



Combinations Ex 17.1 Q18

nC_4 , nC_5 , and nC_6 are in A.P

$$\therefore {}^nC_5 - {}^nC_4 = {}^nC_6 - {}^nC_5$$

$$\frac{n!}{5!(n-5)!} - \frac{n!}{4!(n-4)!} = \frac{n!}{6!(n-6)!} - \frac{n!}{6!(n-5)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{4!(n-5)!} \left[\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{n-4} \right] = \frac{n!}{5!(n-6)!} \left[\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{n-5} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n-5} \left[\frac{n-4-5}{5(n-4)} \right] = \frac{1}{5} \left[\frac{n-5-6}{6(n-5)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n-9}{n-4} = \frac{n-11}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6n - 54 = n^2 - 15n + 44$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 21n + 98 = 0$$

$$n = 7, 14$$

n is 7 or 14

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q19

$$\text{We have } \alpha = {}^mC_2 = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} \left({}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } {}^nC_2 &= \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{m(m-1)}{2} \right) \left(\frac{m(m-1)}{2} - 1 \right)}{2} \\ &= \frac{m(m-1)(m^2-m-2)}{2 \times 2 \times 2} = \frac{m(m-1)(m+1)(m-2)}{8} \\ &= \frac{m(m-1)(m+1)(m-2)}{4 \times 2} \end{aligned}$$

multiplying with 3, numerator and denominator to make 4:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Or } &= \frac{m(m+1)m(m-1)(m-2)}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \\ &= \frac{3(m+1)m(m-1)(m-2)}{4!} \\ &= 3 \cdot {}^{m+1}C_4 \quad \left(\because {}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q20(i)

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

$${}^nC_{r-1} = \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}$$

$$\frac{{}^nC_r}{{}^nC_{r-1}} = \frac{n!(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}{r!(n-r)! n!}$$

$$= \frac{(r-1)!(n-r+1) \times (n-r)!}{r \times (r-1)!(n-r)!}$$

$$= \frac{n-r+1}{r}$$

Hence Proved

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