

# 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, ${}^nC$	${}^nC = \frac{n!}{(n - i)! i!}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>{}^nC = {}^{n-i}C</math></li> <li>• if <math>{}^nC == {}^nC</math> then either <math>i == j</math> or <math>i + j == n</math></li> <li>• <math>{}^nC + {}^{n-i}C = {}^{n+1}C</math></li> <li>• <math>{}^nC = \frac{n}{i} \times {}^{n-1}C</math></li> </ul>
Permutation, ${}^nP$	${}^nP = {}^nC \times i! = \frac{n!}{(n - i)!}$	

Representing Number of ways: #,

## 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
r distinct places each with one occurrence	$\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$	${}^n_r C \times r!$ if $n \geq r$ ${}^r_n C \times n!$ otherwise

- This is also called arrangement without replacement.
- When a particular object is to be included each time:  ${}^{n-1}_{r-1}C \times r!$
- When a particular object is never included:  ${}^{n-1}_rC \times r! = {}^{n-1}_rP$
- 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:

$$(n-m)! {}^{n-m+1}_mC \times m!$$

- If  $r = n$  and there is one specific way in which each object can occupy its place correctly (let's say  $i^{th}$  object occupying  $i^{th}$  place is correct) then:

$$n! = \# \text{ no object occupy its place correctly} + \# \text{ atleast one object occupy its place correctly}$$

Let's defining  $A_h$  as # in which  $h^{th}$  object occupies the its place ( $h^{th}$  place) correctly then

$$\# \text{ atleast one object occupy its place correctly} = \bigcup_{h=1}^r A_h$$

### 1. # at-least one place is occupied correctly

Notice union does not included repeated counts, if  $|\cdot|$  represents cardinality of set then

$$\left| \bigcup_{h=1}^r A_h \right| = \sum_{i=1}^r |A_i| - \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=i+1}^r |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=i+1}^r \sum_{k=j+1}^r |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n|$$

In words

- + (# 1 place is selected from r) times (# at-least that place is occupied correctly with repetitions)
- (# 2 place is selected from r) times (#at-least those 2 places are occupied correctly with repetitions)
- + (# 3 place is selected from r) times (#at-least those 3 places are occupied correctly with repetitions)

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(+/-) (# r place is selected from r) times (#at-least those r places are occupied correctly with repetitions)

**2. # at-least k places are occupied correctly**

$$\left| \bigcup A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap A_{i_3} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k} \right| = \sum_{i=k}^n (-1)^{i+k} \times {}^{i-1}_{k-1}C \times S_i$$

Where  $S_i$  is sum of all possible combinations with  $i$  objects in correct places.

**3. # exactly k places are occupied correctly**

$$\begin{aligned} &= \# \text{ at-least } k \text{ places are occupied correctly} - \# \text{ at-least } k+1 \text{ places are occupied correctly} \\ &= \sum_{i=k}^n (-1)^{i+k} \times {}^{i-1}_{k-1}C \times S_i - \sum_{i=k+1}^n (-1)^{i+k+1} \times {}^{i-1}_kC \times S_i \\ &= S_k + \sum_{i=k-1}^n (-1)^{i+k} \times ({}^{i-1}_{k-1}C + {}^{i-1}_kC) \times S_i \\ &= S_k + \sum_{i=k+1}^n (-1)^{i+k} \times {}^i_kC \times S_i \\ &= \sum_{i=k}^n (-1)^{i+k} \times {}^i_kC \times S_i \end{aligned}$$

Example

Suppose there is a deck of  $n$  cards numbered from 1 to  $n$ . Suppose a card numbered  $m$  is in the correct position if it is the  $m^{th}$  card in the deck. How many ways,  $W$ , then

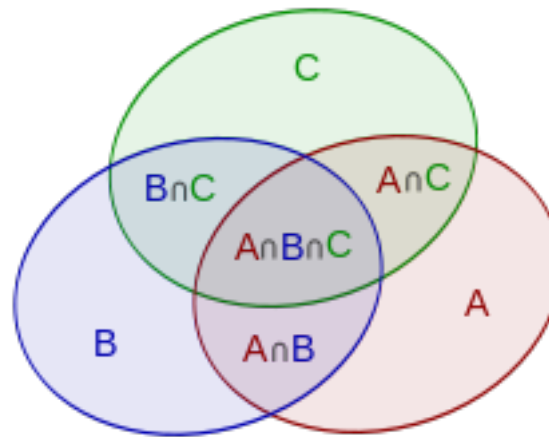
# for at-least **specific**  $k$  cards in correct position:

$$(n - k)!$$

# for at least  $k$  cards in correct position:

$$\neq {}^nC_k (n - k)!$$

Because we will end up repeating all the # for at-least  $k + 1, k + 2, \dots$  so on cards to be in correct position in  ${}^nC_k$  possible combinations of choosing  $k$  cards.



For example with three sets  $\{A, B, C\}$  # in atleast any two  $\neq |A \cap B| + |A \cap C| + |B \cap C|$  as they all three include  $|A \cap B \cap C|$

# at-least one card is in correct position

	$  \begin{aligned}  &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} (n-k)! \\  &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{n!}{k!} \\  &= n! \times \left( 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{-1^i}{(i)!} \right) \\  &= n! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{e} \right)  \end{aligned}  $ <p># no card in correct position</p> $  \begin{aligned}  &= n! - \text{at least one card is in correct position} \\  &= n! - n! \left( 1 - \frac{1}{e} \right) \\  &= \frac{1}{e}  \end{aligned}  $	
<p><math>r</math> distinct places each with finite possible occurrences</p> <p><math>x</math> out of <math>r</math> places identical + <math>y</math> places identical + <math>y</math> object identical too and rest <math>(r-3)</math> all are distinct</p> <p>In other word, first place allows <math>x</math> objects to be placed second one allows <math>y</math> objects and so on</p>	$\{ \underbrace{p_1, \dots, p_1}_{x \text{ times}}, \underbrace{p_2, \dots, p_2}_{y \text{ times}}, \underbrace{p_3, \dots, p_3}_{y \text{ times}}, \dots, \underbrace{p_{r-1}, p_r}_{1\text{-time: such (r-3) places}} \}$	$\frac{n!}{x! * y! * y! * 1! \dots 1!} \times \left( \frac{(x + y + y + (r-3))!}{2! * (r-3)!} \right)$ <p>Division by number of times those places allowing same objects, for example <math>y</math> was allowed by 2 places and 1 was allowed by <math>r-3</math> times. (this whole term including numerator is only needed if we want to arrange <math>r</math> places)</p> <p>This assumes that all sum of all finite occurrences of <math>r</math> objects eventually sum to <math>n</math>, if that's not the case then add a dummy place and dump remaining <math>n - (x + y + y + (r-3))</math> 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"> <li>Number of lines formed: To form a line we need 2 points, where ordering does not matter, hence <math>{}^n_2 C - {}^m_2 C + 1</math></li> <li>Number of triangles formed: <math>{}^n_3 C - {}^m_3 C</math></li> </ul>		
		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"> <li>Number of lines: <math>(w + 1) + (l + 1)</math></li> <li>Number of smaller rectangles: <math>{}^{w+1}_2 C \times {}^{l+1}_2 C</math></li> <li>Number of smaller squares: <math>w \times l + (w - 1) \times (l - 1) + \dots + (w - (l - 1)) \times (l - (l - 1))</math></li> </ul>		
		Maximum number of points of intersection of m lines and n circles: ${}^m_2 C + 2{}^n_2 C + 2{}^m_1 C {}^n_1 C$		
		Number of ways of arranging n objects on r places such that places are arranged circularly, then actually we can only arrange $(r - 1)$ places, hence: ${}^n_r C \times (r - 1)!$		
	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).				

This is also called arrangement with replacement.

This includes all the possible combinations, i.e. if we define a set  $A_h$  which represents  $h^{th}$  place occupied for sure (at least by one object) then

$$r^n = \bigcup_{h=1}^r A_h$$

Notice union does not include repeated counts, if  $|\cdot|$  represents cardinality of set then

**1. # at least one place is occupied:**

$$\left| \bigcup_{h=1}^r A_h \right| = \sum_{i=1}^r |A_i| - \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=i+1}^r |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=i+1}^r \sum_{k=j+1}^r |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n|$$

In words:

- + (# 1 place is selected from r) times (#at-least that place is included for sure, including repetition)
- (# 2 place is selected from r) times (#at-least those 2 place is included for sure including repetition)
- + (# 3 place is selected from r) times (#at-least those 3 place is included for sure including repetition)
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- .
- (+/-) (# r place is selected from r) times (#at-least those r place is included for sure including repetition)

**2. # at least any k places are occupied:**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \bigcup_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k < n} A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k} \right| \\
&= \sum_{i_1=1}^r \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^r \dots \sum_{i_k=i_{k-1}+1}^r |A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k}| - \dots (1)^{j+1} \binom{k+j-2}{j-1} C \sum_{i_1=1}^r \sum_{i_2=i_1+1}^r \dots \sum_{i_{k+j}=i_{k+j-1}+1}^r |A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_{k+j}}| \dots \\
&+ (-1)^{n+1} |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n|
\end{aligned}$$

# at-least k places are occupied

- (# k place is selected from r) times (# selecting 0 from k-1) times (#at-least those k place is included for sure including repetition)
- + (# k+1 place is selected from r) times (# selecting 1 from k) times (#at-least those k+1 place is included for sure including repetition)
- (# k+2 place is selected from r) times (# selecting 2 from k+1) times (#at-least those k+2 place is included for sure including repetition)
- .
- .
- (+/-) (# r place is selected from r) times (# selecting r-k from r) times (#at-least those r place is included for sure including repetition)

# exactly k places are occupied:

$$\# \text{ at least } k \text{ places are occupied} - \# \text{ at least } k + 1 \text{ places are occupied}$$

Example	<p>Given two groups of n men and m women, Find number of ways where each men can like any women from 2<sup>nd</sup> group and similarly each women can like any man from 1<sup>st</sup> group:</p> $m^n n^m$ <p>Bifurcation for like back:</p> $m^n n^m = \# \text{ no one is liked back} + \# \text{ atleast one is liked back}$ <p># at-least specific k men are liked back:</p> $= {}^m C_k k! m^{n-k} n^{m-k}$ <p># at least 1 is liked back</p> $= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{i-1} {}^n C_i \times {}^m C_i \times i! \times m^{n-i} n^{m-i}$ <p># at least k is liked back</p> $= \sum_{i=k}^{\infty} (-1)^{i-k} {}^{n-k} C_{i-k} \times {}^n C_i \times {}^m C_i \times i! \times m^{n-i} n^{m-i}$ <p># exactly k are liked back</p> $= \sum_{i=k}^{\infty} (-1)^{i-k} {}^i C_k \times {}^n C_i \times {}^m C_i \times i! \times m^{n-i} n^{m-i}$	
<p>r distinct places each with infinite possible occurrences but each distinct place should be used at least once.</p> <p>In other word each of r places can get any number of objects (excluding no objects).</p>	$(p_1, p_1, \dots, \infty, p_2, p_2, \dots, \infty, \dots, p_r, p_r, \dots, \infty)$	$r^n - {}^r C_1 (r-1)^n + {}^r C_2 (r-2)^n - {}^r C_3 (r-3)^n + {}^r C_4 (r-4)^n + \dots + \infty$

Example	<p>Number of ways such that exactly k are liked back:</p> $N(k) = N_{atleast}(k) - N_{atleast}(k + 1) - N_{atleast}(k + 2) + N_{atleast}(k + 3) + \dots + \infty$ $N(k) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^r \binom{n}{k+r} \binom{m}{k+r} (k+r)! m^{n-k-r} n^{m-k-r}$ <p>Type equation here.</p> $m^n n^m$
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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

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

		Number of ways to arrange $n$ objects on $r$ places
Examples	$a$ times $b$ times $b$ times    1-time: such $(n-3)$ objects $r$ 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 $\frac{(a + b + b + n - 3)!}{a! b! b! 1! \dots 1!} = \frac{r!}{a! b! b! 1! \dots 1!}$
	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	$\{p_1, \dots, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_3, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$ $x$ 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	<div><math display="block">\underbrace{\{p_1, p_1, \dots, p_1, p_1\}}_{r \text{ times}}</math></div>	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 $(x^0 + x^{k_1} + x^{2k_1} + \dots) \times (x^0 + x^{k_2} + x^{2k_2} + \dots) \times \dots \times (x^0 + x^{k_r} + x^{2k_r} + \dots)$	
		r distinct places each with infinite possible occurrences	$(p_1, p_1, \dots, \infty, p_2, p_2, \dots, \infty, \dots, p_r, p_r, \dots, \infty)$

In other word each of r places can get any number of objects (including no objects).		
<p>r distinct places each with infinite possible occurrences but each distinct place should be used at least once.</p> <p>In other word each of r places can get any number of objects (excluding no objects).</p>	$(p_1, p_1, \dots, \infty, p_2, p_2, \dots, \infty, \dots, p_r, p_r, \dots, \infty)$	NA



One distinct object with finite many occurrences (sp. case)

only 1 object with  $n$  occurrences:

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

	Places	Number of ways to arrange $n$ objects on $r$ places
$n$ times $n$ distinct places each with one occurrence	$\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$	1
$r$ 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  In other word, first place allows $x$ objects to be placed second one allows $y$ objects and so on	$\{p_1, \dots, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_3, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{x \text{ times}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{y \text{ times}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{y \text{ times}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{1\text{-time: such (r-3) places}}$	1
$r$ distinct places each with infinite possible occurrences  In other word each of $r$ places can get any number of objects (including no objects).	$(p_1, p_1, \dots, \infty, p_2, p_2, \dots, \infty, \dots, p_r, p_r, \dots, \infty)$	${}^{n+r-1}_{r-1}C$
Examp Number of Integral solutions of $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_r = n$ s.t. $0 \leq x_i \leq n$ Answer: ${}^{n+r-1}_{r-1}C$		



### Each distinct Object each with infinite many occurrences

$n$  distinct and infinite occurrence for each object:

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

Places		Number of ways to arrange n objects on r places
r distinct places each with one occurrence	$\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$	$n^r$
<p><math>r</math> 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>	$\{p_1, \dots, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_3, \dots, p_{r-1}, p_r\}$  x times      y times      y times      1-time: such (r-3) places	NA
<p>r distinct places each with infinite possible occurrences</p> <p>In other word each of r places can get any number of objects (including no objects).</p>	$(p_1, p_1, \dots, \infty, p_2, p_2, \dots, \infty, \dots, p_r, p_r, \dots, \infty)$	NA
<p>r distinct places each with infinite possible occurrences but each distinct place should be used at least once.</p>	$(p_1, p_1, \dots, \infty, p_2, p_2, \dots, \infty, \dots, p_r, p_r, \dots, \infty)$	NA

In other word each of $r$ places can get any number of objects (excluding no objects).		
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