

## All possible selection

### Selection from distinct objects:

The number of selections from  $n$  different objects, taken at least one

$$= {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + {}^nC_3 + \dots + {}^nC_n = 2^n - 1$$

In other words, for every object we have two choice i.e. either selected or rejected in a particular group.

Total number of choices (all possible selections) =  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \dots n \text{ times} = 2^n$ .

But this also included the case when none of them is selected and the number of such case = 1

Hence the number of selections, when at least one is selected =  $2^n - 1$

### Selection from identical objects:

The number of selections of  $r$  objects out of  $n$  identical objects is 1.

Total number of selections of zero or more objects from  $n$  identical objects is  $n + 1$ .

The total number of selections of at least one out of  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$  objects, where  $a_1$  are alike (of one kind),  $a_2$  are alike (of second kind) and so on....  $a_n$  are alike (of  $n$ th kind), is  $[(a_1 + 1)(a_2 + 1)(a_3 + 1) \dots (a_n + 1)] - 1$ .

### Selection when both identical and distinct objects are present:

The total number of selections, taking at least one from  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + k$  objects, where  $a_1$  are identical (of the first kind),  $a_2$  are identical (of the second kind), and so forth until  $a_n$  are identical (of the  $n$ th kind), and  $k$  are distinct, is given by the formula  $[(a_1 + 1)(a_2 + 1)(a_3 + 1) \dots (a_n + 1)] 2^k - 1$ .

**Ex.** Consider an individual who possesses 3 coins of 25 paise, 4 coins of 50 paise, and 2 coins of 1 rupee. The inquiry is then posed: In how many ways can he distribute none or some of these coins to a beggar? Additionally, determine the number of ways in the following scenarios:

1. Ensuring that he presents at least one coin of one rupee.
2. Ensuring that he presents at least one coin of each denomination.

**Sol.** Total number of ways of giving none or some coins is

$$(3 + 1)(4 + 1)(2 + 1) = 60 \text{ ways}$$

1. Number of ways of giving at least one coin of one rupee  
 $= (3 + 1)(4 + 1) \times 2 = 40$
2. Number of ways of giving at least one coin of each kind  
 $= 3 \times 4 \times 2 = 24$

### Identical things of another type, $r$ identical things of the third type, and $n$ different things

The number of permutations of ' $n$ ' things, taken all at a time, when ' $p$ ' of them are the same and of one type, ' $q$ ' of them are the same and of the second type, ' $r$ ' of them are the same and of a third type, and the remaining  $n - (p + q + r)$  things are all different, is.

**Ex.** In how many ways can we arrange 3 red flowers, 4 yellow flowers, and 5 white flowers in a row? How many ways is this possible if the white flowers are to be separated in any arrangement? (Assuming flowers of the same color are identical).

**Sol.** Total we have 12 flowers 3 red, 4 yellow and 5 white.

$$\text{Number of arrangements} = \frac{12!}{3!4!5!} = 27720.$$

For the second part, first arrange 3 red & 4 yellow

This can be done in = 35 ways

Now select 5 places from among 8 places (including extremes) & put the white flowers there.

This can be done in  ${}^8C_5 = 56$ .

The number of ways for the 2<sup>nd</sup> part =  $35 \times 56 = 1960$ .

**Ex.** How many arrangements can be made using the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1 such that the odd digits are always in the odd positions?

**Sol.** There are four odd digits (1, 1, 3, 3) and four odd positions (first, third, fifth, and seventh). The odd digits can be arranged in  $4!$  Ways at these positions. Then, at the remaining three places, the remaining three digits (2, 2, 4) can be arranged in  $3!$  Ways.

The required number of numbers =  $6 \times 3 = 18$ .

**Ex.** Determine the total number of 4-letter words that can be created using four letters from the word "PARALLELOPIPED."

**Sol.** Given letters are PPP, LLL, AA, EE, R, O, I, D.

Cases	No of ways of selection	No. of ways of arrangement	Total
All distinct	${}^8C_4$	${}^8C_4 \times 4!$	1680
2 a like, 2 distinct	$4C_1 \times {}^7C_2$	$4C_1 \times {}^7C_2$	1008
2 a like, 2 other a like	${}^4C_2$	${}^4C_2 \times \frac{4!}{2!2!}$	36
3 a like, a distinct	${}^2C_1 \times {}^7C_1$	${}^2C_1 \times {}^7C_1 \times \frac{4!}{3!}$	56
		Total	2780

### Number of divisors of N

#### Total Number Of Divisors

To find number of divisors of a given natural number greater than 1 we can write n as

$$n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} p_3^{\alpha_3} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n}$$

Where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  are distinct prime numbers and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are positive integers.

Now any divisor of n will be of the form

$$d = p_1^{\beta_1} p_2^{\beta_2} p_3^{\beta_3} \dots p_n^{\beta_n}$$

(Where  $0 \leq \beta_i \leq \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{I}, \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ )

Here number of divisors will be equal to numbers of ways in which we can choose  $\beta_i$ 's which can be done in  $(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_n + 1)$  ways.

E.g. Let  $n = 360$

$$n = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$$

$$\text{No. of divisors of } 360 = (3 + 1)(2 + 1)(1 + 1) = 24$$

Sum of all the divisors of n is given by

$$\left(\frac{p_1^{\alpha_1+1}-1}{p_1-1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{p_2^{\alpha_2+1}-1}{p_2-1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{p_3^{\alpha_3+1}-1}{p_3-1}\right) \dots \left(\frac{p_n^{\alpha_n+1}-1}{p_n-1}\right)$$

As in above case, sum of all the divisors

$$= \left(\frac{2^4-1}{2-1}\right) \left(\frac{3^3-1}{3-1}\right) \left(\frac{5^2-1}{5-1}\right) = 1170$$



The number of factors of a given natural number 'n' will be odd if and only if 'n' is a perfect square.