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Chapter 01: Combinatorial analysis



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Chapter

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1.1 Factorial (!)

Definition 1.1.1 Let n be a natural number. It is represented as n! and it is read as n the multiplication factor.

$$n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot (n-3) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

Example 1.1.1

- $3! = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6$
- $5! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 120$
- $6! = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 720$

Property 1 From the definition, it is concluded that:

$$n! = n \cdot (n-1)! \tag{1.1}$$

Example 1.1.2

- $8! = 8 \cdot 7!$
- $5! = 5 \cdot 4!$
- $6! = 6 \cdot 5!$

The property is also used to simplify fractions.

Example 1.1.3

Simplify the following relationships:

$$\frac{7!}{5!} = \frac{7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5!}{5!} = 7 \cdot 6 = 42$$

$$\frac{n!}{(n-2)!} = \frac{n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2)!}{(n-2)!} = n \cdot (n-1) = n^2 - n.$$

Property 2 Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, we have the following results:

- $\cdot a! + b! \neq (a+b)!$
- $\cdot a! \times b! \neq (a \times b)!$
- $\cdot \frac{a!}{b!} \neq \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)!$
- $\cdot \ (a!)^k \neq (a^k)!, \, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

Example 1.1.4 \cdot 3! + 2! = 8 \neq (2 + 3)! = 120

- $4! \times 5! = 2880 \neq (4 \times 5)! = 20!$
- $\cdot \frac{4!}{2!} = 12 \neq (\frac{4}{2})! = 2$
- $(2!)^3 = 8 \neq (2^3)! = 40320,$

1.2 Arrangements without repetition:

Definition 1.2.1 Let E be a set with n element, and p is a natural number where :

$$1 \leq p \leq n$$

We call A_n^p an arrangement of n elements taken without repetition and we define it as follows:

$$A_n^p = \frac{n!}{(n-p)!}$$

In addition, the arrangement is characterized by the importance of order and non-repetition.

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Example 1.2.1

Let $E : \{a, b, c\}$

- How many subsets of E are there such that each set contains two consecutive elements?
- The arrangements of two elements from *E* are the sequenced subsets of two elements from *E*, and they are:

$$\{a,b\},\{a,c\},\{b,a\},\{b,c\},\{c,a\},\{c,b\}=6$$

• In another way,

$$A_3^2 = \frac{3!}{(3-2)!} = 6$$

1.3 Combinations without repetition

E is a set of *n* element and *p* is a natural number where : $p \le n$. Every subset of *E* that includes *p* element is called a combination of *p* element from *E*. The number of combinations is as follows:

$$C_n^p = \frac{n!}{p!(n-p)!}$$

Example 1.3.1

Let : $E = \{a, b, c\}.$

The Combinations of two elements from E are the subsets of two elements from E, and they are: {a, b}, {a, c}, {c, b} = 3 sets In another way :

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

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Property 3 Let p and n be two natural numbers, we have: For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$C_n^p = C_{n-1}^p + C_{n-1}^{p-1}, \quad \forall 1 \le k \le n-1.$$
$$C_n^p = C_n^{n-p}, \quad \forall k \le n.$$
$$C_n^n = C_n^0 = 1$$

1.4 Newton's Binomial Theorem

Definition 1.4.1 For all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, For all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{p=0}^n C_n^p a^{n-p} b^p.$$

Example 1.4.1

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Using Newton's law, develop the following formulas: $(a + b)^2, (x - 2)^3$

$$(a+b)^{2} = \sum_{p=0}^{2} C_{2}^{p} a^{2-p} b^{p}$$
$$= C_{2}^{0} a^{2-0} b^{0} + C_{2}^{1} a^{2-1} b^{1} + C_{2}^{2} a^{2-2} b^{2}$$
$$= C_{2}^{0} a^{2} + C_{2}^{1} a b + C_{2}^{2} b^{2}$$
$$= a^{2} + 2ab + b^{2}$$

$$(x-2)^{3} = \sum_{p=0}^{3} C_{3}^{p} x^{3-p} (-2)^{p}$$

= $C_{3}^{0} x^{3-0} (-2)^{0} + C_{3}^{1} x^{3-1} (-2)^{1} + C_{3}^{2} x^{3-2} (-2)^{2} + C_{3}^{3} x^{3-3} (-2)^{3}$
= $C_{3}^{0} x^{3} + C_{3}^{1} x^{2} (-2) + C_{3}^{2} x (-2)^{2} + C_{3}^{3} (-2)^{3}$
= $x^{3} - 6x^{2} + 12x - 8$

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