



A password for a site consists of 4 digits followed by 2 letters. The letters A and Z are not used, and each digit or letter may be used more than once. How many unique passwords are possible?

$$10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 26 \cdot 26 = 5,760,000$$

Using the letters in the word SQUARE, how many 6-letter arrangements with no repetitions are possible if vowels and consonants alternate, beginning with a vowel?

$$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$$

36 ways

Use the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 without repetition. Determine the number of ways to form each arrangement.

3-digit numerals whose values are at least 100

$$4 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = 48 \text{ ways}$$

Use the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 without repetition. Determine the number of ways to form each arrangement.

4-digit numerals whose values are at least 1000 and less than 4000

$$3 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 = 72 \text{ ways}$$

All the examples we discussed involve permutation where order matters.

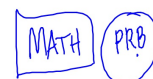
For example: 312 is different from 231 even though both use the same digits.

## FACTORIALS

$$4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 24$$

$$0! = 1$$

by definition



A **permutation** is a selection of a group of objects in which order is important. For example, there are 6 permutations of the letters A, B, and C.



$10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8$   
 A B C  
 A C B  $3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$   
 B A C  
 B C A  
 C B A  
 C A B

**Permutations**

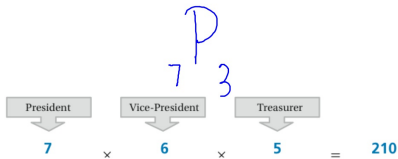
The number of permutations of  $n$  objects taken  $r$  at a time is given by

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$${}_{10} P_3 = \frac{10!}{(10-3)!} = \frac{10!}{7!} = \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot \cancel{7!}}{7!}$$

The members of a club want to choose a president, a vice-president, and a treasurer. Seven members of the club are eligible to fill these positions. In how many different ways can the positions be filled?



Suppose the club members also want to choose a secretary from the group of 7 eligible members. In how many different ways can the four positions (president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary) be filled? Explain.



**840; there are  $7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 = 840$  permutations.**  ${}_7 P_4$

Suppose 8 members of the club are eligible to fill the original three positions (president, vice-president, treasurer). In how many different ways can the positions be filled? Explain.



**336; there are  $8 \times 7 \times 6 = 336$  permutations.**  ${}_8 P_3$

Every student at your school is assigned a four-digit code, such as 6953, to access the computer system. In each code, no digit is repeated. In how many ways are there to assigned a code with the digits 1, 2, 3, and 4 in any order?



$${}_4 P_4 = \frac{4!}{(4-4)!} = \frac{4!}{0!} = \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{1} = 24$$

**${}_4 P_4 = 24$**

How many ways can a student government select a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer from a group of 6 people?



$${}_6 P_4$$

( ${}_6 P_4$ ). There are 360 ways to select the 4 people.

How many ways can a stylist arrange 5 of 8 vases from left to right in a store display?



$${}_8P_5$$

$${}_8P_5 = \frac{8!}{(8-5)!} = \frac{8!}{3!}$$

There are 6720 ways that the vases can be arranged.

**In the probability world, the order in which items are arranged is important :-)**

Awards are given out at a costume party. How many ways can "most creative," "silliest," and "best" costume be awarded to 8 contestants if no one gets more than one award?



$${}_8P_3$$

$${}_8P_3 = \frac{8!}{(8-3)!} = \frac{8!}{5!}$$

There are 336 ways to arrange the awards.



How many ways can a 2-digit number be formed by using only the digits 5-9 and by each digit being used only once?

$${}_5P_2 = \frac{5!}{(5-2)!} = \frac{5!}{3!} = \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot \cancel{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}}{\cancel{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}}$$

There are 20 ways for the numbers to be formed.