

Ch 3.7 Combinations and Permutations

Fundamental Counting Rule -for a sequence of an event, you take the # ways the 1st event can occur times the # ways the second event can occur and so on.

Ex1a) 2 Character Code with the first a letter and the second a number:

Ex1b) 5 letter password and repetition isn't allowed.

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Ex1c) How many different license plates can be made with 4 letters and 2 numbers.

Try: 5 digit code with 3 numbers and 2 letters:

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Factorial Symbol: ! denotes the product of decreasing positive whole numbers.

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

Look at your calculator to find the symbol

Factorial Rule: a collection of n different items can be arranged in n! different ways.

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Ex2a) Doctor has 5 exam rooms, how many different ways can 5 patients be in the room?

Ex2b) 9 players, how many different batting orders are possible?

Try: 4 friends go to eat, how many different ways can they be seated?

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Permutations- the number of different arrangements, but order is taken into account.

$$\text{Formula: } nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Ex3a) 4 finalists and 2 are picked at a time.

ex) 1 queen and the other is the runner up: Allie, Chelsea, Whitney, and Kara

$${}_4P_2 = \frac{4!}{(4-2)!} = 12 \text{ ways}$$

* Can think of the counting rule: 4 first choice and 3 to pick from the second choice.

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Ex3b) Baseball scout has a list of 15 players. He has to pick the top 5. In how many different ways can he select them?

$${}_{15}P_5 = \frac{15!}{(15-5)!} = 360,360 \text{ ways}$$

*counting rule $15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12 \times 11 = 360,360$

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Ex4) Permutation when items are identical:

$$\frac{n!}{p!q!r!....}$$

4a) How many different ways can you rearrange the letters in the word STATISTICS?

$$\frac{10!}{3!3!2!} = 50,400$$

Ex4b) How many in MATHEMATICS?

$$\frac{11!}{2!2!2!} = 4,989,600$$

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TRY: How many different ways can the letters in TRIGONOMETRY be arranged?

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Combinations-where order is NOT important

$$\text{formula: } {}_nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Ex5a) 9 members need to form 3 committees with 3 people on each committee.

$${}_9C_3 = \frac{9!}{3!(9-3)!} = 84 \text{ combinations}$$

If three people were selected as president, v.p., and secretary, how many would there be?

$${}_9P_3 = \frac{9!}{(9-3)!} = 504$$

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Ex5b) 20 kids on the team and 5 awards are given out at the banquet, how many different ways could it be done.(mvp, mtd's, rushing,etc.)

$${}_{20}C_5 = \frac{20!}{5!(20-5)!} = 15,504$$

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Try: How many different poker hands can you have (your given 5 cards)?

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Ex5c) N.Y. lotto first prize 6# combo select # 1-51:
P(winning if order doesn't matter)

$${}_{51}C_6 = 18,009,460 \quad P(\text{winning}) = \frac{1}{18,009,460}$$

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Ex5d) Co ships 12 monitors with 3 being defective.
P(select 5 with 2 defects)

$$P(3 \text{ good and } 2 \text{ defects}) = \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{2}{11} \times \frac{9}{10} \times \frac{8}{9} \times \frac{7}{8} = .0318$$

$${}_5C_2 = \frac{5!}{2!(5-2)!} = 10 \quad \text{number ways it can occur}$$

answer is $(.0318)10 = .318$

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