# Multiplication Rule

If one event can occur in **m** ways, a second event in **n** ways and a third event in **r**, then the three events can occur in **m** × **n** × **r** ways.

**Example** Erin has 5 tops, 6 skirts and 4 caps from which to choose an outfit.

In how many ways can she select one top, one skirt and one cap?

Solution: Ways =  $5 \times 6 \times$ 

# Repetition of an Event

If one event with **n** outcomes occurs **r** times with repetition allowed, then the number of ordered arrangements is **n**<sup>r</sup>

**Example 1** What is the number of arrangements if a die is rolled

(a) 2 times ? 
$$6 \times 6 = 6^2$$

(b) 3 times ? 
$$6 \times 6 \times 6 = 6^3$$

(b) r times ? 
$$6 \times 6 \times 6 \times ... = 6^{r}$$

## Repetition of an Event

### **Example 2**

(a) How many different car number plates are possible

with 3 letters followed by 3 digits? Solution:  $26 \times 26 \times 26 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 26^3 \times 10^3$ 

- (b) How many of these number plates begin with ABC
- Solution:  $1 \times 1 \times 1 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10^3$
- (c) If a plate is chosen at random, what is the probability that it begins with ABC?

Solution: 
$$\frac{10^3}{26^3 \times 10^3} = \frac{1}{26^3}$$

# **Factorial Representation**

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2).....3 \times 2 \times 1$$

For example 5! = 5.4.3.2.1 Note 0! = 1

### **Example**

a) In how many ways can 6 people be arranged in a row?

**Solution**: 6.5.4.3.2.1 = 6!

b) How many arrangements are possible if only 3 of them are chosen?

**Solution:** 6.5.4 = 120

## **Arrangements or Permutations**

Distinctly ordered sets are called **arrangements** or **permutations**.

The number of permutations of **n** objects taken **r** at a time is given by:

$${}^{n}P_{r} = \underline{n!}$$

$$(n-r)!$$

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where n = number of objects
r = number of positions
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# **Arrangements or Permutations**

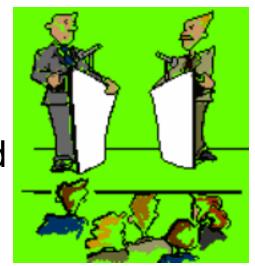
Eg 1. A maths debating team consists of 4 speakers.

a) In how many ways can all 4 speakers be arranged in a row for a photo?

Solution: 4.3.2.1 = 4! or  ${}^{4}P_{4}$ 

b) How many ways can the captain and vice-captain be chosen?

Solution: 4.3 = 12 or  ${}^4P_2$ 



## **Arrangements or Permutations**

Eg 2. A flutter on the horses There are 7 horses in a race.



a) In how many different orders can the horses finish?

Solution: 7.6.5.4.3.2.1 = 7! or  $^{7}P_{7}$ 

b) How many trifectas (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) are possible?

Solution: 7.6.5 = 210 or  $^{7}P_{3}$ 



### Permutations with Restrictions

Eg. In how many ways can 5 boys and 4 girls be arranged on a bench if

a) there are no restrictions?

Solution: 9! or <sup>9</sup>P<sub>9</sub>

c) boys and girls alternate?



Solution: A boy will be on each end

BGBGBGB = 
$$5 \times 4 \times 4 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 1 \times 1$$
  
=  $5! \times 4!$  or  ${}^{5}P_{5} \times {}^{4}P_{4}$ 

### Permutations with Restrictions

Eg. In how many ways can 5 boys and 4 girls be arranged on a bench if

c) boys and girls are in separate groups?

Solution: Boys & Girls or Girls & Boys

$$= 5! \times 4! + 4! \times 5! = 5! \times 4! \times 2$$

or 
$${}^5P_5 \times {}^4P_4 \times 2$$

d) Anne and Jim wish to stay together?

= 
$$2 \times 8!$$
 or  $2 \times {}^8P_8$ 



If we have **n** elements of which <sup>x</sup> are alike of one kind, y are alike of another kind, z are alike of another kind,

..... then the number of ordered selections or permutations is given by:

\_\_\_\_n! x! y! z!

Eg.1 How many different arrangements of the word **PARRAMATTA** are possible?

**Solution:** 

10 letters but note repetition (4 A's, 2 R's, 2 T's)

P

AAAA

RR

No. of 10! arrangements = 4! 2! 2!

M

ТΤ

= 37 800



Eg 1. How many arrangements of the letters of the word REMAND are possible if:

a) there are no restrictions?

Solution:  ${}^{6}P_{6} = 720 \text{ or } 6!$ 

b) they begin with RE?

Solution:  $RE_{-} = {}^{4}P_{4} = 24$  or 4!

c) they do not begin with RE?

Solution: Total – (b) = 6! - 4! = 696

- Eg 1. How many arrangements of the letters of the word REMAND are possible if:
  - d) they have RE together in order?

Solution: (RE) \_ \_ \_ =  ${}^{5}P_{5}$  = 120 or 5!

e) they have REM together in any order?

Solution: (REM) \_ \_ \_ =  ${}^{3}P_{3} \times {}^{4}P_{4} = 144$ 

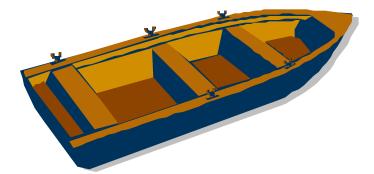
f) R, E and M are not to be together?

Solution: Total - (e) = 6! - 144 = 576

Eg 2. There are 6 boys who enter a boat with 8 seats, 4 on each side. In how many ways can

a) they sit anywhere?

Solution: <sup>8</sup>P<sub>6</sub>



b) two boys A and B sit on the port side and another boy W sit on the starboard side?

Solution:  $A \& B = {}^{4}P_{2}$ 

$$W = {}^4P_1$$

Others = 
$${}^5P_3$$

Total = 
$${}^4P_2 \times {}^4P_1 \times {}^5P_3$$



- Eg 3. From the digits 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- a) how many numbers greater than 4 000 can be formed?

Solution: 
$$5 \text{ digits (any)} = {}^5P_5$$

4 digits (must start with digit  $\geq$  4) =  ${}^{3}P_{1} \times {}^{4}P_{3}$ 

Total = 
$${}^{5}P_{5} + {}^{3}P_{1} \times {}^{4}P_{3}$$

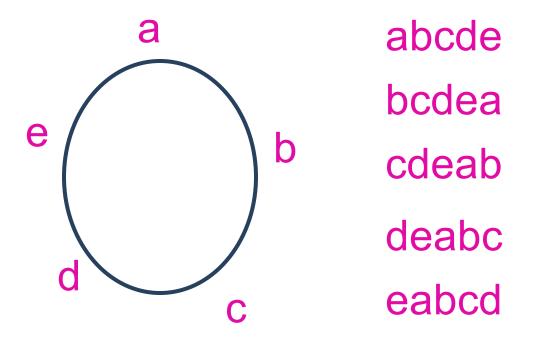
b) how many 4 digit numbers would be even?

Even (ends with 2, 4 or 6) = 
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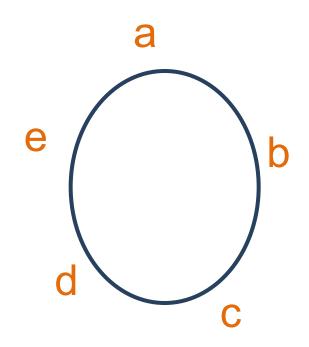
$$= {}^{4}P_{3} \times {}^{3}P_{1}$$

Circular arrangements are permutations in which objects are arranged in a circle.

Consider arranging 5 objects (a, b, c, d, e) around a circular table. The arrangements



are different in a line, but are identical around a



To calculate the number of ways in which n objects can be arranged in a circle, we arbitrarily fix the position of one object, so the remaining (n-1) objects can be arranged as if they were on a straight line in (n-1)! ways.

i.e. the number of arrangements = (n – 1)!
in a circle

Eg 1. At a dinner party 6 men and 6 women sit at a round table. In how many ways can they sit if:

a) there are no restrictions **Solution**:

$$(12-1)! = 11!$$



b) men and women alternate

Solution:  $(6-1)! \times 6! = 5! \times 6!$ 

Eg 1. At a dinner party 6 men and 6 women sit at a round table. In how many ways can they sit if:

c) Ted and Carol must sit together

**Solution**: **(TC)** & other  $10 = 2! \times 10!$ 

d) Bob, Ted and Carol must sit together

Solution: (BTC) & other  $9 = 3! \times 9!$ 

Eg 1. At a dinner party 6 men and 6 women sit at a round table. In how many ways can they sit if:

d) Neither Bob nor Carol can sit next to Ted.

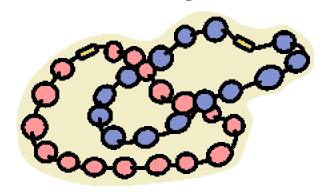
Solution: Seat 2 of the other 9 people next to Ted in  $(9 \times 8)$  ways or  ${}^9P_2$ 

Then sit the remaining 9 people (including Bob and Carol) in 9! ways

Ways =  $(9 \times 8) \times 9!$  or  ${}^{9}P_{2} \times 9!$ 

Eg 2. In how many ways can 8 differently coloured beads be threaded on a string?

#### **Solution:**



As necklace can be turned over, clockwise and anti-clockwise arrangements are the same

$$= (8-1)! \div 2 = 7! \div 2$$

### **Unordered Selections**

The number of different **combinations** (i.e. unordered sets) of **r** objects from **n** distinct objects is represented by :

No. of	= number of permutations
Combinations	arrangements of r objects

and is denoted by

$${}^{n}C_{r} = {}^{n}P_{r} = {}^{n}!$$
 $r! (n-r)!$ 

Eg 1. How many ways can a basketball team of 5 players be chosen from 8 players?

#### **Solution:**

 ${}^8C_5$ 



Eg 2. A committee of 5 people is to be chosen from a group of 6 men and 4 women. How many

committees are possible if

a) there are no restrictions?

Solution:  ${}^{10}C_5$ 

b) one particular person must be chosen on the committee?

Solution:  $1 \times {}^{9}C_{4}$ 

c) one particular woman must be excluded from the committee?

Solution: <sup>9</sup>C<sub>5</sub>

Eg 2. A committee of 5 people is to be chosen from a group of 6 men and 4 women. How many committees are possible if:

d) there are to be 3 men and 2 women?

Solution: Men & Women =  ${}^{6}C_{3} \times {}^{4}C_{2}$ 

e) there are to be men only?

Solution: <sup>6</sup>C<sub>5</sub>

f) there is to be a majority of women?

#### **Solution:**

3 Women & 2 men Or 4 Women & 1 man

$$= {}^{4}C_{3} \times {}^{6}C_{2} + {}^{4}C_{4} \times {}^{6}C_{1}$$

Eg 3. In a hand of poker, 5 cards are dealt from a regular pack of 52 cards.

(i) What is the total possible number of hands if there are no restrictions?

#### **Solution:**

<sup>52</sup>C<sub>5</sub>





Eg 3. In a hand of poker, 5 cards are dealt from a regular pack of 52 cards.

- ii) In how many of these hands are there:
  - a) 4 Kings?

Solution:  ${}^4C_4 \times {}^{48}C_1$  or  $1 \times 48$ 

b) 2 Clubs and 3 Hearts?

Solution:  ${}^{13}C_2 \times {}^{13}C_3$ 

Eg 3. In a hand of poker, 5 cards are dealt from a regular pack of 52 cards.

- ii) In how many of these hands are there:
- c) all Hearts?

Solution: 13C5

d) all the same colour?

Solution: Red or Black 
$${}^{26}C_5 + {}^{26}C_5 = 2 \times {}^{26}C_5$$

Eg 3. In a hand of poker, 5 cards are dealt from a regular pack of 52 cards.

- ii) In how many of these hands are there.
- e) four of the same kind?

#### **Solution:**

$${}^{4}C_{4} \times {}^{48}C_{1} \times 13 = 1 \times 48 \times 13$$

f) 3 Aces and two Kings?

Solution:  ${}^{4}C_{3} \times {}^{4}C_{2}$ 



Eg.1 If 4 Maths books are selected from 6 different Maths books and 3 English books are chosen from 5 different English books, how many ways can the seven books be arranged on a shelf:

a) If there are no restrictions?

Solution: 
$${}^{6}C_{4} \times {}^{5}C_{3} \times 7!$$

c) If the 4 Maths books remain together?

Solution: = 
$$(MMMM)_{---}$$
  
=  ${}^{6}P_{4} \times {}^{5}C_{3} \times 4!$  or  $({}^{6}C_{4} \times 4!) \times {}^{5}C_{3} \times 4!$ 

Eg.1 If 4 Maths books are selected from 6 different Maths books and 3 English books are chosen from 5 different English books, how many ways can the seven books be arranged on a shelf if:

c) a Maths book is at the beginning of the shelf?

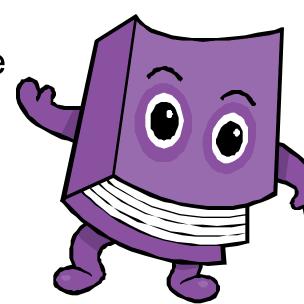
$$= 6 \times {}^5C_3 \times {}^5C_3 \times 6!$$

Eg.1 If 4 Maths books are selected from 6 different Maths books and 3 English books are chosen from 5 different English books, how many ways can the seven books be arranged on a shelf if:

d) Maths and English books alternate

Solution: = MEMEMEM

$$= {}^{6}P_{4} \times {}^{5}P_{3}$$



Eg.1 If 4 Maths books are selected from 6 different Maths books and 3 English books are chosen from 5 different English books, how many ways can the seven books be arranged on a shelf if:

e) A Maths is at the beginning and an English book is in the middle of the shelf.

Solution:  $M _ = 6 \times 5 \times {}^{5}C_{3} \times {}^{4}C_{2} \times 5!$ 

Eg 2. (i) How many different 8 letter words are possible using the letters of the word SYLLABUS?

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Solution: 2 S's & 2 L's
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SYLLABUS = 10 080 permutations

- (ii) If a word is chosen at random, find the probability that the word:
- a) contains the two S's together

b) begins and ends with L