

11.1 Permutations and Combinations.....page #

GOAL: Solve problems involving permutations and combinations.

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Warm Up

Think of reducing strategies.

1. $\frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 2}$ = 4

2. $\frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$ = 210

3. $\frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{(4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)}$ = 280

4. 5! = 5 · 4 · 3 · 2 · 1 = 120

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Factorial: The factorial of a number is the product of the natural numbers less than or equal to the number.

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

0! = 1

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5. $\frac{7!}{4!} = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 210$

6. $\frac{11!}{(8-2)!} = \frac{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 55,440$

7. $\frac{8!}{5! \cdot 3!} = \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{(5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1)} = 56$

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A **permutation** is a selection of a group of objects in which **order** is important.

A family of 3 plans to sit in the same row at a movie theater. How many ways can the family be seated in 3 seats?

List all possible groupings.

A, B, C B, A, C C, A, B
A, C, B B, C, A C, B, A

There are six different ways the family can sit.

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arrangements of 7 = $\frac{7!}{4!} = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 210$

arrangements of 4 = $\frac{4!}{1!} = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$

Permutations

NUMBERS	ALGEBRA
The number of permutations of 7 items taken 3 at a time is	The number of permutations of n items taken r at a time is
${}^7P_3 = \frac{7!}{(7-3)!} = \frac{7!}{4!}$	${}^nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$

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8. ${}^9P_3 = \frac{9!}{(9-3)!} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 504$

9. ${}^5P_5 = \frac{5!}{(5-5)!} = \frac{5!}{0!} = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 120$

10. ${}^7P_2 = \frac{7!}{(7-2)!} = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 42$

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How many ways can a student government select a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer from a group of 6 people?

$6 P_4$

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Awards are given out at a costume party. How many ways can "most creative," "silliest," and "best" costume be awarded to 8 contestants if no one gets more than one award?

$8 P_3$

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A **combination** is a grouping of items in which **order does not matter**. There are generally fewer ways to select items when order does not matter. For example, there are 6 ways to order 3 items, but they are all the same combination:

6 permutations $\rightarrow \{ABC, ACB, BAC, BCA, CAB, CBA\}$

1 combination $\rightarrow \{ABC\}$

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Combinations

NUMBERS	ALGEBRA
The number of combinations of 7 items taken 3 at a time is ${}^7C_3 = \frac{7!}{3!(7-3)!}$	The number of combinations of n items taken r at a time is ${}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

${}^9C_4 = \frac{9!}{(9-4)! \cdot 4!} = \frac{9!}{5! \cdot 4!} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot \cancel{5!}}{5! \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 126$

${}^6C_2 = \frac{6!}{4! \cdot 2!} = \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot \cancel{4!}}{4! \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{6 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 1} = 15$

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The swim team has 8 swimmers. Two swimmers will be selected to swim in the first heat. How many ways can the swimmers be selected?

$8 C_2$

A teacher wants to choose 3 students from a class of 30 to receive extra credit. How many ways could the teacher select the students to earn extra credit?

$30 C_3$

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