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1. (10%) True or False (explain briefly): Given a set  $X$ , its permutation set has less elements than its combination set.

**Solution:** False. Permutations take into account ordering of the elements, while combinations do not. Hence, multiple permutations count as a single combination, so the set of permutations must be larger than set of combinations.

2. (10%) How many different words (existing and non-existing) can be formed from the letters of the word “JERSEY”.

**Solution:**  $6!/2!$

3. (20%) How many different words (existing and non-existing) can be formed from the letters of the word “PSYCHE”, such that the two vowels “Y”, “E” are *always* next to each other.

**Solution:**  $5!2! = 240$ . Since we need to count all arrangements with vowels neighboring each other, we can treat the vowels as 1 letter. This results in  $5!$  arrangements of 5 letters. We must also account for the 2 arrangements of the 2 vowels as  $2!$ , since they are distinct.

4. (20%) How many different words (existing and non-existing) can be formed from the letters of the word “PEACE”, such that the two consonants “P”, “C” are *never* next to each other.

**Solution:** Difference Method. Total number of words are  $5!/2! = 60$ , because we need to divide the permutations of the 5 letters by  $2!$  to remove the overcounting of the 2 identical E's. Negative argument: We count all arrangements with consonants neighboring each other, and treat them as 1 letter. This results in  $4!/2! = 12$  arrangements of 4 letters, multiplied by  $2!$  to include both cased (P,C) and (C,P). Difference Method –  $60 - 12 \times 2 = 36$  words.

5. (20%) There are 300 airline passengers waiting to board a plane.

- (a) In how many ways can I arrange 50 of them in the 50 seats of the Business class?

**Solution:**  $P(300, 50) = \frac{300!}{(300-50)!}$ . In this case order of seating arrangement matters. Hence, we want to obtain the number of ways we can permute 300 people into 50 slots.

- (b) From the remaining passengers (i.e., after the business class passengers boarded the plane), in how many ways can I create the first boarding group of 50 people, with no particular order?

**Solution:**  $\binom{250}{50} = \frac{250!}{50!(250-50)!}$ . In this case the order of the group doesn't matter, hence we get the number of combinations of 50 people from group of 250 people.

6. (20%) In a wine contest, there are 10 white wine samples and 15 red wine samples. Give an example question related to picking some of the wine samples, for which the answer is:

a. 25

b. 150

**Solution:** 25 is the number of choices you have if you want to pick one wine sample, either a red or a white wine. 150 is the number of choices you have if you want to pick two wine samples, first a red and then a white wine.

7. (extra credits - 20%) How many ways are there to arrange the letters  $a, b, c, d, e$ , and  $f$  such that  $a$  is **not** directly followed by either  $b$  or  $c$ ? For example, “ $abdefc$ ” and “ $acdefb$ ” are both invalid, but “ $adbcef$ ” is valid.

**Solution:** We will use the Difference and the Partition Methods. We will first count the number of ways to arrange the six letters so that  $a$  is followed directly by either  $b$  or  $c$ . To find the number of arrangements where  $a$  is directly followed by  $b$ , we can consider  $ab$  as a single letter. Thus there are  $5!$  such arrangements (since we can just put the 5 letters  $ab, c, d, e, f$  in any order). And by the same reasoning, the number of arrangements where  $a$  is directly followed by  $c$  is the same:  $5!$ . Since it is impossible for  $a$  to be directly followed by  $b$  and  $c$  at the same time, there are  $2 \cdot 5!$  arrangements where  $a$  is directly followed by either  $b$  or  $c$ . Since there are  $6!$  total ways to arrange the six letters when there are no restrictions, the answer to the question is  $6! - 2 \cdot 5!$

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2. (10%) How many different words (existing and non-existing) can be formed from the letters of the word “RUTGERS”.

**Solution:**  $7!/2!$

3. (20%) How many different possible words (existing and non-existing) can be made from the word “TRAPPER” such that the vowels A and E are *always* together?

**Solution:** Permutations with vowels together is  $(6!/(2!*2!))*2!=360$ , because vowels are assumed to be one letter, resulting in arrangement of only 6 letters with two letters repeating twice. We also taking into account vowel arrangements by multiplying by  $2!$

4. (20%) How many different possible words (existing and non-existing) can be made from the word “WALLET” such that the vowels are *never* together?

**Solution:** Difference Method. Total number of words are  $6!/2! = 360$ , because we need to divide the permutations of the 6 letters by  $2!$  to remove the overcounting of the 2 identical L's. Negative argument: We count all arrangements with vowels neighboring each other, and treat them as 1 letter. This results in  $5!/2! = 60$  arrangements of 5 letters, multiplied by  $2!$  to include both cases (A,E) and (E,A). Difference Method –  $360 - 120 = 240$  words.

5. (20%) There are 100 airline passengers waiting to board a plane.

- (a) In how many ways can I arrange 40 of them in Business class?

**Solution:**  $P(100, 40) = \frac{100!}{(100-40)!}$ . In this case order of seating arrangement matters. Hence, we want to obtain the number of ways we can permute 100 people into 40 slots.

- (b) In how many ways can I create a boarding group of 40 people, with no particular order?

**Solution:**  $C(100, 40) = \frac{100!}{40!(100-40)!}$ . In this case the order of the group doesn't matter, hence we get the number of combinations of 40 people from group of 100 people.

6. (20%) In a song contest, there are 10 rock songs and 5 ballads. Give a question related to picking some of the songs, for which the answer is:

a. 15

b. 50

**Solution:** 15 is the number of choices you have if you want to pick one song, either a rock or a ballad. 50 is the number of choices you have if you want to pick two songs, first a rock and then a ballad.

7. (extra credits - 20%) How many ways are there to arrange the letters  $a, b, c, d, e$ , and  $f$  such that  $a$  is directly followed by either  $b$  or  $c$ ? For example, “ $abdefc$ ” and “ $acdefb$ ” are both valid, but “ $adbcef$ ” is invalid.

**Solution:** Partition Method. We will first count the number of ways to arrange the six letters so that  $a$  is followed directly by either  $b$  or  $c$ . To find the number of arrangements where  $a$  is directly followed by  $b$ , we can consider  $ab$  as a single letter. Thus there are  $5!$  such arrangements (since we can just put the 5 letters  $ab, c, d, e, f$  in any order). And by the same reasoning, the number of arrangements where  $a$  is directly followed by  $c$  is the same:  $5!$ . Since it is impossible for  $a$  to be directly followed by  $b$  and  $c$  at the same time, there are  $2 \cdot 5!$  arrangements where  $a$  is directly followed by either  $b$  or  $c$ .

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2. (10%) How many different words (existing and non-existing) can be formed from the letters of the word “ROOFER”.

**Solution:**  $\frac{6!}{2!2!} = 180$ . Order of letters results in different words, hence order matters. There are 6 letters to arrange in total, with 2 letters both repeating twice (R and O). So we divide by  $2!$  for each repeating letter to correct for overcounting, since the swapping of repeating letters does not result in a different word.

3. (20%) How many different words (existing and non-existing) can be formed from the letters of the word “SKIER”, such that the two vowels “I”, “E” are *always* next to each other.

**Solution:**  $4!2! = 48$ . Since we need to count all arrangements with vowels neighboring each other, we can treat the vowels as 1 letter. This results in  $4!$  arrangements of 4 letters. We must also account for the 2 arrangements of the 2 vowel letter through  $2!$ , since they are different.

4. (20%) How many different possible words (existing and not-existing) can be made from the word “TRAPPER” such that the vowels are *never* together?

**Solution:** Total number of permutations of TRAPPER is  $7!/(2!*2!)=1260$ , because we have 7 letters with two letters repeating twice. Permutations with vowels together is  $(6!/(2!*2!))*2!=360$ , because vowels are assumed to be one letter, resulting in arrangement of only 6 letters with two letters repeating twice. We also taking into account vowel arrangements by multiplying by  $2!$ . Thus, permutations with vowels never together is  $1260-360=900$ , by difference method

5. (20%) There are 100 airline passengers waiting to board a plane.

(a) In how many ways can I arrange 40 of them in Business class?

**Solution:**  $P(100, 40) = \frac{100!}{(100-40)!}$ . In this case order of seating arrangement matters. Hence, we want to obtain the number of ways we can permute 100 people into 40 slots.

(b) In how many ways can I create the first boarding group of 40 people, without caring about putting these 40 people in any particular order?

**Solution:**  $C(100, 40) = \frac{100!}{40!(100-40)!}$ . In this case the order of the group doesn't matter, hence we get the number of combinations of 40 people from group of 100 people.

6. (20%) In a dog contest, there are 30 Labrador Retrievers and 15 Cocker Spaniels. Give an example question related to picking some of the dogs, for which the answer is:

a. 45

b. 450

**Solution:** 45 is the number of choices you have if you want to pick one dog, either a Labrador Retriever or a Cocker Spaniel. 450 is the number of choices you have if you want to pick two dogs, first a Labrador Retriever and then a Cocker Spaniel.

7. (Extra credits - 20%) How many ways are there to arrange the letters  $a, b, c, d, e$ , and  $f$  such that  $c$  is **not** directly followed by either  $d$  or  $e$ ? For example, “ $abcfed$ ” is valid, but “ $abcdef$ ” and “ $cedfab$ ” are invalid.

**Solution:** We will use the Difference and the Partition Methods. We will first count the number of ways to arrange the six letters so that c is followed directly by either d or e. To find the number of arrangements where c is directly followed by d, we can consider cd as a single letter. Thus there are  $5!$  such arrangements (since we can just put the 5 letters a, b, cd, e, f in any order). And by the same reasoning, the number of arrangements where c is directly followed by e is the same:  $5!$ . Since it is impossible for c to be directly followed by d and e at the same time, there are  $2 \cdot 5!$  arrangements where c is directly followed by either d or e. Since there are  $6!$  total ways to arrange the six letters when there are no restrictions, the answer to the question is  $6! - 2 \cdot 5!$ .