

PERMUTATION

Permutation of a set of distinct objects is an ordered arrangement of these objects.

Example:

$$\text{Let } S = \{A, B, C\}$$

permutation of S :

1. ABC
2. ACB
3. BAC
4. BCA
5. CAB
6. CBA

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

$$P(3, 3) = \frac{3!}{(3-3)!} = \frac{3!}{0!} = 3! = 6$$

r-permutation:

An ordered arrangement of r -elements of a set is called r-permutation.

Example:

~~$$\text{Let } S = \{A, B, C, D\}$$~~

Example:

- In how many ways can we select two students from a group of four students to stand in line for a picture?
- In how many ways can we arrange all four students in a line for a picture.

Sol: $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

a) r-permutation = 2-permutation ($r=2$, selection of 2 students)

$$P(4, 2) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = \frac{4!}{(4-2)!} = \frac{4!}{2!} = \frac{4 \times 3 \times 2!}{2!} = 12$$
$$= n(n-1)(n-2) \cdots (n-r+1) = 4 \times 3$$

b) $P(4, 4) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = \frac{4!}{(4-4)!} = \frac{4!}{0!} = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$

$n=4$

ways for student 1 ways for student 2 ways for student 3 ways for student 4

$\frac{4}{\uparrow} \quad \frac{3}{\uparrow} \quad \frac{2}{\uparrow} \quad \frac{1}{\uparrow}$

$= 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$

Standing Pos.

① 12

② 13

③ 14

 21

 23

 24

 31

 32

 34

 41

 42

 43

Total = 12

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\text{ways for student 1}} \frac{2}{\text{ways for student 2}} \frac{3}{\text{ways for student 3}} \frac{4}{\text{ways for student 4}} \dots \frac{n}{\text{ways for student n}} = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots 1 \right\}$$

Permutation with Repetition

Counting permutations when repetition of elements is allowed can easily be done using production rule.

Example:

How many strings of length 4 can be formed from English alphabet?

Sol:

$$S = \{A, B, C, D, \dots, Z\}$$

4-permutation : (here $n=26$)

$$\underbrace{26}_{\text{As repetition is allowed}} \underbrace{26}_{\text{As repetition is allowed}} \underbrace{26}_{\text{As repetition is allowed}} \underbrace{26}_{\text{As repetition is allowed}} = 26^4$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline r\text{-permutation} \\ \text{Here } n=26 \\ r=4 \\ \frac{n \ n \ n \ n}{r} = n \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Note:

In case of all permutations, we have $r=n$, ($n=26$)

$$\underbrace{n \ n \ n \ n}_{\text{As repetition is allowed}} \dots \underbrace{n}_{\text{As repetition is allowed}}$$

$$\underbrace{26 \ 26 \ 26}_{\text{As repetition is allowed}} \dots \underbrace{26}_{\text{As repetition is allowed}} = 26^4$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline S = \{A, B, C, D\} \\ \text{Repetition Allowed:} \\ 1. ABCD \\ \equiv \\ 24. DCBA \\ 25. AAAA \\ AAAB \\ \equiv \\ 256: \underline{\quad} \\ 4 = 256 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Permutation with Indistinguishable (Identical Elements)

Some elements may be indistinguishable in counting problems. When this is the case, care must be taken to avoid counting things more than once.

Example:

How many different strings can be made by reordering the letters of the word "SUCCESS"?

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{"DAD"} \\ 1. DAD \\ 2. ADD \\ 3. DDA \\ \hline \text{Half Permutation} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Sol: In SUCCESS, there are 3 S's, 2 C's, 1 U and 1 E.

Here $n=7$ $n_1=3$ (3 S's), $n_2=2$ (2 C's) $n_3=1$ (1U), $n_4=1$ (1E)

$$= \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! n_3! n_4!} = \frac{7!}{3! 2! 1! 1!} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3! 2!} = 420$$

It can also be calculated as:

$$= C(7, 3) \times C(4, 2) \times C(2, 1) \times C(1, 1) = \frac{7!}{3!(7-3)!} \times \frac{4!}{2! 2!} \times \frac{2!}{1! 1!} \times \frac{1!}{1! 0!} = \frac{7!}{3! 2!} \quad (\text{Same as before})$$

COMBINATION

Unordered Selection of Objects.

EXAMPLE:

How many different Committees of three Students Can be formed from a group of four Students?

Sol:

We need only to find the number of Subsets with three elements from the Set Containing the four Students.

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

Subsets of length 3 are :

$$\{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 4\}$$

$$\{1, 3, 4\}$$

$$\{2, 3, 4\}$$

each having 3 students

Four Committees, Can be formed from a group of four Students.

Using formula:

$$3\text{-Combinations: } C(4, 3) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{4!}{3!(4-3)!} = \frac{4 \times 3!}{3! 1!} = 4$$

Similarly, Committees of 2 Students

$$C(4, 2) = \frac{4!}{2! 2!} = \frac{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{2! 2!} = 6 \quad (\text{Subsets})$$



* Committees of 4 Students from the Set Containing four students:

$$C(4, 4) = \frac{4!}{4! 1!} = 1 \quad (\text{only one committee } \{1, 2, 3, 4\})$$

COMBINATION WITH REPETITION

Example :

Suppose that a Cookie Shop has four different kinds of cookies.
How many different ways can six cookies be chosen?
Assume that only the type of cookie, and not the individual
cookies or the order in which they are chosen matters.

Sol:-

Theorem :

There are $C(n+r-1, r) = C(n+r-1, n-1)$ r-combinations
from a set with n-elements when repetition of element
is allowed.

four different kinds of cookies = $n = 4$

Selection : Choose Six Cookies = $r = 6$

$$\underline{C(n+r-1)} = \underline{C(4+6-1)}$$

$$C(n+r-1, r) = C(4+6-1, 6) = C(9, 6)$$

$$= \frac{9!}{6! 3!} = \frac{\cancel{9}^3 \times \cancel{8}^4 \times \cancel{7}^5 \times 6!}{\cancel{6!} \cdot \cancel{3!} \times 2} = 84$$