

Warm Up

1/26/23



1. What is this called?
2. Does the order of the numbers matter?

21.2-21.3 Combinations and Permutations

Permutation: an arrangement of a group of objects in which order matters 1324 is different from 4132

Think of 4 people lining up in a line

(the lock should really be called a permutation lock)

Combination: an arrangement of a group of objects in which order doesn't matter 1324 is the same as 4132

Think of 4 people being in room

A permutation is an ordered combination

Permutations with repetition (objects can repeat):

For the lock above there are:

$$\underline{10} \times \underline{10} \times \underline{10} \times \underline{10} = 10^4 \text{ or } 10,000 \text{ permutations}$$

(we used ten since there are 10 numbers from 0-9)

Permutations without repetition (objects can't repeat):

For the lock above there are:

$$\underline{10} \times \underline{9} \times \underline{8} \times \underline{7} = 5040$$

After the first number is used, it can't be used again.

$${}_{10}P_4 = \frac{10!}{(10-4)!} = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 5040$$

The number of permutations of 10 objects taken 4 at a time.

The number of permutations of n objects taken r at a time

$${}_nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} \quad (\text{can be written as } P(n, r))$$

The numbers 0-9 are distinct objects. What if the objects are not distinct like the letters in the word **even**?

Some permutations are: **even eevn neev even**

The 1st and the 4th are the same so we don't want to count it twice. (divide out the repeated letters)

$$\frac{4!}{2!} = 12$$

For n objects where one object repeats a times, a second object repeats b times and so on is: $\frac{n!}{a! \times b! \times \dots}$

How many ways can the letters in INDEPENDENT be arranged?