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Additional Maths

Permutations and
Combinations
Notes

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§ Factorial Notation:

The product of first 6 natural numbers:
 $6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$

can be represented in short by symbol $6!$

$6!$ read as six factorial, or $6! = 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 720$.

Similarly $3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$

In General the product of n natural number is denoted by:

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

Note: (i) $1! = 1$

(ii) we define $0! = 1$ for use in our later results.

Example: (i) $\frac{5!}{3!} = \frac{5 \times 4 \times \cancel{3 \times 2 \times 1}}{\cancel{3 \times 2 \times 1}} = 5 \times 4 = 20$

$$\text{or } \frac{5!}{3!} = \frac{5 \times 4 \times \cancel{3!}}{\cancel{3!}} = 5 \times 4 = 20$$

$$(ii) \frac{8!}{5!} = \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times \cancel{5!}}{\cancel{5!}} = 8 \times 7 \times 6.$$

Example 2 (i) $7 \times 6 \times 5! = 7!$

$$(ii) 47 \times 46! = 47!$$

$$(iii) n! = n(n-1) \cdot (n-2)!$$

$$(iv) \frac{n!}{(n-2)!} = \frac{n(n-1) \cdot \cancel{(n-2)!}}{\cancel{(n-2)!}} = n(n-1).$$

§ Permutations (or Arrangements):

How many different two letter words (with or without meaning) can be made from the 3 letters of the word 'CAB'? (Repetition of letters is ^{not} allowed)

AB, AC

BA, BC

CA, CB

∴ Number 2 letter words = 6.

Alternatively we understand that at the first place any of the 3 letters can be taken and then at the second place any one of the remaining two letters.

i.e.
$$\frac{3 \times 2}{\text{Ist place II}^{\text{nd}} \text{ place}} = 6$$

Mathematically we say that the permutations of 3 different letters taken 2 at a time, and is denoted by ${}^3P_2 = 6$

§ In General: (i) The permutations of n different objects taken r at a time, denoted by:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^n P_r &= n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-(r-1)) \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \quad : r \leq n \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The permutations (arrangements) of n different objects taken all of them at a time is:

$${}^n P_n = n!$$

(iii) ${}^n P_1 = n \checkmark$

(iv) ${}^n P_2 = n(n-1) \checkmark$

Example 3. The letters of the word THURSDAY are arranged in a straight line. Find the number of different arrangements of these letters if,

- (i) there are no restrictions --- [1]
- (ii) the arrangement must start with letter T and end with letter Y --- [1]
- (iii) the second letter in the arrangement must be Y --- [1]

M-17/12 Q6(a)

Solution: In the word THURSDAY, No of letters = 8

- (i) The number of arrangement of 8 letters in any way = ${}^8P_8 = 8! = 40320$ ✓
- (ii) Starts with 'T' and ends with letter 'Y' → T - - - - - Y
 ∴ Remaining 6 letters to be arranged = ${}^6P_6 = 6! = 720$ ✓
- (iii) Second letter is Y, - Y - - - - - -
 ∴ Remaining 7 letters are to be arranged = ${}^7P_7 = 7! = 5040$ ✓

Example 4. A 6-digit number is to be formed using the digit 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9. Each of these digits may be used only once in any 6-digit number. Find how many different 6-digit numbers can be formed if:

- (i) there are no restrictions. [1]
- (ii) the number formed is even, [1]
- (iii) the number formed is even and greater than 300 000. [3]

W-17/13 Q9(a)

Solution (i) 6 digit numbers (no restrictions) = ${}^6P_6 = 6! = 720$ ✓

(ii) even number $\overset{?}{\times} \overset{?}{\times} \overset{?}{\times} \overset{?}{\times} \overset{?}{\times} \overset{?}{\times}$ 2 ways
 (unit place even digits 6 or 8)
 and rest of the 5 digits, (One of them)

Can be arranged in ${}^5P_5 = 5!$ ways.
 ∴ Total number even numbers = $5! \times 2 = 120 \times 2 = 240$ ✓

(iii) continued
 = $4 \times 4! \times 2$
 = $4 \times 24 \times 2 = 192$ ✓

(iii) even and greater than 300 000,
 $\overset{1 \times}{\text{I cannot be}} \rightarrow \overset{4 \times}{\text{ }} \leftarrow \frac{4!}{\text{ }} \times 2$
 (6 or 8) one of them for even

Example 5. A 6-character password is to be chosen from the following 9 characters:

Letters: A B E F

Numbers: 5 8 9

Symbols: * \$

Each character may be used only once in any password. Find the number of different 6-character passwords that may be chosen if.

- (i) there are no restrictions. --- [1]
 (ii) the password consists of 2 letters, 2 numbers and 2 symbols in that order. --- [2]
 (iii) the password must start and finish with a symbol. --- [2]

[SP-20/02/Q5(a)]

Solution (i) Password with 6 characters out of 9 with no restrictions.

$$= {}_9P_6 = \frac{9!}{(9-6)!} = \frac{9!}{3!} \quad \left[\because {}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \right]$$

$$= 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4$$

$$= \underline{60480} \checkmark$$

with

(ii) 2 letters, 2 numbers and 2 symbols, = ${}_4P_2 \times {}_3P_2 \times {}_2P_2$
 (out of 4) (out of 3) (out of 2)

$$= (4 \times 3) \times (3 \times 2) \times (2 \times 1)$$

$$= \underline{144} \checkmark$$

(iii) Starts and finish with symbols (2 out of 2) = ${}_2P_2$
 and the rest of the 4 characters (out of rest 7) = ${}_7P_4$

\therefore Total number of passwords = ${}_2P_2 \times {}_7P_4$

$$= 2 \times 1 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4$$

$$= \underline{1680} \checkmark$$

Example 6. Four parts in a play are to be given to four of the girls chosen from the seven girls in a drama class. Find the number of different ways in which this can be done. S-18/22/Q5(a) --- [2]

Solution: Arrangement 7 taken 4 at a time $= {}_7P_4 = 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4$
 $= 840 \checkmark$

Example 7. A group of five people consists of two women, Alice and Betty and three men Carl, David and Ed.

- (i) Three of these five people are chosen at random to be a chairperson, a treasurer and a secretary. Find the number of ways in which this can be done if the chairperson and treasurer are both men. --- [2]

These five people sit in a row of five chairs. Find the number of different possible seating arrangements if,

- (ii) David must sit in the middle. --- [1]
(iii) Alice and Carl must sit together. M-18/22/Q3 --- [2]

Solution (i) 2 men out of three and third maybe any one out of remain 3.
 $= {}_3P_2 \times 3P_1 = (3 \times 2) \times 3 = 18 \checkmark$

(ii) — — ^{David} is fixed. — — and remaining 4 out of 4
in any way $= {}_4P_4 = 4! = 24 \checkmark$

(iii) [Alice & Carl], and remain 3 can be arranged $= {}_4P_4 = 4!$
but Alice & Carl can be rearranged $= {}_2P_2 = 2!$

\therefore Total no of arrangements $= 4! \times 2!$
 $= 24 \times 2$
 $= 48 \checkmark$

Example 8 (i) Find how many different numbers can be formed using 4 of the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 if no digit is repeated. --- [1]
Find how many of these 4-digit numbers are --

(ii) odd --- [1]

(iii) odd and less than 3000. [W-13/23/22] --- [3]

Solution (i) Given 7 different digits,

∴ 4 digit number (out of 7 digits)
if no digit is repeated $= {}^7P_4 = 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4$
 $= 840 \checkmark$

(ii) for number to be odd at unit place one of (1, 3, 5, 7)

— — — $\frac{4}{(\text{one of } 1, 3, 5, 7)}$
and at the remaining 3 place, any 3 out of 6 remaining = 6P_3

∴ Total odd numbers = ${}^6P_3 \times 4$
 $= (6 \times 5 \times 4) \times 4$
 $= 480 \checkmark$

(iii) for a number less than 3000 at thousand place we can have 1 or 2,

Case I 1 at thousand place. $\frac{1 \times}{Th} \frac{\quad}{H} \frac{\quad}{T} \frac{\times 3}{Unit} (\text{Remain odd digits } 3, 5, 7)$
∴ at Remaining 2 place (Hundred & Ten) 2 digit out of 5 = 5P_2
∴ Total ways in Case I = $1 \times {}^5P_2 \times 3 = 60 \checkmark$

Case II. digit 2 at thousand's place

digit 2 → $\frac{1 \times}{Th} \frac{\quad}{H} \frac{\quad}{T} \frac{\times 4}{Units} (1, 3, 5, 7)$
1 of the 4 odd digits
for H & T = 5P_2
∴ Case II - Numbers = $1 \times {}^5P_2 \times 4 = 80 \checkmark$

∴ Total numbers Odd less than 3000 = $60 + 80 = 140 \checkmark$

Example 9. How many 5 digit numbers are there that have 5 different digits and are divisible by 5. [S-17/23/Q5(a)] ~ [3]

Solutions These ten different digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, for a 5 digit number divisible by:

In the unit place it should have 0 or 5

Case I

0 in the unit place: $_ _ _ _ \overset{\times 1}{\text{Unit}-0}$
rest of the four 4 places by any of the 9 rest of the digit
 $= {}_9P_4 \times 1$
 $= 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 1 = 3024 \checkmark \text{--- (1)}$

Case II 5 in the unit place:

$\overset{\times}{0}$ cannot be here $_ _ _ _ \overset{\times 1}{\text{Unit place}-5}$
(Extreme left place) $(8 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6) \times 1 = 2688 \checkmark \text{--- (2)}$
0 maybe here

\therefore Total 5 digit numbers divisible by 5 = $3024 + 2688$ (1+2)
 $= 5712 \checkmark$

Example 10. A man and two women are to sit in a row of five empty chairs. Calculate the number of ways, they can be seated of,

- (i) the two women must sit next to each other, --- [2]
(ii) all three people must sit next to each other, [S-16/21/Q10(b)] --- [2]

Solution: let man = 'm'
& 2 women = W_1 & W_2

(i) $\boxed{W_1 \& W_2}$ $_ _ _ _ _$
 $\boxed{W_1 \& W_2}$ may be seated = 4 ways
(1,2), (2,3), (3,4), (4,5)

and the man in remaining = 3 ways
but W_1 & W_2 may interchange = 2!
 \therefore Total arrangements = $4 \times 2! \times 3 = 24 \checkmark$

(ii) $\boxed{W_1, W_2, m}$ $_ _ _ _ _$
 $\boxed{W_1, W_2, m}$ may be seated in 3 positions
 $\rightarrow \boxed{1,2,3} \mid \boxed{2,3,4} \mid \boxed{3,4,5}$
but they can mutually be rearranged in $3!$ ways.
 \therefore Total arrangements = $3 \times 3!$
 $= 18 \checkmark$

§ Combinations (or Selections):

A combination is a selection of some (or all) ^{out} of a number of different objects.
In a combination, the order of selection of the objects is immaterial.

Example: Given four objects A, B, C and D.

How many ways we can select 3 object at a time:

ABC, ABD, ACD, BCD. i.e 4 ways.

It is denoted by ${}^4C_3 = 4$ ✓ [combinations of 4 diff obj. taken 3 at a time]

But we know the permutations ${}^4P_3 = \frac{4!}{1!} = 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 24$ ✓

let us see how do we relate the permutations and combinations

Combinations	Permutations	${}^3P_3 = 3! = 6$
ABC	ABC, ACB; BAC, BCA; CAB, CBA	
ABD	ABD, ADB; BAD, BDA; DAB, DBA	
ACD	ACD, ADC; CAD, CDA; DAC, DCA	
BCD	BCD, BDC; CBD, CDB; DBC, DCB	

${}^4C_3 = 4$

${}^4P_3 = 24$

Now ${}^4C_3 \times 3! = {}^4P_3$

or ${}^4C_3 = \frac{{}^4P_3}{3!}$

In General. $nC_r \times r! = nP_r \Rightarrow nC_r = \frac{nP_r}{r!}$

or $nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$ $r \leq n$

Notes

§ Combination (Selections):

(i) The combination of 'n' distinct objects, taken 'r' at a time, denoted by ${}^n C_r$, is given by:

$$\boxed{{}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq r \leq n$$

(ii) The combination of 'n' distinct objects taken all of them at a time:

$${}^n C_n = 1 \quad \left[\begin{aligned} &{}^n C_n = \frac{n!}{n!(n-n)!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{n! \cdot 0!} = 1 \checkmark \end{aligned} \right.$$

Example: (i) ${}^n C_0 = 1$

(ii) ${}^n C_1 = n \quad \left[\because {}^n C_1 = \frac{n!}{1!(n-1)!} \right]$

(iii) ${}^n C_2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \quad \left[\because {}^n C_2 = \frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} \right]$

(iv) ${}^{10} C_3 = \frac{10!}{3!(10-3)!} = \frac{10!}{3!7!} = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8}{3 \times 2 \times 1} \checkmark$

(v) ${}^{29} C_2 = \frac{29 \times 28}{2 \times 1} \left[\because \frac{29!}{2!27!} = \frac{29 \times 28 \times \cancel{27!}}{2! \cdot \cancel{27!}} \right]$

(vi) ${}^{10} C_7 = \frac{10!}{7!3!} = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times \cancel{7!}}{\cancel{7!} \times 3!} = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8}{3 \times 2 \times 1} \checkmark$

from (iv) and (vi) we note

$$\boxed{{}^{10} C_3 = {}^{10} C_7}$$

$$\boxed{{}^n C_r = {}^n C_{n-r}}$$

§ In General

Example 11. An examination consists of a section 'A' containing 10 short questions, and a section B containing 5 long questions. Candidates are required to answer 6 questions from section 'A' and 3 questions from section B. Find the number of different selections of questions that can be made if:

- (i) there are no restrictions, --- [2]
 (ii) Candidate must answer the first 2 questions in sections A, and the first question in section B. [SP-20/02/Q5(b)] -- [2]

Solution. Section A - 10 questions; Section B - 5 questions
 6 questions to be answered from A & 3 from Section B.

(i) $10C_6 \times 5C_3 = \frac{10!}{6!4!} \times \frac{5!}{3!2!} = \underline{2100}$ ✓
 no restrictions.

(ii) First 2 q in section A \rightarrow 4 more from remaining 8 q in A = $8C_4$
 and first 1 q in section B \rightarrow 2 more from remaining 4 q in B = $4C_2$
 \therefore Total number of selections = $8C_4 \times 4C_2$
 $= \frac{8!}{4!4!} \times \frac{4!}{2!2!} = \underline{420}$ ✓

Example 12. A team of 3 people is to be selected from 7 women and 6 men. Find the number of different teams that could be selected, if there must be more women than men on the team. [S-16/22/Q3] --- [3]

Solution

women	&	men
7		6

Team of 3 to be selected,

with more women - Case I - 2W & 1M = $7C_2 \times 6C_1 = 126$

Case II - 3W & 0M = $7C_3 \times 6C_0 = 35$

\therefore Total = $126 + 35 = \underline{161}$ ✓

- Example 14. 7 children have to be divided into two groups, one of 4 children and the other 3 children. Given that there are 3 girls and 4 boys, find the number of different ways this can be done if,
- (i) there are no restrictions. ---[1]
 - (ii) all the boys are in one group. ---[1]
 - (iii) One boy and one girl are twins and must be in the same group. [M-17/12/Q6(b)] ---[3]

Solution: Boys - 4 and Girls - 3. Total 7 children.
To be divided into two groups of 4 & 3.

- (i) there are no restrictions

In first group choose any 4 out of total 7 = 7C_4
and in the second group 3 out of remaining 3 = 3C_3

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Total number of groups} &= {}^7C_4 \times {}^3C_3 \quad [{}^nC_n = 1] \\ &= \frac{7!}{4!3!} \times 1 = \underline{35} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) All boys in one group, 4 boys in a group of 4 = 4C_4
and 3 girls in a group of 3 = 3C_3

$$\therefore \text{Total} = {}^4C_4 \times {}^3C_3 = 1 \times 1 = \underline{1} \checkmark$$

- (iii) Case I twins in group of 4 & 2 more from 5 = ${}^5C_2 = 10 \checkmark$

Case II twins in group of 3 & 1 more from 5 = ${}^5C_1 = 5 \checkmark$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Total number of groups} &= 10 + 5 \\ &= \underline{15} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Example 15. A 5 digit number is to be formed from the seven digits

(a) 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9. Each digit can only be used only once in any 5-digit number. Find the number of different 5-digit numbers that can be formed if:

- (i) There are no restrictions. [5-17/12/28] --- [1]
- (ii) The number is divisible by 5. --- [1]
- (iii) The number is greater than 60,000. --- [1]
- (iv) The number is greater than 60,000 and even. --- [3]

(b) Ranjit has 25 friends of whom 15 are boys and 10 are girls. Ranjit wishes to hold a birthday party, but can invite only 7 friends. Find the number of different ways these 7 friends can be selected if:

- (i) There are no restrictions. --- [1]
- (ii) Only 2 of the 7 friends are boys. --- [1]
- (iii) The 25 friends include a boy and his sister who can be separated. --- [3]

Solution: Given 7 digits 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9. 5 digit number is to be formed.

(i) If no restrictions ${}^7P_5 = 2520$ ✓
 (ii) Number divisible by '5' will have digit 5 in unit place:
 \therefore Req. numbers = ${}^6P_4 \times 1 = 360$ ✓

(iii) The number greater than 60,000 will start with (6, 8 or 9) $\therefore 3 \times {}^6P_4 = 3 \times 360 = 1080$

(iv) Greater than 60,000, should start with 6, 8, 9 and for even at unit (2, 6, 8)

Case I starts with 6 or 8 & even
 (6 or 8) $\rightarrow 2 \times \underbrace{{}^5P_3}_{5 \times 4 \times 3} \times \underbrace{{}^2P_1}_{\text{unit (2, 6, 8)}} \times 2$
 $= 2 \times (5 \times 4 \times 3) \times 2 = 240$ ✓

Case II starts 9 $\rightarrow 1 \times \underbrace{{}^5P_3}_{5 \times 4 \times 3} \times 3$ (2, 6 or 8)
 $= 1 \times (5 \times 4 \times 3) \times 3 = 180$ ✓

\therefore Total numbers = $240 + 180 = 420$ ✓

(b) Boys & Girls = Total
 15 & 10 = 25
 To be invited = 7

(i) No restrictions ${}^{25}C_7 = 480700$ ✓
 (ii) Only 2 boys of 7 \Rightarrow 5 girls
 $\therefore {}^{15}C_2 \times {}^{10}C_5 = 26460$ ✓

(iii) Case I when Brother & Sister are invited
 $= {}^{23}C_5 = 33649$ --- (1)

Case II without Brother & sister.
 $= {}^{23}C_7 = 245157$ --- (2)

\therefore Total number of way to invite for (1) & (2)
 $= 33649 + 245157 = 278806$ ✓

Example 16 (a) A team of 5 students is to be chosen from a class of 10 boys and 8 girls. Find the number of different teams that may be chosen if,

- (i) there are no restrictions. --- [1]
 (ii) the team must contain at least one boy and one girl. --- [4]

(b) A computer password, which must contain 6 characters, is to be chosen from the following 10 characters:

Symbols: ? ! *
 Numbers: 3 5 7
 Letters: W X Y Z.

Each character may be used once only in any password.

Find the number of possible passwords that may be chosen if,

- (i) there are no restrictions. --- [1]
 (ii) Each password must start with a letter and finish with a number. --- [2]
 (iii) Each password must contain at least one symbol. [W-16/13/29] --- [3]

Solution (a) 10 boys & 8 girls → Total 18

- (i) Team of 5 is to be chosen.
 No Restriction → ${}^{18}C_5 = 8568$
 (ii) at least one boy & one girl.
 Boys & Girls 8
 Team of 5, Case I → 4 B & 1 G = ${}^{10}C_4 \times {}^8C_1 = 1680$
 Case II → 3 B & 2 G = ${}^{10}C_3 \times {}^8C_2 = 3360$
 Case III → 2 B & 3 G = ${}^{10}C_2 \times {}^8C_3 = 2520$
 Case IV → 1 B & 4 G = ${}^{10}C_1 \times {}^8C_4 = 700$

∴ Total number of teams:
 $= 1680 + 3360 + 2520 + 700$
 $= \underline{8260} \checkmark$

(b) Symbols, Numbers, Letters,
 3 3 4
 Password must contain 6 characters

- (i) No restrictions → ${}^{10}P_6 = 151200 \checkmark$
 (ii) Letter × × × × Number
 $= 4 \times ({}^8P_4) \times 3$
 $= 4 \times 8P_4 \times 3 = \underline{20160} \checkmark$
 (iii) (No Restriction) - (No Symbol)
 Part (i)
 $= 151200 - {}^7P_6$
 $= 151200 - 5040$
 $= \underline{146160} \checkmark$

Example 17(a) A lock can be opened using only the number 4351. State whether this is a permutation or a combination of digits, giving a reason for the answer. --- [1]

(b) There are twenty numbered balls in a bag. Two of the balls are numbered 0, six are numbered 1, five are numbered 2 and seven are numbered 3, as shown in the table below.

Number on balls	0	1	2	3
Frequency	2	6	5	7

Four of these balls are chosen at random, without replacement. Calculate the number of ways this can be done so that,

(i) the four balls all have the same number. --- [2]

(ii) the four balls all have different numbers. --- [3]

(iii) the four balls have numbers that total 3. S-15 | 21 | 25 --- [3]

Solution:

(a) Permutation, because the order matters.

(b) (i) the four balls have the same number - may 1 or 2 or 3 (but not 0 as only 2 balls numbered 2)
 $= {}^6C_4 + {}^5C_4 + {}^7C_4 = 15 + 5 + 35 = 55 \checkmark$

(ii) The four balls all have different numbers (0, 1, 2, 3)
 $= {}^2C_1 \times {}^6C_1 \times {}^5C_1 \times {}^7C_1$
 $= 2 \times 6 \times 5 \times 7 = 420 \checkmark$

(iii) The four balls have numbers that total 3.

Case I (0, 0, 1, 2) = ${}^2C_2 \times {}^6C_1 \times {}^5C_1 = 1 \times 6 \times 5 = 30$ --- (1)

Case II (1, 1, 1, 0) = ${}^6C_3 \times {}^2C_1 = 20 \times 2 = 40$ --- (2)

\therefore Total number of ways = $30 + 40$ (from (1) & (2))
 $= 70 \checkmark$