

## Unit-3: Elementary Combinatorics

Combinatorics is an important part of discrete mathematics that solves counting problems without all possible cases.

Combinatorics deals with counting the number of ways "arranging" (permutations) or choosing (combinations) objects from a finite set according to certain specified rules.

### Permutations:-

An ordered arrangement of  $r$ -elements of a set containing  $n$ -distinct elements is called an  $r$ -permutations of  $n$ -elements.

It is denoted by  $P(n, r)$  or  ${}^n P_r$ .

It is defined by  ${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ .

### Combinations:-

An ordered choosing of  $r$ -elements of a set  $n$ -distinct elements is called  $r$ -combinations of  $n$  elements.

It is denoted by  $C(n, r)$  or  ${}^n C_r$ .

It is defined by  ${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!}$ .

## Basics of Counting:

There are 2 rules of counting.

(1) Sum Rule

(2) Product Rule.

### Sum Rule:

Suppose 2-tasks,  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are to be performed in the same. If the task  $t_1$  can be performed in  $m$ -different ways and the task  $t_2$  can be performed in  $n$ -different ways. If the two tasks can not be performed simultaneously, then one of the two tasks can be performed in  $m+n$  ways.

① Suppose there are 16 boys and 18 girls in a class. How many ways to select one of the student either a boy or a girl as a class representative (CR).

Sol: Number of boys = 16

11y girls = 18

Number of ways for selecting a boy as  
a CR =  $m = 16$  ways

11y or girl =  $n = 18$  ways.

Number of ways for selecting a boy or girl  
as a CR =  $m+n = 16+18 = 34$  ways.

② Suppose a hotel library has 12 books on mathematics, 10 books on physics, 16 books on computer science and 11 books on electronics. How many ways a student to choose one of these books for study.

Sol Number of mathematics books = 12

11y physics books = 10

CS books = 16

Electronics books = 11

Number of ways for selecting mathematics books for study = 12 ways

11y, for physics, CS, electronics = 10, 16, 11 ways respectively

Number of ways for selecting either mathematics, physics, CS & Electronics =  $12 + 10 + 16 + 11$   
 $= 49$  ways.

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③ Find how many number of ways for selecting a prime number ~~number~~ less than 10 and even number less than 10.

Sol Number of ways for selecting prime number  $< 10 = 4$  ways (2, 3, 5, 7).

11y for even numbers = 4 ways (2, 4, 6, 8).

Number of ways for selecting a prime and even number =  $4 + 4 = 8$  ways.

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## Product Rule

Suppose that 2 tasks,  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are to be performed one after the other. If  $t_1$  can be performed in  $m$  different ways and for each of these ways,  $t_2$  can be performed in  $n$  different ways then both of those performed in  $m \times n$  different ways.

① Suppose a person has 5 shirts and 7 ties. How many ways a person can choose a shirt and tie.

Sol:  $S_1 \rightarrow$  he can choose one tie = 7 ways  
 $S_2 \rightarrow$  he can choose one tie = 7 ways  
 $\dots$   
 $S_5, S_3, S_4, S_5, \dots$

$\therefore$  A person can choose shirts and ties =  $5 \times 7 = 35$  ways

② How many ways to construct sequence of 5 letters in which 3 letters are English letters.

The rest is 2 letters are single digit numbers.

If know letters are digit can be represent.

Sol Case-i: Repeats are not allowed

The total number of ways =  $26 \times 25 \times 24 \times 10 \times 10$   
 $= 156000$

Case-ii: Repeats are allowed

The total number of ways =  $26 \times 26 \times 26 \times 10 \times 10$   
 $= 1757600$

② There are 30 married couple in a party.  
Find the no. of ways of choosing 1 man & 1 woman from the party such that the two are not married to each other.

Sol: Given that 30 married couple  $\Rightarrow 30 \times 2 = 60$  persons  
where men = 30 & women = 30

The total no. of ways =  $30 \times 29$   
 $= 870$

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No. of Permutations of  $n$ -distinct objects  
(without repetition):-

The no. of distinct arrangements (permutations) with  $n$  different objects taken all at a time is

$$P(n, n) = \frac{n!}{(n-n)!} = \frac{n!}{0!} = n!$$

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No. of permutations of  $n$ -objects (with repetition):-

It is required to find the no. of permutations to that can be formed from a collection of  $n$  objects of which  $n_1$  are of one type,  $n_2$  are of second type  $n_3$  are of 3rd type and so on  $n_k$  are of  $k$ th type then the no. of permutations of

$$n \text{ objects} = \frac{n!}{n_1! \cdot n_2! \cdot n_3! \cdot \dots \cdot n_k!}$$

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No. of permutations of  $r$ -objects in  $n$  distinct objects

Suppose given  $n$  objects and arrange ' $r$ ' of the objects denoted by  $P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = {}^n P_r$

Circular Permutations:-

Permutations in a circle are called circular permutations. The total no. of ways of arranging the  $n$  persons in a circle  $= (n-1)!$ .

①. How many ways are there to sit 10 boys and 10 girls around a circular table.

Sol:- GT, 10 boys and 10 girls sit around a circular table.

Total number of persons  $= 10 + 10 = 20. = n$ .

$\therefore$  The total number of ways of circular permutation  $= (n-1)! = (20-1)! = 19!$ .

② How many ways are 3 persons sit around a round table.

Sol:- given that,  $n=3$

$\therefore$  The total number of ways  $= 2! = 2$   $\downarrow$   $(3-1)! = 2!$

③ How many different strings are length 4 can be formed using the letters of the word "PROBLEM".

Sol:- given word is "PROBLEM".

It contains 7 letters,  $n=7$ .

given string length  $= H = 4$ .

∴ The number of different strings of length 4 can be formed by using the letters of the word

"PROBLEM" is  ${}^nP_4 = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = \frac{7!}{(7-4)!} = \frac{7!}{3!} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 840$

${}^nP_r = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 840$

(A) How many ways of these 3 distinct letters can be formed the letters of the word "PASCAL".

Sol - given word is "PASCAL"

$n=6$

given  $r=3$

↓ A is repeated 2 times  
at 1st & 2nd position

Now,  ${}^nP_r = {}^6P_3 = \frac{6!}{3!} = 6 \times 5 \times 4 = 120$

(5) How many different arrangements of letters of the word "BOUGHT".

Sol - The given word is "BOUGHT"

$n=6$ . (all are distinct letters).

∴ The total number of arrangements of the letters in the word "BOUGHT" =  $n! = 6! = 720$

(6) Find the number of permutations of the letters of the word "ENGINEERING".

Sol - The given word is "ENGINEERING".

$n=11$ .

In this word, 3 E's, 3 N's, 2 I's, 2 G's, 1 R.

∴ The total number of permutations of the



$$\text{word "ENGINEERING"} = \frac{n!}{n_1! \cdot n_2! \cdot n_3! \cdot n_4! \cdot n_5!}$$

$$= \frac{11!}{3! \times 3! \times 2! \times 2! \times 1!} = 277200$$


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⑦ Find the number of permutations of the letters of the word "SUCCESS".

Sol: The given word is "SUCCESS"  $n=7$

In this word, 3 s's, 2 c's, remaining v/e are  
time.

$$\therefore \text{The total number of permutations} = \frac{7!}{3! \times 2! \times 1! \times 1!}$$

$$= 420$$


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⑧ Find the number of permutations of the letters of the word "MATHEMATICS".

$$\text{"MATHEMATICS"} = \frac{11!}{2! \times 2! \times 2! \times 1! \times 1! \times 1! \times 1! \times 1! \times 1!}$$

$$= 4989600$$

$$\text{ly for "STRUCTURES"} = \frac{10!}{2! \times 2! \times 2! \times 2! \times 1! \times 1!}$$

$$= 226800$$

$$\text{ly for "DIFFICULT"} = \frac{9!}{2! \times 2! \times 1! \times 1! \times 1! \times 1! \times 1!}$$

$$= 90720$$

$$\text{ly for "GREAT"} = 5! = 120.$$


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Q) Find the number of permutations of the letters of the word MASSASAUGA. In how many of these all 4 A's together? How many of them begin with S?

Sol: The no. of permutations of the given word is  $\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!}$  a

The given word is MASSASAUGA has contain 10 letters  $n=10$ .

where, A is 4 times, S is 3 times, M, U, G are 1 time repeated.

The required number of permutations.

$$= \frac{10!}{4! \times 3!} = 2520$$

In a permutation all A's are to be together. Here we treated all A's are single letter then the no. of permutations of the required word is AAAA M S S U G has contain 7 letters  $n=7$ .

The required no. of permutations =  $\frac{7!}{3! \times 1!} = 840$ .

In a permutations beginning with S then occupy 9 open positions to fill. where A is 4 times, S is 2 times and M, U, G are 1 time repeated.

$\therefore$  The required no. of permutations =  $\frac{9!}{4! \times 2!} = 7560$

(10) It is required to seat 5 men and 4 women in a row so that the women occupying even places. How many such arrangements are possible?

Sol: 5 men may be seated in odd places =  $5!$

4 women may be seated in even places =  $4!$

The total no. of such permutations are  $5! \times 4! = 2880$

(11) In how many ways can 6 men and 6 women are seated in a row.

(i) If any person may sit. ~~and any other~~

(ii) If men and women occupying alternate-seats.

Sol: The number of odd places = 6  
even places = 6

Case-i: The number of ways to sit 6 men ~~and~~ in 6 odd places =  $6!$

The no. of ways to sit 6 women in 6 even places =  $6!$

The total no. of ways =  $6! \times 6! = 518400$

Case-ii

The no. of ways to sit 6 men in 6 even places =  $6!$

lly 6 women in 6 odd places =  $6!$

The total no. of ways =  $6! \times 6! = 518400$

$\therefore$  No. of ways men and women occupy the alternative places =  $518400 + 518400 = 1036800$



⑫ How many ways are there to sit 10 boys and 10 girls around a circular table? How many ways are there if boys and girls sit alternately?

Sol The required no. of ways to sit 10 boys and 10 girls around a circular table  $= (20-1)!$   
 $= 19!$

If the boys and girls are sit alternately  
then the required no. of ways  $= 10! \times 9!$

### Combinations:-

① A certain question paper contains 2 parts A and B each containing 4 questions. How many different ways a student can answer 5 Q by selecting at least 2 Q from each part.

Sol In a question paper consist 2 parts part-A has 4 Q and part-B has 4 Q.

A student can answer 5 Q at least 2 Q from each part.

case-i:- Student can select 3 Q from part-A and 2 Q from part-B.

3 Q from part-A to be selected  $= {}^4C_3$

$$= {}^4C_3 = \frac{4!}{1! \times 3!} = 4$$

2 Q from part-B  $= {}^4C_2 = {}^4C_2 = \frac{4!}{2! \times 2!} = 6$

$\therefore$  The total no. of ways  $= 4 \times 6 = 24$

Case 1:-

A student can select 2Q from part-A and 3Q from part-B.

$$2Q \text{ from part A} = {}^4C_2 = 6$$

$$3Q \text{ from part B} = {}^4C_3 = 4$$

$$\therefore \text{The total no. of ways} = 6 \times 4 = 24$$

$$\text{Total no. of ways} = 24 + 24 = 48$$

② A question paper contains 3 parts A, B, C with

4Q in part-A, 5Q in part-B, 6Q in part-C.

It is require to answer 7Q at least 2Q from each part? How many different ways can a student selecting is 7Q for answering?

Sol: A question paper contains 3 parts A, B, C with 4Q, 5Q, 6Q respectively.

A student can select 7Q at least 2Q from each part then

Case 1:- A  $\rightarrow 3$

B  $\rightarrow 2$

C  $\rightarrow 2$

$$3Q \text{ from part A} = {}^4C_3 = 4$$

$$\text{By } 2Q \text{ from part B} = {}^5C_2 = \frac{5 \times 4}{1 \times 2} = 10$$

$$3Q \text{ from part C} = {}^6C_2 = \frac{6 \times 5}{1 \times 2} = 15$$

$$\therefore \text{The total no. of ways} = 4 \times 10 \times 15 = 600$$



Case-1  $A \rightarrow 2, B \rightarrow 3, C \rightarrow 2$

$$2Q \text{ from part A} = C(4,2) = {}^4C_2 = \frac{4 \times 3}{1 \times 2} = 6$$

$$3Q \text{ from part-B} = C(5,3) = {}^5C_3 = \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3}{1 \times 2 \times 1} = 10$$

$$2Q \text{ from part-C} = C(6,2) = {}^6C_2 = \frac{6 \times 5}{1 \times 2} = 15$$

$\therefore$  The total no. of ways =  $6 \times 10 \times 15 = 900$

Case-2  $A \rightarrow 2, B \rightarrow 2, C \rightarrow 3$

$$2Q \text{ from part A} = C(4,2) = {}^4C_2 = \frac{4 \times 3}{1 \times 2} = 6$$

$$2Q \text{ from part-B} = C(5,2) = {}^5C_2 = \frac{5 \times 4}{1 \times 2} = 10$$

$$3Q \text{ from part-C} = C(6,3) = {}^6C_3 = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{1 \times 2 \times 3} = 20$$

$\therefore$  The total no. of ways =  $6 \times 10 \times 20 = 1200$

Total no. of ways =  $600 + 900 + 1200 = 2700$

③ From a group of 7 men and 6 women, 5 persons are to be selected from a committee.

So that at least 3 members are men on the committee. In how many ways it can be done?

sol given a group contains 7 men and 6 women.

5 persons are to be selected from a committee.

given, there at least 3 members are men on the committee.

Men = 7, Women = 6

Case-1 Men  $\rightarrow 3$  & Women  $\rightarrow 2$

Men  $\rightarrow 3$  & Women  $\rightarrow 2$

$$\text{selecting 3 men from 7 men} = {}^7C_3 = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{1 \times 2 \times 3} = 35$$

and 2 women from 6 women

selecting 2 women from 6 women =  ${}^6C_2 = \frac{6 \times 5}{1 \times 2} = 15$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways =  $35 \times 15 = 525$

case-ii Men  $\rightarrow 4 = {}^7C_4 = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{1 \times 2 \times 3} = 35$   
Women  $\rightarrow 1 = {}^6C_1 = 6$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways =  $35 \times 6 = 210$

case-iii Men  $\rightarrow 5 = {}^7C_5 = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{1 \times 2} = 21$   $\downarrow$   ${}^nC_0 = 1, {}^nC_n = 1$   
Women  $\rightarrow 0 = {}^6C_0 = 1$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways =  $21 \times 1 = 21$

$\therefore$  The total no. of ways =  $525 + 210 + 21$   
 $= 756$

525  
210  

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756

(4) In how many ways can a committee of 5 persons be formed out of 6 men and 4 women which at least 1 woman has to be necessarily selected.  $\therefore$  Men = 6, Women = 4

Sol given that there are 6 men and 4 women. The committee contain 5 persons. There at least 1 woman has to be necessary.

case-i Men  $\rightarrow 4 = {}^6C_4 = \frac{6 \times 5}{1 \times 2} = 15$   
Women  $\rightarrow 1 = {}^4C_1 = 4$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways =  $15 \times 4 = 60$

case-ii Men  $\rightarrow 3 = {}^6C_3 = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{1 \times 2 \times 3} = 20$   
Women  $\rightarrow 2 = {}^4C_2 = \frac{4 \times 3}{1 \times 2} = 6$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways =  $20 \times 6 = 120$



Case-iii Men  $\rightarrow 2 = {}^6C_2 = \frac{6 \times 5}{1 \times 2} = 15$

Women  $\rightarrow 3 = {}^4C_3 = 4$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways  $= 15 \times 4 = 60$

Case-iv Men  $\rightarrow 1 = {}^6C_1 = 6$

Women  $\rightarrow 4 = {}^4C_4 = 1$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways  $= 6 \times 1 = 6$

~~Case-iv~~

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways  $= 60 + 120 + 60 + 6$   
 $= 246$

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⑤ Find the no. of committees of 5 that can be selected from 7 men and 5 women. If the committee is consist. of at least 1 men and at least 1 women?

Sol & given committee contains 5 persons

There are totally 7 men and 5 women.

The committee must contains at least 1 men and 1 women.

Case-i Men  $\rightarrow 1 = {}^7C_1 = 7$

Women  $\rightarrow 4 = {}^5C_4 = 5$

Total no. of ways  $= 7 \times 5 = 35$

Case-ii Men  $\rightarrow 2 = {}^7C_2 = \frac{7 \times 6}{1 \times 2} = 21$

Women  $\rightarrow 3 = {}^4C_3 = 4$

Total no. of ways  $= 21 \times 4 = 84$

Case-iii Men  $\rightarrow 3 = {}^7C_3 = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{1 \times 2 \times 3} = 35$   
 Women  $\rightarrow 2 = {}^4C_2 = \frac{4 \times 3}{1 \times 2} = 6$

Total no. of ways  $= 35 \times 6 = 210$

Case-iv : Men  $\rightarrow 4 = {}^7C_4 = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{1 \times 2 \times 3} = 35$   
 Women  $\rightarrow 1 = {}^4C_1 = 4$

Total no. of ways  $= 35 \times 4 = 140$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways  $= 35 + 84 + 210 + 140$   
 $= 469$

$$\begin{array}{r} 210 \\ 140 \\ 119 \\ \hline 469 \end{array}$$

⑥ If  $P(n, r) = 2520$  and  $C(n, r) = 21$  then find the value of  $C(n+1, r+1)$ ?

Sol: given  $P(n, r) = 2520$

$${}^nP_r = 2520 \Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = 2520 \rightarrow (1)$$

and  $C(n, r) = 21$

$${}^nC_r = 21 \Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!} = 21 \rightarrow (2)$$

Now,  $\frac{(1)}{(2)} \Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \times \frac{(n-r)! r!}{n!} = \frac{2520}{21}$

$$\therefore r! = 120$$

$$\boxed{r=5}$$

from (1)  $\frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = 2520 \Rightarrow \frac{n!}{n-5} = 2520$



$$\frac{n!}{(n-5)!} = 2520$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)(\cancel{n-5})!}{(\cancel{n-5})!} = 2520$$

$$n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4) = 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3$$

$$\therefore \boxed{n=7}$$

$$\text{Now, } n=7, r=5$$

$$\begin{aligned} C(n+1, r+1) &= C(7+1, 5+1) \\ &= C(8, 6) = {}^8C_6 = \frac{8!}{1 \times 2!} = 28 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore C(n+1, r+1) = C(8, 6) = 28$$

### Properties of Combinations:

Suppose we wish to select a combination of  $r$  objects with repetition from a set of  $n$  distinct objects. The number of such selections is given by  $C(n+r-1, r) = C(n+r-1, n-1)$ . The following are the other interpretations of this number.

- (i)  $C(n+r-1, r) = C(n+r-1, n-1)$  is represents the number of ways in which  $r$  identical objects can be distributed among  $n$  distinct containers.

(ii)  $C(r+n-1, r) = C(r+n-1, n-1)$  represents the number of non-negative integer solutions of the equation.

Note: A non-negative integer solution of the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n = r$

where,  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$  are non-negative integers.

① In how many ways can be distribute 10 identical marbles among 6 distinct containers.

Sol: given,  $r=10, n=6$ .

$$C(r+n-1, r) = C(10+6-1, 10) \\ = C(15, 10) = {}^{15}C_{10} = 3003$$

$$= \frac{15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12 \times 11}{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5} = 3003$$

$\therefore$  The required no. of ways can be distributed is 3003.

② Find the number of non-negative integer solutions of the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 8$ .

Sol: given  $n=5, r=8$

$$C(r+n-1, r) = C(8+5-1, 8)$$

$$= C(12, 8) = {}^{12}C_8 = \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9}{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4} = 495$$

$$= 55 \times 9 = 495$$

$\therefore$  The number of non-negative integer solutions of the given equation is 495.



③ How many ways can be distribute 12 identical pencils to 5 childrens so that every child gets atleast one pencil.

Sol: Given that no. of pencils = 12

no. of childrens = 5

Every child get atleast one pencil it means each child may greater than or equal to one pencil.

$\therefore$  The no. of ways to distribute 7 identical pencils to 5 childrens =  $C(n+r-1, r)$

where,  $r = 7, n = 5$ .

$$= 7+5-1 C_7 = {}^{11}C_7 = 330 \text{ ways}$$

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④ In how many ways can be distribute 7 apples and 6 Oranges among 4 children so that each child get atleast one apple.

Sol: given apples = 7

Oranges = 6

childrens = 4

Each child get atleast one apple. It means every child may get  $\geq$  one apple

Case 1: ~~1st~~ ~~2nd~~ ~~3rd~~ ~~4th~~

First we distribute one apple to each children the remaining apples can be distribute to 4 childrens.

where  $n=4, r=3$ .

$\therefore$  No. of ways to distribute 3 apples to 4 childrens =  $n+r-1 C_r = 3+4-1 C_3 = {}^6C_3 = 20$  ways

Case iii The no. of ways 6 oranges distribute to 4 childrens, where  $n=4, r=6$

$$= n+r-1 C_r = 6+4-1 C_6 = {}^9C_6 = 84 \text{ ways.}$$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways =  $20 \times 84 = 1680$  ways

(5) In how many ways can we distribute identically 12 balls among the 7 baskets

Sol:- given no. of balls =  $r=12$

baskets =  $n=7$

$\therefore$  Total no. of ways we can distribute identically 12 balls among the 7 baskets

$$= n+r-1 C_r = 12+7-1 C_{12} = {}^{18}C_{12} = 18564.$$

(6) A bag contains 7 different denominations with atleast one dozen coins in each denomination. In how many ways can we select a dozen coins from a bag.

Sol:- No. of denominations,  $n=7$ .

No. of coins to be selected with repetition =  $12=r$ .



∴ The no. of ways to be selected a dozen coins from a bag =  $n+n-1 \text{ C } n = 12+12-1 \text{ C } 12$   
 $= {}^{18} \text{C}_{12} = 18564.$

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⑦ Find the no. of positive integers solutions of the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 17$  where  $x_1 \geq 1, x_2 \geq 1, x_3 \geq 1$

Sol: Given  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 17 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$   
 $x_1 \geq 1, x_2 \geq 1, x_3 \geq 1$

let  $y_1 = x_1 - 1, y_2 = x_2 - 1, y_3 = x_3 - 1$

$x_1 = y_1 + 1, x_2 = y_2 + 1, x_3 = y_3 + 1$

from eq  $\textcircled{1}$

$$y_1 + 1 + y_2 + 1 + y_3 + 1 = 17$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 14.$$

where,  $n=3, r=14$

The no. of +ve integer solutions of the

equation is =  $n+n-1 \text{ C } n = 14+3-1 \text{ C } 14 = {}^{16} \text{C}_{14} = 120.$

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⑧ Find the no. of integer solutions of the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 30$ , where  $x_1 \geq 2, x_2 \geq 3, x_3 \geq 4, x_4 \geq 2, x_5 \geq 0.$

Sol: Given  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 30 \rightarrow (1)$

where  $x_1 \geq 2, x_2 \geq 3, x_3 \geq 4, x_4 \geq 2, x_5 \geq 0$

let us consider 5 non-negative integers

$$y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5$$

$$\text{let } y_1 = x_1 - 2 \Rightarrow x_1 = y_1 + 2$$

$$y_2 = x_2 - 3 \Rightarrow x_2 = y_2 + 3$$

$$y_3 = x_3 - 4 \Rightarrow x_3 = y_3 + 4$$

$$y_4 = x_4 - 2 \Rightarrow x_4 = y_4 + 2$$

$$y_5 = x_5 - 0 \Rightarrow x_5 = y_5$$

from eq (1),

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 30$$

$$y_1 + 2 + y_2 + 3 + y_3 + 4 + y_4 + 2 + y_5 = 30$$

$$y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4 + y_5 = 30 - 11 = 19$$

where,  $n = 5, r = 19$

$\therefore$  The no. of the integer solution of the equation

$$= {}^{n+r-1}C_{r-1} = {}^{19+5-1}C_{5-1} = {}^{23}C_{4} = 8855$$

### Binomial Theorem

A binomial theorem describes the algebraic expansion of powers of a binomial with two variables.



$$(x+y)^n = {}^nC_0 x^n y^0 + {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} y^1 + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} y^2 + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} x^1 y^{n-1} + {}^nC_n x^0 y^n$$

It can be written as

$$\therefore (x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r$$

① Find the coefficient of  $x^9 y^3$  in the expansion of  $(x+2y)^{12}$

Sol By the def<sup>n</sup> of BT,

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Let  $x=x$ ,  $y=2y$  and  $n=12$

$$\begin{aligned} (x+2y)^{12} &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^{12}C_r x^{12-r} (2y)^r \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^{12}C_r x^{12-r} \cdot 2^r y^r \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficient of  $x^9$  with  $x^{12-r}$

$$x^9 = x^{12-r}$$

$$12-r=9$$

$$r=12-9 \Rightarrow r=3$$

from eq  $\textcircled{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (x+2y)^{12} &= {}^{12}C_3 x^{12-3} \cdot 2^3 y^3 \\ &= 1760 x^9 y^3 \end{aligned}$$

② Find the coefficient of  $x^5 y^2$  in the expansion of  $(2x-3y)^7$ .

Sol By the def<sup>n</sup> of BT,

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r \rightarrow (1)$$

from (1), Here,  $x=2x$ ,  $y=-3y$  &  $n=7$

$$(2x-3y)^7 = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^7C_r (2x)^{7-r} (-3y)^r$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^7C_r (2)^{7-r} (x)^{7-r} (-3)^r y^r \rightarrow (2)$$

Comparing the  $x^5$  coefficient.

$$x^{7-r} = x^5$$

$$7-r=5 \Rightarrow r=7-5$$

$$\boxed{r=2}$$

from eq (2),

$$(2x-3y)^7 = {}^7C_2 (2)^{7-2} (x)^{7-2} (-3)^2 y^2$$

$$= {}^7C_2 2^5 x^5 \cdot 9 y^2$$

$$= 6048 x^5 y^2 //$$

③ Find the coefficient of  ~~$x^2$~~  in the expansion of  ~~$(3x^2 - \frac{2}{x})^{15}$~~

$x^0$  in the expansion of  $(3x^2 - \frac{2}{x})^{15}$

Sol: The BT is  $(x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r$ .

Here,  $x=3x^2$ ,  $y=\frac{-2}{x}$  &  $n=15$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(3x^2 - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{15} &= \sum_{r=0}^{15} {}^{15}C_r (3x^2)^{15-r} \cdot \left(\frac{-2}{x}\right)^r \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{15} {}^{15}C_r (3)^{15-r} \cdot (x^2)^{15-r} \cdot (-2)^r \cdot x^{-r} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{15} {}^{15}C_r (3)^{15-r} \cdot (x)^{30-2r} \cdot (-2)^r \cdot x^{-r} \rightarrow \text{①} \end{aligned}$$

To find the coefficient of  $x^0$ .

$$x^0 = x^{30-2r} \cdot x^{-r}$$

$$30 - 3r = 0$$

$$3r = 30 \Rightarrow \boxed{r=10}$$

Sub  $r$  in eqn ①,

$$\text{①} \Rightarrow {}^{15}C_{10} (3)^{15-10} (-2)^{10} (x)^{30-2(10)}$$

$$= 3003 \times 243 \times 1024$$

$$= 744167424 x^0.$$

④ Find the coefficient of  $x^5$  in the expansion of  $(1-2x)^{-7}$ .

Sol: The binomial theorem is given by  $(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^{n+r-1}C_r x^r \rightarrow \text{①}$

Here,  $x=2x$ ,  $n=7$



$$\text{from (1), } (1-2x)^{-7} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{7+r-1}{r!} (2x)^r$$

$$(1-2x)^{-7} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{6+r}{r!} (2)^r x^r$$

To find coefficient of  $x^5$ .

$$\text{from (2), } x^5 = x^r$$

$$\boxed{r=5}$$

$$\text{from eq (2), } \frac{6+5}{5} (2)^5 x^5$$

$$= 462 \times 32 x^5$$

$$= 14784 x^5$$

⑤. Find the coefficient of  $x^{27}$  in the expansion of  $(x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + \dots)^5$ .

Sol: we know BT

$$(1-x)^{-n} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+r-1}{r!} x^r$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x^4(1+x+x^2+\dots))^5 \\ &= (x^4)^5 \cdot (1+x+x^2+\dots)^5 \\ &= x^{20} \cdot ((1-x)^{-1})^5 \\ &= x^{20} \cdot (1-x)^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $x=x$ ,  $n=5$

$$(1-x)^{-5} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{5+r-1}{r!} (x)^r$$

$$x^{20} \cdot (1-x)^{-5} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{5+r-1}{r!} x^r \cdot x^{20}$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{5+r-1}{r!} x^{20+r}$$

Comparing the coefficient with  $x^{27}$

$$x^{20+7} = x^{27}$$

$$20+7 = 27$$

$$\boxed{7=7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } &= {}^{4+7}C_7 x^{7+20} \\ &= {}^{11}C_7 x^{27} = 330 x^{27} \end{aligned}$$

Binomial expressions:

$$(1-x)^{-1} = 1+x+x^2+\dots$$

$$(1+x)^{-1} = 1-x+x^2-x^3+\dots$$

$$(1-x)^{-2} = 1+2x+3x^2+4x^3+\dots$$

$$(1+x)^{-2} = 1-2x+3x^2-4x^3+\dots$$

Multinomial Theorem:

Multinomial theorem is a generalization of the binomial theorem with more than two variables.

$$(x_1+x_2+x_3+\dots+x_k)^n = \sum_{n_1+n_2+\dots+n_k=n} \frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\dots n_k!} x_1^{n_1} x_2^{n_2} \dots x_k^{n_k}$$

where,  $n_1+n_2+n_3+\dots+n_k=n$

① Find the following values of

(i)  $\binom{7}{2,3,2}$

(ii)  $\binom{8}{4,2,2,0}$

$$\text{Sol} \quad (9) \binom{7}{2, 3, 2} = \frac{7!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times n_3!} = \frac{7!}{2! \times 3! \times 2!} = 210$$

$$(10) \binom{8}{4, 2, 2, 0} = \frac{8!}{4! \times 2! \times 2! \times 0!} = 420 //$$

(2) What is the coefficient of  $x^{101} y^{99}$  in the expansion of  $(2x - 3y)^{200}$ .

Sol wkt,  $(x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r$

Here,  $x = 2x$ ,  $y = -3y$  and  $n = 200$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (2x - 3y)^{200} &= \sum_{r=0}^{200} {}^{200}C_r (2x)^{200-r} \cdot (-3y)^r \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{200} {}^{200}C_r (2)^{200-r} \cdot (x)^{200-r} \cdot (-3)^r \cdot (y)^r \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients then.

$$x^{200-r} \cdot y^r = x^{101} y^{99}$$

$$\boxed{r = 99}$$

$$(200 - r = 101)$$

$$\boxed{r = 99}$$

Sub  $r = 99$  in eq (1),

$$\begin{aligned} (2x - 3y)^{200} &= {}^{200}C_{99} (2)^{200-99} (x)^{200-99} \cdot (-3)^{99} \cdot (y)^{99} \\ &= {}^{200}C_{99} (2)^{101} (x)^{101} \cdot (-3)^{99} \cdot (y)^{99} \\ &= {}^{200}C_{99} (2)^{101} \cdot (-3)^{99} \cdot x^{101} y^{99} // \end{aligned}$$



③ Find the coefficient of  $x^5y^2$  in the expansion of  $(2x-3y)^7$ .

Sol t wkt, it is given by

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r.$$

Here,  $x=2x$ ,  $y=-3y$  and  $n=7$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (2x-3y)^7 &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^7C_r (2x)^{7-r} \cdot (-3y)^r \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} {}^7C_r (2)^{7-r} (-3)^r \cdot x^{7-r} \cdot y^r \rightarrow \text{①} \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients we get

$$x^{7-r} \cdot y^r = x^5y^2$$

$$\boxed{r=2}$$

Sub  $r=2$  in eq ①.

$$\begin{aligned} (2x-3y)^7 &= {}^7C_2 (2)^{7-2} (-3)^2 \cdot x^{7-2} \cdot y^2 \\ &= {}^7C_2 2^5 3^2 \cdot x^5y^2 \\ &= 6048 x^5y^2 // \end{aligned}$$

Multinomial Theorem:-

Multinomial theorem is a generalization of binomial theorem with more than 2 variables and it is defined by

$$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_k)^n = \sum_{n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n} \binom{n}{n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_k}$$

where,  $n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_k$ .

$$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_k)^n = \sum_{n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n} \frac{n!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times n_3! \times \dots \times n_k!}$$

$$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_k)^n = \frac{n!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times \dots \times n_k!} \times (x_1)^{n_1} (x_2)^{n_2} \dots (x_k)^{n_k}$$

Here,  $n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_k$

① Find the coefficient of  $xyz^2$  in the expansion of  $(2x - y - z)^4$

Sol By the def<sup>n</sup> of multinomial theorem.

$$(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k)^n = \frac{n!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times \dots \times n_k!} (x_1)^{n_1} (x_2)^{n_2} \dots (x_k)^{n_k}$$

Here,  $x_1 = 2x$ ,  $x_2 = -y$ ,  $x_3 = -z$  and  $n = 4$ .

$$\text{Now, } (2x - y - z)^4 = \frac{4!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times n_3!} (2x)^{n_1} (-y)^{n_2} (-z)^{n_3}$$

where,  $n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3$ .

$$(2x - y - z)^4 = \frac{4!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times n_3!} \times \binom{n_1}{2}^{n_1} (-1)^{n_2} (-1)^{n_3} (x)^{n_1} (y)^{n_2} (z)^{n_3}$$

Comparing coefficients then

$$x^{n_1} y^{n_2} z^{n_3} = xyz^2$$

①

$$n_1 = 1, n_2 = 4, n_3 = 2$$

from eq ①,

$$(2x - y - z)^4 = \frac{4!}{1! \times 1! \times 2!} \times (2)^1 (-1)^1 (-1)^2 \times y z^2$$

$$= -24xyz^2 //$$

② Find the coefficient of  $a^2 b^3 c^2 d^5$  in the expansion of  $(a + 2b - 3c + 2d + 5)^{16}$ .

Sol: Here,  $x_1 = a, x_2 = 2b, x_3 = -3c, x_4 = 2d, x_5 = 5$   
and  $n = 16$

Now  $(a + 2b - 3c + 2d + 5)^{16}$

$$= \frac{16!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times \dots \times n_5!} \times (a)^{n_1} (2b)^{n_2} (-3c)^{n_3} (2d)^{n_4} (5)^{n_5}$$

$$= \frac{16!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times \dots \times n_5!} \times \cancel{(a)}^{n_1} (2)^{n_2} (-3)^{n_3} (5)^{n_5} (a)^{n_1} (b)^{n_2} (c)^{n_3} (d)^{n_4} (5)^{n_5}$$

①

Comparing then

$$a^2 b^3 c^2 d^5 = (a)^{n_1} b^{n_2} c^{n_3} d^{n_4}$$

$$n_1 = 2, n_2 = 3, n_3 = 2, n_4 = 5$$

wkt,  $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 + n_5 = 16$

$$2 + 3 + 2 + 5 + n_5 = 16$$

$$n_5 = 16 - 12$$

$$\boxed{n_5 = 4}$$



from ①,

$$= \frac{16!}{2! \times 3! \times 2! \times 5! \times 4!} \times (2)^3 (-3)^2 (2)^5 (5)^4 a^2 b^3 c^2 d^5$$

$$= 4.35891456 \times 10^{14} a^2 b^3 c^2 d^5 //$$

③. Find the coefficient of  $x^{11} y^4 z^2$  in the expansion of  $(2x^3 - 3xy^2 + z^2)^6$

Sol. By the def<sup>n</sup> of multinomial theorem,

$$x_1 = 2x^3, x_2 = -3xy^2, x_3 = z^2 \text{ and } n = 6$$

$$\text{Now, } (2x^3 - 3xy^2 + z^2)^6$$

$$= \frac{6!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times n_3!} \times (2x^3)^{n_1} (-3xy^2)^{n_2} (z^2)^{n_3}$$

$$= \frac{6!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times n_3!} \times (2)^{n_1} (x)^{3n_1} (-3)^{n_2} (x)^{n_2} (y)^{2n_2} (z)^{2n_3}$$

$$= \frac{6!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times n_3!} \times (2)^{n_1} (-3)^{n_2} (x)^{3n_1+n_2} (y)^{2n_2} (z)^{2n_3} \quad \text{①}$$

Comparing coefficients then,

$$(x)^{3n_1+n_2} (y)^{2n_2} (z)^{2n_3} = x^{11} y^4 z^2$$

$$3n_1 + n_2 = 11 \quad \left| \quad 2n_2 = 4 \quad \right| \quad 2n_3 = 2$$

$$3n_1 + 2 = 11$$

$$3n_1 = 9$$

$$n_1 = 3$$

$$n_2 = 2$$

$$n_3 = 1$$

Now, from eq ①.

$$= \frac{6!}{3! \times 2! \times 1!} \times (2)^3 (-3)^2 (1)^1 (x)^{3(3)+2} (y)^{2(2)} (z)^{2(1)}$$
$$= 4320 x^{11} y^4 z^2 //$$

④ Find the coefficient of  $x^3 y^3 z^2$  in the expansion of  $(2x - 3y + 5z)^8$ .

Sol: By the def<sup>n</sup> of multinomial theorem.

$$x_1 = 2x, \quad x_2 = -3y, \quad x_3 = 5z \quad \text{and} \quad n = 8$$

Now,  $(2x - 3y + 5z)^8$

$$= \frac{8!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times n_3!} \times (2x)^{n_1} (-3y)^{n_2} (5z)^{n_3}$$

$$= \frac{8!}{n_1! \times n_2! \times n_3!} \times (2)^{n_1} (-3)^{n_2} (5)^{n_3} (x)^{n_1} (y)^{n_2} (z)^{n_3}$$

Comparing with  $x^3 y^3 z^2 = (x)^{n_1} (y)^{n_2} (z)^{n_3}$

$$n_1 = 3, \quad n_2 = 3, \quad n_3 = 2.$$

from eq ①,

$$(2x - 3y + 5z)^8 = \frac{8!}{3! \times 3! \times 2!} \times (2)^3 (-3)^3 (5)^2 x^3 y^3 z^2$$

$$= -3024000 x^3 y^3 z^2 //$$

⑤ Find the coefficient of  $x^3 y^2 z^2$  in the expansion of  $(x+y+z)^7$ .

Sol: By the def<sup>n</sup> of multinomial theorem.

$$x_1 = x, x_2 = y, x_3 = z \text{ and } n = 7.$$

$$\text{Now, } (x+y+z)^7 = \frac{7!}{n_1! n_2! n_3!} x^{n_1} y^{n_2} z^{n_3} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Comparing with } x^3 y^2 z^2 = x^{n_1} y^{n_2} z^{n_3}$$

$$n_1 = 3, n_2 = 2, n_3 = 2$$

from eq (1),

$$(x+y+z)^7 = \frac{7!}{3! \times 2! \times 2!} x^3 y^2 z^2$$

$$= 210 x^3 y^2 z^2$$

⑥ Find the coefficient of  $xyz^5$  and  $x^3 z^4$  in the expansion of  $(x+y+z)^7$ .

Sol: By the def<sup>n</sup> of multinomial theorem

$$x_1 = x, x_2 = y, x_3 = z \text{ and } n = 7.$$

$$\text{Now, } (x+y+z)^7 = \frac{7!}{n_1! n_2! n_3!} x^{n_1} y^{n_2} z^{n_3} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Comparing with } xyz^5 = x^{n_1} y^{n_2} z^{n_3}$$

$$\text{we get } n_1 = 1, n_2 = 1, n_3 = 5$$

$$\text{from eq (1), } (x+y+z)^7 = \frac{7!}{1! \times 1! \times 5!} x y z^5 = \frac{7!}{4! \times 1! \times 1!} x y z^5$$