

Counting Principle-4

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Q:→ There are 15 points in a plane, no three of which are in the same straight line excepting 4, which are collinear. Find the number of
i) straight lines ii) triangles
formed by joining them.

sol:→

(i) We know that join of any two points give a line

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{No. of lines got from 15 points} &= {}^{15}C_2 \\ &= \frac{15 \times 14}{2} \\ &= 105\end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Lines got from 4 points} = {}^4C_2 = \frac{4 \times 3}{2} = 6$$

4 collinear pts gives one straight line.

$$\therefore \text{Reqd no. of st. lines} = 105 - 6 + 1 = 100$$

(ii) We know that any three non collinear points give a triangle.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{No. of triangles got from 15 points} &= {}^{15}C_3 \\ &= \frac{15 \times 14 \times 13}{3 \times 2} \\ &= 455\end{aligned}$$

Triangles got from 4 points = ${}^4C_3 = {}^4C_1 = 4$

\therefore no. of triangles lost due to 4 collinear pts = 4

\therefore Reqd. no of triangles = $455 - 4 = 451$

Q: \rightarrow The number of diagonals of polygon is 20. Find the no. of its sides.

sol: \rightarrow Let no. of sides of polygon = n

\therefore No. of points = n

No. of lines = ${}^nC_2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

\therefore No. of diagonals = $\frac{n(n-1)}{2} - n$

$$20 = \frac{n(n-1) - 2n}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - n - 2n = 40$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 3n - 40 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-8)(n+5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 8, -5$$

\therefore No. of sides of the polygon = $n = 8$ Ans

Multi Set \rightarrow

A collection of objects in which objects are allowed to be repeated is called a multi set

e.g. $S = \{a, a, a, b, b, c\} = \{3 \times a, 2 \times b, 1 \times c\}$

In general, $S = \{r_1 \times a_1, r_2 \times a_2, \dots, r_k \times a_k\}$

is a multi set in which a_1 occurs r_1 times, a_2 occurs r_2 times and so on, a_k occur r_k times.

r-Permutation \rightarrow

By an r-permutations, we mean an ordered arrangement of r elements from S. If $|S| = n$, then n-permutation of S is just called a permutation of S.

1) If S is a multiset with infinite repetitions then the number of r permutations of S is k^r where k is the no. of distinct objects in S.

Q: \rightarrow Find the number of ternary numbers with atmost 4 digits.

sol: \rightarrow The number of ternary numbers with atmost 4 digits.
 $=$ 4-permutation with 3 objects (0, 1, 2) 0, 1, 2
 $= 3^4$
 $= 81$

$r \leq n$
r-perm.
of n
distinct

2) If $S = \{n_1 \times a_1, n_2 \times a_2, \dots, n_k \times a_k\}$

i.e. $|S| = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n$

Then the no. of permutations of S is

n permutations is $\frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!}$

