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Show all work. You should either write at a sentence explaining your reasoning, or annotate your math work with brief explanations. There is no need to simplify, and no calculators are needed.
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(1) Suppose there are 7 black pens and 5 red pens. How many ways can we choose 4 pens?

    Answer: $\binom{12}{4}$ because there are $7 + 5 = 12$ pens in total.

    Note that $\binom{12}{4} = 495$ but this answer was not necessary for full credit.

(2) Suppose there are 7 black pens and 5 red pens. How many ways can we choose 4 pens if we need two of each color?

    Answer: $\binom{7}{2} \cdot \binom{5}{2}$ because each color is chosen independently and so we have to multiply the number of choices for each color.

    Note that $\binom{7}{2} \cdot \binom{5}{2} = 210$ but this answer was not necessary for full credit.

(3) Suppose there are 7 black pens and 5 red pens. How many ways can we choose 4 pens if we need at least one of each color?

    Answer: $\binom{7}{1} \cdot \binom{5}{3} + \binom{7}{2} \cdot \binom{5}{2} + \binom{7}{3} \cdot \binom{5}{1}$ because we can choose one, two, or three black pens, and the numbers for each of these choices need to be added. An alternative correct solution is $\binom{12}{4} - \binom{5}{4} - \binom{7}{4}$ because we can take the answer from question (1) and subtract that number of choices when all pens are black or all pens are red.

    Note that $\binom{7}{1} \cdot \binom{5}{3} + \binom{7}{2} \cdot \binom{5}{2} + \binom{7}{3} \cdot \binom{5}{1} = 70 + 210 + 175 = \binom{12}{4} - \binom{7}{4} - \binom{5}{4} = 495 - 35 - 5 = 455$ but this answer was not necessary for full credit.

(4) If a student council contains 11 people, how many ways are there to elect a president, a vice president, and a 4 person committee?

    Answer: $11 \cdot 10 \cdot \binom{9}{4}$ because there are 11 choices for the president, and after that there will be 10 independent choices for the vice president, and the committee of 4 is chosen from the remaining 9 people independently.

    Note that $11 \cdot 10 \cdot \binom{9}{4} = 13860$ but this answer was not necessary for full credit.

(End of the quiz)