

# Permutations

$P(n,r)$

What are each of the following?

1.0!

5.4!

2.1!

6.5!

3.2!

7.6!

4.3!

8.7!

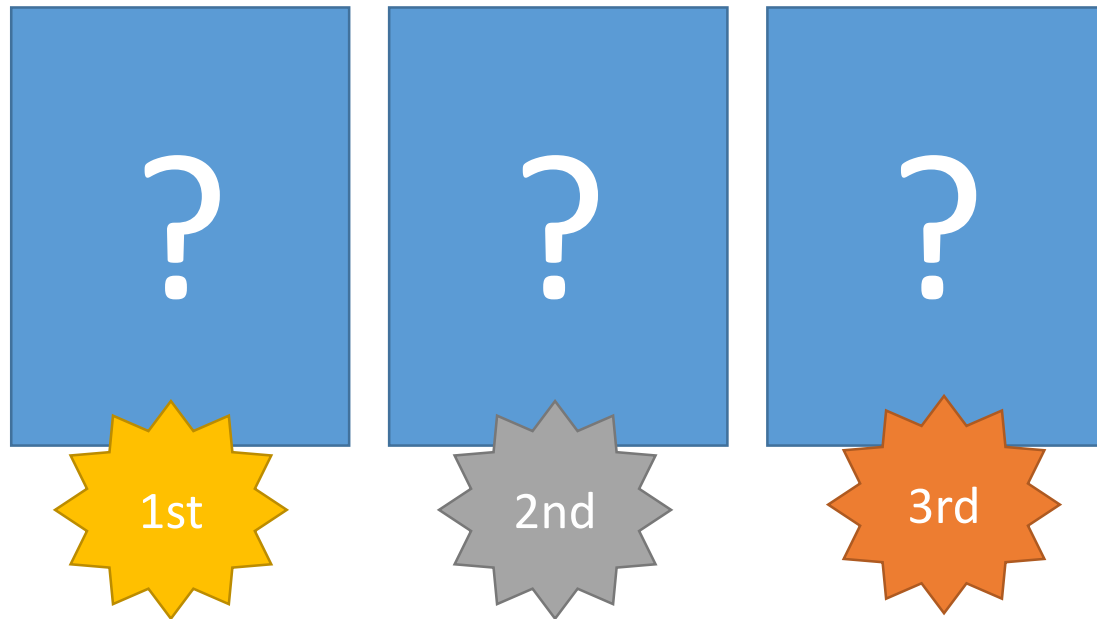
How do you write:

$$92 \times 91 \times 90 \times 89?$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 92 \times 91 \times 90 \times 89 &= \frac{92!}{88!} \\ &= \frac{92!}{(92 - 4)!} \\ &= P(92, 4) \\ &= {}_{92}P_4 \end{aligned}$$

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$P(n, r)$  or  ${}_n P_r$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n - r)!}$$

- P stands for permutations
- n is the number of items to be arranged
- r is the number of places to put them

## Permutations #1

Write as multiplication.

90 things, pick 3 =  $90 \times 89 \times 88$

1. 4 things, pick 2

$$4 \times 3$$

2. 6 things, pick 3

$$6 \times 5 \times 4$$

3. 96 things, pick 3

$$96 \times 95 \times 94$$

4. 82 things, pick 2

$$82 \times 81$$

5. 7 things, pick 4

$$7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4$$

6. 5 things, pick 2

$$5 \times 4$$

7. 10 things, pick 4

$$10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7$$

8. 7 things, pick 4

$$7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4$$

9. n things, pick 2

$$n \times (n-1)$$

10. n things, pick 1

$$n$$

11. 256 things, pick 3

$$256 \times 255 \times 254$$

12. x things, pick 2

$$x \times (x-1)$$

13. x things, pick 3

$$x \times (x-1) \times (x-2)$$

14. 23 things, pick 4

$$23 \times 22 \times 21 \times 20$$

## Permutations #2

Write as a factorial fraction.

$$90 \text{ things, pick 5} = \frac{90!}{85!}$$

$$1. \quad 4 \text{ things, pick 2} = \frac{4!}{2!}$$

$$2. \quad 6 \text{ things, pick 3} = \frac{6!}{3!}$$

$$3. \quad 9 \text{ things, pick 5} = \frac{9!}{4!}$$

$$4. \quad 8 \text{ things, pick 3} = \frac{8!}{5!}$$

$$5. \quad 7 \text{ things, pick 5} = \frac{7!}{2!}$$

$$6. \quad 5 \text{ things, pick 2} = \frac{5!}{3!}$$

$$7. \quad 10 \text{ things, pick 6} = \frac{10!}{4!}$$

$$8. \quad 7 \text{ things, pick 4} = \frac{7!}{3!}$$

$$9. \quad n \text{ things, pick 2} = \frac{n!}{(n-2)!}$$

$$10. \quad n \text{ things, pick } r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$11. \quad 9 \text{ things, pick 7} = \frac{9!}{2!}$$

$$12. \quad x \text{ things, pick 3} = \frac{x!}{(x-3)!}$$

$$13. \quad x \text{ things, pick } y = \frac{x!}{(x-y)!}$$

$$14. \quad 23 \text{ things, pick 9} = \frac{23!}{14!}$$

### Permutations #3

Write as a factorial fraction.

$${}_{90}P_5 = \frac{90!}{85!}$$

$$1. \quad {}_5P_4 = \frac{5!}{1!}$$

$$2. \quad {}_6P_3 = \frac{6!}{3!}$$

$$3. \quad {}_4P_2 = \frac{4!}{2!}$$

$$4. \quad P(72,4) = \frac{72!}{68!}$$

$$5. \quad {}_{35}P_5 = \frac{35!}{30!}$$

$$6. \quad P(32,30) = \frac{32!}{2!}$$

$$7. \quad {}_{76}P_3 = \frac{76!}{73!}$$

$$8. \quad {}_{106}P_4 = \frac{106!}{102!}$$

$$9. \quad P(90,4) = \frac{90!}{86!}$$

$$10. \quad {}_{88}P_4 = \frac{88!}{84!}$$

$$11. \quad P(60,30) = \frac{60!}{30!}$$

$$12. \quad {}_{63}P_3 = \frac{63!}{60!}$$

$$13. \quad {}_{46}P_2 = \frac{46!}{44!}$$

$$14. \quad P(56,4) = \frac{56!}{52!}$$

# $P(n,2)$

$$P(8,2) = 8 \times 7$$

How many horses?

Put this in terms of the horse race.

How many places are we tracking?

8 horses into 2 places.  
That happens in  $n \times (n-1)$  ways.

## Permutations #6

(Pick twos) Evaluate.

$$P(11,2) = 11 \times 10 = 110$$

$$1. P(5,2) = 5 \times 4 = 20$$

$$2. P(6,2) = 6 \times 5 = 30$$

$$3. P(7,2) = 7 \times 6 = 42$$

$$4. P(3,2) = 3 \times 2 = 6$$

$$5. P(9,2) = 9 \times 8 = 72$$

$$6. P(10,2) = 10 \times 9 = 90$$

$$7. P(8,2) = 8 \times 7 = 56$$

$$8. P(4,2) = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

$$9. {}_7P_2 = 7 \times 6 = 42$$

$$10. {}_5P_2 = 5 \times 4 = 20$$

$$11. {}_3P_2 = 3 \times 2 = 6$$

$$12. {}_4P_2 = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

#### Permutations #4

Evaluate. Notice:  ${}_nP_{(n-1)} = n!$

$$P(3,2) = 3! = 6$$

$$1. \quad {}_7P_6 = 7! = 5040$$

$$2. \quad P(7,6) = 7! = 5040$$

$$3. \quad {}_5P_4 = 5! = 120$$

$$4. \quad {}_6P_5 = 6! = 720$$

$$5. \quad P(6,5) = 6! = 720$$

$$6. \quad P(2,1) = 2! = 2$$

$$7. \quad {}_1P_0 = 1! = 1$$

$$8. \quad {}_2P_1 = 2! = 2$$

$$9. \quad P(3,2) = 3! = 6$$

$$10. \quad P(1,0) = 1! = 1$$

$$11. \quad {}_3P_2 = 3! = 6$$

$$12. \quad {}_4P_3 = 4! = 24$$

$$13. \quad P(4,3) = 4! = 24$$

$$14. \quad P(5,4) = 5! = 120$$

$P(n,0)$

$P(9,0)$

Put this in terms of the horse race.

How many horses?

How many places are we tracking?



$P(n,0)$

$P(9,0)$

Put this in terms of the horse race.

How many horses?

How many places are we tracking?

9 horses into 0 places.  
That happens in 1 way.

$P(n, 1)$

$P(15, 1)$

Put this in terms of the horse race.

How many horses?

How many places are we tracking?

$P(n, 1)$

$P(15, 1)$

15 horses into 1 place.  
That happens in 15 ways.

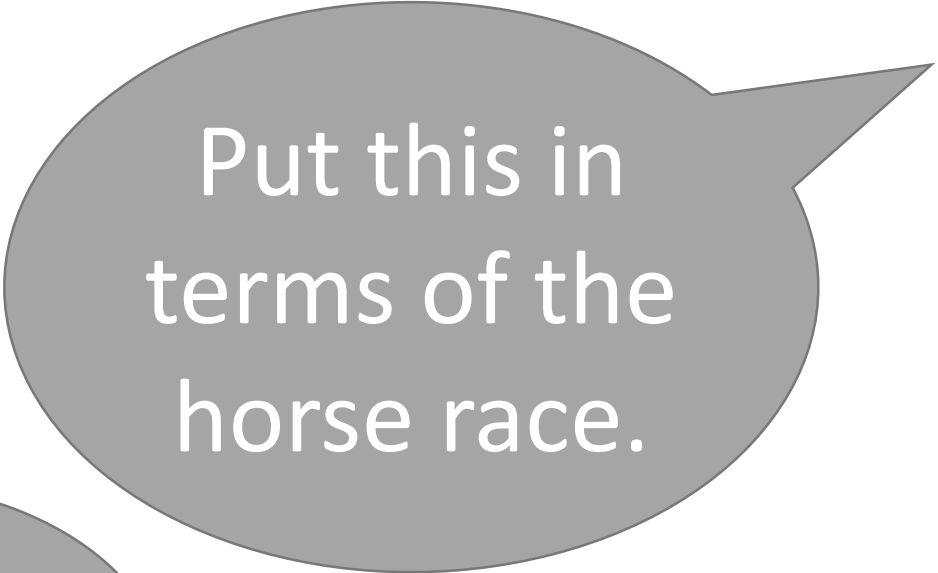
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Put this in  
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places are we  
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$P(n,n)$


$P(15,15)$



Put this in terms of the horse race.



How many horses?



How many places are we tracking?

# $P(n,n)$

## $P(15,15)$

15 horses into 15 places.  
That happens in  $15!$  ways.

How many  
horses?

Put this in  
terms of the  
horse race.

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$P(n, n+1)$

$P(23, 24)$

Put this in terms of the horse race.

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$P(n, n+1)$

$P(23, 24)$

23 horses into 24 places.  
AHHH!! Bad news bears.

How many  
horses?

Put this in  
terms of the  
horse race.

How many  
places are we  
tracking?

## Permutations #5

Evaluate these odd-ball permutations.

1.  ${}_5P_0 = 1$

2.  ${}_1P_1 = 1$

3.  ${}_2P_0 = 1$

4.  ${}_4P_1 = 4$

5.  $P(1,1) = 1$

6.  ${}_2P_2 = 2! = 2$

7.  ${}_4P_4 = 4! = 24$

8.  $P(1,0) = 1$

9.  ${}_1P_2 = \text{error}$

10.  ${}_0P_1 = \text{error}$

11.  ${}_0P_0 = 1$

12.  $P(0,0) = 1$

13.  ${}_4P_0 = 1$

14.  ${}_2P_1 = 2$

15.  ${}_4P_6 = \text{error}$



Order matters  
No repeats

Can repeat

All  
Values

Factorial

Counting

Only  
some  
places

Permutation

Combination

Order matters  
No repeats

Order not  
important

## Permutations #7

*[Factorial Questions]*

*Write a factorial to represent the number of ways you can:*

1. Arrange 5 books on a shelf  $5!$
2. Rearrange the letters in SONG  $4!$
3. Send 6 cards to 6 friends.  $6!$
4. Arrange 4 people for a picture  $4!$
5. Have 4 horses finish a race  $4!$
6. Seat 6 people in a theatre  $6!$
7. Order 16 pool balls  $16!$
8. Draw 48 balls in a lottery.  $48!$
9. Arrange 12 eggs in a carton.  $12!$
10. Arrange 3 cards in your hand.  $3!$

## Permutations #8

[Permutation questions]

Write a factorial fraction to represent the number of ways you can:

1. Arrange 7 out of 4 people for a picture

$$\frac{7!}{3!}$$

2. Seat 6 of 9 people in a theatre

$$\frac{9!}{3!}$$

3. Draw 6 balls from 48 in a lottery.

$$\frac{48!}{42!}$$

4. Order 4 of 16 pool balls

$$\frac{16!}{12!}$$

5. Arrange 3 of 5 cards in your hand.

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

6. Arrange 3 out of 5 books on a shelf

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

7. 3 letter words from SONG

$$\frac{4!}{1!}$$

8. Send 4 of your 6 cards to friends.

$$\frac{6!}{2!}$$

9. Top 3 placement of 12 horses in a race

$$\frac{12!}{9!}$$

10. Arrange 12 of 14 eggs in a carton.

$$\frac{14!}{2!}$$

### Permutations #9

[Counting questions.]

Write an exponent to model how many ways can you make:

1. 3 digit electronic lock combination (each 0-60)

$$60^3$$

2. 4 digit PIN  $10^4$

3. 5 letter password

$$26^5$$

4. Outfits from 3 shirts, 4 pants, 2 hats

$$3 \times 4 \times 2$$

5. Meals from 3 appetizers, 4 main courses, 5 desserts

$$3 \times 4 \times 5$$

6. Postal Codes (L4F 5W3)

$$26^3 \times 10^3$$

7. 3 digit internet colour (each 0-255)

$$256^3$$

8. Phone numbers 905-345-234

$$9^9$$

9. License Plates (BPMW 834)

$$26^4 \times 10^3$$

10. 4 piece IP address (each 0-255)

$$256^4$$

### Permutations #10

Is it a factorial, permutation or counting question?

1. Seat 6 of 9 people in a theatre  
*perms*
2. Arrange 4 people for a picture  
*fact*
3. Have 4 horses finish a race  
*fact*
4. Outfits from 3 shirts, 4 pants, 2 hats  
*count*
5. Draw 6 balls from 48 in a lottery.  
*perm*

6. Arrange 3 out of 5 books on a shelf  
*perm*
7. 5 letter password  
*count*
8. Rearrange the letters in SONG  
*fact*
9. Postal Codes (L4F 5W3)  
*count*
10. Top 3 placement of 12 horses in a race  
*perm*
11. 3 digit locker combination (each 0-60)  
*count*