

## PROBABILITY FORMULA CHEAT SHEET

### 1. Factorial

$$n! = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times \dots \times 1$$

### 2. Permutation (Order Matters)

$$nPr = n! / (n-r)!$$

Used when arrangement/order matters.

### 3. Combination (Order Does NOT Matter)

$$nCr = n! / (r!(n-r)!)$$

Used when selecting items without caring about order.

### 4. Probability Distribution Condition

Sum of all probabilities must equal 1.

$$\sum f(x) = 1$$

### 5. Example (Your Question)

(a)  $f(x)=c(x^2+4) \rightarrow$  sum values then set  $c \times \text{total}=1$

(b)  $f(x)=c \cdot C(2,x) \cdot C(3,3-x) \rightarrow$  use combination formula

### 6. Combination Formula Used in Part (b)

$$C(n,r)=n!/(r!(n-r)!)$$

Examples:

$$C(2,0)=1, C(2,1)=2, C(2,2)=1$$

$$C(3,3)=1, C(3,2)=3, C(3,1)=3$$

### Quick Summary

Permutation → Order matters

Combination → Order does NOT matter

Probability distribution → Total probability = 1