

MA 12 LG 15 (Combinatorics)

1.1. The Fundamental Counting Principle

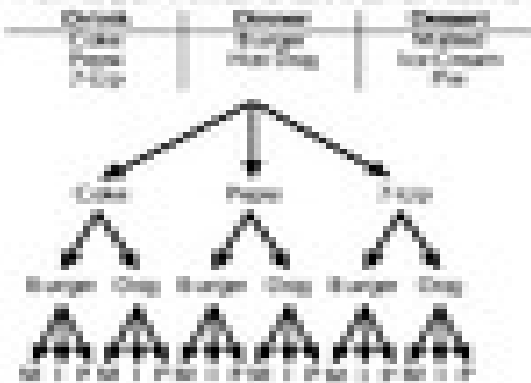
If P and Q are disjoint sets, then

where $n(P)$ and $n(Q)$ are the number of items in each category.

Example for 1.1

Draw a tree diagram to list all the possibilities for the following:

How many different combinations can be made from



Total possibilities = $3 \times 2 \times 2 = 12$ combinations

1.2. Permutations

General: $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(2)(1) = n!$

Permutations (order is important) are different from sets

Permutations = $\frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ n = total # objects
 r = # to select r = # of objects after

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Example for 1.2

3 objects in factorial notation:
 the 3rd factorial is $3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$

Example for 1.1

3 objects in product of factorial notation (in order):
 $3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$

$${}^3 P_3 = \frac{3!}{(3-3)!} = \frac{3!}{0!} = \frac{3 \times 2 \times 1}{1} = 6$$

Example for 1.2

3 objects, 2 in 1st and 2nd, 1 in 3rd, factorial notation:

$${}^3 P_2 = \frac{3!}{(3-2)!} = \frac{3!}{1!} = \frac{3 \times 2 \times 1}{1} = 6$$

2 in 1st and 2nd, 1 in 3rd:

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1 in 1st, 2 in 2nd:

$${}^3 P_2 = \frac{3!}{(3-2)!} = \frac{3!}{1!} = \frac{3 \times 2 \times 1}{1} = 6$$

1.3. Combinations

General: $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(2)(1) = n!$

$${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Combinations (order not important) are different from sets

$${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Example for 1.3

3 objects in product of factorial notation:

$${}^3 C_3 = \frac{3!}{3!(3-3)!} = \frac{3!}{3! \cdot 0!} = \frac{3 \times 2 \times 1}{6 \times 1} = 1$$

the 3rd factorial is $3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$

$${}^3 C_2 = \frac{3!}{2!(3-2)!} = \frac{3!}{2! \cdot 1!} = \frac{3 \times 2 \times 1}{2 \times 1 \times 1} = 3$$

the 2nd factorial is $2! = 2 \times 1 = 2$