

Permutation & Combination

CHEAT SHEET

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Operations

Name	Formula	Properties
Factorial, $n!$	$n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n-1) \times n$	
Combination, n_iC	${}^n_iC = \frac{n!}{(n-i)!i!}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ${}^n_iC = {}^n_{n-i}C$ • if ${}^n_iC == {}^n_jC$ then either $i == j$ or $i + j == n$ • ${}^n_iC + {}^n_{i+1}C = {}^{n+1}_{i+1}C$ • ${}^n_iC = \frac{n}{i} \times {}^{n-1}_{i-1}C$
Permutation, n_iP	${}^n_iP = {}^n_iC \times i! = \frac{n!}{(n-i)!}$	

Arrangements

Each distinct object with one occurrence

n objects each distinct i.e. $\{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_{n-1}, o_n\}$

Places	Number of ways to arrange n objects on r places
<p>r distinct places each with one occurrence</p>	<p>$\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$</p> <p>${}^n_r C \times r!$ if $n \geq r$ ${}^r_n C \times n!$ otherwise</p> <p>Special cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When a particular object is to be included each time: ${}^{n-1}_{r-1} C \times r!$ When a particular object is never included: ${}^{n-1}_r C \times r! = {}^{n-1}_r P$ When two specified objects always occur & occur together: ${}^{n-2}_{r-2} C \times (r-1)! \times 2$ Arranging n objects on n places such that no two objects from a subset m objects (out of n) occur together: $(n-m)! {}^{n-m+1}_m C \times m!$
<p>r distinct places each with finite possible occurrences</p> <p>x out of r places identical + y places identical + y object identical too and rest (r-3) all are distinct</p> <p>In other word, first place allows x objects to be placed second one allows y objects and so on</p>	<p>$\{p_1, \dots, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_3, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$</p> <p>x times y times y times 1-time: such (r-3) places</p> $\frac{n!}{x! * y! * y! * 1! \dots 1!} \times \left(\frac{(x + y + y + (r-3))!}{2! * (r-3)!} \right)$ <p>Division by number of times those places allowing same objects, for example y was allowed by 2 places and 1 was allowed by r-3 times. (this whole term including numerator is only needed if we want to arrange r places)</p> <p>This assumes that all sum of all finite occurrences of r objects eventually sum to n, if that's not the case then add a dummy place and dump remaining $n - (x + y + y + (r-3))$ objects in that place and then use above formula.</p>

Special Case	1 distinct place with r (finite) occurrences		$\underbrace{\{p_1, p_1, \dots, p_1, p_1\}}_{r \text{ times}}$	$\begin{matrix} {}^n_r C & \text{if } n \geq r \\ {}^r_n C & \text{otherwise} \end{matrix}$
	Examples	Given n points, m being collinear:		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of lines formed: To form a line we need 2 points, where ordering does not matter, hence ${}^n_2 C - {}^m_2 C + 1$ Number of triangles formed: ${}^n_3 C - {}^m_3 C$ 		
		Number of Quadrilateral formed: ${}^n_4 C - {}^m_3 C \times {}^{n-m}_1 C - {}^m_4 C$		
		Number of diagonals of n sided polygon = ${}^n_2 C - n$		
		Maximum number of regions n non-parallel lines divide a plane into: $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$		
		Number of parallelograms in two set of parallel lines m and n respectively: ${}^n_2 C \times {}^m_2 C$		
		In a rectangle of size $w \times l$ with $w \geq l$:		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of lines: $(w + 1) + (l + 1)$ Number of smaller rectangles: ${}^{w+1}_2 C \times {}^{l+1}_2 C$ Number of smaller squares: $w \times l + (w - 1) \times (l - 1) + \dots + (w - (l - 1)) \times (l - (l - 1))$ 		
	r distinct places each with infinite possible occurrences		$(p_1, p_1, \dots, \infty, p_2, p_2, \dots, \infty, \dots, p_r, p_r, \dots, \infty)$	r^n
	In other word each of r places can get any number of objects (including no objects).			
	r distinct places each with infinite possible occurrences but each distinct place should be used at least once.		$(p_1, p_1, \dots, \infty, p_2, p_2, \dots, \infty, \dots, p_r, p_r, \dots, \infty)$	$r^n - {}^r_1 C(r - 1)^n + {}^r_2 C(r - 2)^n - {}^r_3 C(r - 3)^n + {}^r_4 C(r - 4)^n + \dots + \infty$
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Each distinct object with finite many occurrences

a out of n objects identical of one type + b places identical of another type + b object identical too and rest $(n-3)$ all are distinct

$$\{o_1, \dots, o_1, o_2, \dots, o_2, o_3, \dots, o_3, \dots, o_{n-1}, o_n\}$$

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Places		Number of ways to arrange n objects on r places
r distinct places each with one occurrence	$\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$	Coefficient of x^r in $\left(\frac{x^0}{0!} + \dots + \frac{x^a}{a!}\right) \times \left(\frac{x^0}{0!} + \dots + \frac{x^b}{b!}\right) \times \left(\frac{x^0}{0!} + \dots + \frac{x^b}{b!}\right) \times \left(\frac{x^0}{0!} + \frac{x^1}{1!}\right)^{n-3} \times r!$ Special case, $r = \text{sum of all finite occurrences}$ then $\frac{(a + b + b + n - 3)!}{a! b! b! 1! \dots 1!} = \frac{r!}{a! b! b! 1! \dots 1!}$
Examples	Number of ways to arrange $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ such that 2 always comes before 3 and 3 always comes before 5. On first look it might seem like there are 5 distinct objects and 5 places but due to constraint above, actually $\{2, 3, 5\}$ are now identical as we can't arrange them, hence answer is $\frac{5!}{3!}$	
r distinct places each with finite possible occurrences x out of r places identical + y places identical + y object identical too and rest $(r-3)$ all are distinct	$\{p_1, \dots, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_3, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$ x times y times y times 1-time: such $(r-3)$ places	NA

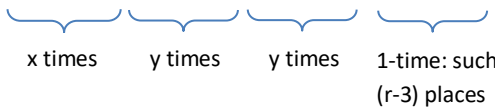
In other word, first place allows x objects to be placed second one allows y objects and so on			
Special Case	1 distinct place with r (finite) occurrences	$\underbrace{\{p_1, p_1, \dots, p_1, p_1\}}_{r \text{ times}}$	Coefficient of x^r in $(x^0 + \dots + x^a) \times (x^0 + \dots + x^b) \times (x^0 + \dots + x^b) \times (x^0 + x^1)^{n-3}$
	Examples	Number of Integral solutions of $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$ s.t. $0 \leq x_i \leq n$ Answer: Here we can assume n being finite occurrences of 1 distinct place on which we are trying to place $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1, n\}$ units from x_1 (basically n objects of 1 type) and n objects of another type (x_2)and so on. So basically: Coefficient of x^n in $(x^0 + \dots + x^n) \times (x^0 + \dots + x^n) \times \dots \times (x^0 + \dots + x^n) = (x^0 + \dots + x^n)^r$ which is ${}^{n+r-1}_{r-1}C$	
		Number of Integral solutions of $k_1x_1 + k_2x_2 + \dots + k_rx_r = n$ s.t. $0 \leq x_i \leq n$ Answer: Here we can assume n being finite occurrences of 1 distinct place on which we are trying to place $\{0, k_1, 2k_1, \dots, \}$ units from x_1 and $\{0, k_2, 2k_2, \dots, \}$ objects of another type (x_2)and so on. So basically: Coefficient of x^n in $(x^0 + x^{k_1} + x^{2k_1} + \dots) \times (x^0 + x^{k_2} + x^{2k_2} + \dots) \times \dots \times (x^0 + x^{k_r} + x^{2k_r} + \dots)$	
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One distinct object with finite many occurrences (sp. case)

only 1 object with n occurrences:

$\{o_1, \dots, o_1\}$

 n times

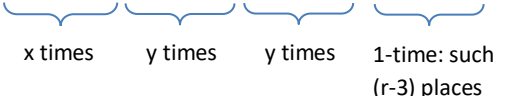
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Examples	Number of Integral solutions of $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$ s.t. $0 \leq x_i \leq n$ Answer: ${}^{n+r-1}_{r-1}C$	

	<p>Number of Integral solutions of $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r \leq n, s.t. 0 \leq x_i \leq n$</p> <p>Answer: Add a dummy variable $x_{r+1}, s.t. 0 \leq x_{r+1} \leq n$</p> <p>Then we can re-write equation as $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r + x_{r+1} = n, s.t. 0 \leq x_i \leq n$ now use above solution with $r + 1$ places.</p>	
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Examples	<p>Number of Integral solutions of $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n s.t. 1 \leq x_i \leq n$</p> <p>Answer: ${}^{n-1}_{r-1}C$</p>	

Each distinct Object each with infinite many occurrences

n distinct and infinite occurrence for each object:

$(o_1, o_1, \dots, \infty, o_2, o_2, \dots, \infty, \dots, o_n, o_n, \dots, \infty)$

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