



Permutations & Combinations

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QUESTION

A three digit number is formed by using the digit 1,2,3 without repeating any of them. What is the sum of all such possible three digit number?

EXPLANATION

$$123+132+213+231+312+321=1332$$

Short Cut :-

Basic sum X Visibility in the column X Sum of place value

$$(1+2+3) \times (2) \times (100+10+1) = 1332$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Visibility in the column} &= N! / \text{Number of digit} \\ &= 3! / 3 = 2\end{aligned}$$

GATE-2014

Q:- A five digit number is formed using the digits 1,3,5,7 and 9 without repeating any of them what is the sum of all such possible five digit numbers?

- (a) 6666660**
- (b) 6666600**
- (c) 6666666**
- (d) 6666606**

EXPLANATION

Basic sum X Visibility in the column X

Sum of place value

$(1+3+5+7+9) \times 5!/5 \times$

$(10000+1000+100+10+1) = 9999900$

QUESTION

A new flag is to be design having 5 vertical strips selected colour (R,G,B,Y,P) how many such flag are there in which no two adjacent strip will have the same colour.

EXPLANATION

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|



$$5 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 1280$$

PSU

10 identical balls distributed among 3 friends. How many ways can be distribution done? (whole number solution)

EXPLANATION

| A | B | C | =10 |
|---|----|----|-----|
| 0 | 0 | 10 | |
| | 1 | 9 | |
| | 2 | 8 | |
| | 3 | 7 | |
| | 4 | 6 | |
| | 5 | 5 | |
| | 6 | 4 | |
| | 7 | 3 | |
| | 8 | 2 | |
| | 9 | 1 | |
| | 10 | 0 | |

CONT.....

| A | B | C | 10 |
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| | 7 | 2 | |
| | 8 | 1 | |
| | 9 | 0 | |

CONT.....

| A | B | C | 10 |
|----|---|---|----|
| 9 | 0 | 1 | |
| | 1 | 0 | |
| 10 | 0 | 0 | |

$$11+10+9+\dots\dots\dots+1=$$

$$n(n+1)/2=11 \times 12/2 =$$

$$66$$

n identical object are to distributed among r people can be done in

$${}^{n+r-1}C_{r-1} \quad {}^{10+3-1}C_{3-1} = 66$$

NOTE:-

- 1- Identical object.
- 2- Whole number solution.

NATURAL NUMBER SOLUTION

$$A+B+C=10$$

$$A+B+C=7$$

$$7+3-1C_{3-1} = {}^9C_2 = 9 \times 8 / 2 = 36$$

CAT

Q:- 15 identical ball are to be distributed among 4 friends (A,B,C,D) in how many way distribution is made if A to get at least 3 balls, B at least 2 balls and C at least 1 ball?

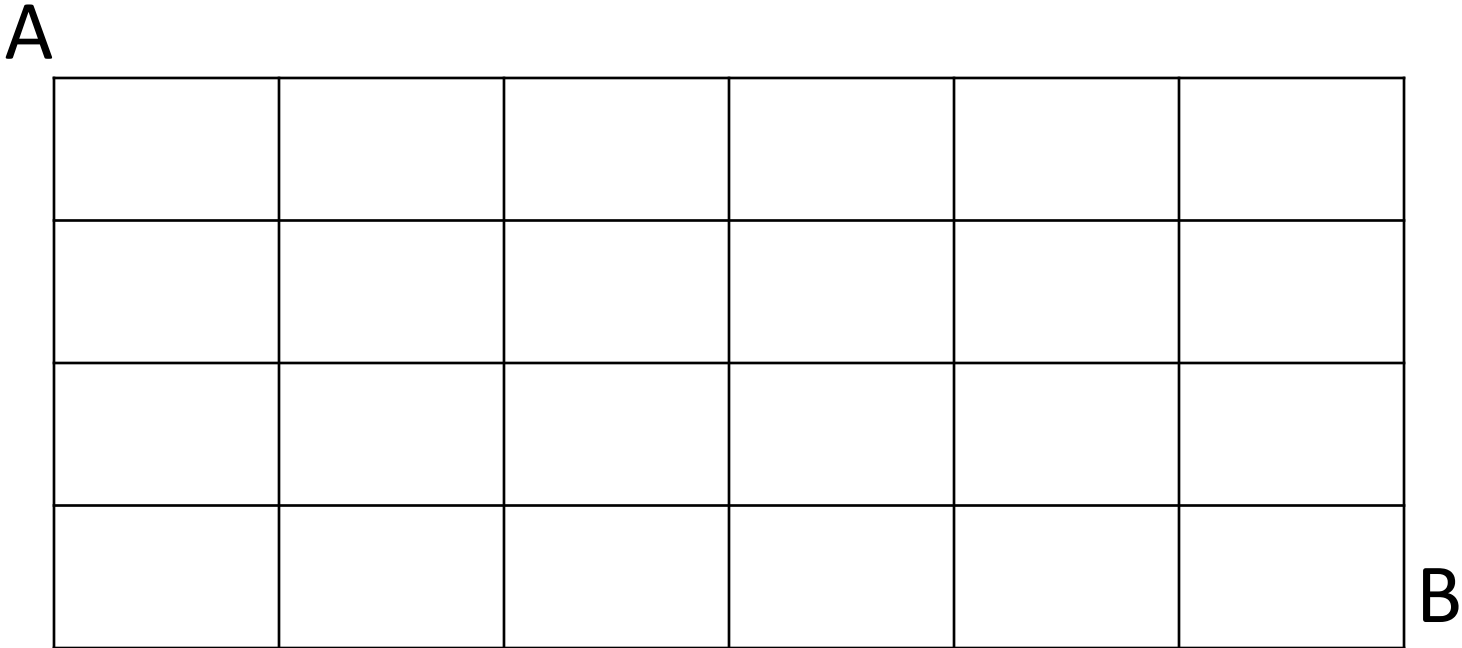
EXPLANATION

$$A + B + C + D = 15$$

$$A + B + C + D = 9$$

$${}^{9+4-1}C_{4-1} = {}^{12}C_3 = 220$$

PSU, ONGC, NTPC, GMAT



How many different shortest route from A to B?

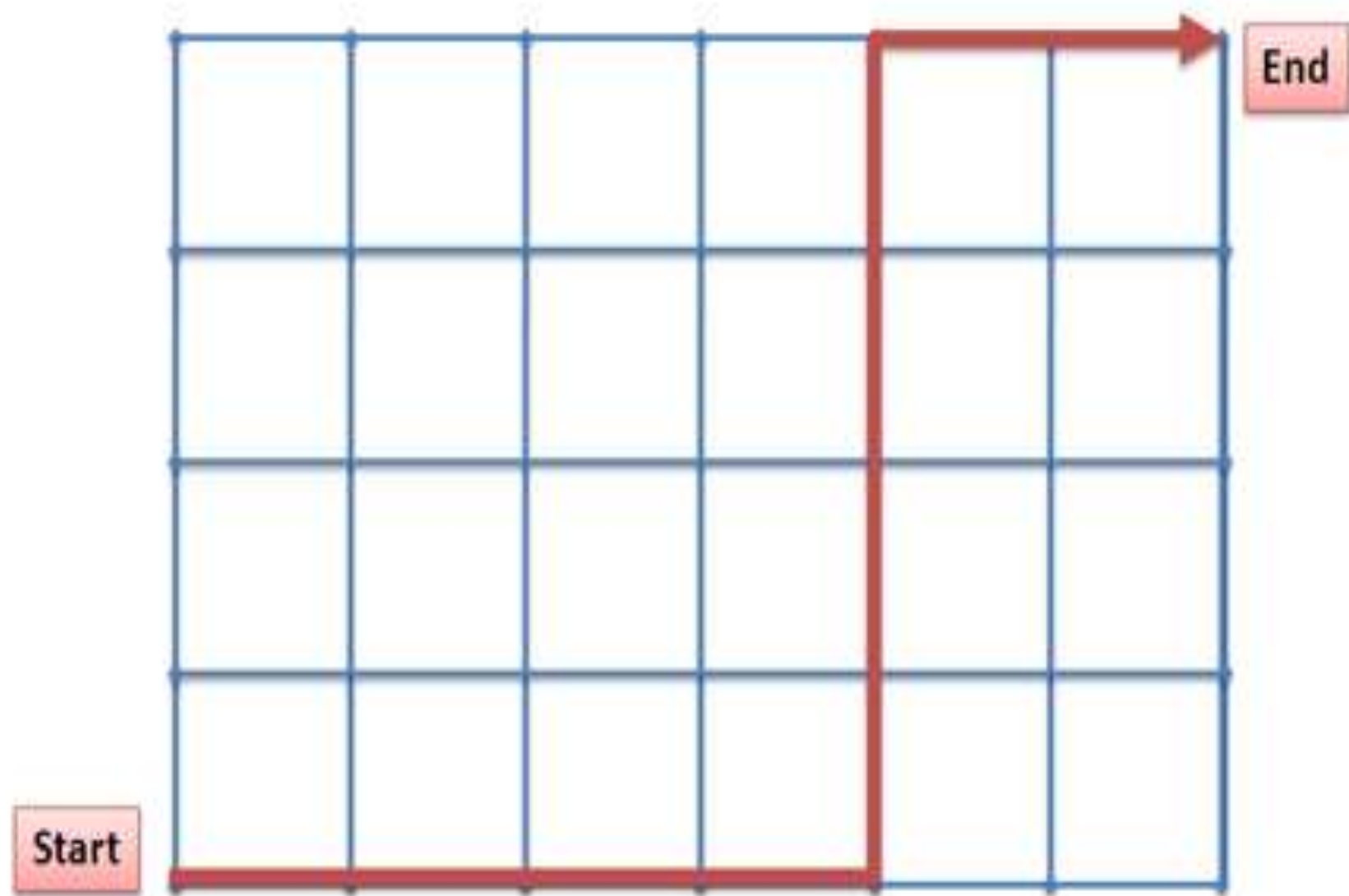
EXPLANATION

$$\text{Formula} = (H + D)! / H! \times D!$$

$$= (6 + 4)! / 6! \times 4!$$

$$= 10! / 6! \times 4!$$

How Many Paths?



EXPLANATION

$$10!/6! \times 4! = 210$$

GEOMETRY PERMUTATION

The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of geometric shapes. It features large, interlocking hexagons in shades of blue and orange. Scattered throughout are various three-dimensional objects: orange cylinders of different heights, blue and orange cubes, and small blue and orange pyramids. The lighting creates soft shadows, giving the shapes a sense of depth and volume. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and mathematical.

GEOMETRY

QUESTION

Q:- 12 points how many straight line?

EXPLANATION

$${}^{12}\text{C}_2 = 12 \times 11/2 \times 1 = 66$$

QUESTION

Q:- 12 points how many straight line, in this question 5 points collinear?

- (a) 56**
- (b) 66**
- (c) 21**
- (d) 57**

EXPLANATION

$${}^{12}C_2 - ({}^5C_2) + 1 = 57$$

QUESTION

Q:- 12 points how many triangle ?

EXPLANATION

$${}^{12}C_3 = 12 \times 11 \times 10 / 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 220$$

QUESTION

Q:- 12 points how many triangle, in this question 5 points are collinear?

- (a) 220**
- (b) 210**
- (c) 200**
- (d) NOT**

EXPLANATION

$${}^{12}C_3 - ({}^5C_3) = 220 - 10 = 210$$

UPSC

Q:- Line L parallel to line M, L has 10 points M has 11 points. How many triangle form?

EXPLANATION

$${}^{21}C_3 - {}^{10}C_3 - {}^{11}C_3 = 1045$$

10 Points

11 Points

$${}^{10}C_2 \times {}^{11}C_1 + {}^{11}C_2 \times {}^{10}C_1 = 1045$$

COGNIZANT

10 points lie in a plane out of which 4 points are collinear. Barring this 4 points no 3 points are collinear. How many distinct quadrilateral can be drawn from these points.

EXPLANATION

Out of 10 points 4 are collinear so remaining non-collinear points are 6

No. of quadrilateral:-

4 points from 6 non- collinear points

3 points from non-collinear and 1 from collinear points

2 from collinear and 2 from non-collinear points

$$= {}^6C_4 + {}^6C_3 * {}^4C_1 + {}^6C_2 * {}^4C_2$$

$$= 15 + 80 + 90$$

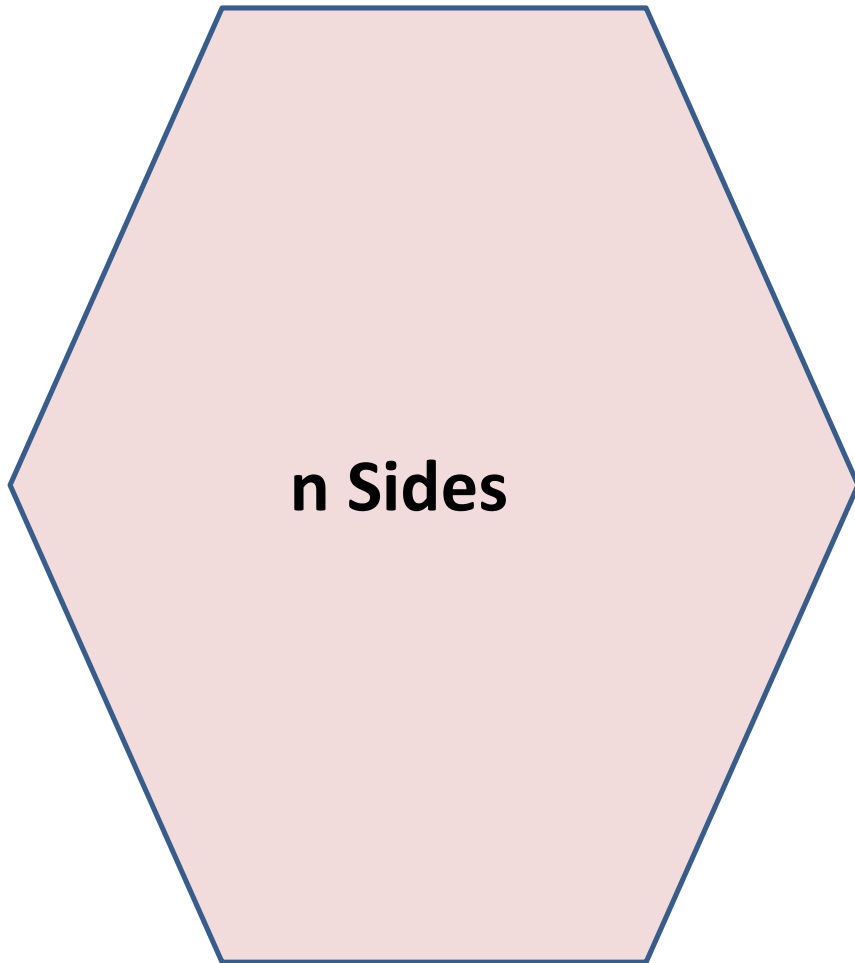
$$= 185$$

CONCEPT

Number of diagonal of any n – sides polygon

$$= n(n-3)/2$$

PROOF



$${}^nC_2 = \text{All sides} + \text{All diagonal}$$

$$\text{All diagonal} = {}^nC_2 - n$$

$$= n(n-1)/2 - n$$

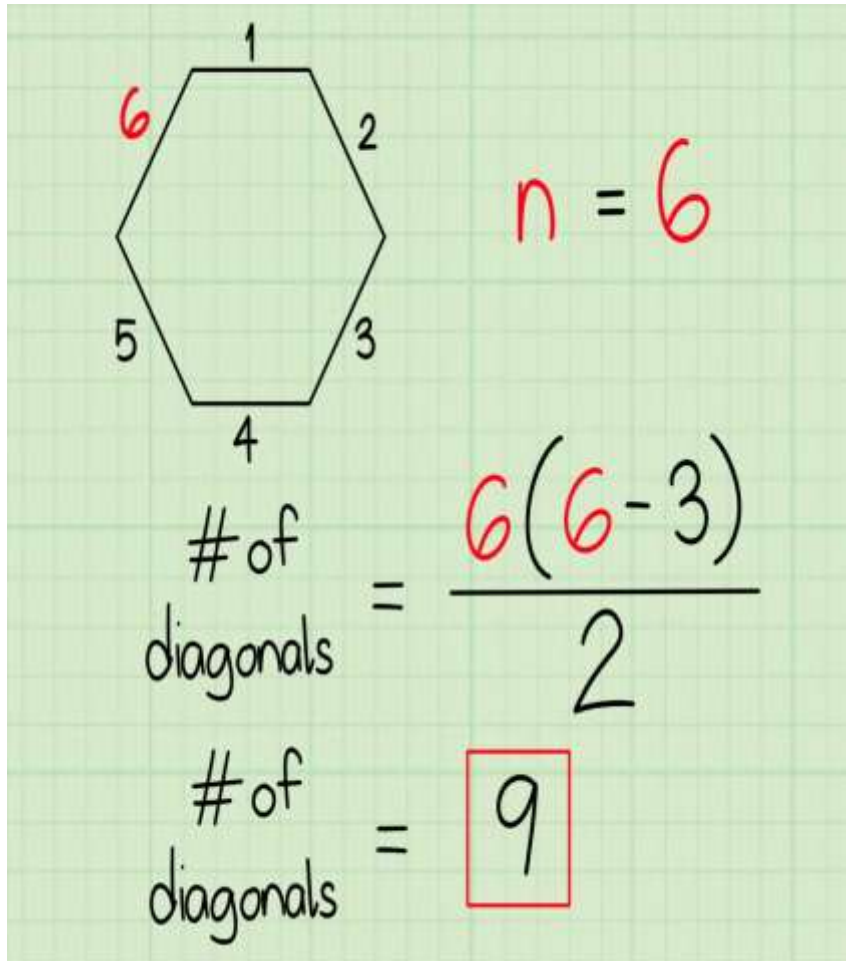
$$= n(n-3)/2$$

CAT

Q:- If number of diagonal of n sides polygon is 50% more than its number of side. Then the polygon is ?

- (a) Pentagon**
- (b) Hexagon**
- (c) Heptagon**
- (d) Triangle**

EXPLANATION



$$n(n-3)/2 = 1.5 n$$

$$n(n-3) = 3n$$

$$n-3 = 3$$

$$n = 6 \text{ (Hexagon)}$$

CIRCULAR PERMUTATION

LINEAR PERMUTATION:-

$$A, B, C = N!$$

$$3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$$

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 2 | 1 |
|---|---|---|

Circular Gardening:-

To plant N different
Flowers

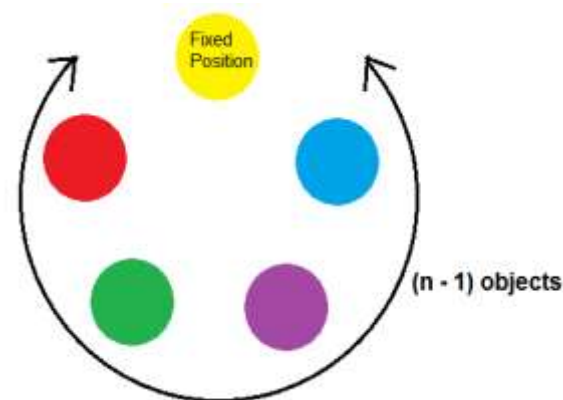
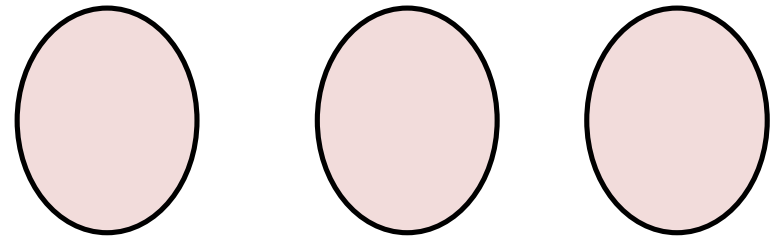
$$(N-1)!/2$$

In Gardening Clockwise
and Anticlockwise is
considered same

CIRCULAR PERMUTATION:-

$$A, B, C = (N-1)!$$

$$(3-1)! = 2! = 2$$



IB 2006

In how many ways 5 cricketer and 4 basket ball players can be seated around a table if.

- I. There is no restriction.**
- II. All the 4 basket ball player sit together.**
- III. None of the basket ball player sit together.**

EXPLANATION

I. $(N-1)! = (9-1)! = 8!$

II. $5! \times 4!$

III. $8! - (5! \times 4!)$

WIPRO

A gardener want to plant 6 different types of Flowers in his garden in a circle. In how many different ways can he plant these Flowers.

EXPLANATION

The order of planting flowers is important as the flowers are of different types.

As the order is important we use Permutation

The number of permutation of P object arranged in circle is $(P-1)!/2$

Hence 6 plant in $(6-1)!/2$

i.e. 60 ways.

QUESTION

Q:- A couple invite there 10 friends to a dinner party to be held a cross a circular dinning table having 12 chair, in how many way can be get sheeted if there has to be exactly 1 friend in between the couple?

- (a) $10 \times 9!$**
- (b) $10!$**
- (c) $2 \times 10!$**
- (d) NOT**

EXPLANATION

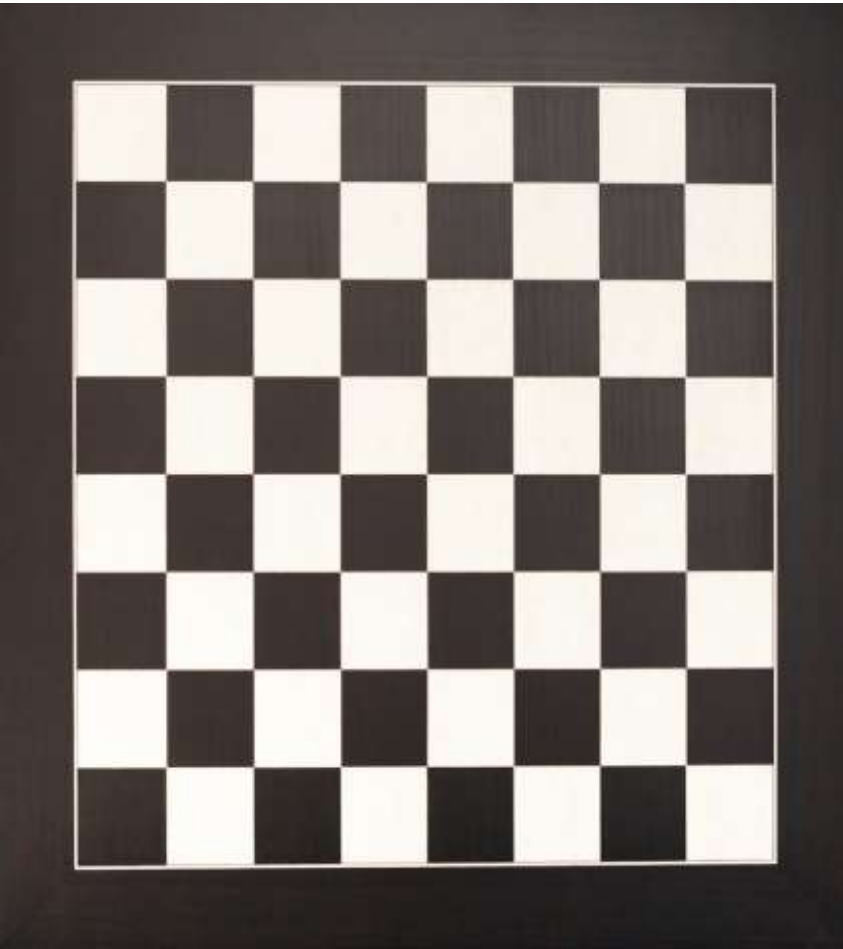
$$H F_1 W + 9 F$$

$$(10-1)! \times 10 \times 2 = 10! \times 2 \text{ (Ans.)}$$

CHESS BOARD

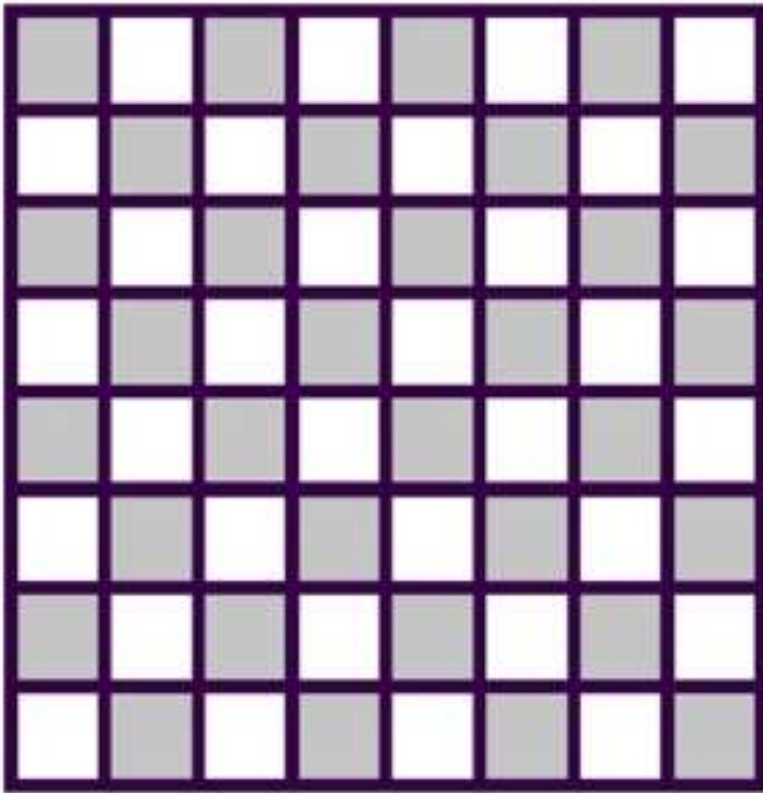


QUESTION



1Q:- How many Rectangle?

EXPLANATION



9 H , 9 V line

$${}^9C_2 \times {}^9C_2 = 36 \times 36 =$$

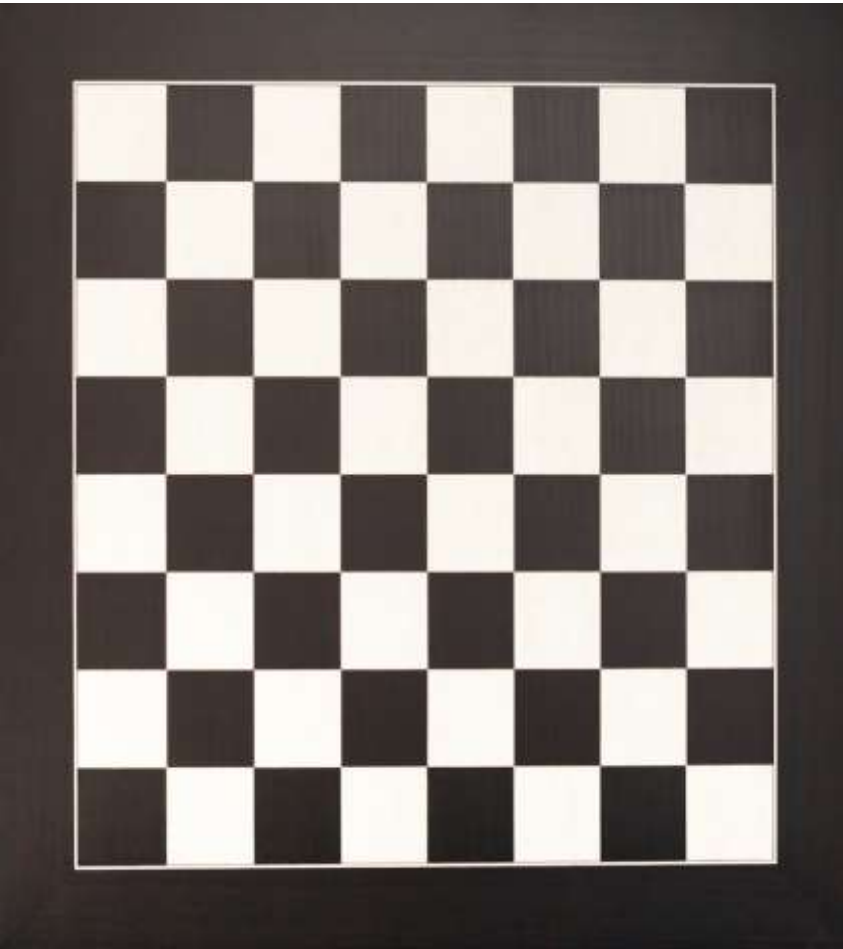
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Alternate method

$$= \frac{N^2(N+1)^2}{4}$$

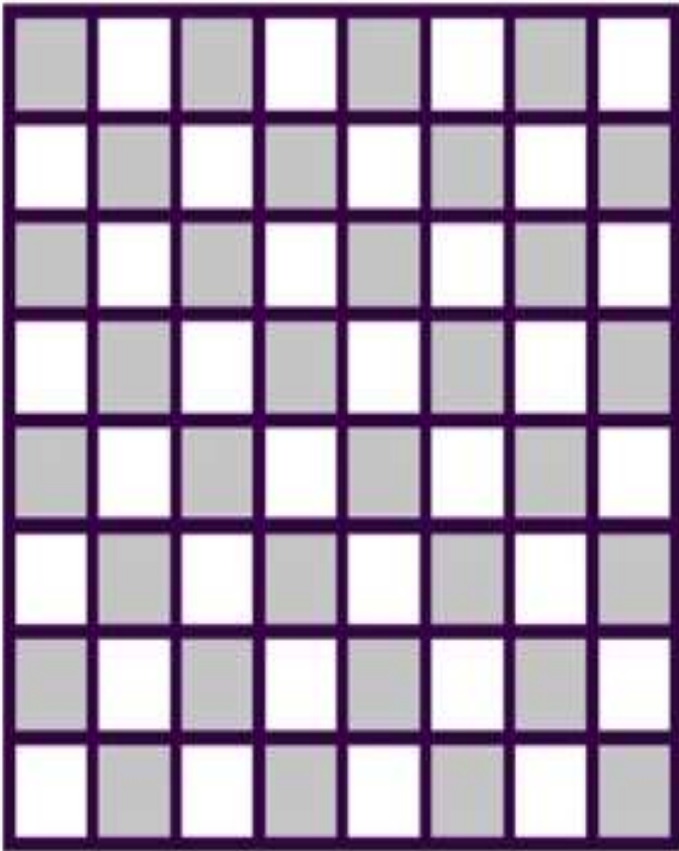
Where N is boxes

QUESTION



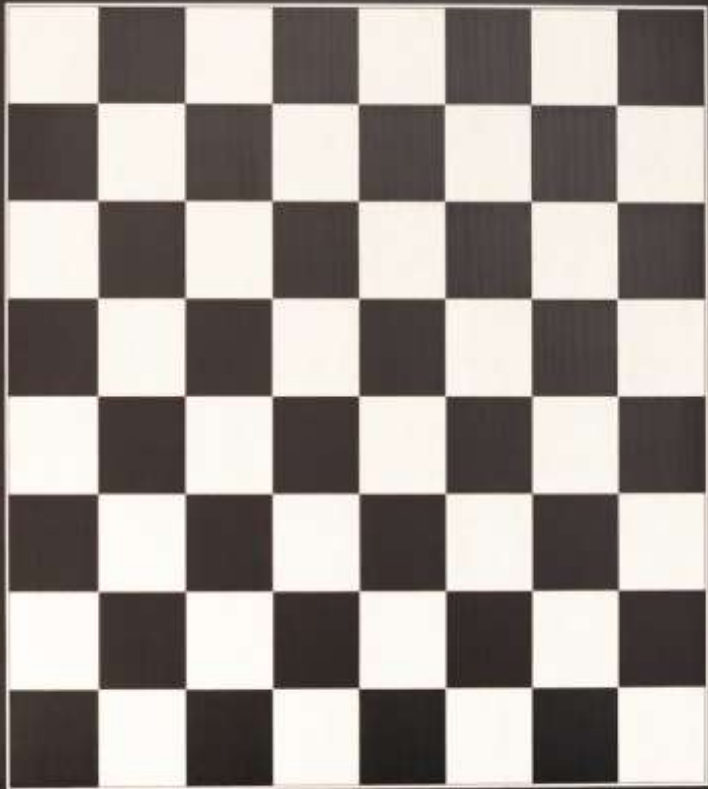
Q:- How many square?

EXPLANATION



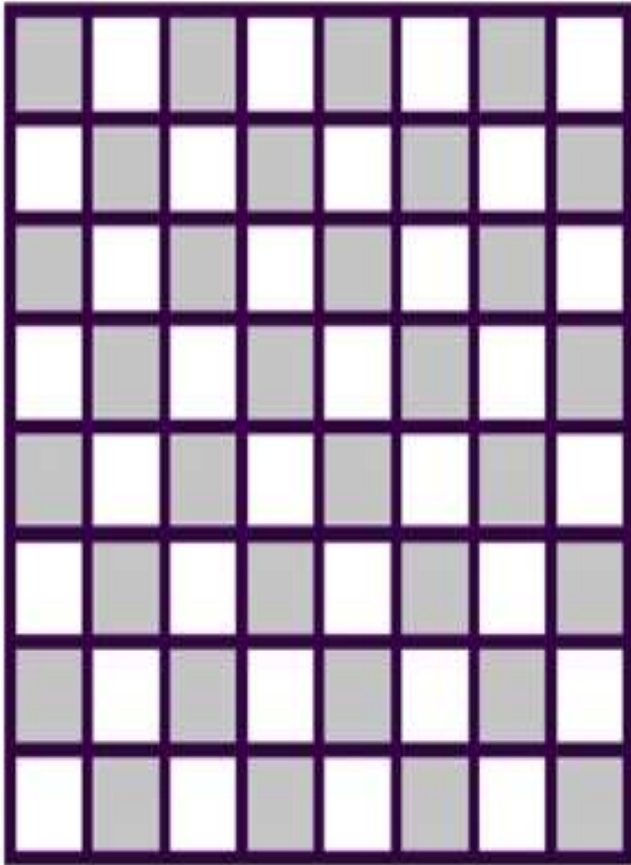
| Size | Vertical positions | Horizontal positions | Total Positions |
|-------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1*1 | 8 | 8 | 64 |
| 2*2 | 7 | 7 | 49 |
| 3*3 | 6 | 6 | 36 |
| 4*4 | 5 | 5 | 25 |
| 5*5 | 4 | 4 | 16 |
| 6*6 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| 7*7 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 8*8 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | | | 204 |

QUESTION



Q:- How many different type of rectangle ?

EXPLANATION



Different type of rectangle=

1X1,1X2,1X3,1X4,1X5,1X6,1X7,1X8= 8

2X2,2X3,2X4,2X5,2X6,2X7,2X8 = 7

3X3,3X4,3X5,3X6,3X7,3X8 = 6

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8X8 = 1

8+7+6+5+4+.....+1 = $n(n+1)/2$

= $(8 \times 9)/2 = 36$



THANK YOU!