

# Combinatorics

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## Factorial:

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- factorial ( $5*4*3*2*1=5!$ )
- $0!=1$

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## r-s Principle:

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- 5 pairs of pants to go with 2 shirts  $5*2$  options
- ordered pair-pair of 'things' arranged in a certain order

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## Permutations and combinations:

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- Permutations (care about order)
  - place  $n$  objects in  $k$  positions
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$${}^nP_k = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$

- combinations (don't care about order)
  - divide by  $n!$  because compared to permutation  $n$  places (order) to place first choice,  $n-1$  to place second...
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$${}^nC_k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{k}$$

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## Bonomial Identity:

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$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

$$\binom{n}{0} = \binom{n}{n} = 1 \quad \text{for all integers}$$

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## sources:

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- <http://world.mathigon.org/Combinatorics>