



Combinations Ex 17.1 Q6

$$\text{If } {}^nC_p = {}^nC_q$$

$$\Rightarrow p + q = n$$

$$\text{also } C_x = {}^{18}C_{x+2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow x + x + 2 &= 18 \\ 2x + 2 &= 18 \\ 2x &= 18 - 2 = 16 \\ 2x &= 16\end{aligned}$$

$$x = 8$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q7

$$\text{If } {}^nC_p = {}^nC_q$$

$$\text{Then } p + q = n$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^{15}C_{3r} = {}^{15}C_{r+3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow 3r + r + 3 &= 15 \\ 4r + 3 &= 15 \\ 4r &= 15 - 3 = 12\end{aligned}$$

$$r = 3$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q8

$${}^8C_r = {}^7C_2 + {}^7C_3$$

Applying formula ${}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

$$\frac{8!}{r!(8-r)!} = \frac{7!}{2!5!} + \frac{7!}{3!4!}$$

$$\frac{8 \times 7!}{r!(8-r)!} = \frac{7!}{2 \times 5 \times 4!} + \frac{7!}{3 \times 2 \times 4!}$$

$$\frac{8 \times 7!}{r!(8-r)!} = \frac{7!}{2 \times 4!} \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

Cancelling 7! from both sides

$$\frac{8}{r!(8-r)!} = \frac{8}{2 \times 15 \times 4!}$$

Cancelling 8 on both sides

$$2 \times 5 \times 3 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = r!(8-r)!$$

$$(3 \times 2)(5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1) = r!(8-r)!$$

$$\Rightarrow r! = 3!$$

$$r = 3$$

or $r! = 5!$
 $r = 5$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q9

$$\frac{\frac{15!}{(15-r)! r!}}{\frac{15!}{(15-r+1)!(r-1)!}} = \frac{11}{5}$$

$$\frac{\frac{15!}{(15-r)(16-r)! r(r-1)!}}{\frac{15!}{(16-r)!(r-1)!}} = \frac{11}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{16-r}{r} = \frac{11}{5}$$

$$80 - 5r = 11r$$

$$80 = 16r$$

$$r = \frac{80}{16}$$

$$= 5$$

$$r = 5$$

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