

Pre-Calculus 12 Permutations with Identical Objects

The number of permutations of n objects with r identical objects is:

$$\frac{n!}{r!}$$

Ex. 1) Determine the number of permutations of the word BOOK.

Given a set of n objects with:

- n_1 of one kind
- n_2 of a second kind
- n_3 of a third kind etc

The number of **distinguishable** permutations is:

$$\frac{n!}{n_1! \cdot n_2! \cdot \dots \cdot n_k!}, \text{ where } n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_k = n$$

Ex. 2) Determine the number of permutations of the word

a.) HONOLULU

b.) MISSISSIPPI

Ex. 3) Seven boxes of cereal on a shelf are 5 Shreddies, 1 Fruit Loops and 1 box of Captain Crunch. How many ways can the boxes be arranged?

Ex. 4) A kabob recipe calls for 3 mushrooms, 4 shrimp, 2 cherry tomatoes and 5 slices of red pepper. How many ways can you arrange the items on a skewer?

Restrictions

Ex. 5) How many whole numbers are less than 300 (no repetition)?

