



# PERMUTATIONS & COMBINATIONS

Part I

## COUNTING TECHNIQUES

### PERMUTATIONS

- Permutation is the number of ways to arrange things.

Eg : My safe code is 492.

(order matters)

- $P(n,r) = {}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{r!}$ , Where  $0 \leq r \leq n$   
 $n \rightarrow$  the number of things to choose from  
 $r \rightarrow$  the number of things we choose  
 $! \rightarrow$  factorial.

### COMBINATIONS

- Combination is the number of ways to choose things.

Eg : My Salad is a Combination of carrot, Onion, Tomato and Lemon.

(order doesn't matter)

- $C(n,r) = {}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \binom{n}{r}$ ; Where  $0 \leq r \leq n$   
 $n \rightarrow$  the number of things to choose from  
 $r \rightarrow$  the number of things we choose

## TYPES OF PERMUTATIONS & COMBINATIONS

### When Repetition is Allowed.

#### 1. Permutations with Repetition

Formula:  $n^r$

(Repetition allowed, order matters)



#### 2. Combinations with Repetition

Formula:  $\binom{n+r-1}{r}$

(Repetition allowed, order does not matter)



### When Repetition is not Allowed.

#### 1. Permutations without Repetition

Formula:  $\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$

(No repetition, order matters)



#### 2. Combinations without Repetition

Formula:  $\frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

(No repetition, order does not matter)



# PERMUTATION

If 'n' is the number of distinct things and 'r' things are chosen at a time.

## 1. Permutations of objects when all objects are not distinct.

$$\text{Permutations} = \frac{n!}{P_1! P_2! \dots P_r!} \quad P_r \rightarrow \text{Number of things among 'n' are exactly alike of } r^{\text{th}} \text{ type.}$$

## 2. Permutations with Repetition

$$\text{Number of Permutations} = n^r$$

## 3. Circular Permutations

**Case 1 :** When clockwise and anticlockwise arrangements are different.

$$\text{Number of Permutations : } (n - 1)!$$

**Case 2 :** When clockwise and anticlockwise arrangements are not different.

$$\text{Number of Permutations : } \frac{1}{2} (n - 1)!$$

## 4. Permutation under Restrictions

**Case 1 :** When 's' particular things are always to be included.

$$\text{Number of Permutations : } \frac{(n - s)! r!}{(n - r)! (r - s)!}$$

**Case 2 :** When a particular thing is always to be included ( $s = 1$ ).

$$\text{Number of Permutations : } \frac{(n - 1)! r!}{(n - r)! (r - 1)!}$$

**Case 3 :** When 's' particular things are never to be included.

$$\text{Number of Permutations : } \frac{(n - s)!}{(n - s - r)!}$$

**Case 4 :** When a particular thing is never included ( $s = 1$ ).

$$\text{Number of Permutations : } \frac{(n - 1)!}{(n - r - 1)!}$$

**Case 5 :** When 'm' particular things always come together.

$$\text{Number of Permutations : } (n - m + 1)! \times m!$$

**Case 6 :** When 'm' particular things never come together.

$$\text{Number of Permutations : } n! - (n - m + 1)! \times m!$$



# COMBINATION

If 'n' is the number of distinct things and 'r' things are chosen at a time.

## 1. Combinations with Repetition

Number of Combinations :  $(n+r-1)C_r$

## 2. Total Number of Combinations



**Case 1 :** Ways of selecting one or more than one things.

Number of Combinations :  ${}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n = 2^n - 1$

**Case 2 :** When ' $s_1$ ' alike objects of one kind, ' $s_2$ ' alike objects of 2<sup>nd</sup> kind and so on ..... ' $s_n$ ' alike objects of n<sup>th</sup> kind.

Number of Combinations :  $(s_1 + 1)(s_2 + 1) \dots (s_n + 1) - 1$

**Case 3 :** When ' $s_1$ ' alike objects of one kind, ' $s_2$ ' alike objects of 2<sup>nd</sup> kind and so on .... ' $s_n$ ' alike objects of n<sup>th</sup> kind and rest ' $p$ ' different objects.

Number of Combinations :  $[(s_1 + 1)(s_2 + 1) \dots (s_n + 1)]2^p - 1$

## 3. Combinations Under Restrictions

**Case 1 :** When ' $s$ ' particular things are always to be included.

Number of Combinations :  $(n-s)C_{(r-s)}$



**Case 2 :** When a particular thing is always to be included.

Number of Combinations :  $(n-1)C_{(r-1)}$

**Case 3 :** When ' $s$ ' particular things are never included ( $s = 1$ ).

Number of Combinations :  $(n-s)C_r$

**Case 4 :** When ' $m$ ' particular things never come together.



Number of Combinations :  ${}^nC_r - (n-m)C_{(r-m)}$