# CH 16 Counting and Choosing

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## 1 Multiplication Principle

THEOREM 16.1 (Multiplication Principle): Let P be a process which consists of n stages, and suppose that for each r, the rth stage can be carried out in  $a_r$  ways. Then P can be carried out in a1 - n ways.

PROPOSITION 16.1: Let S be a set consisting of n ele. Then the num of different arrangements of the elements of S in order is n!

$$S = a, b, c$$

abc, acb, bac, bca, cab, cba

#### 2 Binomial Coefficients

DEFINITION: Let n be a positive int and r an int such that  $0 \le r \le n$  Define

$$\binom{n}{r}$$

("n choose r") to be the num of r-element subsets of 1, , , n PROPOSITION 16.2:

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

from proof:

$$n! = \binom{n}{r} \times r! \times (n-r)!$$

nC0 and nCn = 1 and nC1 = n. nCr are binomial coefficients from:

#### 3 Binomial Thoerem

THEOREM 16.2 (Binomial Theorem): Let n be a pos int, and let a, b be real nums. Then:

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$$
$$= a^n + na^{n-1}b + \dots see expansion$$

1. Each expression is symmetrical about the centre:

$$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r}$$

and from pascal's triangle:

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

PROPOSITION 16.3: For any pos int n

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} x^r$$

see 138.

#### 4 Ordered Selections

PROPOSITION 16.4: Let S be a set of ele

- (1) The num of ordered selections of r ele of S, allowing repetitions is equal to  $n^r$
- (2) The number of ordered selections of r distinct ele of S is equal to  $n(n-1)\cdots(n-r+1)$

Written as 
$$P(n,r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = r! \binom{n}{r}$$

### 5 Multinomial Coefficients

DEFINITION (Ordered Partition): Let n be a post int, and let S = 1, ..., n. A partition of S is a collection of subsets S1-k such that each ele of S lies in exactly one of these

subsets. The partition is ordered if we take account of the order in which the subsets are written.

see 140, 141

PROPOSITION 16.5:

$$\binom{n}{r_1 - k} = \frac{n!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_k!}$$

Mult princ:  $n! = \binom{n}{r_1 - k} r_1! r_2! ... r_k!$ 

These are called multinomial coefficients

THEOREM 16.3 (Multinomial Theorem): Let n be a pos int, and let x1-k be real numbers. Then the expansion of  $(x_1 + \cdots + x_k)^n$  is the sum of all terms of:

$$\binom{n}{r_1-k}x_1^{r_1}...x_k^{r_k}$$

where r1-k are nn int such that their sum = n.