

COMBINATORICS

COMBINATIONS

Question 1 (**)

The Oakwood Jogging Club consists of 7 men and 6 women who go for a 5 mile run every Thursday.

It is decided that a team of 8 runners would be picked at random out of the 13 runners, to represent the club at a larger meeting.

Determine the proportion of teams of 8, which have more women than men.

$$\boxed{}, \frac{7}{39} \approx 17.95\%$$

Handwritten solution for Question 1:

6 women + 7 men = total 13 runners

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS OF 8, OUT OF 13, REGARDLESS OF GENDER

$$\binom{13}{8} = \frac{13!}{5!8!} = 1287$$

NEXT THE TEAMS OF 8, WITH MORE WOMEN

- 6 women + 2 men : $\binom{6}{6} \times \binom{7}{2} = 1 \times 21 = 21$
(out of 6) (out of 7)
- 5 women + 3 men : $\binom{6}{5} \times \binom{7}{3} = 6 \times 35 = 210$
(out of 6) (out of 7)

HENCE A PROPORTION OF $\frac{231}{1287} = \frac{7}{39}$

Question 2 (**)

A football manager has available for selection 3 goalkeepers, 8 defenders, 7 midfielders and 4 strikers.

- Determine the number of possible teams of 11 he can select, assuming that all 22 players are equally likely to be picked up, and equally likely to play in any position.
- Find the number of possible teams he can pick with 1 goalkeeper, 4 defenders, 4 midfielders and 2 strikers.

$$\boxed{}, \boxed{44100}, \boxed{\frac{525}{8398} \approx 0.0625}$$

a) Teams of 11 out of 22

$$\binom{22}{11} = \frac{22!}{11!11!} = 705432$$

b)

GOALKEEPERS (out of 3)	DEFENDERS (out of 8)	MIDFIELDERS (out of 7)	STRIKERS (out of 4)
$\binom{3}{1}$	$\times \binom{8}{4}$	$\times \binom{7}{4}$	$\times \binom{4}{2}$
$= 3$	$\times 70$	$\times 35$	$\times 6$
$= 44100$			

Question 3 ()**

A taxi which can carry at most 5 passengers on any journey, makes two journeys in transporting 8 passengers from their hotel to the airport.

Determine the number of different ways in which the people for the first journey may be selected.

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First Journey	Second Journey	
5	(3)	$\rightarrow \binom{8}{3} = \frac{8!}{3!5!} = 56$
4	(4)	$\rightarrow \binom{8}{4} = \frac{8!}{4!4!} = 35$
3	(5)	$\rightarrow \binom{8}{5} = \frac{8!}{5!3!} = 56$
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Question 4 (+)**

There are 8 boys and 7 girls in the student council of a school.

A committee of 8 people is to be selected from the members of this council to organize a sports day.

- Find the number of different ways in which the committee can be selected if all the members are available.
- Determine the number of different ways in which the committee can be selected if the committee is to have more girls than boys.

, 6435 , 1380

a) IF THERE IS NO RESTRICTION IN THE GENDER

"TAKES OF 8 OUT OF 15" = $\binom{15}{8} = \frac{15!}{8!7!} = 6435$

b) IF THERE IS GENDER RESTRICTION

"MORE GIRLS THAN BOYS"

GIRLS (G)	BOYS (B)
7	1
6	2
5	3

$\binom{7}{7} \times \binom{8}{1} = 1 \times 8 = 8$
 $\binom{7}{6} \times \binom{8}{2} = 7 \times 28 = 196$
 $\binom{7}{5} \times \binom{8}{3} = 21 \times 56 = 1176$

1380

Question 5 (**+)

A five member committee is to be selected at random from a group consisting of 8 men and 4 women.

Find the number of possible committees which contain ...

- a) ... exactly 2 women.
b) ... no more than 2 women.

, 336 , 672

8 MEN & 4 WOMEN / TOTAL OF 12

a) TWO WOMEN & THREE MEN

$$\binom{4}{2} \times \binom{8}{3} = 6 \times 56 = 336$$

b) NO MORE THAN 2 WOMEN

- NO WOMEN & 5 MEN = $\binom{4}{0} \times \binom{8}{5} = 1 \times 56 = 56$
- 1 WOMAN & 4 MEN = $\binom{4}{1} \times \binom{8}{4} = 4 \times 70 = 280$
- 2 WOMEN & 3 MEN = $\binom{4}{2} \times \binom{8}{3} = 6 \times 56 = 336$

$$56 + 280 + 336 = 672$$

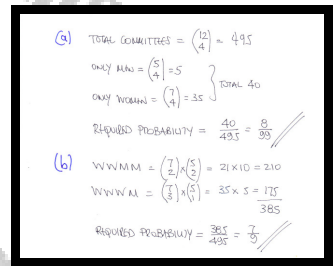
Question 6 (**+)

A committee of 4 people is to be chosen at random from a group of 5 men and 7 women.

Determine the probability that the committee will consist ...

- ... of members of the same gender.
- ... of members of both genders but at least as many women as men.

$$\frac{8}{99}, \frac{7}{9}$$



Handwritten solution for Question 6:

(a) TOTAL COMMITTEES = $\binom{12}{4} = 495$
 ONLY MNS = $\binom{5}{4} = 5$
 ONLY WOMEN = $\binom{7}{4} = 35$ } TOTAL 40
 REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{40}{495} = \frac{8}{99}$

(b) WWWW = $\binom{7}{4} \times \binom{5}{0} = 35 \times 1 = 35$
 WWW M = $\binom{7}{3} \times \binom{5}{1} = 35 \times 5 = 175$
 REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{35 + 175}{495} = \frac{210}{495} = \frac{7}{9}$

Question 7 (*)**

A committee of 4 people is to be chosen at random from the members of a school council which consists of 5 pupils, 4 teachers and 3 administrators.

Determine the probability that the committee will contain ...

- a) ... no teachers.
b) ... at least 2 pupils, no more than 1 teacher and no more than 1 administrator.

$$\frac{14}{99}, \frac{13}{33}$$

(a) TOTAL COMMITTEES = $\binom{12}{4} = 495$
 COMMITTEES WITHOUT TEACHERS = $\binom{8}{4} = 70$
 REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{70}{495} = \frac{14}{99} //$

(b) PUPILS TEACHERS ADMINISTRATORS

4	0	0	$\leftarrow \binom{5}{4} \times \binom{4}{0} \times \binom{3}{0} = 5$
3	1	0	$\leftarrow \binom{5}{3} \times \binom{4}{1} \times \binom{3}{0} = 40$
3	0	1	$\leftarrow \binom{5}{3} \times \binom{4}{0} \times \binom{3}{1} = 30$
2	1	1	$\leftarrow \binom{5}{2} \times \binom{4}{1} \times \binom{3}{1} = 120$

\therefore REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{195}{495} = \frac{13}{33} //$

Question 8 (***)

A committee of 3 people is to be picked from 9 individuals, of which 4 are women and 5 are men. One of the 4 women is married to one of the 5 men.

The selection rules state that the committee must have at least a member from each gender and no married couple can serve together in a committee.

Determine the number of possible committees which can be picked from these 9 individuals.

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W W W W M M M M M
MARRIED

• THE MARRIED COUPLE IS NOT INCLUDED \Rightarrow W W W M M M M
THESE 6 ARE PICKED
 $2W - 1M : \binom{3}{2} \times \binom{6}{1} = 3 \times 6 = 18$
 $1W - 2M : \binom{3}{1} \times \binom{6}{2} = 3 \times 15 = 45$ } = 63

• THE MARRIED WOMAN IS INCLUDED, NOT THE MARRIED MAN
W W W W M M M M ~~M~~
2 TO BE PICKED
 $W - 1W - 1M : 1 \times \binom{3}{1} \times \binom{6}{1} = 3 \times 6 = 18$
 $W - 0W - 2M : 1 \times \binom{3}{0} \times \binom{6}{2} = 1 \times 15 = 15$ } = 33

• THE MARRIED MAN IS INCLUDED, NOT THE MARRIED WOMAN
~~W~~ W W W M M M M M
2 TO BE PICKED
 $M - 0M - 2W : 1 \times \binom{3}{0} \times \binom{6}{2} = 1 \times 15 = 15$
 $M - 1M - 1W : 1 \times \binom{3}{1} \times \binom{6}{1} = 3 \times 6 = 18$ } = 33

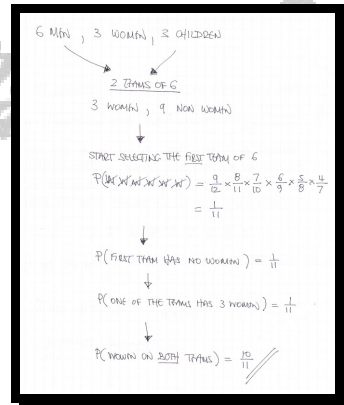
\therefore 63 DIFFERENT COMMITTEES

Question 9 (****)

From a total of 6 men, 3 women and 3 children, two teams of six people are selected at random.

Find the probability that both teams contain women.

$$\frac{10}{11}$$



PERMUTATIONS

Question 1 (**+)

The five letters of the word T-E-A-C-H are written on five separate pieces of card.

- a) Find the number of arrangements that can be made using these five letters.

Find the proportion of five letter arrangements in which ...

- ... the first letter is T.
- ... the letters C and H are next to each other.
- ... the first letter is T **and** the letters C and H are next to each other.

$$\boxed{}, \boxed{120}, \boxed{\frac{1}{120}}, \boxed{\frac{1}{5}}, \boxed{\frac{2}{5}}, \boxed{\frac{1}{10}}$$

a) PERMUTATION OF 5 OUT OF 5
 ${}^5P_5 = 5! = 120$

b) FINDING THE "T" AT THE FRONT, LEAVES 4 LETTERS TO BE PERMUTED FOR THE REMAINING 4 SPACES
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{T} \quad \text{E} \quad \text{A} \quad \text{C} \quad \text{H} \\ \text{1} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{3} \quad \text{4} \quad \text{5} \end{array} \Rightarrow {}^4P_4 = 4! = 24$
 $\Rightarrow \text{PROBABILITY} = \frac{24}{120} = \frac{1}{5}$

c) TREATING C & H AS ONE LETTER & NOTE THAT THIS CAN OCCUR TWICE (CH) OR (HC)
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{CH} \quad \text{T} \quad \text{E} \quad \text{A} \\ \text{(HC)} \quad \text{1} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{3} \quad \text{4} \end{array} \Rightarrow {}^4P_4 \times 2 \text{ WAYS} = 24 \times 2 = 48$
 $\Rightarrow \text{PROBABILITY} = \frac{48}{120} = \frac{2}{5}$

d) COMBINING THE LEADS FROM (c) & (b)
 $\begin{array}{c} \text{T} \quad \text{CH} \quad \text{E} \quad \text{A} \\ \text{(HC)} \quad \text{1} \quad \text{2} \quad \text{3} \quad \text{4} \end{array} \Rightarrow {}^3P_3 \times 2 \text{ WAYS} = 6 \times 2 = 12$
 $\Rightarrow \text{PROBABILITY} = \frac{12}{120} = \frac{1}{10}$

Question 2 (***)

The eleven letters of the word E-X-A-M-I-N-A-T-I-O-N are written on eleven separate pieces of card.

- Find the number of arrangements that can be made using these eleven letters.
- Find the probability that the four letter word E-X-A-M will appear in one of these eleven letter arrangements

$$\boxed{4989600}, \boxed{\frac{1}{990}}$$

a) "EXAMINATION"
 E X A M I N T O
 A I N < 3 DOUBLE LETTERS >

$$\text{ARRANGEMENTS} = \frac{11!}{2!2!2!} = \frac{11!}{8} = 4,989,600$$

b) TREAT "EXAM" AS ONE LETTER — SO 8 LETTERS NOW
 (EXAM) A I N T O 2 DOUBLE LETTERS NOW
 I N BUT SWAPPING THE 2 "A"s MAKES
 NO MORE ARRANGEMENTS, SO THE
 REPEATS ARE STILL THREE.

$$\text{HENCE ARRANGEMENTS} = \frac{8!}{2!2!2!} = \frac{8!}{8} = 7! = 5,040$$

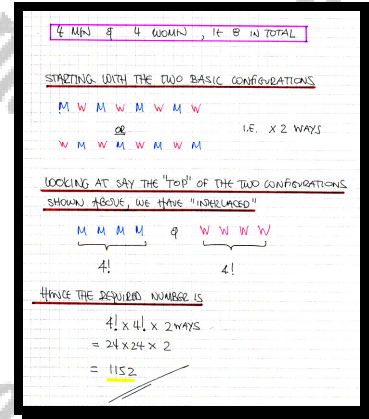
$$\text{REQUIRED PROBABILITY} = \frac{5,040}{4,989,600} = \frac{1}{990}$$

Question 3 (***)

4 men and 4 women are going to stand next to each other for a group photograph.

Given that the way they stand next to each other is completely random, determine the number of photographs that can be taken in which no 2 men and no 2 women stand next to each other.

$4! \times 4! \times 2$, 1152



Question 4 (***)

Six books labelled as A, B, C, D, E and F are arranged at random on a shelf.

Determine the number of arrangements in which ...

- ... A and B are placed next to each other.
- ... C and D are **not** placed next to each other.
- ... A and B are placed next to each other, and C and D are **not** placed next to each other.

, 240 , 480 , 144

a) TREATING A & B AS ONE ITEM, NOTHING THIS IS "TWO WAYS" AS IT CAN BE BLOCKED AS AB OR BA

$AB \ C \ D \ E \ F$

$\therefore 5! \times 2 \text{ ways} = 240$

b) NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT C & D COMPARED TO A & B

TOTAL ARRANGEMENTS: $6! = 720$

C & D NEXT TO EACH OTHER: 240 (from a)

REQUIRED NUMBER IS $720 - 240 = 480$

c) PROCEED AS BEFORE

NUMBER OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH A & B NEXT TO EACH OTHER IS 240 (from a)

NUMBER OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH A & B AND C & D NEXT TO EACH OTHER

$\begin{matrix} AB & CD & E & F \\ \text{2 ways} & \text{2 ways} & & \end{matrix} = 4! \times 2 \times 2 = 96$

REQUIRED NUMBER IS $240 - 96 = 144$

Question 5 (***)

A group of 7 pupils consists of 3 girls and 4 boys.

The names of two of the boys are Argi and Bargi.

All seven students sit in a random order on a bench.

- a) Determine the number of sitting arrangements in which ...
 - i. ... Argi and Bargi sit next to each other.
 - ii. ... no two boys sit next to each other.
 - iii. ... the three girls sit next to each other.
- b) Find the proportion of the sitting arrangements in which the three girls sat next to each other which include arrangements in which the four boys **also** sat next to each other.

$\boxed{1440}$, $\boxed{144}$, $\boxed{720}$, $\boxed{\frac{2}{5}}$

Q) 7) Arranging 4B & 3G or 3G & 4B
 $5! \times 2 \text{ ways} = 1440$

II) THIS ONLY HAPPEN WITH ONE CONFIGURATION
 $B_1 G_1 B_2 G_2 B_3 G_3$
 WE CAN THINK OF THIS AS TWO DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS
 INTERCHANGING ONE ANOTHER
 $\therefore 4! \times 3! = 24 \times 6 = 144$

III) "BLOCKING" THE THREE GIRLS TOGETHER
 $G_1 G_2 G_3 \quad B_1 B_2 B_3$ ← 5 TO ARRANGE
 \uparrow 6 WAYS
 $\therefore 5! \times 6 \text{ ways} = 720$

b) "BLOCKING" THE BOYS TOO
 $G_1 G_2 G_3 \quad B_1 B_2 B_3$ ← "2 WAYS"
 \uparrow 3! WAYS \uparrow 4! WAYS
 TOTAL = $6 \times 24 \times 2 = 288$
 \therefore REQUIRED PROPORTION IS $\frac{288}{1440} = \frac{2}{5}$

Question 6 (***)

The 11 letters of the word *PROBABILITY* are written on 11 separate pieces of card. These cards are selected at random and arranged in a line next to each other.

- Determine the probability that the two cards with the letter *B* will appear next to each other.
- Find the probability that the two cards with the letter *B* will appear next to each other **and** the two cards with the letter *I* will appear next to each other.
- Hence deduce the probability that the two cards with the letter *B* will **not** appear next to each other **and** the two cards with the letter *I* will **not** appear next to each other.

$$\frac{2}{11}, \frac{2}{55}, \frac{37}{55}$$

a) PROBABILITY

TOTAL OF 11 LETTER PERMUTATIONS = $\frac{11!}{2!2!} = 997200$

Bs NEXT TO EACH OTHER (TREAT THEM AS ONE LETTER)

$\frac{10!}{2!} = 181440$

REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{181440}{997200} = \frac{2}{11}$

b) NOW BOTH "I"s & "B"s NEXT TO EACH OTHER

$9! \text{ WAYS} = 362880$

REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{362880}{997200} = \frac{2}{55}$

c) LET P BE THE EVENT THAT "I"s ARE NEXT TO EACH OTHER
LET Q BE THE EVENT THAT "B"s ARE NEXT TO EACH OTHER

THIS THE REQUIRED PROBABILITY IS $\frac{37}{55}$

Question 7 (***+)

S S S T T T T C I I A

The 10 letters above, are written on 10 separate pieces of card. These cards are selected at random and arranged in a line next to each other.

- Find the probability that the 10 letter arrangement will spell *STATISTICS*.
- Determine the probability that in the 10 letter arrangement the 3 cards with the letter *T* will be next to one another.
- Calculate the probability that the 10 letter arrangement will start with *CAT*, in that order.
- Find the probability that the 10 letter arrangement will end with the letter *S*.
- Determine the probability that in the 10 letter arrangement the 3 cards showing a vowel will be next to one another.

$$\frac{1}{50400}, \frac{1}{15}, \frac{1}{240}, \frac{3}{10}, \frac{1}{15}$$

Handwritten solution for Question 7:

a) TOTAL 10 LETTER WORDS = $\frac{10!}{3!3!2!} = 50400$
 \therefore REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{1}{50400}$

b) IF 'TS' ARE NEXT TO EACH OTHER - TREAT THEM AS A SINGLE LETTER
 THIS $\text{S S S T T T T C I I A}$ \leftarrow 8 LETTERS FOR THEIR POSIT
 ONE DOUBLE LETTER
 \therefore TOTAL WORDS WITH 'TS' ARE NEXT TO EACH OTHER = $\frac{8!}{3!2!} = 3360$
 \therefore REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{3360}{50400} = \frac{1}{15}$

c) WORDS STARTING WITH CAT $\text{CAT S S S T T T T I I A}$
 $\frac{7!}{3!3!} = \frac{1}{240}$

d) WORDS ENDING IN S - NOTHING SPECIAL AS SOMETHING IN S
 $\therefore P(\text{A AND B}) = P(\text{SOMETHING WITH S}) = \frac{3}{10}$

e) VOWELS NEXT TO EACH OTHER - TREAT THEM AS ONE LETTER
 $\text{S S S T T T T C I I A}$ \leftarrow 3 VOWELS
 \therefore REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{3360}{50400} = \frac{1}{15}$

Question 8 (***)

The 10 letters of the word

B A C A B A C A B A

are written on 10 separate pieces of card.

These cards are selected at random and arranged in a line next to each other.

Determine the number of arrangements which start and finish with the same letter.

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B A C A B A C A B A

PROCEED AS FOLLOWS

- FIX TWO 'A's AT THE START & FINISH, WHICH LEAVES
A, A, A, B, B, C, C,
TO BE ARRANGED BETWEEN THEM
$$\frac{8!}{3!3!2!} = 560$$

TWO A'S DOUBLE C
- NEXT FIX TWO 'B's AT THE START & FINISH, WHICH LEAVES
A, A, A, A, B, C, C
TO BE ARRANGED BETWEEN THEM
$$\frac{8!}{5!2!} = 168$$

'S A'S' DOUBLE C
- SIMILARLY FIXING THE TWO 'C's AT THE START & FINISH LEAVES
A, A, A, A, A, B, B
TO BE ARRANGED BETWEEN THEM
$$\frac{8!}{5!2!} = 56$$

'S A'S' → 'S B'S' ← 'TWO B'S'

HENCE THE TOTAL ANSWER IS
 $560 + 168 + 56 = 784$

Question 9 (**)**

Coloured pegs are to be placed in 4 holes which are drilled in a straight line, next to each other. These coloured pegs are identical in size and 2 of them are red, 2 of them are green, 2 of them are brown, 2 of them are orange, 2 of them are pink and 2 of them are blue.

6 pegs, one from each of the 6 colours, are picked from the 12 pegs and four are placed in the holes.

- a) Determine the number of different arrangements which can be made.

Next 4 pegs, 2 pink, 1 blue and 1 green are picked from the 12 pegs and are placed in the holes.

- b) Find the number of different arrangements which can now be made.

Finally 4 pegs are picked at random from the total of 12 pegs and placed in the holes.

- c) Determine the number of different arrangements which can be made on this occasion.

360, 12, 1170

Handwritten solution for Question 9:

a) 6 DIFFERENT COLOURS $\Rightarrow {}^6P_4 = 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 = 360$

b) USING ONLY P P B G $\Rightarrow \frac{{}^4P_4}{{}^2!} = \frac{4!}{2!} = \frac{24}{2} = 12$

c) USING 4 DIFFERENT COLOURS $\Rightarrow \frac{360}{12} = 30$

USING 3 DIFFERENT COLOURS \Rightarrow "THIRDS" OF 3 OF OUR 6
 e.g. R G B $\leftarrow \binom{6}{3}$
 WITH ANY OF THESE 3 BEING "X"
 \therefore "THIRDS" OF $3 \times \binom{6}{3} = 60$
 NOW ARRANGEMENTS FOR EACH
 $\frac{4!}{2!} = 12$
 $\therefore 12 \times 60 = 720$

USING 2 DIFFERENT COLOURS \Rightarrow "THIRDS" OF TWO OUT OF 6
 e.g. R G $\leftarrow \binom{6}{2} = 15$
 "ARRANGEMENTS FOR EACH 'THIRD'
 (30th MUST REPEAT)
 $\frac{4!}{2!2!} = 6$
 $\therefore 6 \times 15 = 90$

USING ONE IS POSSIBLE, SO $360 + 720 + 90 = 1170$

Question 10 (**)**

Seven rectangular tiles, of which 3 are pink, 2 are blue and 2 are red, are placed in a straight line, next to each other.

Find the number of arrangements where the pink tiles are next to each other and the blue tiles are **not** next to each other.

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AS TILES ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE IF THEY ARE THE SAME COLOUR:

- TREAT THE 3 PINKS AS ONE TILE, STUCK TOGETHER

$$\boxed{PPP} \boxed{B} \boxed{B} \boxed{R} \boxed{R}$$
- TOTAL ARRANGEMENTS = $\frac{5!}{3!2!} = 30$ ← JUST THE 3 PINKS ARE TOGETHER
↑ DOUBLE AND
- NEXT TREAT THE 3 PINKS & THE TWO BLUES AS ONE TILE, I.E. 3 PINKS STUCK TOGETHER, AND THE TWO BLUES TOGETHER

$$\boxed{PPPB} \boxed{BB} \boxed{R} \boxed{R}$$
- ARRANGEMENTS = $\frac{4!}{2!2!} = 12$ ← ARRANGEMENTS WHERE THE PINKS ARE TOGETHER AND THE BLUES ARE TOGETHER
↑ DOUBLE AND
- THE REQUIRED NUMBER IS

$$30 - 12 = 18$$

Question 11 (**)**

Five 1st year students and three 2nd year students are standing next to each other, for a photograph to be taken.

It assumed that the eight students positioned themselves at random.

- Find the probability that all the 1st year students are standing next to each other.
- Determine the probability that all the 1st year students are standing next to each other and all the 2nd year students are standing next to each other.
- Find the probability that no 2nd year students are standing next to each other.

$$\frac{1}{14}, \frac{1}{28}, \frac{5}{14}$$

Method 1: TOTAL ARRANGEMENTS REGARDLESS OF CRITERIA IS $8! = 40320$
 TREATING THE FIRST YEARS AS ONE UNIT, SAY "T"
 • T $\overbrace{S_1 S_2 S_3}^{3!}$ TOTAL ARRANGEMENTS IS $4! = 24$
 • TOTAL ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE UNIT "T", IS $5! = 120$
 TOTAL = $24 \times 120 = 2880$
 \therefore REQUIRED PROBABILITY IS $\frac{2880}{40320} = \frac{1}{14}$

Method 2: NOW PUT THE FIRST YEARS TOGETHER IN A UNIT "T" (GIVE 5! ARRANGEMENTS)
 NEXT PUT THE SECOND YEARS TOGETHER IN ANOTHER UNIT "S" (GIVE 3! ARRANGEMENTS)
 \therefore TOTAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE $5! \times 3! \times 2$ (FIRST YEARS (SECOND YEARS) OR (SECOND YEARS) (FIRST YEARS))
 \therefore REQUIRED PROBABILITY IS $\frac{5! \times 3! \times 2}{40320} = \frac{1440}{40320} = \frac{1}{280}$

Method 3: FIRSTLY REARRANGE AS $(F_1 F_2 F_3 F_4 F_5) (S_1 S_2 S_3)$
 • THERE ARE $6! \times 3!$ ARRANGEMENTS WHERE ALL 3 SECOND YEARS ARE NEXT TO EACH OTHER
 • NEXT PUT TWO SECOND YEARS TOGETHER, AND THE OTHER SECOND YEAR SEPARATE
 EG $(F_1 F_2 F_3 F_4 F_5) (S_1 S_2) S_3$
 A B

Method 4: FIRSTLY
 NEXT LOOK FOR ARRANGEMENTS
 • SO TOTAL ARRANGEMENTS 40320
 SECOND YEARS TOGETHER = $6! \times 3! = 4320$
 SECOND YEARS NOT TOGETHER = $40320 - 4320 = 36000$
 NOW ARRANGEMENTS WHERE TWO ARE TOGETHER ARE $15 \times 5! \times 2 = 21600$
 • THERE ARE ARRANGEMENTS WHERE THEY ARE NOT TOGETHER ARE $36000 - 21600 = 14400$
 \therefore REQUIRED PROBABILITY = $\frac{14400}{40320} = \frac{5}{14}$

Question 12 (*****)

5 adults and 6 children go to the cinema and sit next to each other, in a row which contains 11 empty consecutive seats.

- a) Determine the number of ways these 11 people can sit so that no two adults sit next to each other.

Another 3 adults and 8 children go to the cinema and sit next to each other, in a row which also contains 11 empty consecutive seats.

- b) Find the number of ways these 11 people can sit so that at least two of the adults sit next to each other.

, 1,814,400 , 19,595,520

a) MODEL BY FIXING THE 6 CHILDREN

$_1\ _2\ _3\ _4\ _5\ _6\ _7\ _8\ _9\ _{10}\ _{11}\ _{12}$

NOW THE FIVE ADULTS CAN SIT IN ANY OF THE 7 POSITIONS WHICH ARE FREE (6 THEN SHRINK OUT ANY GAPS TO 11)

HENCE THE DIFFERED NUMBER IS GIVEN BY

$6! \times {}^7P_5 = 720 \times 2520 = 1,814,400$

4 USING A SIMILAR APPROACH TO PART (a)

$\bullet\ _1\ _2\ _3\ _4\ _5\ _6\ _7\ _8\ _9\ _{10}\ _{11}\ _{12}\ _{13}\ _{14}\ _{15}\ _{16}\ _{17}$

$8! \times {}^9P_3 = 40320 \times 840 = 33,868,800$

NO ADULTS NEXT TO EACH OTHER

\bullet All possible ways = $11! = 39,916,800$

\bullet At least 2 adults next to each other = $39,916,800 - 1,814,400$

$= 19,595,520$

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MIXED COUNTING

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Question 1 (***)

The numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 are to be used to make a four digit password.

Calculate the number of the four digit passwords that can be created if ...

- ... any repetitions are allowed.
- ... no repetitions are allowed
- ... a digit can be repeated at most twice.

, $4^4 = 256$, $4! = 24$, 204

a) EVIDENTLY THE REQUIRED ANSWER IS
 $4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 4^4 = 256$

b) NO REPETITIONS IS A STANDARD PERMUTATION
 $4P_4 = 4! = 24$

c) A DIGIT CAN REPEAT AT MOST TWICE ...
 ONE DOUBLE, 2 DISTINCT ... "2 PAIRS" ...
 EASIER TO WORK THE COMPLEMENT
 • 4 THE SAME = 4
 • 3 THE SAME - 1 DISTINCT = ?
 • 2 PAIRS OR ONE DOUBLE & 2 DISTINCT = ?
 • 4 DISTINCT = 24
 TOTAL OF ALL = 256

3 THE SAME & ONE DIFFERENT - SAY 1,1,1,2
 THIS GIVES 4 ARRANGEMENTS
 $\begin{array}{r} \times 3 \text{ (ONE WITH 2, ONE WITH 3, ONE WITH 4)} \\ \times 4 \text{ (1,1 / 2,2 / 3,3 / 4,4)} \\ \hline 48 \end{array}$

THE REQUIRED NUMBER IS GIVEN BY
 $256 - 4 - 48 = 204$

Question 2 (**)**

Alex, Beth and Cain are 3 students in a class which consists of a total of 8 students.

- a) Determine the number of selections of 4 students which contain both Alex and Beth but not Cain.

Next all 8 students are standing next to each for a group photo.

- b) Determine the number of arrangements in which ...
- ... Alex is standing at one end and Beth and Cain are standing next to each other.
 - ... Alex and Beth are standing next to each other and Cain is standing next to them.

, 10 , 2880 , 2880

A · B · C · O · O · O · O · O

a) THIS IS A COMBINATION OF 4 - GROUPING IN 2

Alex Beth Other Other Other Other

MULTIPLY BOTH MUST PICK ONE TWO

$\binom{2}{2} \times \binom{5}{2} = 10$

b) i) TREATING BETH & CAIN AS ONE & REMEMBERING THAT IT CAN OCCUR BOTH AS BC OR CB

A BC O O O O

↑ TWO

REQUIRES ADDITIONAL IS GIVEN BY

${}^2P_2 \times 2 \times 2 = 6! \times 4 = 2880$

ii) TREATING ALL AS A BLOCK

ABC O O O O

↑ 4 WAYS

${}^4P_4 \times 4 WAYS = 6! \times 4 = 2880$

Question 3 (****+)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

The above nine single digit numbers are written on nine separate pieces of card.

Four of these cards are picked at random and placed next to each other to form a four digit number.

Find the total different number of arrangements of ...

- ... four digit numbers that can be formed.
- ... four digit **odd** numbers that can be formed.
- ... four digit numbers that can be formed, whose all four digits are **odd**.
- ... four digit numbers that can be formed which have odd and even digits.
- ... four digit numbers that can be formed which have **at least** three odd digits.
- ... four digit numbers that can be formed whose **sum** of digits is 28.

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The image shows two pages of handwritten solutions for Question 3. The left page contains solutions for parts a, b, and c, while the right page contains solutions for parts d, e, and f. The solutions are written in black ink on white paper, with some parts highlighted in yellow.

Left Page:

- a) 4 digit numbers:** $9P_4 = \frac{9!}{(9-4)!} = \frac{9!}{5!} = 3024$
- b) 4 digit numbers which are odd:**
 - Place an odd number at the end.
 - This leaves 8 numbers to pick 3 from, which can go in the first three positions.
 - This can occur 5 ways (different odd number at the end).
 - Diagram: $\boxed{\quad} \boxed{\quad} \boxed{\quad} \boxed{\text{odd}}$
 - Calculation: $8P_3 \times 5 \text{ ways} = 1680$
- c) 4 digit number with just odd digits:**
 - Sum of arrangements of 4 odd 5, $5P_4 = 120$
 - Or by looking at the available choices into "slots"
 - Diagram: $\boxed{5} \boxed{3} \boxed{1} \boxed{7} = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 120$

Right Page:

- d) 4 digit numbers with at least 3 odd digits:**
 - All 4 odd: $4! = 24$
 - All 3 odd: 120 (found in c)
 - Total four digit numbers: 3024 (found in a)
 - Required number is: $3024 - 24 - 120 = 2880$
- e) 4 digit numbers with at least 3 odd digits:**
 - All odd: 120 (found in c)
 - 3 odd, 1 even:
 - Diagram: $\boxed{\text{odd}} \boxed{\text{odd}} \boxed{\text{odd}} \boxed{\text{even}}$
 - Calculation: $5P_3 \times 4 \times 4 \text{ ways} = 960$
 - Required total is: $960 + 120 = 1080$
- f) 4 digit numbers whose digits sum to 28:**
 - It becomes evident after few tries that there are only 2 possible selections: $9, 8, 7, 4$ and $9, 8, 6, 5$
 - Each producing: $4! = 24$ arrangements
 - Required total is: $2 \times 4! = 48$

Question 4 (****+)

The six letters of the word **RADIAN** are written on six separate pieces of card.

In an experiment, four cards are selected and placed next to each other, forming a four letter arrangement.

Calculate the number of different four letter arrangement.

 , 192

R · A · D · I · A · N

THE ARE 3 CASES TO CONSIDER

- CASE 1 - NO 'A' IS PICKED
 $R · D · I · N \Rightarrow 4! = 24 \text{ ARRANGEMENTS}$
- CASE 2 - ONLY ONE 'A' IS SELECTED
 A 4 ANY 3 FROM $R · D · I · N$, SAY $A_1 R_1 D_1 I_1$
 $\binom{4}{3} = 4 \text{ WAYS}$ $4!$
 $\therefore 4! \times 4 \text{ WAYS} = 96 \text{ ARRANGEMENTS}$
- CASE 3 - BOTH 'A's ARE SELECTED
 $A_1 A_2$ 4 ANY 2 FROM $R · D · I · N$, SAY $A_1 A_2 R_1 D_1$
 $\binom{4}{2} = 6 \text{ WAYS}$ $\frac{4!}{2!}$
 $\therefore \frac{4!}{2!} \times 6 \text{ WAYS} = 72 \text{ ARRANGEMENTS}$

THE REQUIRED TOTAL NUMBER IS
 $24 + 96 + 72 = 192$

Question 5 (****+)

B, **A**, **N**, **A**, **N**, **A**, **S**

The 7 letters shown above are written on separate pieces of card.

- Find the number of arrangements which can be made if all 7 letters are used.
- Find the number of arrangements which can be made if all 7 letters are used and the three vowels are together.
- Find the number of arrangements which can be made if all 7 letters are used and the three vowels are together and the four consonants are together.
- Determine the number of ways in which 4 letters can be picked from the total of 7 letters.
- Calculate the number of arrangements of which 4 letters are used from the total of 7 letters.

, 420, 60, 24, 11, 114

a) REQUIRED NUMBER IS GIVEN BY

$$\frac{7!}{3!2!} = 420$$

↑
"THREE A's" (3 repeats)
↑
"TWO N's" (2 repeats)

b) TREATING THE VOWELS "AAA" AS A SINGLE LETTER

$$\frac{5!}{2!} = 60$$

↑
"DOUBLE N" REPEAT

c) BLOCKING THE VOWELS & CONSONANTS TOGETHER

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

↑
"THREE A's" (3 repeats)
↑
"TWO N's" (2 repeats)

THENCE $(1 \times 12) \times 2 = 24$

↑
3 VOWELS - 1 CONSONANT OR 4 CONSONANTS - 3 VOWELS

d) SPLITTING IN SEPARATE CASES & NOTE IN THIS PART ORDER DOES NOT MATTER

AAA WITH ONE OF B, N, S	3 WAYS
AA WITH TWO OF B, N, S	3 WAYS
AN WITH TWO OF A, B, S	3 WAYS
AA NN	1 WAY
ALL DIFFERENT B A N S	1 WAY
TOTAL	11 WAYS

e) USING PART (d)

CASE I: SAY AAA B $3 \times \frac{4!}{3!} = 12$

CASE II: SAY AA BN $2 \times \frac{4!}{2!} = 36$

CASE III: SAY NNA B $2 \times \frac{4!}{2!} = 36$

CASE IV: SAY AANN $1 \times \frac{4!}{2!2!} = 6$

CASE V: SAY BAN S $1 \times 4! = 24$

TOTAL 114

Question 6 (**+)**

1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4

The above 8 single digit numbers are written on 8 separate pieces of card.

These cards are placed next to each other at random, forming an 8 digit number.

- a) Determine the number of the 8 digit numbers that can be formed, which exceed 30,000,000.

Next 4 cards are picked at random and placed next to each other to form a 4 digit number.

- b) Find the number of 4 digit numbers that can be formed, which exceed 3000.

 , 1260, 102

a) IF ALL NUMBERS ARE TO BE USED, THEN THE "REQUIRED" NUMBER OF ARRANGEMENTS MUST START WITH 3 OR 4

$\frac{3}{4}$

7 TO CHOOSE FROM 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 4
OR 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4

4 THICE $\frac{7!}{2!2!2!} \times 2$ WAYS = 1260
(SOMEONE WITH 3 OR 4)

ALTERNATIVE: FIND ALL POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS OF 8

$\frac{8!}{2!2!2!2!} = 2520$

HALF OF THESE (BY SYMMETRY) WILL BE OVER 30,000,000

THUS $\frac{1}{2} \times 2520 = 1260$

b) FIND ALL ARRANGEMENTS OF 4

4! = 24

ALL 4 NUMBERS ARE DISTINCT

$\frac{1}{2}$ OF THESE WILL BE OVER 3000

IT 12

(b) CUT DOUBLE REPEAT A TWO DISTINCT

SAY $(1, 1, 2, 3)$ ← CHANCE OF 2 OR 3 (3)

↑
CHANCE OF 1 OUT OF 4 (4)

$\frac{4!}{2!} \times 4 \times 3 = 144$

↑
NO OF ARRANGEMENTS

AGAIN HALF OF THESE BY SYMMETRY WILL START WITH 3 OR 4, SO

$\frac{1}{2} \times 144 = 72$

(c) TWO DOUBLE REPEATS

SAY 1 1 2 2

$\frac{4!}{2!2!} = 6$ ARRANGEMENTS $\times \binom{4}{2} = 36$

AND TWO NUMBERS OUT OF 1, 2, 3, 4

HALF OF THESE BY SYMMETRY WILL BE OVER 3000

$\frac{1}{2} \times 36 = 18$

THUS THE TOTAL IS $12 + 72 + 18 = 102$

Question 7 (**)**

The 6 letters of the word *BUTTER* are written on 6 separate pieces of card.

In an experiment 4 cards are selected at random, forming a 4 letter **arrangement**.

a) Determine the number of 4 letter arrangements which ...

- ... will begin and end with a consonant.
- ... will begin with a vowel.
- ... will start with *B* and end with a vowel.

b) Find the total number of all 4 letter arrangements which can be formed.

, 40 , 66 , 14 , 192

9.1) BEGIN AND END WITH A CONSONANT

CASE A (Two t)
 $I _ _ I$
 • still available B, U, E, R
 ${}^4P_2 = \frac{4!}{2!} = 12$
 (Two little arrangements out of 4 letters)

CASE B (One t)
 $I _ _ B$
 [or $I _ _ R$]
 • still available U, E
 - can only be arranged as UE or EU
 ${}^2P_2 = \frac{2!}{2!} = 1$
 (Two little arrangements out of 2 letters)

CASE C (No t)
 $B _ _ R$
 [or $B _ _ U$]
 • still available U, E
 - can only be arranged as UE or EU
 ${}^2P_2 = \frac{2!}{2!} = 1$
 (Two little arrangements out of 2 letters)

TOTAL
 $12 + 1 + 1 = 14$

REQUIRED NUMBER IS $12 + 1 + 1 = 14$

9.2) BEGIN WITH A VOWEL

CASE A (Two t)
 $U _ _ _$
 LEAVES 1 TO PICK FROM T, B, R x 3 WAYS
 TTE x 3 WAYS
 TTR x 3 WAYS
 $3 \times 2 = 6$
 SUM $6 + 6 = 12$

CASE B (One t)
 $U _ _ B$
 LEAVES 1 TO PICK FROM T, E, R x 2 WAYS
 TUR x 2 WAYS
 $2 \times 2 = 4$
 SUM $6 + 4 = 10$

CASE C (No t)
 $B _ _ U$
 LEAVES 1 TO PICK FROM T, E, R x 2 WAYS
 TUR x 2 WAYS
 $2 \times 2 = 4$
 SUM $6 + 4 = 10$

REQUIRED NUMBER IS $12 + 10 + 10 = 32$

9.3) ANY 4 LETTER ARRANGEMENT

CASE A (Two t)
 T, T & any two from U, B, E, R
 • SAY T, T, U, B
 $\frac{4!}{2!} \times \frac{4!}{2!} = 12 \times 6 = 72$
 (any two from U, B, E, R)
 PERMUTATIONS OF 4, WITH A DOUBLE REPEAT

CASE B (One t)
 T & any three from U, B, E, R
 • T, U, B, R
 $4! \times \frac{4!}{3!} = 24 \times 4 = 96$

CASE C (No t)
 B, U, E, R ← $4! = 24$
TOTAL NUMBER IS $72 + 96 + 24 = 192$

Question 8 (**)**

The 7 letters of the word *MINIMUM* are written on 7 separate pieces of card.

Four of these cards are picked at random, one after the other, and are arranged into a four letter word in the order they were picked.

Determine the number of the four letter words which can be formed.

4, 114

START BY CONSIDERING THE DIFFERENT SELECTIONS OF 4 LETTERS
(ORDER NOT IMPORTANT / COMBINATIONS)

- ① M M N with one of I, N, U 3 ways
- ② M M with two of I, N, U 3 ways
- ③ I I with two of M, N, U 3 ways
- ④ M M I I (two pairs) 1 way
- ⑤ M I N U All 4 different 1 way

NOW WE CAN CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF ARRANGEMENTS IN EACH OF THE ABOVE CASES (PERMUTATIONS)

- CASE 1 SAY M M M I $\frac{4!}{3!} \times 3 \text{ ways} = 12$
- CASE 2 SAY M M N I $\frac{4!}{2!} \times 3 \text{ ways} = 36$
- CASE 3 SAY I I M N $\frac{4!}{2!} \times 3 \text{ ways} = 36$
- CASE 4 M M I I $\frac{4!}{2!2!} \times 1 \text{ way} = 6$
- CASE 5 M I N U $4! \times 1 \text{ way} = 24$

ADDING TO OBTAIN A TOTAL OF 114