

Combinatorics

Factorial:

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

r-s Principle:

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

Permutations and combinations:

- 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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$${}^nC_k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{k}$$

Binomial Identity:

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

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

Sources:

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