

11.1B Permutations With Constraints

Example 1: Albane, Beau, Charlotte, Duncan and Eleanor go to watch a movie and sit in 5 adjacent seats. In how many ways can this be done under each of the following conditions?

a) without restrictions

$$5! \quad \underline{5} \quad \underline{4} \quad \underline{3} \quad \underline{2} \quad \underline{1}$$

b) if Charlotte insists on sitting in the middle

$$\underline{4} \quad \underline{3} \quad \underline{1} \quad \underline{2} \quad \underline{1} \quad 4!$$

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c) if the three girls sit between Beau and Duncan

$$\underline{2} \quad \underline{\quad} \quad \underline{\quad} \quad \underline{\quad} \quad \underline{1}$$

3 2 1

← Boys

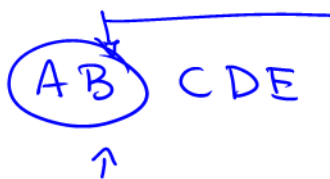
← Girls

Boys: $2!$ ways to arrange their seats

Girls $3!$ ways to arrange their seats.

$$\boxed{2! \times 3!}$$

d) if Albane sits next to Beau



$2!$ ways to arrange AB

4 people, $4!$

$$\boxed{2! \times 4!}$$

← how many ways can B and A be together.

e) if Albane refuses to sit next to Beau

$$5! - 2! \times 4! = 72$$

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all ways ways that ways that

AB are together AB are not together.

Example 2: In how many ways can four adults and five children be arranged in a single line under each condition?

ABCD ↙

→ 12345

a) without restrictions

$$9!$$

b) if children and adults are alternated

$$\frac{5}{c} \frac{4}{A} \frac{4}{c} \frac{3}{A} \frac{3}{c} \frac{2}{A} \frac{2}{c} \frac{1}{A} \frac{1}{c}$$

Children: $5!$

Adults: $4!$

$$5! \times 4!$$

c) if the adults are all together and the children are all together



2 groups : $2!$

within adults : $4!$

children : $5!$

$$2! \times 4! \times 5!$$

d) if the adults are all together



6 things : $6!$

within adult group : $4!$

$$6! \times 4!$$

Example 3: How many ways can 4 boys and 3 girls sit in a row if:

ABCD 123

a) there must be a boy at the beginning and end of the row

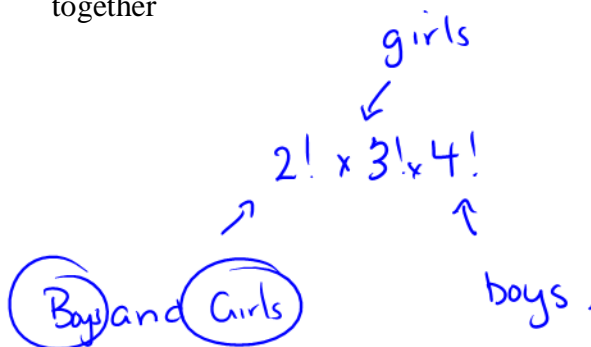
$$\underline{4} \quad \underline{5} \quad \underline{4} \quad \underline{3} \quad \underline{2} \quad \underline{1} \quad \underline{3}$$

$$\text{Ends: } {}^4P_2 = \frac{4!}{(4-2)!} = \frac{4!}{2!} = 4 \times 3$$

middle $5!$

$$4 \times 3 \times 5!$$

b) all the boys sit together and all the girls sit together



Example 4: How many different 3 digit odd numbers can you make using the digits 1 to 6 if the numbers must be less than 700? No digits are repeated.

5 4 3
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 1, 3 or 5

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Example 5: Zoe has 6 maple, 5 fir and 3 pine trees that she wishes to plant in a row. The trees from the same species appear to be identical.

a) How many possible arrangements are there of the trees?

$$MMMMMM FFFFF PPP = \frac{14!}{6! 5! 3!}$$

b) If the first and last tree must be maple, how many arrangements are there?

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 One M gone for front
 One M gone for back

$$\frac{12!}{4! 5! 3!}$$

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