

MA 12 LG 15 (Combinatorics)

1.1. The Fundamental Counting Principle

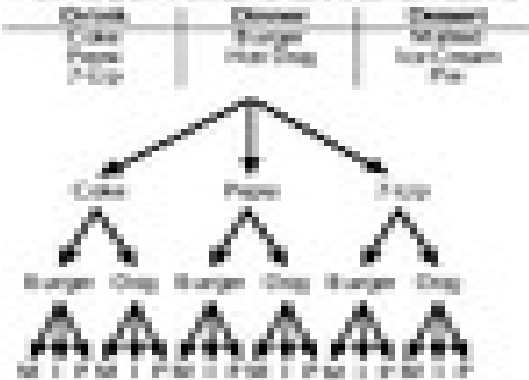
If P and Q are events such that

where L, M, N are the number of items in each category

Example for 1.1

Draw a tree diagram to find 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 $3!$ is $3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6 = 3!$

Example for 1.1

3 objects in product of factorial notation:

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

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

Example for 1.2

3 objects, 2 in 1st & 2 in 2nd for the form ${}^3 P_2$

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

$3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$ $(3-2)! = 1! = 1$

${}^3 P_2 = \frac{6}{1} = 6$ ${}^3 P_2 = 3 \times 2 = 6$

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:

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

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

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

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