

PERMUTATION

Permutation is an arrangement of objects in a specific order.

A permutation of n different objects taken r ($\leq n$) at a time is written as ${}^n P_r$ or $P(n, r)$ and is defined as

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \quad \text{where } r \leq n.$$

THEOREM:

Prove that ${}^n P_r = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$

Proof: As there are n different objects to fill up r places. So, the first place can be filled in n ways. Since repetitions are not allowed, the second place can be filled in $(n-1)$ ways, the third place is filled in $(n-2)$ ways and so on. The r^{th} place has $n-(r-1) = n-r+1$ choices to be filled in. Therefore, by the fundamental principle of counting, r places can be filled by n different objects in $n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)$ ways

$$\therefore {}^n P_r = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)(n-r)(n-r-1)\dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{(n-r)(n-r-1)\dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

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

which completes the proof.

EXERCISE 7.2

Q: 1 Evaluate the following:

i) ${}^{10}P_5$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{10}P_5 &= \frac{10!}{(10-5)!} = \frac{10!}{5!} \\ &= \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5!}{5!} \\ &= 30240 \end{aligned}$$

ii) 5P_2

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^5P_2 &= \frac{5!}{(5-2)!} \\ &= \frac{5!}{3!} \\ &= \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3!}{3!} \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

iii) 7P_7

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^7P_7 &= \frac{7!}{(7-7)!} \\ &= \frac{7!}{0!} \\ &= \frac{7!}{1} = 5040 \end{aligned}$$

iv) ${}^{10}P_3$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{10}P_3 &= \frac{10!}{(10-3)!} \\ &= \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7!}{7!} \\ &= 720 \end{aligned}$$

Q: 2

Find the value of n , when:

$$i) {}^n P_3 = 504$$

Solution:

$${}^n P_3 = 504$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(n-3)!} = 504$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)!}{(n-3)!} = 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)(n-2) = 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 9$$

$$ii) {}^{15}P_n = 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11$$

Solution:

$${}^{15}P_n = 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11$$

$$\frac{15!}{(15-n)!} = 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{15!}{(15-n)!} = \frac{15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10!}{10!}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{15!}{(15-n)!} = \frac{15!}{(15-5)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 5$$

$$iii) {}^n P_5 : {}^{n-2} P_2 = 540 : 1$$

Solution:

$$\frac{{}^n P_5}{{}^{n-2} P_2} = \frac{540}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n!}{(n-5)!}}{\frac{(n-2)!}{(n-2-2)!}} = \frac{540}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n! (n-4)!}{(n-2)! (n-5)!} = \frac{540}{1}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)! (n-4)(n-5)!}{(n-2)! (n-5)!} = \frac{540}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)(n-4) = 540$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)(n-4) = 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 6$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 10$$

Q: 3 Prove from the first Principle that:

i) ${}^n P_r = n \cdot {}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$

Solution: $n \cdot {}^{n-1} P_{r-1} = n \cdot \frac{(n-1)!}{[n-1-(r-1)]!}$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)!}{(n-1-r+1)!}$$

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

$$= {}^n P_r$$

So, ${}^n P_r = n \cdot {}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$

ii) ${}^n P_r = {}^{n-1} P_r + r \cdot {}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$

Solution: Take ${}^{n-1} P_r + r \cdot {}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$

$${}^{n-1} P_r + r \cdot {}^{n-1} P_{r-1} = \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-1-r)!} + r \cdot \frac{(n-1)!}{[n-1-(r-1)]!}$$

$$= \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-r-1)!} + r \cdot \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$= \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-r-1)!} + r \cdot \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-r)(n-r-1)!}$$

$$= \left[1 + \frac{r}{n-r} \right] \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-r-1)!}$$

$$= \left[\frac{n-r+r}{n-r} \right] \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-r-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)!}{(n-r)(n-r-1)!}$$

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

$$= {}^n P_r$$

$$\text{So, } {}^n P_r = {}^{n-1} P_r + r \cdot {}^{n-1} P_{r-1}$$

Q.4 How many words can be formed from the letters of following words using all letters when no letter is to be repeated.

i) PYTHON

Solution: $n = 6, r = 6$

$${}_6 P_6 = \frac{6!}{(6-6)!} = \frac{6!}{0!} = 720$$

ii) NETWORK

Solution: $n = 7, r = 7$

$${}_7 P_7 = \frac{7!}{(7-7)!} = \frac{7!}{0!} = 5040$$

iii) COMPUTER

Solution: $n = 8, r = 8$

$${}_8 P_8 = \frac{8!}{(8-8)!} = \frac{8!}{0!} = 40320$$

Q.5 How many signals can be given by 6 flags of different colours, using 2 colours flags at a time.

Solution: Total No. of flags = $n = 6$

No. of flags at a time = $r = 2$

$$\text{Total No. of Signals} = {}_6 P_2 = 6 \cdot 5 = 30$$

Q: 6

How many signals can be given by 5 flags of different colours when any No. of flags are used at a time.

Solution:

$$\text{Total No. of flags} = n = 5$$

$$\text{No. of signals using 1 flag} = {}^5P_1 = 5$$

$$\text{No. of signals using 2 flag} = {}^5P_2 = 5 \cdot 4 = 20$$

$$\text{No. of signals using 3 flag} = {}^5P_3 = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = 60$$

$$\text{No. of signal, using 4 flag} = {}^5P_4 = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 = 120$$

$$\text{No. of signals using 5 flag} = {}^5P_5 = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 120$$

$$\text{Total No. of signals} = 5 + 20 + 60 + 120 + 120 = 325$$

Q: 7

How many 4 digit numbers can be formed with distinct digit with each digit odd.

Solution:

The odd digits are 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

$$\text{Total No. of odd digits} = n = 5$$

$$\text{No. of digits taken at a time} = r = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total No. of 4 digit numbers} &= {}^5P_4 = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \\ &= 120 \end{aligned}$$

Q: 8

How many numbers between 100 & 1000 can be formed by using the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 without repetition. How many of them are divisible by 5.

Solution:

Total available digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

number between 100 and 1000 are 3-digit numbers from 100 to 999.

Total No. of digits = $n = 6$

Taken 3-digits at a time = $r = 3$

Total No. of 3-digit numbers = ${}^6P_3 = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = 120$

These 3-digit numbers also include number like 012, 035, 041 etc, so, we exclude these numbers. 0 is fixed $\square\square\square$ So, remaining digit is 2 digit number. As 0 is fixed we have only 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 digits remaining. ~~Now~~

Total No. of available digits = $n = 5$

Taken 2-digits at a time = $r = 2$

Total No. of 2-digit no. = ${}^5P_2 = 5 \cdot 4 = 20$

Total No. between 100 and 1000 one = $120 - 20 = 100$

Q.9

Find the number greater than 35000 that can be formed from the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 without repeating any digit.

Solution:

Total available digits are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
all 6-digit numbers are greater than 35000, so
Total numbers greater than 35000 are of the form

$$i) \square\square\square\square\square\square = {}^6P_6 = 720$$

$$ii) \boxed{3}\boxed{5}\square\square\square = {}^4P_3 = 24$$

$$iii) \boxed{3}\boxed{6}\square\square\square = {}^4P_3 = 24$$

$$iv) \boxed{4}\square\square\square\square = {}^5P_4 = 120$$

$$v) \boxed{5}\square\square\square\square = {}^5P_4 = 120$$

$$vi) \boxed{6}\square\square\square\square = {}^5P_4 = 120$$

Total No. of digits greater than 35000

$$= 720 + 24 + 24 + 120 + 120 + 120$$

$$= 1128$$

Q: 10 Find the number of 5-digit numbers that can be formed from the digits 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 (when no digit is repeated), but

i) The digits 2 and 8 are next to each other.

ii) The digits 2 and 8 are not next to each other.

Solution: Given digits are 1, 2, 4, 6, 8.

Consider 2, 8 as one element.

Then we have to find permutations of 4 digits taken 4 at a time.

So, no. of permutations containing 28 = 4P_4

$$= 4!$$

and

no. of permutations containing 82 = 4P_4

$$= 4!$$

$$= 24$$

So, required no. of 5-digits no's is = $24 + 24$

$$= 48$$

ii) Total no. of 5-digit no's taken 5 at a time is

$$= {}^5P_5$$

$$= 5!$$

$$= 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

$$= 120$$

and total no. of 5-digit no's with 2 and 8 next to each other

$$= 48$$

So the total no. of 5-digit no's with 2 and 8 are not next to each other = $120 - 48 = 72$.

Q: 11 How many 6-digit no's. can be formed, without repeating any digit from the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5? In how many of them will 0 be at the ten's place?

Solution: Given digits are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

For a 6-digit number, 0 can not be placed at the extreme left position, because then the number will be 5-digit.

Total no. of arrangements of 6 digits taken 6 at a time is $= 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$
 $= 600$

Now total number of arrangements of 6 digits with 0 at the extreme left position
 $= {}^5P_5$

$$= 5!$$
$$= 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$
$$= 120$$

So total no. of 6-digit no's $= 720 - 120$
 $= 600$

Now no. of 6-digit no's with 0 at ten's place $= {}^5P_5$

$$= 5!$$
$$= 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$
$$= 120$$

Q: 12 How many 5-digit multiples of 5 can be formed from the digits 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 when no digit is repeated.

Solution: Given digits are 2, 3, 5, 7, 9.
For a 5-digit number to be a multiple of 5, 5 will be at the extreme right position.

So the total no. of 5-digit multiples of 5 is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= {}^4P_4 \\
 &= 4! \\
 &= 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\
 &= 24.
 \end{aligned}$$

Q: 13 In how many ways can 8 books including 2 on English be arranged on a shelf in such a way that the English books are never together?

Solution:

Let the English books be E_1 and E_2 .

Consider E_1, E_2 as one book,

then we have to find the permutation of 7 books taken 7 at a time

Now no. of permutation containing $E_1 E_2 = {}^7P_7$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 7! \\
 &= 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\
 &= 5040
 \end{aligned}$$

Now no. of permutation containing $E_2 E_1 = {}^7P_7$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 7! \\
 &= 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\
 &= 5040
 \end{aligned}$$

So the number of permutations containing

Two English books E_1, E_2 together = $5040 + 5040 = 10080$.

Now no. of permutation of 8 books taken all at a time
 $= {}^8P_8$
 $= 8!$
 $= 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$
 $= 40320$

Hence the no. of permutations of 8 books with two English books are never together
 $= 40320 - 10080$
 $= 30240$

Q: 14 Find the number of arrangements of 3 books on English and 5 books on Urdu for placing them on a shelf such that the book on the same subjects are together.

Solution:

Let we denote the English book by E and Urdu book by U, then
 no. of permutations of the form EEEEEUUU
 ${}_5P_5 \cdot {}_3P_3 = 5! \cdot 3! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$
 $= 720$

Now no. of permutations of the form
 UUU EEEEE is $= {}_3P_3 \cdot {}_5P_5 = 3! \cdot 5!$
 $= 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 720$

So, the number of permutations of 8 books with books on the same subject are together $= 720 + 720 = 1440$.

Q15: In how many ways can 5 boys and 4 girls be seated on a bench so that girls and the boys occupy alternate seats?

Sol:

Let we denote the boys by B and girl by G.

So the seating plan so that the girls and the boys occupy alternate seats is of the form B G B G B G B G B.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So the required no. of ways} &= {}^5P_5 \cdot {}^4P_4 \\
 &= 5! \cdot 4! \\
 &= 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\
 &= 120 \times 24 \\
 &= 2880.
 \end{aligned}$$

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