

# Combinatorics Basics

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**< Question > :** Given 10 Girls and 7 Boys. How many different pairs of 1:1 can be formed?

Pair  $\rightarrow$  1 Girl & 1 Boy

Boys

Girls

$B_1 \rightarrow G_1$

$B_2 \rightarrow G_2$

$B_3 \rightarrow G_3$

$B_4 \rightarrow G_4$

$B_5 \rightarrow G_5$

$B_6 \rightarrow G_6$

$B_7 \rightarrow G_7$

$G_8$

$G_9$

$G_{10}$

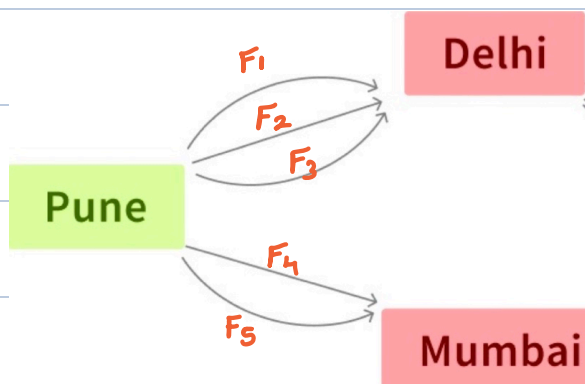
$$\# \text{ ways} = 7 * 10 = \underline{70}$$

Task A  $\rightarrow$   $n$  ways

Task B  $\rightarrow$   $m$  ways

Task A & B  $\rightarrow n * m$  ways

**< Question > :** Find number of ways to travel from Pune to Delhi or Mumbai?



$$3 + 2 = \underline{5}$$

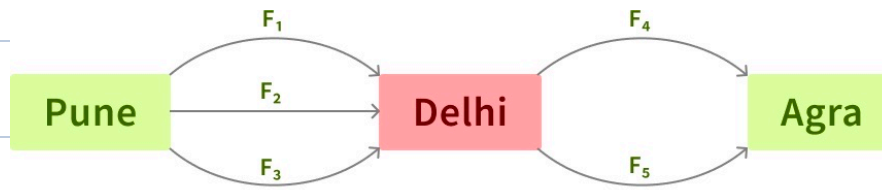
Task A  $\rightarrow$   $n$  ways

Task B  $\rightarrow$   $m$  ways

Task A or B  $\rightarrow n + m$  ways



Example :



Number of ways to reach Agra from Pune via Delhi

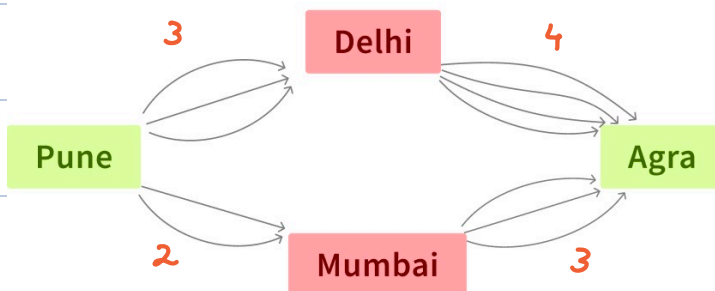
$$P \rightarrow D \Rightarrow 3 \text{ ways}$$

$$D \rightarrow A \Rightarrow 2 \text{ ways}$$

$$P \rightarrow D \text{ \& \& } D \rightarrow A \Rightarrow 3 * 2 = \underline{6 \text{ ways}}$$

Number of ways of reaching Agra from Pune ?

Quiz :



$$P \rightarrow D \rightarrow A \Rightarrow 3 * 4 = 12$$

$$P \rightarrow M \rightarrow A \Rightarrow 2 * 3 = 6$$

$$P \rightarrow D \rightarrow A \text{ or } P \rightarrow M \rightarrow A \Rightarrow 12 + 6 = \underline{18}$$



## Scenario

**Zomato**, features an exciting option for its users - meal combos. Each combo includes one main course, one *dessert*, and one *beverage*, offering a complete dining experience from various restaurants. Zomato believes that a greater variety of combos can significantly enhance customer satisfaction.

## Problem

You're tasked with helping **Zomato** identify which restaurant offers the most variety in its meal combos. You're provided with a list, shaped like a grid or a 2D matrix **A**, where each row corresponds to a different restaurant's offerings.

Each row is divided into three parts:

1.  $A[i][0]$  tells you the number of main courses,
2.  $A[i][1]$  the number of desserts, and
3.  $A[i][2]$  the number of beverages a restaurant offers.

Your challenge is to analyze this data and pinpoint which restaurant gives its customers the most options to mix and match their meal combo.

## Examples

### Example 1 :

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A = [
    [3, 2, 2], # Restaurant 1
    [4, 3, 3], # Restaurant 2
    [1, 1, 1]  # Restaurant 3
]
```

$$\text{Ans} = \max_i (A[i][0] * A[i][1] * A[i][2])$$

Output : 2

### Explanation for input 1 :

- Restaurant 1 offers 12 combos (3 mains x 2 desserts x 2 beverages)  $\rightarrow 12$
- Restaurant 2 offers 36 combos (4 mains x 3 desserts x 3 beverages)  $\rightarrow 36$
- Restaurant 3 offers 1 combo (1 main x 1 dessert x 1 beverage)  $\rightarrow 1$

So, Restaurant 2 provides the most variety with 36 possible combinations.

# Permutations $\rightarrow$ Arrangement of objects

< **Question-1** > : Given 3 distinct characters. In how many ways, we can arrange them?

S = "a b c"

a b c      b a c      c a b  
a c b      b c a      c b a

Ans = 6



< Question-2 > : In how many ways, you can arrange 4 distinct characters?

$s = \text{"d a t e"}$

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓  
4 & 3 & 2 & 1

$$\Rightarrow 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = \underline{24}$$

< Question-3 > : In how many ways n distinct characters can be arranged?

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓  
N N-1 N-2 . . . 1

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ ways} &= N * (N-1) * (N-2) * \dots * 1 \\ &= \underline{N!} \end{aligned}$$

< Question-4 > : Given 4 distinct characters, in how many ways can we arrange 2 ?

$s = \text{"d a t e"}$

↓ ↓  
4 & 3

$$\# \text{ ways} = 4 * 3 = \underline{12}$$



< Question-5 > : In how many ways can we arrange R out of N distinct characters?

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \downarrow \\ N \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \downarrow \\ N-1 \end{array} & \dots & \begin{array}{c} R \\ \downarrow \\ N-(R-1) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} R=4 \\ N \quad N-1 \quad N-2 \quad N-3 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\# \text{ ways} = N * (N-1) * (N-2) * \dots * (N-(R-1))$$

$$N * (N-1) * (N-2) * \dots * (N-(R-1)) * \underline{(N-R) * (N-R-1) * \dots * 2 * 1}$$

$$(N-R) * (N-R-1) * \dots * 2 * 1$$

$$= \frac{N!}{(N-R)!} \rightarrow {}^N P_R$$

## Combinations → Selection of objects

< Question > : In how many ways can we select 3 players from a pool of 4 players?

[ P1 P2 P3 P4 ]

P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>3</sub>

P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>4</sub>

# ways = 4

P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>4</sub>

P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>4</sub>



< Question > : What is the number of ways to arrange the players in 3 slots ?

Given 4 players  $\rightarrow$  [ P1 P2 P3 P4 ]

$$\text{Ans} = {}^4P_3 = \frac{4!}{(4-3)!} = \frac{24}{1} = 24$$

P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>3</sub>



P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>4</sub>



P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>4</sub>



P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>4</sub>



P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>3</sub>

P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>2</sub>

$$\# \text{ ways} = 4 * 6 = 24$$

P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>1</sub>

P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>3</sub>

P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>1</sub> P<sub>2</sub>

P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>2</sub> P<sub>1</sub>

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Arrange R out of N items  
= Select R out of N items &  
Arrange selected R items

$${}^N P_R = {}^N C_R * R!$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^N C_R = \frac{{}^N P_R}{R!} = \frac{N!}{(N-R)! * R!}$$



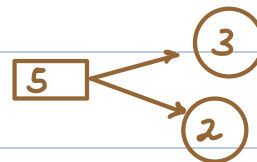
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1.  ${}^N C_0 \rightarrow$  select nothing from  $N$  items  $\rightarrow 1$   $\frac{N!}{(N-0)! * 0!} \rightarrow 1$

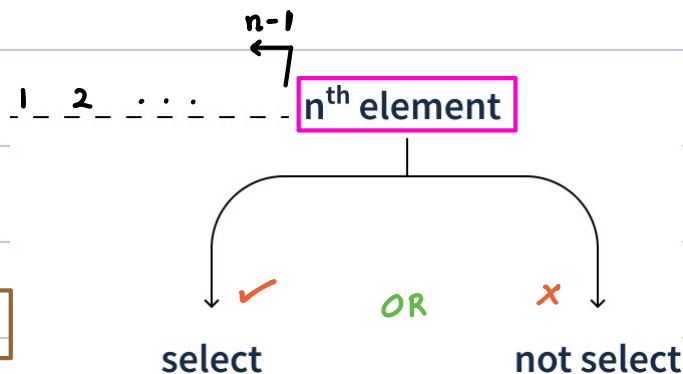
2.  ${}^N C_N \rightarrow$  select everything  $\rightarrow 1$   $\frac{N!}{(N-N)! * N!} \rightarrow 1$

3.  ${}^N C_{N-r} \rightarrow$  select  $(N-r)$  items

$$\frac{N!}{(N-(N-r))! * (N-r)!} = \frac{N!}{r! * (N-r)!} = {}^N C_r$$



< Question > : Given  $N$  distinct elements, select  $r$  distinct elements.  $\rightarrow {}^N C_r$



$$x! = x * (x-1)!$$

$${}^{N-1} C_{r-1} + {}^{N-1} C_r = {}^N C_r$$

$$\frac{(N-1)!}{(N-1-(r-1))! * (r-1)!} + \frac{(N-1)!}{(N-1-r)! * r!} = \frac{(N-1)!}{(N-r)! * r!} \left( \frac{1}{N-r} + \frac{1}{r} \right)$$







```
for i → 0 to N {
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    c[i][0] = 1        c[i][i] = 1
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    for j → 1 to (i-1) {
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        c[i][j] = (c[i-1][j-1] + c[i-1][j]) % m
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    }
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```
} return c
```

TC =  $O(N^3)$       SC =  $O(1)$

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# Nth Column Title

- Find the Nth column title

N = 

1	2	3		26	27	28		50	51	52	53	54	---	
A	B	C	---	Z	AA	AB	---	AX	AY	AZ	BA	BB	---	BZ

N = 30 → AD ✓

N = 50 → AX ✓

N = 100 → CV ✓

*int → binary*

*10 → 2*

*↓*

*10 → 26*

N = 50 = 110010

N = 500  
→ SF

26	500	6	↑	F
26	19	19	↑	S
	0			

2	50	0
2	25	1
2	12	0
2	6	0
2	3	1
2	1	1
	0	

N = 100  
→ CV

26	100	22	↑	V
26	3	3	↑	C
	0			

$0 \leq A \% 26 \leq 25$

N = 26

26	26-1	25	→	<u>Z</u>
	0			

 $N = 27$ 

26	$27 - 1 = 26$	0
26	$1 - 1 = 0$	0
	0	

↑  
AA

 $ans = ""$ while ( $N > 0$ ) {     $ch = (\text{char}) ((N-1) \% 26 + 'A')$      $ans = ch + ans$      $N = (N-1) / 26$ 

}

return ans

$$TC = O(\log_{26} (N))$$

$$SC = O(1)$$

~~5~~   ~~8~~   3   6   1   10   8       $K = 3$

~~5~~   ~~8~~   ~~3~~   6   1

 $Ans = q.front()$





