

Section 7.4. Permutations and Combinations

Goals:

- ① Understand and Compute Factorials
- ② Calculate permutations
- ③ Calculate Combinations
- ④ Solve application problems.

① Factorials: are used to calculate permutations and combinations

$n!$ means the product of the first n whole numbers

$$1! = 1 ; 2! = 2 \cdot 1 = 2 ; 3! = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6$$

$$4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24 ; 5! = 5 \cdot \underbrace{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}_{5 \cdot (4!)} = 120$$

$$n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot (n-3) \cdots 2 \cdot 1$$

$$n! = n \cdot ((n-1)!)$$

Note: $0! = 1 \longrightarrow$ by default.

E.g. Calculate $\frac{16!}{15!} = \frac{16 \cdot \cancel{15} \cdot \cancel{14} \cdot \cancel{13} \cdots \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{1}}{\cancel{15} \cdot \cancel{14} \cdot \cancel{13} \cdot \cancel{12} \cdots \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{1}} = 16$

$$\frac{9!}{7!} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot \cancel{7} \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdots \cancel{1}}{\cancel{7} \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdots \cancel{1}} = 72$$

$$\frac{100!}{(98!)(2!)} = \frac{100 \cdot 99 \cdot \cancel{98} \cdot \cancel{97} \cdots \cancel{1}}{(\cancel{98} \cdot \cancel{97} \cdots \cancel{1}) \cdot (2)} = \frac{100 \cdot 99}{2} = 4950$$

② Permutation

E.g. Family has 4 kids: Ann, Jess, Billy, Tom

Argue who sits where in the family car which has 4 passenger seats. How many possible seating arrangements are there?

$$\boxed{A} \boxed{J} \boxed{B} \boxed{T} \neq \boxed{J} \boxed{B} \boxed{A} \boxed{T} \neq \boxed{T} \boxed{B} \boxed{A} \boxed{J}$$

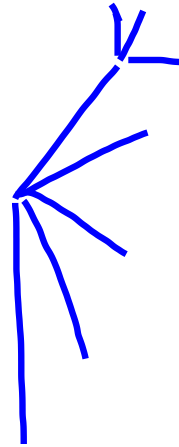
How many choices for the first seat? 4
2nd seat? 3
3rd — ? 2
4th seat? 1

} By mult. principle:
 $4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 4! = 24$

E.g. 16 pool balls

Choose 3 of them, arrange them in line
(the order matters)

$$\boxed{\textcircled{8} \mid \textcircled{16} \mid \textcircled{1}} \neq \boxed{\textcircled{1} \mid \textcircled{8} \mid \textcircled{16}}$$



1st position: 16 choices

2nd position: 15 choices

3rd position: 14 choices

By mult. principle.

$$16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 = 3360$$

Note: $16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 = \frac{16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot \dots \cdot 1}{13 \cdot 12 \cdot \dots \cdot 1}$

$$= \frac{16!}{13!} = \frac{16!}{(16-3)!}$$

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

$P(n, r)$ means the # of ways to choose r objects from n different objects where the order matters.

E.g. Choose 3 balls from 16 balls, order matters.

So answer $P(16, 3) = \frac{16!}{(16-3)!} = \frac{16!}{13!} = 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14$

Choose 4 people from 4 people: $P(4, 4)$

$$P(4, 4) = \frac{4!}{(4-4)!} = \frac{4!}{0!}$$

$$= 4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$$

Ex. 5 people (Ann, Jen, Billy, Tan, Ben)

Choose 1 president, 1 V.P.

How many ways can you do this?

$$P(5, 2) = \frac{5!}{3!} = 5 \cdot 4 = 20$$

③ Combinations.

Order doesn't matter.

Previous example: choose 2 people to invite to dinner



$$\{ \text{Ann, Jen} \} = \{ \text{Jen, Ann} \}$$

Permutation:

$\{ \text{Ann, Billy} \}$

$\{ \text{Billy, Ann} \}$

$\{ \text{Jen, Ben} \}$

$\{ \text{Ben, Jen} \}$

Combination

Ann, Billy

Jen, Ben

So, permutation
will have
twice as many
choices as
combination

Ans for combination: $\frac{20}{2} = 10$

$$\frac{P(5,2)}{2!} = \frac{5!}{2!3!}$$

$$\text{Combination } C(n,r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$C(n,r)$ = # of ways to choose r objects from n different objects where order doesn't matter.

E.g State lottery: select a set of 6 numbers from 49 numbers. To win the lottery, you must select the correct set of 6 numbers.

How many tickets should be printed.

$$C(49,6) = \frac{49!}{6!43!} = \frac{49 \cdot 48 \cdot 47 \cdot 46 \cdot 45 \cdot 44}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

E.g.

(1) Find the # of different poker hands.
(Standard 52 card deck)

$$C(52, 5) = \frac{52!}{5! 47!} = \boxed{2,598,960}$$

(2) # of ways to get exactly one pair

13 kinds: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, J, Q, K, A

4 suits in a kind: spades, diamonds, hearts, clubs

$$C(13, 1) \cdot C(4, 2) \cdot C(12, 3) \cdot C(4, 1) \cdot C(4, 1) \cdot C(4, 1)$$

$$\left(\frac{13!}{12!} \right) \cdot \frac{4!}{2! 2!} \cdot \frac{12!}{3! 9!} \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = \boxed{1,098,240}$$

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② # of ways to get a full house?

3 of a kind, and 2 of a kind

$$C(13, 1) \cdot C(4, 2) \cdot C(12, 1) \cdot C(4, 3)$$