

14.1 Part II Permutations and 14.2 Permutations with Repetitions & Circular Permutations Notes

- Permutation:** A permutation of n different elements is an ordering of the elements such that one element is first, one is second, one is third, and so on. **ORDER MATTERS!!**
- Permutation is an ordered arrangement of items that occurs when
 - No item is used more than once.
 - The order of arrangement makes a difference

Ex: There are 10 finalists in a figure skating competition. How many ways can gold, silver, and bronze medals be awarded?

$10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8$ This is $\frac{10!}{7!} = 720$

Ex: You and 19 friends have decided to form an Internet marketing consulting firm. The group needs to choose three officers—a CEO, an operating manager, and a treasurer. In how many ways can those offices be filled?

$20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 = {}_{20}P_3$ or $\frac{20!}{17!} = 6,840$

3. **Permutation Formula:** ${}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ or $P(n,r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$

- Eight people enter the Best Pie contest. How many ways can blue, red, and green ribbons be awarded?

${}_8 P_3 = \frac{8!}{5!} = 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 = 336$

- Suppose you want to rearrange the letters of the word ALGEBRA to see if you can make a different arrangement. If the two A's were not identical, the seven letters in the word could be arranged in $P(7,7)$ or $7!$ ways. But since the A's are identical, what are we going to do?

divide out repeats $\rightarrow \frac{7!}{2!} = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2 \cdot 1} = 2,520$

6. **Permutations with Repetitions:**

Find the number arrangements for the word:

A. BANANA

$\frac{6!}{3! \cdot 2!} = 60$

B. BASEBALL

$\frac{8!}{2! \cdot 2! \cdot 2!} = 5040$

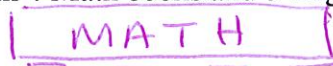
C. MISSISSIPPI

$\frac{11!}{4! \cdot 4! \cdot 2!} = 34,650$

- How many ways can 4 Math books and 5 English books be put on a shelf if all the math books have to put together?

4! ways to arrange Math

5! ways to arrange English



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$(6) \cdot 4! \cdot 5! = 17,280$

(assume all books are different)

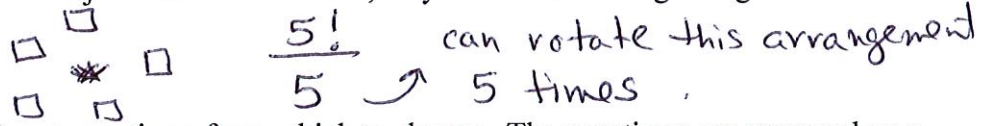
8. How many ways can 4 Math books and 5 English books be put on a shelf if all the math books and the English books have to be put together?

$$(2) \cdot 5! \cdot 4! = 5,760$$

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9. **Circular Permutations:** If n objects are arranged in a circle, then there are $\frac{n!}{n}$ or $(n-1)!$ permutations

of the n objects around the circle; they do not have a beginning or an end.



10. On the buffet there are 7 different appetizers from which to choose. The appetizers are arranged on a revolving tray. How many ways can the appetizers be organized?

$$\frac{7!}{7} \text{ or } 6! = 720$$

11. How many ways can 8 people be seated at a square table?

Even though the table is square, people can rotate without changing who sits next to who

$$7! = 5040$$

12. How many ways can 5 men and 5 women be seated at a round table if they have to alternate the men and women?

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \ 5 \\ 2 \quad 4 \\ 3 \ 3 \ 4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 5! \cdot 5! \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{men} \quad \text{women} \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{5! \cdot 5!}{10} = 1,440$$

can rotate 10 spots

If n objects on a circle are arranged in relation to a fixed point, then there are $n!$ Permutations.

Any reference makes the arrangement linear

If the arrangement can be physically turned over or flipped over, the reflection of the arrangement is possible, divide by 2. (For Example, a key ring can be flipped over but a football team in a huddle cannot)

13. How many ways can 7 beads be placed on a bracelet with no clasp?

$$\frac{6!}{2} = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = 360 \quad \uparrow \text{no reference.}$$

14. How many ways can 7 beads be placed on a bracelet that has a clasp?

$$\frac{7!}{2} = 2,520 \quad \text{reference.}$$