## **Counting Principles**

Ex. Eight pieces of paper are numbered 1 to 8 and placed in a box. One piece of paper is drawn from the box, its number is written down, and the piece of paper is replaced in the box. A second piece of paper is drawn from the box, and its number is written down. How many different ways can a sum of 12 be obtained?

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Ex. Eight pieces of paper are numbered 1 to 8 and placed in a box. One piece of paper is drawn from the box, its number is written down, and the piece of paper is NOT replaced in the box. A second piece of paper is drawn from the box, and its number is written down. How many different ways can a sum of 12 be obtained?





Ex. How many different phone numbers are there in one area code? [Keep in mind that numbers can't start with 0 or 1.]



A <u>permutation</u> is the rearrangement of elements.

Ex. How many permutation are there of the letters A, B, C, D, E, and F?



The number of permutations of n elements is n!

# Ex. How many distinguishable ways can the letters in BANANA be written?

 $\frac{1}{2!3!}$ 

N repeats 2 times A repeats 3 times

Ex. Eight horses are running in a race. How many different ways are there for the horses to take 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place?

$$\frac{-8}{8}$$
  $\frac{7}{6}$   $\frac{81}{51}$ 

The number of permutations of *n* elements taken *r* at a time is

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

In the last example,

$$_{8}P_{3} = \frac{8!}{5!} = \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6$$

A <u>combination</u> is a list of elements where order is not important.

 $\{A, B, C\}$  and  $\{B, C, A\}$ 

are different **permutations** (where order matters) but the same **combination** (where order doesn't matter)

The number of combinations of *n* elements taken *r* at a time is  ${}_{n}C_{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$ 



Secretariat, Seabiscuit, Maximus Seabiscuit, Maximus, Secretariat Secretariat, Seabiscuit, Maximus Seabiscuit, Maximus, Secretariat

$$_{8}C_{3} = \frac{8!}{3!5!}$$

$$_{8}P_{3} = \frac{8!}{5!}$$

Ex. A standard poker hand consists of five cards dealt from a deck of 52. How many different poker hands are possible?

$$52^{\circ}5 = \frac{52!}{5! 47!} = 2,598,960$$

Ex. On a 15-member baseball team, a batting order of 9 players needs to be created. How many different batting orders are possible?

## Probability

A <u>sample space</u> is a list of possible outcomes

Ex. Find the sample space if a) one coin is tossed  $\{H, T\}$ 

b) two coins are tossed  $\{HH, HT, TT, TH\}$ 

The probability of an event is

$$P(\text{event}) = \frac{\text{number favorable}}{\text{number possible}}$$

Probabilities are always between 0 (impossible) and 1 (certain)

Ex. Two coins are tossed. What is the  
probability of both landing on heads?  
$$\# f_{avorable} = \frac{1}{4}$$
  
 $\# e^{ossible} = \frac{4}{4}$ 

Ex. A card is drawn from a deck, what is the  
probability that it is an ace?  
$$\frac{\# \text{ favorable}}{\# \text{ possible}} = \frac{4}{52} = \frac{1}{13}$$



#### 52 Cards

Face Cards



Ex. What is the probability of winning a lottery where a player chooses six numbers (in any order) between 1 and 41?

### P(A or B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A and B)

Ex. When drawing a card from a standard deck, what is the probability that the card is a heart or a face card?  $\frac{\# \text{ favorable}}{\# \text{ possible}} = \frac{13 + 12 - 3}{52} = \frac{22}{52} = \frac{11}{26}$ 



Two events are <u>independent</u> if their occurrences don't affect each other

## If *A* and *B* are independent, then $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$

Ex. A random number generator selects three integers from 1 to 20. What is the probability that all three numbers are less than or equal to 5?  $\frac{\# \text{ favorable}}{\# \text{ possible}} = \frac{5}{20} \cdot \frac{5}{20} \cdot \frac{5}{20} = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{64}$  $\frac{15^4 \# 2^{nd} \# 3^{nd} \# 3^{nd$