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5.1 Probability-Counting Techniques

- $n^{(k)} = {}_{n}P_{k} = P_{k}^{n} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$
- $C_k^n = {}_n C_k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n^(k)}{k!}$

5.2 Combinations

Any Unordered (order does not matter) sequence of k objects taken from a set of n distinct objects is called a combinations of size k of the objects denoted

$$C_k^n = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n^{(k)}}{k!}$$

5.3 Number of Arrangements When Some Symbols are Alike

To determine the number of arrangements of a set of n objects when certain of the objects are indistinguishable (are alike) from each other, the number of outcomes is denoted by :

$$\binom{n}{n_1} \binom{n-n_1}{n_2} \dots \binom{n_k}{n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! n_3! \dots n_k!}$$

Lecture 5 was spent mostly going over examples, thus not much was covered