

Calculating a Permutation

In mathematics, to calculate the permutation of n things taken r at a time, we use the formula

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

The TI-83/84 has this formula already built in.

To calculate ${}_{10}P_7 = \frac{10!}{(10-7)!}$, on the home screen first press **10**, then press the **MATH** key. Next press the **RIGHT ARROW** key three times so that **PRB** is highlighted. Press **2** to select the permutation formula. Next type **7** and press **ENTER**. The results are shown below.

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