

A BASIC COUNTING PRINCIPLES

A.1 APPLYING THE PRODUCT RULE

Ex 1: You have 3 t-shirts and 2 pairs of jeans. How many different outfits can you create by picking one t-shirt and one pair of jeans?

6 outfits

Answer: To find the total number of outfits, we multiply the number of options for each independent choice.

- Choice of a t-shirt: 3 options.
- Choice of jeans: 2 options.

By the product rule, the total number of outfits is $3 \times 2 = 6$.

Ex 2: You are at an ice cream shop with 5 flavors of ice cream and 2 types of toppings. How many different desserts can you create by picking one ice cream flavor and one topping?

10 desserts

Answer: The choices for the ice cream and topping are independent.

- Choice of ice cream flavor: 5 options.
- Choice of topping: 2 options.

By the product rule, the total number of different desserts is $5 \times 2 = 10$.

Ex 3: Su is creating a 4-digit PIN for his debit card. Each digit can be any number from 0 to 9, and digits can be repeated. His PIN starts with 94.

9 4

How many different PINs are possible for the remaining two digits?

100 PINs

Answer: The first two digits are fixed. We must determine the number of possibilities for the third and fourth digits.

- Choices for the third digit (0-9): 10 options.
- Choices for the fourth digit (0-9): 10 options.

By the product rule, the number of possible PINs for the remaining digits is $10 \times 10 = 100$.

Ex 4: A headteacher wants to select one student from Year 4 and one student from Year 5 for an interview. There are 20 students in Year 4 and 18 students in Year 5. How many different pairs of students can be chosen?

360 pairs

Answer: The selection from each year is an independent event.

- Options for the Year 4 student: 20 choices.
- Options for the Year 5 student: 18 choices.

By the product rule, the total number of ways to choose the pair of students is $20 \times 18 = 360$.

Ex 5: You are packing for a trip with 2 pairs of shoes, 3 pairs of pants, and 5 t-shirts. How many different outfits can you create by picking one of each item?

30 outfits

Answer: This problem involves three independent choices. The product rule can be extended.

- Choice of shoes: 2 options.
- Choice of pants: 3 options.
- Choice of t-shirt: 5 options.

The total number of different outfits is $2 \times 3 \times 5 = 30$.

A.2 APPLYING THE ADDITION RULE

Ex 6: A student can choose a new computer from either 3 desktop models or 4 laptop models. What is the total number of computer options?

7 options

Answer: Let's solve this:

- The student must choose either a desktop OR a laptop. The two choices are mutually exclusive.
- Number of desktop options: 3.
- Number of laptop options: 4.
- Using the addition rule, we add the number of options for each exclusive choice:

$$3 \text{ (desktops)} + 4 \text{ (laptops)} = 7$$

- So, the total number of computer options is 7.

Ex 7: To travel from Paris to Lyon, a traveler can choose from 6 different high-speed trains or 2 flights. How many different travel options does the traveler have for their journey?

8 options

Answer:

- The traveler must choose either a train OR a flight; they cannot take both at the same time. The choices are mutually exclusive.
- Number of train options: 6.
- Number of flight options: 2.
- By the addition rule, the total number of options is the sum of the choices:

$$6 \text{ (trains)} + 2 \text{ (flights)} = 8$$

- Thus, the traveler has 8 different options for the journey.

Ex 8: A film enthusiast wants to watch a movie. They subscribe to two streaming services. Service A has 8 exclusive action movies, and Service B has 5 exclusive comedy movies. How many different movies can they choose to watch?

13 movies

Answer:

- The choice is between watching an action movie from Service A OR a comedy from Service B. Since the movies are exclusive to each service, the choices are mutually exclusive.
- Number of choices on Service A: 8.
- Number of choices on Service B: 5.
- Using the addition rule, we find the total number of available movies:

$$8 \text{ (action movies)} + 5 \text{ (comedies)} = 13$$

- Therefore, they can choose from 13 different movies.

Ex 9: A community center offers weekend workshops. On Saturday, there are 3 painting workshops and 2 pottery workshops. On Sunday, there are 4 creative writing workshops. If a person can only sign up for one workshop for the entire weekend, how many choices do they have?

9 choices

Answer:

- A person can choose a workshop on Saturday OR a workshop on Sunday. These are mutually exclusive time slots. First, let's find the total options for Saturday.
 - Saturday options: 3 (painting) + 2 (pottery) = 5 workshops.
 - Sunday options: 4 (writing) workshops.
 - Now, we apply the addition rule again for the choice of day:
- $$5 \text{ (Saturday workshops)} + 4 \text{ (Sunday workshops)} = 9$$
- So, the person has a total of 9 workshop choices for the weekend.

B FACTORIALS

B.1 EVALUATING WITHOUT A CALCULATOR

Ex 10: Evaluate:

$$3! = \boxed{6}.$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} 3! &= 3 \times 2 \times 1 \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 11: Evaluate:

$$4! = \boxed{24}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} 4! &= 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \\ &= 24 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 12: Evaluate:

$$5! = \boxed{120}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} 5! &= 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \\ &= 120 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 13: Evaluate:

$$6! = \boxed{720}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} 6! &= 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \\ &= 720 \end{aligned}$$

B.2 EVALUATING WITH A CALCULATOR

Ex 14:  Evaluate:

$$7! = \boxed{5040}$$

Answer: Enter 7! in the calculator.

Ex 15:  Evaluate:

$$\frac{8!}{3!} = \boxed{6720}$$

Answer: Enter $\frac{8!}{3!}$ in the calculator.

Ex 16:  Evaluate:

$$\frac{9!}{3!6!} = \boxed{84}$$

Answer: Enter $\frac{9!}{3! \times 6!}$ in the calculator.

Ex 17:  Evaluate:

$$\binom{20}{17} = \boxed{1140}$$

Answer:

- $\binom{20}{17} = \frac{20!}{17!(20-17)!} = \frac{20!}{17!3!}$
- Enter $\frac{20!}{17!3!}$ in the calculator.

Ex 18:  Evaluate:

$$\binom{15}{10} = \boxed{3003}$$

Answer:

- $\binom{15}{10} = \frac{15!}{10!(15-10)!} = \frac{15!}{10!5!}$
- Enter $\frac{15!}{10!5!}$ in the calculator.

B.3 EXPRESSING PRODUCTS IN FACTORIAL FORM

Ex 19: Express in factorial form:

$$\frac{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{2 \times 1} = \boxed{\frac{4!}{2!}}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{2 \times 1} = \frac{4!}{2!}$$

Ex 20: Express in factorial form:

$$4 \times 3 = \boxed{\frac{4!}{2!}}$$

Answer:

$$4 \times 3 = \frac{4 \times 3 \times (2 \times 1)}{(2 \times 1)} = \frac{4!}{2!}$$

Ex 21: Express in factorial form:

$$\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = \boxed{\frac{5!}{3!}}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = \frac{5!}{3!}$$

Ex 22: Express in factorial form:

$$5 \times 4 = \boxed{\frac{5!}{3!}}$$

Answer:

$$5 \times 4 = \frac{5 \times 4 \times (3 \times 2 \times 1)}{(3 \times 2 \times 1)} = \frac{5!}{3!}$$

Ex 23: Express in factorial form:

$$\frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = \boxed{\frac{7!}{4!}}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = \frac{7!}{4!}$$

Ex 24: Express in factorial form:

$$7 \times 6 \times 5 = \boxed{\frac{7!}{4!}}$$

Answer:

$$7 \times 6 \times 5 = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times (4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)}{(4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)} = \frac{7!}{4!}$$

B.4 EVALUATING BY SIMPLIFICATION

Ex 25: Evaluate

$$\binom{5}{3} = \boxed{10}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{5}{3} &= \frac{5!}{3!(5-3)!} \\ &= \frac{5!}{3!2!} \\ &= \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 2 \times 1} \\ &= \frac{5 \times 4}{2 \times 1} \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 26: Evaluate

$$\binom{6}{4} = \boxed{15}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{6}{4} &= \frac{6!}{4!(6-4)!} \\ &= \frac{6!}{4!2!} \\ &= \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 2 \times 1} \\ &= \frac{6 \times 5}{2 \times 1} \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 27: Evaluate

$$\binom{7}{2} = \boxed{21}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{7}{2} &= \frac{7!}{2!(7-2)!} \\ &= \frac{7!}{2!5!} \\ &= \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{2 \times 1 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \\ &= \frac{7 \times 6}{2 \times 1} \\ &= 21 \end{aligned}$$

Ex 28: Evaluate

$$\binom{7}{4} = \boxed{35}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{7}{4} &= \frac{7!}{4!(7-4)!} \\ &= \frac{7!}{4!3!} \\ &= \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \\ &= \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{3 \times 2 \times 1} \\ &= \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{6} \\ &= 7 \times 5 \\ &= 35 \end{aligned}$$

C ORDERED DRAWS WITH REPLACEMENT (P-LISTS)

C.1 SOLVING REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS

Ex 29: A suitcase lock requires a 3-digit code, with each digit ranging from 0 to 9. How many different codes are possible?

1000 codes

Answer: Let's break down the problem by considering each digit as a separate choice.

- For the first digit, there are 10 possible options (0 through 9).
- For the second digit, since digits can be repeated, there are also 10 possible options.
- For the third digit, there are again 10 possible options.

This scenario is equivalent to drawing 3 balls from a bag of 10 balls, where the **order matters** and each ball is put back before the next draw (**with replacement**).

Since the choice for each digit is independent, we use the product rule:

$$10 \text{ (choices for 1st digit)} \times 10 \text{ (choices for 2nd digit)} \times 10 \text{ (choices for 3rd digit)} = 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1,000.$$

So, there are 1,000 different possible codes for the lock.

Ex 30: A mobile phone requires a 4-digit PIN, with each digit ranging from 0 to 9. How many different PINs can be created?

10000 PINs

Answer: We need to determine the number of options for each of the four positions in the PIN.

- There are 10 choices (0-9) for the first digit.
- There are 10 choices for the second digit.
- There are 10 choices for the third digit.
- There are 10 choices for the fourth digit.

This is a selection where order matters and repetition is allowed, equivalent to drawing 4 balls from a bag of 10, **with order and with replacement**.

Applying the product rule, we multiply the number of options for each position:

$$10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 10,000.$$

So, there are 10,000 different possible PINs.

Ex 31: You are taking a 5-question True/False test. How many different ways can you answer the entire test?

32 ways

Answer: For each question, there are two possible answers. We must make a choice for all five questions.

- For question 1, there are 2 choices (True or False).
- For question 2, there are 2 choices.
- For question 3, there are 2 choices.


- For question 4, there are 2 choices.
- For question 5, there are 2 choices.

This is analogous to drawing 5 times from a bag containing 2 balls (labeled 'T' and 'F'), **with order and with replacement**.

By the product rule, the total number of ways to answer the test is the product of the number of choices for each question:

$$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^5 = 32.$$

So, there are 32 different ways to answer the test.

Ex 32:  A multiple-choice test has 20 questions, and each question has 3 answer choices (A, B, or C). How many different answer keys are possible?

3486784401 answer keys

Answer: Each question is an independent choice, and the same answer option can be used for multiple questions.

- For each of the 20 questions, there are 3 possible answers (A, B, or C).

This corresponds to drawing 20 times from a bag of 3 balls (labeled 'A', 'B', 'C'), **with order and with replacement**.


Using the product rule, we multiply the number of choices for each of the 20 questions:

$$\underbrace{3 \times 3 \times \cdots \times 3}_{20 \text{ times}} = 3^{20} = 3,486,784,401.$$

So, there are 3,486,784,401 different possible answer keys.

D ORDERED DRAWS WITHOUT REPLACEMENT (ARRANGEMENTS)

D.1 SOLVING REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS

Ex 33:  You're watching a race with 20 competitors, and the top three finishers will stand on the podium. How many different podiums (first, second, and third place) are possible?

6840 podiums

Answer: We need to select 3 competitors from 20 and assign them to a specific place.


- For first place, there are 20 possible competitors.
- Once first place is decided, there are 19 competitors remaining for second place.
- Once second place is decided, there are 18 competitors remaining for third place.

This scenario requires selecting competitors in a specific order, and a competitor cannot finish in more than one position. This is equivalent to drawing 3 balls from a bag of 20, where the **order matters** and there is **no replacement**. This is an **arrangement**.

Using the product rule, the total number of possible podiums is:

$$20 \text{ (choices for 1st)} \times 19 \text{ (choices for 2nd)} \times 18 \text{ (choices for 3rd)} = 6,840.$$

This corresponds to the formula for arrangements: ${}_{20}P_3 = 6,840$.

Ex 34:  You're organizing a group photo and need to arrange 5 people in a single row. How many different ways can you line them up?

120 ways

Answer: We are arranging all 5 people in a specific order.


- For the first position in the row, there are 5 choices.
- For the second position, there are 4 remaining people.
- For the third position, there are 3 remaining people.
- For the fourth position, there are 2 remaining people.
- For the last position, there is only 1 person left.

This is an arrangement of all elements in a set, which is a **permutation**. It is equivalent to drawing all 5 balls from a bag of 5, **without replacement and with order**.

By the product rule, the total number of arrangements is:

$$5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 5! = 120.$$

There are 120 different ways to arrange the 5 people.

Ex 35:  You're watching a race with 20 competitors, including Emile. How many different possible podiums (first, second, and third place) are there if Emile must finish in first place?

342 podiums

Answer: This is an arrangement with a restriction.


- For first place, there is only 1 choice (Emile). The position is fixed.
- For second place, any of the other 19 competitors can finish. So, there are 19 choices.
- For third place, there are 18 competitors remaining. So, there are 18 choices.

After fixing Emile's position, the problem becomes arranging 2 competitors from the remaining 19. This is an **arrangement** of 2 from 19.

Using the product rule for the three positions:

$$1 \text{ (choice for 1st)} \times 19 \text{ (choices for 2nd)} \times 18 \text{ (choices for 3rd)} = 342.$$

There are 342 possible podiums where Emile finishes first.

Ex 36:  You're watching a race with 20 competitors, including Emile. How many different podiums are possible if Emile must be one of the three podium finishers?

1026 podiums

Answer: We can solve this by first placing Emile and then arranging the others.


- First, choose a position for Emile. There are 3 choices (1st, 2nd, or 3rd).

- Once Emile's position is chosen, we must fill the two remaining podium spots from the other 19 competitors.
- For the first empty spot, there are 19 choices.
- For the second empty spot, there are 18 choices.

Using the product rule for the entire process:

$$3 \text{ (choices for Emile's position)} \times 19 \text{ (choices for 1st empty spot)} \times 18 \text{ (choices for 2nd empty spot)} = 1,026.$$

There are 1,026 possible podiums that include Emile.

MCQ 37:  Mr. T has 5 algebra books, 3 geometry books, and 4 analysis books. In how many ways can he arrange them on a shelf if he groups them by subject?

- ☐ 12^{12}
- ☒ $3! \times 5! \times 3! \times 4!$
- ☐ $5! \times 3! \times 4!$
- ☐ $12!$

Answer: This problem has two levels of arrangement.

1. **Arrange the groups:** First, we arrange the 3 subject groups (Algebra, Geometry, Analysis). The number of ways to order these 3 groups is a permutation: $3! = 6$ ways.
2. **Arrange books within each group:**
 - The 5 algebra books can be arranged in $5!$ ways.
 - The 3 geometry books can be arranged in $3!$ ways.
 - The 4 analysis books can be arranged in $4!$ ways.


Using the product rule, we multiply the number of ways for each independent step:

$$(\text{Ways to arrange groups}) \times (\text{Ways to arrange algebra books}) \times (\text{Ways to arrange geometry books}) \times (\text{Ways to arrange analysis books}) = 3! \times 5! \times 3! \times 4!$$

The correct answer is $3! \times 5! \times 3! \times 4!$.

E UNORDERED DRAWS WITHOUT REPLACEMENT (COMBINATIONS)

E.1 SOLVING REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS

Ex 38:  You are on a sports team with 5 players: P, Q, R, S, and T. How many different teams of 2 players can be formed?

10 teams


Answer: The problem is to choose a group of 2 players from 5. Since a team of {P, Q} is the same as a team of {Q, P}, the **order of selection does not matter**. Also, a player cannot be chosen twice for the same team, so this is **without replacement**. This is a **combination** problem.

This is analogous to drawing 2 balls from a bag of 5 balls (representing the players) **without order and without replacement**.

We use the combination formula to find the number of ways to choose 2 players from 5:

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{5}{2} &= \frac{5!}{2!(5-2)!} \\ &= \frac{5!}{2!3!} \\ &= \frac{5 \times 4 \times \cancel{3!}}{\cancel{3!} \times (2 \times 1)} \\ &= \frac{20}{2} = 10\end{aligned}$$

There are 10 different teams of 2 players that can be formed.

Ex 39:  You are part of a squad with 6 players. How many different teams of 4 players can be formed?


15 teams

Answer: We are choosing a group of 4 from 6 where the order does not matter and there is no repetition. This is a **combination**. It is analogous to drawing 4 balls from a bag of 6, **without order and without replacement**.

We use the combination formula to find the number of ways to choose 4 players from 6:

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{6}{4} &= \frac{6!}{4!(6-4)!} \\ &= \frac{6!}{4!2!} \\ &= \frac{6 \times 5 \times \cancel{4!}}{\cancel{4!} \times (2 \times 1)} \\ &= \frac{30}{2} = 15\end{aligned}$$

There are 15 different teams of 4 players that can be formed.


Ex 40:  How many different anagrams can be formed by rearranging the letters of the word "TOTO"?

6 anagrams

Answer: An anagram is determined by the positions of its letters. The word "TOTO" has 4 positions. We need to place two 'T's and two 'O's. Since the two 'T's are identical, the order in which we choose their positions does not matter. The problem is equivalent to choosing 2 positions for the 'T's out of the 4 available spots. This is a **combination**. This is analogous to a bag with 4 balls numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 (representing the positions). We choose 2 balls **without order** to decide where the 'T's go.

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{2!(4-2)!} = \frac{4!}{2!2!} = \frac{24}{4} = 6$$

Once we choose the 2 positions for the 'T's, the remaining 2 positions are automatically filled by the 'O's. Therefore, there are 6 different anagrams.

Ex 41:  In a class of 15 students, there are 9 boys and 6 girls. The teacher wants to form a group of 4 students, consisting of exactly 2 boys and 2 girls. How many different groups can be formed?

540 groups

Answer: This is a two-step problem. First, we choose the boys, and second, we choose the girls. In each step, the order of selection does not matter, so we use **combinations**.

The analogy is having two separate bags: one with 9 "boy" balls and one with 6 "girl" balls.

1. **Choose the boys:** We need to choose 2 boys from 9.

$$\text{Ways to choose boys} = \binom{9}{2} = \frac{9!}{2!7!} = \frac{9 \times 8}{2} = 36$$


2. **Choose the girls:** We need to choose 2 girls from 6.

$$\text{Ways to choose girls} = \binom{6}{2} = \frac{6!}{2!4!} = \frac{6 \times 5}{2} = 15$$

Since we need to choose both boys AND girls, we use the product rule to combine the results:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total groups} &= (\text{Ways to choose boys}) \times (\text{Ways to choose girls}) \\ &= 36 \times 15 = 540.\end{aligned}$$

There are 540 different ways to form the group.

Ex 42:  Your company has 12 employees. A project team is to be formed with 1 team leader, 1 deputy leader, and 4 team members. How many different ways can this team be formed?

27720 ways

Answer: This problem involves both ordered and unordered selections. We can break it down into a sequence of choices.

1. **Choose the team leader:** The role of leader is unique. We are choosing 1 person from 12. There are 12 choices.
2. **Choose the deputy leader:** The role of deputy is also unique. From the remaining 11 employees, there are 11 choices.
3. **Choose the team members:** From the 10 remaining employees, we need to choose a group of 4. Since their roles are identical, **order does not matter**. This is a **combination**.

$$\text{Ways to choose members} = \binom{10}{4} = \frac{10!}{4!6!} = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 210$$


Since these are sequential and independent choices, we apply the product rule:

$$(\text{Choices for Leader}) \times (\text{Choices for Deputy}) \times (\text{Choices for Members}) = 12 \times 11 \times 210 = 27,720.$$

There are 27,720 different ways to form the team.

F SUMMARY OF COUNTING FORMULAS

F.1 COUNTING POKER HANDS


Ex 43:  A standard deck of 52 playing cards has 13 ranks and 4 suits. A poker hand consists of 5 cards drawn from this deck. How many different 5-card poker hands are possible?

2598960 hands

Answer: In a poker hand, the order in which the cards are received does not matter. Therefore, this is a **combination** problem: we are choosing a group of 5 cards from a set of 52.

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{52}{5} &= \frac{52!}{5!(52-5)!} \\ &= \frac{52!}{5!47!} \\ &= 2,598,960\end{aligned}$$

There are 2,598,960 different possible 5-card poker hands.

Ex 44:  A **four-of-a-kind** is a hand with four cards of one rank and one card of another rank. How many different four-of-a-kind hands are possible?

624 hands

Answer: To construct this hand, we must make a sequence of choices.

1. **Choose the rank for the four cards:** From the 13 available ranks, we must choose 1.

$$\text{Ways to choose the rank} = \binom{13}{1} = 13$$

2. **Choose the four cards of that rank:** A rank has 4 suits. We must choose all 4 of them.

$$\text{Ways to choose the suits} = \binom{4}{4} = 1$$


3. **Choose the final card (the 'kicker'):** This card must not have the same rank as the four-of-a-kind. There are 52 cards in the deck, and 4 are already used, so 48 cards remain. We must choose 1 of them.

$$\text{Ways to choose the kicker} = \binom{48}{1} = 48$$

By the product rule, the total number of four-of-a-kind hands is:

$$13 \times 1 \times 48 = 624.$$

There are 624 possible four-of-a-kind hands.

Ex 45:  A **full house** is a hand with three cards of one rank and two cards of another rank. How many different full house hands are possible?

3744 hands

Answer: We break down the construction into steps:

1. **Choose the rank for the three cards:** There are 13 ranks available.

$$\text{Ways to choose rank for the triplet} = \binom{13}{1} = 13$$

2. **Choose 3 cards from that rank:** There are 4 suits, and we need to choose 3.

$$\text{Ways to choose the 3 cards} = \binom{4}{3} = 4$$

3. **Choose the rank for the two cards:** There are 12 remaining ranks.

$$\text{Ways to choose rank for the pair} = \binom{12}{1} = 12$$


4. **Choose 2 cards from that rank:** There are 4 suits, and we need to choose 2.

$$\text{Ways to choose the 2 cards} = \binom{4}{2} = 6$$

Using the product rule, the total number of full house hands is:

$$13 \times 4 \times 12 \times 6 = 3,744.$$

There are 3,744 possible full house hands.

Ex 46:  A **three-of-a-kind** is a hand with three cards of one rank, and two other cards of two different ranks. How many are possible?

54912 hands

Answer: Let's construct the hand step-by-step:

1. **Choose the rank for the three cards:**

$$\binom{13}{1} = 13$$

2. **Choose the 3 suits for that rank:**

$$\binom{4}{3} = 4$$

3. **Choose the ranks for the other two cards:** From the 12 remaining ranks, we must choose 2 different ranks. The order we choose them in doesn't matter.

$$\binom{12}{2} = \frac{12 \times 11}{2} = 66$$


4. **Choose the suit for each of the two single cards:** For the first single card, we choose 1 of 4 suits. For the second, we also choose 1 of 4 suits.

$$\binom{4}{1} \times \binom{4}{1} = 4 \times 4 = 16$$

By the product rule, the total number of three-of-a-kind hands is:

$$13 \times 4 \times 66 \times 16 = 54,912.$$

There are 54,912 possible three-of-a-kind hands.

Ex 47:  A **two pair** hand has two cards of one rank, two cards of another rank, and one card of a third rank. How many are possible?

123552 hands

Answer: Let's build the hand:

1. **Choose the two ranks for the pairs:** From 13 ranks, we need to choose 2. The order does not matter (a pair of Kings and a pair of 7s is the same as a pair of 7s and a pair of Kings).

$$\binom{13}{2} = \frac{13 \times 12}{2} = 78$$

2. **Choose 2 suits for the first pair:**

$$\binom{4}{2} = 6$$

3. **Choose 2 suits for the second pair:**

$$\binom{4}{2} = 6$$

4. **Choose the rank for the final card:** There are $13 - 2 = 11$ ranks left.

$$\binom{11}{1} = 11$$


5. **Choose the suit for the final card:**

$$\binom{4}{1} = 4$$

Using the product rule, the total number of two-pair hands is:

$$78 \times 6 \times 6 \times 11 \times 4 = 123,552.$$

There are 123,552 possible two-pair hands.

Ex 48:  A **one pair** hand has two cards of one rank, and three other cards of three different ranks. How many are possible?

$$\boxed{1098240} \text{ hands}$$

Answer: Let's construct the hand:

1. **Choose the rank for the pair:**

$$\binom{13}{1} = 13$$

2. **Choose 2 suits for that rank:**

$$\binom{4}{2} = 6$$

3. **Choose the ranks for the three single cards:** From the 12 remaining ranks, we must choose 3 different ranks.

$$\binom{12}{3} = \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 220$$

4. **Choose the suit for each of the three single cards:**

$$\binom{4}{1} \times \binom{4}{1} \times \binom{4}{1} = 4^3 = 64$$


By the product rule, the total number of one-pair hands is:

$$13 \times 6 \times 220 \times 64 = 1,098,240.$$

There are 1,098,240 possible one-pair hands.

G APPLICATIONS TO PROBABILITY

G.1 CALCULATING PROBABILITIES USING COUNTING PRINCIPLES

Ex 49:  A student council has 10 members: 6 seniors and 4 juniors. A 3-person committee is to be selected at random. What is the probability that the committee will consist entirely of seniors?

Answer:

1. **Identify the experiment:** We are selecting a group of 3 students from a larger group of 10.
2. **Model the outcomes:** When forming a committee, the order of selection does not matter. Therefore, the model is a **combination**.
3. **Calculate the total number of outcomes ($n(U)$):** We need to find the total number of ways to choose 3 students from the 10 members.

$$n(U) = \binom{10}{3} = \frac{10!}{3!(7)!} = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 120$$

There are 120 possible committees.

4. **Calculate the number of favorable outcomes ($n(E)$):** A favorable outcome is a committee that consists only of seniors. We need to choose 3 students from the 6 available seniors.


$$n(E) = \binom{6}{3} = \frac{6!}{3!(3)!} = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 20$$

There are 20 possible committees made up entirely of seniors.

5. **Calculate the probability:**

$$P(\text{All Seniors}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(U)} = \frac{20}{120} = \frac{1}{6}$$

The probability of the committee consisting entirely of seniors is $1/6$.

Ex 50:  In a race with 20 horses, you bet on 3 horses to finish first, second, and third in exact order (a "triple forecast"). What's the probability of winning your bet?

Answer:

1. **Identify the experiment:** We are determining the ordered result of the top three finishers in a 20-horse race.
2. **Model the outcomes:** We are selecting 3 horses from 20. Since the finishing order is exact, **order matters**. A horse cannot finish in more than one position, so this is **without replacement**. The model is an **arrangement**.
3. **Calculate the total number of outcomes ($n(U)$):** The total number of possible podium finishes is the number of arrangements of 3 horses from a set of 20.

$$n(U) = {}_{20}P_3 = \frac{20!}{(20-3)!} = 20 \times 19 \times 18 = 6,840$$

There are 6,840 possible ordered outcomes.

4. **Calculate the number of favorable outcomes ($n(E)$):**
To win, your single bet must match the one correct finishing order.

$$n(E) = 1$$

5. **Calculate the probability:**

$$P(\text{Win}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(U)} = \frac{1}{6,840}$$

The probability of winning is 1 in 6,840.



Ex 51: In a race with 20 horses, you bet on 3 horses to finish in the top 3 positions in any order (a "trio" bet). What's the probability of winning your bet?

Answer:

1. **Identify the experiment:** We are determining the group of horses that finish in the top three, regardless of their specific order.
2. **Model the outcomes:** We are selecting a group of 3 horses from 20. Since the finishing order does not matter, **order does not matter**. This is **without replacement**. The model is a **combination**.
3. **Calculate the total number of outcomes ($n(U)$):** The total number of possible groups of three horses is the number of combinations of 3 from a set of 20.

$$n(U) = \binom{20}{3} = \frac{20!}{3!(17)!} = \frac{20 \times 19 \times 18}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 1,140$$

There are 1,140 possible groups of top-three finishers.

4. **Calculate the number of favorable outcomes ($n(E)$):**
Your bet is on one specific group of 3 horses. There is only one winning group.

$$n(E) = 1$$

5. **Calculate the probability:**

$$P(\text{Win}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(U)} = \frac{1}{1,140}$$

The probability of winning is 1 in 1,140.



Ex 52: In Lotto, you pick 6 numbers from a grid of 49. What is the probability of winning the jackpot by matching all 6 numbers?

Answer:

1. **Identify the experiment:** A set of 6 winning numbers is drawn from 49.
2. **Model the outcomes:** We are choosing a group of 6 numbers from 49. The order in which the numbers are drawn does not matter. This is a **combination**.
3. **Calculate the total number of outcomes ($n(U)$):** The total number of possible ways to draw 6 numbers from 49 is:

$$n(U) = \binom{49}{6} = \frac{49!}{6!(43)!} = 13,983,816$$

There are 13,983,816 possible lottery tickets.

4. **Calculate the number of favorable outcomes ($n(E)$):**
There is only one set of 6 numbers that wins the jackpot.

$$n(E) = 1$$

5. **Calculate the probability:**

$$P(\text{Win}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(U)} = \frac{1}{13,983,816}$$

The probability of winning the jackpot is 1 in 13,983,816.



Ex 53: In Lotto, you pick 6 numbers from a grid of 49. What is the probability of matching exactly 5 of the 6 winning numbers?

Answer:

1. **Identify the experiment:** A set of 6 winning numbers is drawn from 49. We want to find the probability that our ticket of 6 numbers contains exactly 5 of these winning numbers.
2. **Model the outcomes:** Selections of numbers are **combinations**. We will need the product rule to construct the favorable outcomes.
3. **Calculate the total number of outcomes ($n(U)$):** As before, the total number of possible tickets is:

$$n(U) = \binom{49}{6} = 13,983,816$$

4. **Calculate the number of favorable outcomes ($n(E)$):**
For a ticket to be a winner, it must contain 2 parts: 5 winning numbers AND 1 losing number.

- There are 6 winning numbers in total, and we must choose 5 of them: $\binom{6}{5} = 6$ ways.
- There are $49 - 6 = 43$ losing numbers, and we must choose 1 of them: $\binom{43}{1} = 43$ ways.

By the product rule, the total number of favorable tickets is:

$$n(E) = \binom{6}{5} \times \binom{43}{1} = 6 \times 43 = 258$$

5. **Calculate the probability:**

$$P(\text{match 5}) = \frac{n(E)}{n(U)} = \frac{258}{13,983,816}$$

The probability of matching exactly 5 numbers is 258 in 13,983,816.



Ex 54: In a class of 30 students, what is the probability that at least two students share the same birthday? Assume a year has 365 days and birthdays are equally likely.

Answer:

1. **Identify the experiment:** We are assigning a birthday from 365 days to each of the 30 students.
2. **Model the outcomes:** For the total outcomes, each student's birthday is an independent choice from 365 days. This is a **p-list** (ordered, with replacement). For the favorable outcomes, we will use the complementary event.

3. **Calculate the total number of outcomes ($n(U)$):** Each of the 30 students has 365 possible birthdays.

$$n(U) = \underbrace{365 \times 365 \times \cdots \times 365}_{30 \text{ times}} = 365^{30}$$

4. **Calculate the number of favorable outcomes ($n(E)$):**
 Let E be the event "at least two students share a birthday".
 It is easier to calculate the probability of the complementary event, E', where "all 30 students have different birthdays".
 To find the number of outcomes in E', we use an **arrangement**, since order matters (the students are distinct) and birthdays cannot be repeated.

$$n(E') = {}_{365}P_{30} = 365 \times 364 \times \cdots \times (365 - 29)$$

5. **Calculate the probability:** We first find the probability of the complement, P(E').

$$P(E') = \frac{n(E')}{n(U)} = \frac{{}_{365}P_{30}}{365^{30}} \approx 0.2937$$

The probability of our original event E is $1 - P(E')$.

$$P(E) = 1 - P(E') \approx 1 - 0.2937 = 0.7063$$

Rounded to two decimal places, the probability that at least two students share a birthday is 0.71.