ECEN 227 - Counting

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Talk Overview

1. Sum and product rules
2. The generalized product rule
3. Counting permutations
4. Counting subsets

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Any particular breakfast selection can be described by a triplet indicating the choice of drink, main course, and side.

How many different selections you can make?

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$|S| = |\{a, b\}| * |\{a, b, c\}| * |\{a, b, c\}| * |\{a, b, c\}| * |\{a, b\}| = 2 * 3 * 3 * 3 * 2 = 108$

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- Let L be the set of all lower case letters and D be the set of digits.
- $|L| = 26$ and $|D| = 10$. The set of all allowed characters is C = L ∪ D.
- Since D ∩ L = ϕ, the sum rule can be applied to find the cardinality of C: $|C| = 26 + 10 = 36$
- The user must select a password of length 6 or 7 or 8. Denoted as A_6 or A_7 or A_8. The total number can be calculated as:

$$|A_6 \cup A_7 \cup A_8| = |A_6| + |A_7| + |A_8| = 36^6 + 36^7 + 36^8$$

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Definition 8.3.1: Generalized product rule.

Consider a set S of sequences of k items. Suppose there are:

- n_1 choices for the first item.
- For every possible choice for the first item, there are n_2 choices for the second item.
- For every possible choice for the first and second items, there are n_3 choices for the third item.

$$\vdots$$

- For every possible choice for the first k-1 items, there are n_k choices for the k^{th} item

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Count sequences without repetitions

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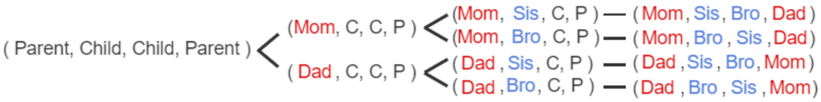
Children = { Sister, Brother }



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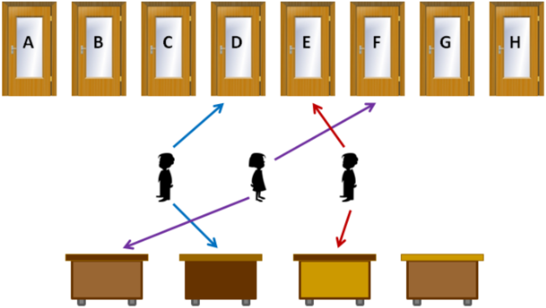

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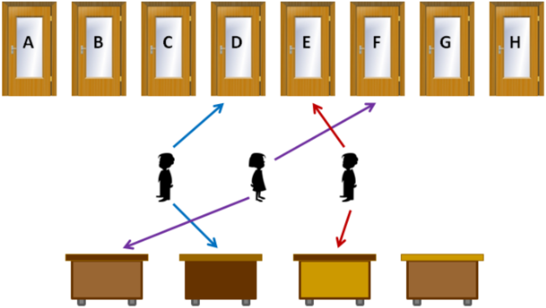

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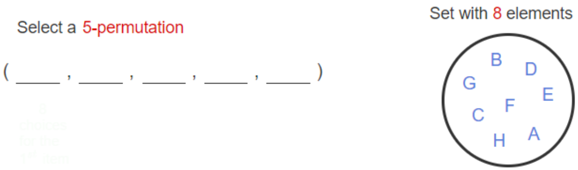

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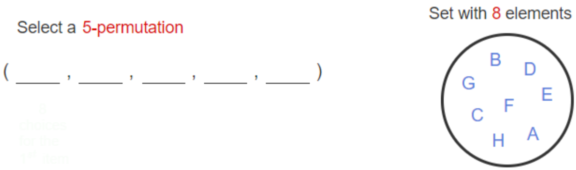

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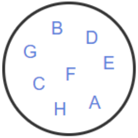
Counting Permutations

Select a 5-permutation

(____ , ____ , ____ , ____ , ____)

Set with 8 elements



Note That

- (A,B,C,D,E) and (E,A,C,D,B) are two different permutations (possibilities).
- In other words, we care about the order within each permutation.

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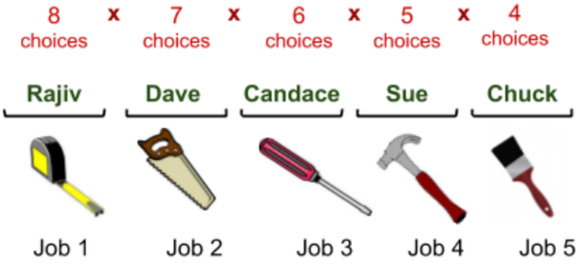

8 Employees:

- Sue
- Dave
- Chuck
- Rajiv
- Candace
- Jeremy
- Nelson
- Maureen

P(n,n)

- A permutation (without the parameter r) is a sequence that contains each element of a finite set exactly once. For example, the set {a, b, c} has six permutations:

(a, b, c)	(b, a, c)	(c, a, b)
(a, c, b)	(b, c, a)	(c, b, a)

The number of permutations of a finite set with n elements is

$$P(n, n) = n * (n-1) * \quad * 2 * 1 = n!$$

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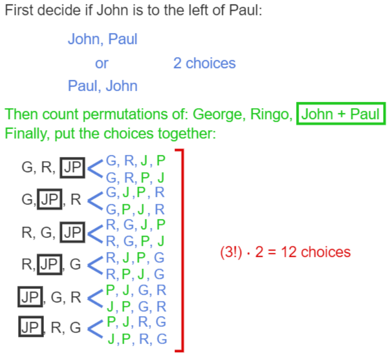

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Counting subsets: 'n choose r' notation.

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