

## Review of structures

### Ordered lists of length $r$ with items from $\{1, \dots, n\}$

**Repetitions allowed:** An item from our input set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  can be re-used multiple times for each selection.

**Order matters:** There is a difference between choosing item  $A$  then  $B$ , and choosing item  $B$  then  $A$ .

#### Example

You are filling in your name in the high-score list, and there are 3 slots to fill in your name. You can repeat letters, and the order you enter them matters (“RJM” is different from “MRJ”). Assuming 26 letters, the result is  $26^3$ .

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**Order doesn't matter:** Any grouping of selections from the set are considered the same, such as  $\{a, b, c\}$  and  $\{b, c, a\}$ .

#### Example

The number of bags of  $r$  pieces of fruit that can be bought at a store with  $n$  types of fruit available is  $C(r + n - 1, r)$ .

**Permutations of length  $r$  with items from  $\{1, \dots, n\}$** 

**No repetitions:** Once one item is selected from the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ , it is no longer an option for subsequent items.

**Example**

Pulling cards from a deck... First you have 52 options, then 51 options, then 50 options...

**Order matters:** The order that you select something matters, so in a way, different “slots” represent different things.

**Example**

Electing President, VP, and Secretary

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**Combinations (Sets) of length  $r$  with items from  $\{1, \dots, n\}$** 

**No repetitions:** Once one item is selected from the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ , it is no longer an option for subsequent items.

**Order doesn't matter:** If any two items are selected, the order doesn't matter. Combinations deal with sets, and with sets,  $\{a, b\}$  and  $\{b, a\}$  are considered equivalent.

**Example**

If there are 5 different dinners, and we need to feed 3 people, then there are  $C(5, 3)$  possible dinner combinations.

Type	Repeats allowed?	Order matters?	Formula
Ordered list of length $r$	yes	yes	$n^r$
Unordered list of length $r$	yes	no	$C(r + n - 1, r)$
Permutations of length $r$	no	yes	$P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$
Sets of length $r$	no	no	$C(n, r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

**Question 1**

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How many arrangements are there of the letters in the word MATCH?

Are repetitions allowed? **no**      Does order matter? **yes**  
 What is  $n$ ? **5**      What is  $r$ ? **5**

What structure type is this?

☐ Ordered list   ☐ Unordered list   ☐ Permutation   ☐ Combination
**Permutation**

Equation to use?

☐  $P(n, r)$       ☐  $C(n, r)$       ☐  $n^r$       ☐  $C(r + n - 1, r)$     **$P(n, r)$** 
Solution:  **$P(5, 5) = 120$** **Question 2**

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There are five red, three green, and eight blue marbles in a box. In how many ways can a sample of four be selected?

Are repetitions allowed? **yes**      Does order matter? **no**  
 What is  $n$ ?  **$5 + 3 + 8 = 16$**       What is  $r$ ? **4**

What structure type is this?

☐ Ordered list   ☐ Unordered list   ☐ Permutation   ☐ Combination
**Combination**

Equation to use?

☐  $P(n, r)$       ☐  $C(n, r)$       ☐  $n^r$       ☐  $C(r + n - 1, r)$     **$C(n, r)$** 
Solution:  **$C(16, 4) = 1820$**

**Question 3**

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We can choose from four types of muffins: Blueberry, Orange, Chocolate Chip, or Cream Cheese. You're going to select muffins in this order: First for yourself, second for your sister, and third for your brother. It is OK if several people have the same muffin type.

Are repetitions allowed? **yes**      Does order matter? **yes**  
 What is  $n$ ? **4**      What is  $r$ ? **3**

What structure type is this?

☐ Ordered list ☐ Unordered list ☐ Permutation ☐ Combination

**Ordered list**

Equation to use?

☐  $P(n, r)$       ☐  $C(n, r)$       ☐  $n^r$       ☐  $C(r + n - 1, r)$   **$n^r$**

Solution:  **$4^3$**

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**Question 4**

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How many bags of 20 pieces of candy can one buy from a store that sells four types of candy?

Are repetitions allowed? **yes**      Does order matter? **no**  
 What is  $n$ ? **20**      What is  $r$ ? **4**

What structure type is this?

☐ Ordered list ☐ Unordered list ☐ Permutation ☐ Combination

**Unordered list**

Equation to use?

☐  $P(n, r)$       ☐  $C(n, r)$       ☐  $n^r$       ☐  $C(r + n - 1, r)$   
 **$C(r + n - 1, r)$**

Solution:  **$C(20 + 4 - 1, 20) = C(23, 20)$**

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## 6.1 Introduction

### 6.1.1 Experiments, Outcomes, and Events

#### Vocabulary

For this chapter, we will be talking about experiments and their outcomes. For any given experiment, we will have a **sample space** of possible outcomes. This will be written as the set  $S$ .

Within an experiment, we want to see if some **event** occurs, and how often it does. In cases where the event occurs, we call it a **success**.

**Definition** Given an experiment with a sample space  $S$  of equally likely outcomes and an event  $E$ , the *probability of the event* (denoted by  $Prob(E)$ ) is the ratio of the number of successful outcomes to the total number of outcomes: <sup>a</sup>

$$Prob(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$$

(Recall that  $n(S)$  is how we symbolically write, “the amount of elements of the set  $S$ ”.)

<sup>a</sup>From Discrete Mathematics by Ensley and Crawley

#### Question 5

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Assume we’ve written a program to give us two random numbers between 1 and 4. Let’s say one number is “red-random-number” and the other is “green-random-number”. Finish the following table to log all possible equally-likely outcomes.

	Green 1	Green 2	Green 3	Green 4
Red 1	(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(1, 3)	(1, 4)
Red 2	(2, 1)	(2, 2)	(2, 3)	(2, 4)
Red 3	(3, 1)	(3, 2)	(3, 3)	(3, 4)
Red 4	(4, 1)	(4, 2)	(4, 3)	(4, 4)

Using the definition above describe the following:

- a. Both the red and green #s have the same values.

$$n(E) = 4 \quad n(S) = 16 \quad Prob(E) = \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}$$

- b. The sum of both #s are 4.

$$n(E) = 3 \quad n(S) = 16 \quad Prob(E) = \frac{3}{16}$$

**Question 6**

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Consider the experiment of drawing two cards from the top of a standard deck of 52 cards, and the event  $E$  of the two cards having the same value.<sup>1</sup>

- a. Describe the set  $S$  of all outcomes, represented so that they are equally likely.

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$$n = 52 \quad r = 2 \quad n(S) = P(52, 2) = 2652.$$

- b. Describe the event  $E$  in terms of your representation.

**Hint**

We're interested in the event where both our selections have the same value. This can be broken down as:

1. Choose any card (52 possible)
2. Choose a card with the same value (3 possible)
3. Combine with "AND" (The Rule of Product)

$$n(E) = (52)(3) = 156$$

- c. Compute  $Prob(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)}$ .

$$Prob(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{(52)(3)}{(52)(51)} = \frac{1}{17} \text{ or } 0.0588$$

**Question 7**

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Consider the experiment of tossing a coin five successive times, and the event  $E$  that the last two tosses have the same result.

( \_ \_ \_ Heads Heads ) OR ( \_ \_ \_ Tails Tails )

- a. Describe the set  $S$  of all outcomes, represented so they are equally likely. What structure type is this?

☐ Ordered list ☐ Unordered list ☐ Permutation ☐ Combination

Ordered lists

What is the length? 5      What is the set of inputs?  $\{H, T\}$

- b. Describe the sample set  $S$  and the event  $E$  in terms of your representation.

$$n(S) = 2^5 = 32 \quad n(E) = 2^3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + 2^3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 16$$

- c.  $Prob(E) = \frac{n(E)}{n(S)} = \frac{16}{32} = 0.5$

<sup>1</sup>From Discrete Mathematics by Ensley and Crawley

### 6.1.2 The complement of the Event

**Proposition 1**

Given an event  $E$ ,

$$Prob(E) + Prob(\bar{E}) = 1$$

Where  $\bar{E}$  is the complement of the event  $E$ .

**Question 8**

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What is the probability that for a six-sided die rolled three times the same result comes up more than once?

a. What is the sample space  $S$ ? Write out the set.  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

b. Describe the event  $E$  (in English)?

The set of outcomes that... use the same # more than once.

c. Describe the complement of  $\bar{E}$  (in English)?

The set of outcomes that... are all different numbers.

d. What **structure type** is  $\bar{E}$ ?

☐ Ordered list ☐ Unordered list ☐ Permutation ☐ Combination

**Permutation**

What is  $n$  and  $r$ ?  $n = 6$   $r = 3$

e. Calculate  $Prob(\bar{E})$

$$Prob(\bar{E}) = n(\bar{E})/n(S) = \frac{P(6,3)}{6^3} = \frac{120}{216} = \frac{5}{9} = 0.\bar{5}$$

f. Calculate the probability for the Event  $Prob(E)$  using the proposition.

$$1 - Prob(\bar{E}) = 1 - 0.55 \text{ or } 1 - \frac{5}{9} = \frac{4}{9} \approx 0.44$$

**Team:** Please write down all people in your team.

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### Grading

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