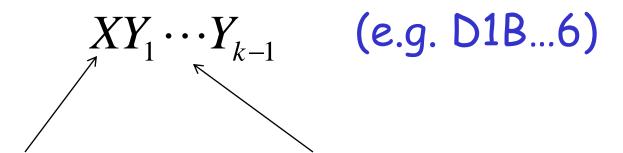
 n_2 ways to perform 2^{nd} task :

 n_k ways to perform k th task



 $n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k$ ways to perform procedure

Example: How many different variable names with exactly $k \ge 1$ symbols?



1st symbol letter 26 choices Remaining symbols alphanumeric 36 choices for each

Total choices:
$$26 \cdot 36 \cdot \cdot \cdot 36 = 26 \cdot (36)^{k-1}$$

Sum Rule:

Suppose a procedure can be performed with either of 2 different methods

 n_1 ways to perform 1^{st} method

 n_2 ways to perform 2^{nd} method



 $n_1 + n_2$ ways to perform procedure

Example: Number of variable names with 1 or 2 symbols

Variables with 1 symbol: 26

Variables with 2 symbols: 936

Total number of variables: 26+936=962

Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion:

Suppose a procedure can be performed with either of 2 different methods

 n_1 ways to perform 1^{st} method

 n_2 ways to perform 2^{nd} method

c common ways in both methods



 $n_1 + n_2 - c$ ways to perform procedure

Example:

Number of binary strings of length 8 that either start with 1 or end with 0

Strings that start with 1: $1x_1x_2\cdots x_7$ 128 choices

Strings that end with 0: $y_1y_2\cdots y_70$ 128 choices

Common strings: $1z_1 \cdots z_7 0$ 64 choices

Total strings: 128+128-64=192

Selection (Ordered/ Unordered)

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10 Boys and 8 girls
3 Boys and 3 Girls to be selected
                   How many ways?
     Selecting 3 Boys
                                    Selecting 3 Girls
        out of 10
                                        out of 8
  (Order doesn't matter)
                                  (Order doesn't matter)
                                        8 Girls
          10 Boys
S S NS NS NS NS NS NS
                                    S S NS NS NS NS NS
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Counting Passwords

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Solution: Let P be the total number of passwords, and let P_6 , P_7 , and P_8 be the passwords of length 6, 7, and 8.

- By the sum rule $P = P_6 + P_7 + P_8$.
- To find each of P_6 , P_7 , and P_8 , we find the number of passwords of the specified length composed of letters and digits and subtract the number composed only of letters. We find that:

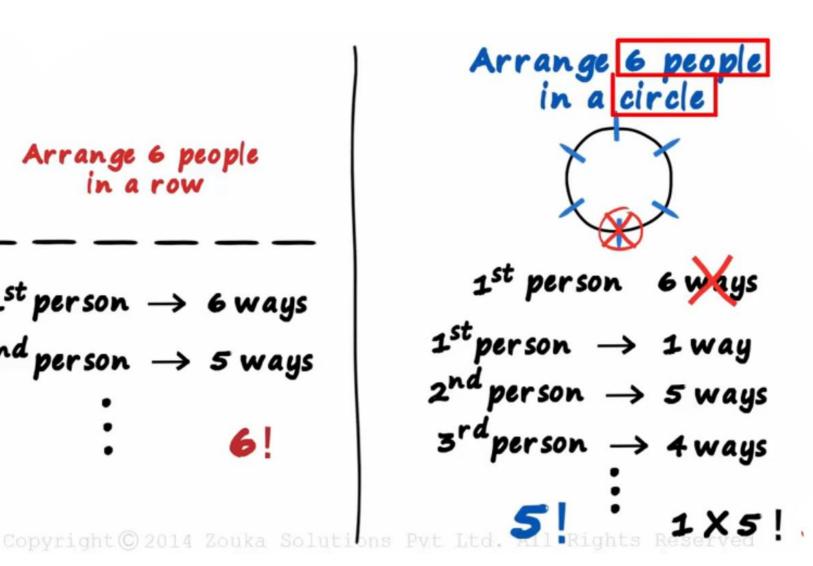
$$P_6 = 36^6 - 26^6 = 2,176,782,336 - 308,915,776 = 1,867,866,560.$$

$$P_7 = 36^7 - 26^7 = 78,364,164,096 - 8,031,810,176 = 70,332,353,920.$$

$$P_8 = 36^8 - 26^8 = 2,821,109,907,456 - 208,827,064,576 = 2,612,282,842,880.$$
 Consequently, $P = P_6 + P_7 + P_8 = 2,684,483,063,360.$

Circular Arrangements

Arrange 6 people









3 pigeons





2 pigeonholes

One pigeonhole contains 2 pigeons

3 pigeons





2 pigeonholes









k+1 pigeons









k pigeonholes

At least one pigeonhole contains 2 pigeons

k+1 pigeons









k pigeonholes

If k+1 objects are placed into k boxes, then at least one box contains 2 objects

Examples:

- Among 367 people at least 2 have the same birthday (366 different birthdays)
- Among 27 English words at least 2
 start with same letter (26 different letters)

Example: How many students must be in a class to guarantee that at least two students receive the same score on the final exam, if the exam is graded on a scale from 0 to 100 points?

Solution: There are 101 possible scores on the final. The pigeonhole principle shows that among any 102 students there must be at least 2 students with the same score.

Q. Assume there are n distinct pairs of shoes in a closet. Show that if you choose n+1 single shoes at random from the closet, you are certain to have a pair.

Solution: The n distinct pairs constitute n pigeonholes. The n+1 single shoes correspond to n+1 pigeons.

Therefore, there must be at least one pigeonhole with two shoes and thus you will certainly have drawn at least one pair of shoes.

Q. A student must take five classes from three areas of study. Numerous classes are offered in each discipline, but the student cannot take more than two classes in any given area. Using the pigeonhole principle, show that the student will take at least two classes in one area.

Solution: The three areas are the pigeonholes and the student must take five classes (pigeons). Hence, the student must take at least two classes in one area.

Generalized Pigeonhole Principle:

If N objects are placed into k boxes, then at least one box contains $\left\lceil \frac{N}{k} \right\rceil$ objects

Proof:

If each box contains less than $\left| \frac{N}{k} \right|$ objects:

#objects
$$\leq k \left(\left\lceil \frac{N}{k} \right\rceil - 1 \right) < k \left(\left(\frac{N}{k} + 1 \right) - 1 \right) = N$$

contradiction End of Proof,

Example:

Among 100 people, at least $\left\lceil \frac{100}{12} \right\rceil = 9$ have birthday in same month

$$N = 100$$
 people (objects)

$$k = 12$$
 months (boxes)

Q. Find the minimum number of students needed to guarantee that five of them belong to the same Class - 1^{st} year, 2^{nd} year, 3^{rd} year, 4^{th} year.

Solution: Here the k = 4 classes are the pigeonholes and n + 1 = 5 so k = 4. Thus among any k.n + 1 = 17 students (pigeons), five of them belong to the same class.

Example:

How many students do we need to have so that at least six receive same grade (A,B,C,D,F)?

$$N = ?$$
 students (objects)

$$k = 5$$
 grades (boxes)

$$\left| \frac{N}{k} \right| \ge 6$$
 at least six students receive same grade

Smallest integer
$$N$$
 with $\left| \frac{N}{k} \right| \ge r$

is smallest integer with $\frac{N}{k} > r - 1$

$$\frac{N}{k} > r - 1 \longrightarrow N > k(r - 1) \longrightarrow N = k(r - 1) + 1$$

$$\left\lceil \frac{N}{k} \right\rceil \ge r \longrightarrow N = k(r-1) + 1$$

For our example:

$$k=5$$

$$N=5(6-1)+1=26$$
 students
$$r=6$$

We need at least 26 students

An elegant example:

In any sequence of n^2+1 numbers there is a sorted subsequence of length n+1 (ascending or descending)

$$n+1=4$$
Ascending subsequence

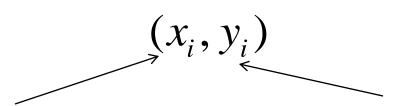
$$n=3$$

 $n^2+1=10$ numbers

Theorem:

In any sequence of n^2+1 numbers there is a sorted subsequence of length n+1 (ascending or descending)

Proof: Sequence $a_1, a_2, a_3, ..., a_{n^2+1}$



Length of longest ascending subsequence starting from a_i

Length of longest descending subsequence starting from a_i

For example: $(x_1, y_1) = (3,3)$

Longest ascending subsequence from $a_1 = 8$ 8, 11, 9, 1, 4, 6, 12, 10, 5, 7 $x_1 = 3$

Longest descending subsequence from $a_1 = 8$

$$y_1 = 3$$

For example:
$$(x_2, y_2) = (2,4)$$

Longest ascending subsequence from $a_2 = 11$ 8, 11, 9, 1, 4, 6, 12, 10, 5, 7 $x_2 = 2$

Longest descending subsequence from $a_2 = 11$

8, 11, 9) 1, 4, 6, 12, 10, 5, 7
$$y_2 = 4$$

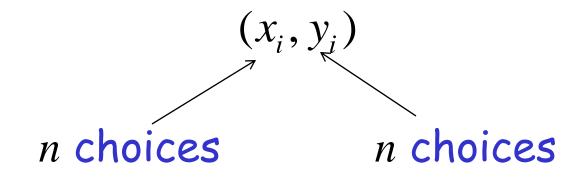
We want to prove that there is a (x_i, y_i) with:

$$x_i \ge n+1$$
 or $y_i \ge n+1$

Assume (for sake of contradiction) that for every (x_i, y_i) :

$$1 \le x_i \le n$$
 and $1 \le y_i \le n$

Number of unique pairs of form (x_i, y_i) with $1 \le x_i \le n$ and $1 \le y_i \le n$:



$$n \cdot n = n^2$$
 unique pairs

For example: $(1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (1,3), (3,1), \dots, (n,n)$

$$n \cdot n = n^2$$
 unique pairs of form (x_i, y_i)

Since $a_1, a_2, a_3, ..., a_{n^2+1}$ has n^2+1 elements there are exactly n^2+1 pairs of form (x_i, y_i)



From pigeonhole principle, there are two equal pairs $(x_j, y_j) = (x_k, y_k)$, j < k

$$x_j = x_k$$
 and $y_j = y_k$

Case
$$a_i \leq a_k$$
:

$$(x_j, y_j) = (x_k, y_k), \quad j < k \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad x_j = x_k$$

Ascending subsequence with x_k elements

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, (a_j), \dots, (a_{k_2}), \dots, (a_{k_{x_k}}), \dots, (a_{n^2+1})$$

Ascending subsequence with $x_k + 1 = x_j + 1 > x_j$ elements

Contradiction, since longest ascending subsequence from a_i has length x_i

Case
$$a_i > a_k$$
:

$$(x_j, y_j) = (x_k, y_k), \quad j < k \quad \longrightarrow \quad y_j = y_k$$

Descending subsequence with y_k elements

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, (a_j), \dots, (a_{k_2}), \dots, (a_{k_{y_k}}), \dots, (a_{n^2+1})$$

Descending subsequence with $y_k + 1 = y_j + 1 > y_j$ elements

Contradiction, since longest descending subsequence from a_i has length y_i

Therefore, it is not true the assumption that for every
$$(x_i, y_i)$$
: $1 \le x_i \le n$ and $1 \le y_i \le n$

Therefore, there is a (x_i, y_i) with:

$$x_i \ge n+1$$
 or $y_i \ge n+1$

End of Proof

Home work

 During a month with 30 days, a baseball team plays at least one game a day, but no more than 45 games. Show that there must be a period of some number of consecutive days during which the team must play exactly 14 games.

Permutations

Permutation: An ordered arrangement of objects

Example: Objects: a,b,c

Permutations: a,b,c a,c,b b,a,c b,c,a c,a,b c,b,a

r-permutation: An ordered arrangement of n objects

Example: Objects: a,b,c,d

2-permutations: a,b a,c a,d b,a b,c b,d c,a c,b c,d d,a d,b d,c

How many ways to arrange 5 students in line?

1st position in line: 5 student choices

2nd position in line: 4 student choices

3rd position in line: 3 student choices

4th position in line: 2 student choices

5th position in line: 1 student choices

Total permutations: 5x4x3x2x1=120

How many ways to arrange 3 students in line out of a group of 5 students?

1st position in line: 5 student choices

2nd position in line: 4 student choices

3rd position in line: 3 student choices

Total 3-permutations: 5x4x3=60

Given n objects the number of r-permutations is denoted

$$P(5,5) = 120$$

$$P(5,3) = 60$$

$$P(4,2) = 12$$

$$P(3,3) = 6$$

Theorem:
$$P(n,r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$0 \le r \le n$

Proof:

$$P(n,r) = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-(r-1))$$

1st position object choices

2nd position object choices

3rd position object choices

rth position object choices

$$P(n,r) = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-(r-1))$$

$$= \frac{n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-(r-1)) \cdot (n-r) \cdot (n-(r+1)) \cdots 2 \cdot 1}{(n-r) \cdot (n-(r+1)) \cdots 2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Multiply and divide with same product

End of Proof

Example: How many different ways to order gold, silver, and bronze medalists out of 8 athletes?

$$P(8,3) = \frac{8!}{(8-3)!} = \frac{8!}{5!} = 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 = 336$$

Combinations

r-combination: An unordered arrangement of r objects

Example: Objects: a,b,c,d

2-combinations: a,b a,c a,d b,c b,d c,d

3-combinations: a,b,c a,b,d a,c,d b,c,d

Given n objects the number of r-combinations is denoted

$$C(n,r)$$
 or $\binom{n}{r}$

Also known as binomial coefficient

Examples:
$$C(4,2) = 6$$

$$C(4,3) = 4$$

Combinations can be used to find permutations

3-combinations C(4,3)

a,b,c a,b,d a,c,d b,c,d

Objects: a,b,c,d

Combinations can be used to find permutations

3-combinations C(4,3)

3-permutations P(3,3)

a,b,c	a,b,d	a,c,d	b,c,d
a,c,b	a,d,b	a,d,c	b,d,c
b,a,c	b,a,d	c,a,d	c,b,d
b,c,a	b,d,a	c,d,a	c,d,b
c,a,b	d,a,b	d,a,c	d,b,c
c,b,a	d,b,a	d,c,a	d,c,b

Objects: a,b,c,d

Combinations can be used to find permutations

Total permutations: $P(4,3) = C(4,3) \cdot P(3,3)$

3-combinations C(4,3)

3-permutations P(3,3)

a,b,c	a,b,d	a,c,d	b,c,d
a,c,b	a,d,b	a,d,c	b,d,c
b,a,c	b,a,d	c,a,d	c,b,d
b,c,a	b,d,a	c,d,a	c,d,b
c,a,b	d,a,b	d,a,c	d,b,c
c,b,a	d,b,a	d,c,a	d,c,b

Objects: a,b,c,d

Theorem:
$$C(n,r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$$0 \le r \le n$$

Proof:
$$P(n,r) = C(n,r) \cdot P(r,r)$$



$$C(n,r) = \frac{P(n,r)}{P(r,r)} = \frac{(n-r)!}{\frac{r!}{(r-r)!}} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

End of Proof

Example: Different ways to choose 5 cards out of 52 cards

$$C(52,5) = \frac{52!}{5!(47)!} = \frac{52 \cdot 51 \cdot 50 \cdot 49 \cdot 48}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 26 \cdot 17 \cdot 10 \cdot 49 \cdot 12 = 2,598,960$$

Observation: C(n,r) = C(n,n-r)

$$C(n,r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{n!}{(n-(n-r))!(n-r)!} = C(n,n-r)$$

Example: C(52,5) = C(52,47)

$$C(n,r) = \binom{n}{r}$$

$$(x+y)^{n} = \binom{n}{0}x^{n} + \binom{n}{1}x^{n-1}y^{1} + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}y^{2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}xy^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}y^{n}$$

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} x^{n-j} y^j$$

$$(x+y)^{3} = (x+y)(x+y)(x+y)$$

$$= xxx + xxy + xyx + xyy + yxx + yxy + yyx + yyy$$

$$= x^{3} + 3x^{2}y + 3xy^{2} + y^{3}$$

$$(x+y)^{3} = {3 \choose 0}x^{3} + {3 \choose 1}x^{2}y + {3 \choose 2}xy^{2} + {3 \choose 3}y^{3}$$

Possible ways to obtain product of 3 terms of x and 0 terms of y

Possible ways to obtain product of 2 terms of \mathcal{X} and 1 terms of \mathcal{Y}

Possible ways to obtain product of 0 terms of x and 3 terms of y

$$n \text{ times}$$

$$(x+y)^n = (x+y)(x+y)(x+y)\cdots(x+y)$$

$$(x+y)^{n} = \binom{n}{0}x^{n} + \binom{n}{1}x^{n-1}y^{1} + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}y^{2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}xy^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}y^{n}$$

Possible ways to obtain product of n terms of x and 0 terms of y

Possible ways to obtain product of n-1 terms of \mathcal{X} and 1 terms of \mathcal{Y}

Possible ways to obtain product of 0 terms of x and n terms of y

We know that a *binomial* is a polynomial that has two terms. In this section, you will study a formula that provides a quick method of raising a binomial to a power.

To begin, look at the expansion of $(x + y)^n$

for several values of *n*

$$(x + y)^{0} = 1$$

$$(x + y)^{1} = (x + y)$$

$$(x + y)^{2} = x^{2} + 2xy + y^{2}$$

$$(x + y)^{3} = x^{3} + 3x^{2}y + 3xy^{2} + y^{3}$$

$$(x + y)^{4} = x^{4} + 4x^{3}y + 6x^{2}y^{2} + 4xy^{3} + y^{4}$$

1. The sum of the powers of each term is *n*. For instance, in the expansion of

$$(x + y)^5$$

the sum of the powers of each term is 5.

$$4 + 1 = 5 3 + 2 = 5$$
$$(x + y)^5 = x^5 + 5x^4y^1 + 10x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 5x^1y^4 + y^5$$

2. The coefficients increase and then decrease in a symmetric pattern.

The coefficients of a binomial expansion are called **binomial coefficients.**

• To find them, use the **Binomial Theorem**.

The Binomial Theorem

In the expansion of $(x + y)^n$

$$(x + y)^n = x^n + nx^{n-1}y + \cdots + {}_n C_r x^{n-r} y^r + \cdots + nxy^{n-1} + y^n$$

the coefficient of $x^{n-r}y^r$ is

$$_{n}C_{r}=\frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}.$$

The symbol

$$\binom{n}{r}$$

is often used in place of ${}_{n}C_{r}$ to denote binomial coefficients.

Example 1 – Finding Binomial Coefficients

Find each binomial coefficient.

a.
$$_{8}C_{2}$$

b.
$$\binom{10}{3}$$

c.
$${}_{7}C_{0}$$

a.
$$_{8}C_{2} = \frac{8!}{6! \cdot 2!} = \frac{(8 \cdot 7) \cdot 6!}{6! \cdot 2!} = \frac{8 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 1} = 28$$

b.
$$\binom{10}{3} = \frac{10!}{7! \cdot 3!} = \frac{(10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8) \cdot 7!}{7! \cdot 3!} = \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 120$$

c.
$$_{7}C_{0} = \frac{7!}{7! \cdot 0!} = 1$$

Example 3 – Expanding a Binomial

Write the expansion of the expression $(x + 1)^3$.

Solution:

The binomial coefficients are

$$3C0 = 1$$
, $3C1 = 3$, $3C2 = 3$, and $3C3 = 1$.

Therefore, the expansion is as follows.

$$(x+1)^3 = (1)x^3 + (3)x^2(1) + (3)x(1^2) + (1)(1^3)$$

$$= x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

Binomial Expansions

Sometimes you will need to find a specific term in a binomial expansion.

Instead of writing out the entire expansion, you can use the fact that, from the Binomial Theorem, the (r + 1)th term is

$$nCr x^{n-r}y^r$$
.

Example: What is the coefficient for x^3 in (2x+4)^8

Solution: The exponents for x^3 are: $(2x)^3 * 4^5$ The coefficient is "8 choose 5". We can use Pascal's

Triangle, or calculate directly:

(n!/(k!(n-k)))! = 8! / (5!(8-5!)) = 8! / (5!3!) = (8×7×6) / (3×2×1) = 56

And we get: 56(2x)345

Which simplifies to 458752 x3

Pascal's Triangle

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\binom{6}{4} = \binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4}$$

$$15 = 10 + 5$$

Pascal's Triangle

The first and last number in each row of Pascal's Triangle is 1. Every other number in each row is formed by adding the two numbers immediately above the number. Pascal noticed that the numbers in this triangle are precisely the same numbers as the coefficients of binomial expansions, as follows.

$$(x + y)^{0} = 1$$

$$(x + y)^{1} = 1x + 1y$$

$$(x + y)^{2} = 1x^{2} + 2xy + 1y^{2}$$

$$(x + y)^{3} = 1x^{3} + 3x^{2}y + 3xy^{2} + 1y^{3}$$

$$(x + y)^{4} = 1x^{4} + 4x^{3}y + 6x^{2}y^{2} + 4xy^{3} + 1y^{4}$$

$$(x + y)^{5} = 1x^{5} + 5x^{4}y + 10x^{3}y^{2} + 10x^{2}y^{3} + 5xy^{4} + 1y^{5}$$

$$(x + y)^{6} = 1x^{6} + 6x^{5}y + 15x^{4}y^{2} + 20x^{3}y^{3} + 15x^{2}y^{4} + 6xy^{5} + 1y^{6}$$

$$(x + y)^{7} = 1x^{7} + 7x^{6}y + 21x^{5}y^{2} + 35x^{4}y^{3} + 35x^{3}y^{4} + 21x^{2}y^{5} + 7xy^{6} + 1y^{7}$$

Pascal's Triangle

The top row of Pascal's Triangle is called the *zeroth row* because it corresponds to the binomial expansion

$$(x+y)^{o}=1.$$

Similarly, the next row is called the *first row* because it corresponds to the binomial expansion

$$(x + y)^1 = 1(x) + 1(y).$$

In general, the *nth* row of Pascal's Triangle gives the coefficients of $(x + y)^n$.

Example 8 – Using Pascal's Triangle

Use the seventh row of Pascal's Triangle to find the binomial coefficients.

8Co 8C1 8C2 8C3 8C4 8C5 8C6 8C7 8C8

Solution:

