

EXERCISE 16.3

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1. Evaluate each of the following:

(i) 8P_3

(ii) ${}^{10}P_4$

(iii) 6P_6

(iv) $P(6, 4)$

Solution:

(i) 8P_3

We know that, 8P_3 can be written as $P(8, 3)$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n - r)!$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(8, 3) &= 8!/(8 - 3)! \\ &= 8!/5! \\ &= (8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5!)/5! \\ &= 8 \times 7 \times 6 \\ &= 336 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore {}^8P_3 = 336$$

(ii) ${}^{10}P_4$

We know that, ${}^{10}P_4$ can be written as $P(10, 4)$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n - r)!$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(10, 4) &= 10!/(10 - 4)! \\ &= 10!/6! \\ &= (10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6!)/6! \\ &= 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \\ &= 5040 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore {}^{10}P_4 = 5040$$

(iii) 6P_6

We know that, 6P_6 can be written as $P(6, 6)$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n - r)!$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(6, 6) &= 6!/(6 - 6)! \\ &= 6!/0! \\ &= (6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)/1 \text{ [Since, } 0! = 1\text{]} \\ &= 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \\ &= 720 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore {}^6P_6 = 720$$

(iv) $P(6, 4)$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n-r)!$$

$$P(6, 4) = 6!/(6-4)!$$

$$= 6!/2!$$

$$= (6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2!)/2!$$

$$= 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3$$

$$= 360$$

$$\therefore P(6, 4) = 360$$

2. If $P(5, r) = P(6, r-1)$, find r .

Solution:

Given:

$$P(5, r) = P(6, r-1)$$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n-r)!$$

$$P(5, r) = 5!/(5-r)!$$

$$P(6, r-1) = 6!/(6-(r-1))!$$

$$= 6!/(6-r+1)!$$

$$= 6!/(7-r)!$$

So, from the question,

$$P(5, r) = P(6, r-1)$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$5!/(5-r)! = 6!/(7-r)!$$

Upon evaluating,

$$(7-r)! / (5-r)! = 6!/5!$$

$$[(7-r)(7-r-1)(7-r-2)!] / (5-r)! = (6 \times 5!)/5!$$

$$[(7-r)(6-r)(5-r)!] / (5-r)! = 6$$

$$(7-r)(6-r) = 6$$

$$42 - 6r - 7r + r^2 = 6$$

$$42 - 6 - 13r + r^2 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 13r + 36 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 9r - 4r + 36 = 0$$

$$r(r-9) - 4(r-9) = 0$$

$$(r-9)(r-4) = 0$$

$$r = 9 \text{ or } 4$$

For, $P(n, r)$: $r \leq n$

$$\therefore r = 4 \text{ [for, } P(5, r)]$$

3. If $5 P(4, n) = 6 P(5, n - 1)$, find n .

Solution:

Given:

$$5 P(4, n) = 6 P(5, n - 1)$$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n - r)!$$

$$P(4, n) = 4!/(4 - n)!$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(5, n-1) &= 5!/(5 - (n-1))! \\ &= 5!/(5 - n + 1)! \\ &= 5!/(6 - n)! \end{aligned}$$

So, from the question,

$$5 P(4, n) = 6 P(5, n - 1)$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$5 \times 4!/(4 - n)! = 6 \times 5!/(6 - n)!$$

Upon evaluating,

$$(6 - n)! / (4 - n)! = 6/5 \times 5!/4!$$

$$[(6 - n)(6 - n - 1)(6 - n - 2)!] / (4 - n)! = (6 \times 5 \times 4!) / (5 \times 4!)$$

$$[(6 - n)(5 - n)(4 - n)!] / (4 - n)! = 6$$

$$(6 - n)(5 - n) = 6$$

$$30 - 6n - 5n + n^2 = 6$$

$$30 - 6 - 11n + n^2 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 11n + 24 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 8n - 3n + 24 = 0$$

$$n(n - 8) - 3(n - 8) = 0$$

$$(n - 8)(n - 3) = 0$$

$$n = 8 \text{ or } 3$$

For, $P(n, r)$: $r \leq n$

$$\therefore n = 3 \text{ [for, } P(4, n)]$$

4. If $P(n, 5) = 20 P(n, 3)$, find n .

Solution:

Given:

$$P(n, 5) = 20 P(n, 3)$$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n - r)!$$

$$P(n, 5) = n!/(n - 5)!$$

$$P(n, 3) = n!/(n - 3)!$$

So, from the question,

$$P(n, 5) = 20 P(n, 3)$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$n!/(n-5)! = 20 \times n!/(n-3)!$$

Upon evaluating,

$$n! (n-3)! / n! (n-5)! = 20$$

$$[(n-3)(n-3-1)(n-3-2)!] / (n-5)! = 20$$

$$[(n-3)(n-4)(n-5)!] / (n-5)! = 20$$

$$(n-3)(n-4) = 20$$

$$n^2 - 3n - 4n + 12 = 20$$

$$n^2 - 7n + 12 - 20 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 7n - 8 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 8n + n - 8 = 0$$

$$n(n-8) - 1(n-8) = 0$$

$$(n-8)(n-1) = 0$$

$$n = 8 \text{ or } 1$$

For, $P(n, r)$: $n \geq r$

$$\therefore n = 8 \text{ [for, } P(n, 5)]$$

5. If ${}^nP_4 = 360$, find the value of n .

Solution:

Given:

$${}^nP_4 = 360$$

nP_4 can be written as $P(n, 4)$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n-r)!$$

$$P(n, 4) = n!/(n-4)!$$

So, from the question,

$${}^nP_4 = P(n, 4) = 360$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$n!/(n-4)! = 360$$

$$[n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)!] / (n-4)! = 360$$

$$n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) = 360$$

$$n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) = 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3$$

On comparing,

The value of n is 6.

6. If $P(9, r) = 3024$, find r .

Solution:

Given:

$$P(9, r) = 3024$$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n - r)!$$

$$P(9, r) = 9!/(9 - r)!$$

So, from the question,

$$P(9, r) = 3024$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$9!/(9 - r)! = 3024$$

$$1/(9 - r)! = 3024/9!$$

$$= 3024/(9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)$$

$$= 3024/(3024 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1)$$

$$= 1/5!$$

$$(9 - r)! = 5!$$

$$9 - r = 5$$

$$-r = 5 - 9$$

$$-r = -4$$

\therefore The value of r is 4.

7. If $P(11, r) = P(12, r - 1)$, find r .

Solution:

Given:

$$P(11, r) = P(12, r - 1)$$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n - r)!$$

$$P(11, r) = 11!/(11 - r)!$$

$$P(12, r - 1) = 12!/(12 - (r - 1))!$$

$$= 12!/(12 - r + 1)!$$

$$= 12!/(13 - r)!$$

So, from the question,

$$P(11, r) = P(12, r - 1)$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$11!/(11 - r)! = 12!/(13 - r)!$$

Upon evaluating,

$$(13 - r)! / (11 - r)! = 12!/11!$$

$$[(13 - r)(13 - r - 1)(13 - r - 2)!] / (11 - r)! = (12 \times 11!)/11!$$

$$[(13 - r)(12 - r)(11 - r)!] / (11 - r)! = 12$$

$$(13 - r)(12 - r) = 12$$

$$156 - 12r - 13r + r^2 = 12$$

$$\begin{aligned}156 - 12 - 25r + r^2 &= 0 \\r^2 - 25r + 144 &= 0 \\r^2 - 16r - 9r + 144 &= 0 \\r(r - 16) - 9(r - 16) &= 0 \\(r - 9)(r - 16) &= 0 \\r &= 9 \text{ or } 16 \\ \text{For, } P(n, r): r &\leq n \\ \therefore r &= 9 [\text{for, } P(11, r)]\end{aligned}$$

8. If $P(n, 4) = 12 \cdot P(n, 2)$, find n .

Solution:

Given:

$$P(n, 4) = 12 \cdot P(n, 2)$$

By using the formula,

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

$$P(n, 4) = \frac{n!}{(n-4)!}$$

$$P(n, 2) = \frac{n!}{(n-2)!}$$

So, from the question,

$$P(n, 4) = 12 \cdot P(n, 2)$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$\frac{n!}{(n-4)!} = 12 \times \frac{n!}{(n-2)!}$$

Upon evaluating,

$$\frac{n!}{(n-2)!} / \frac{n!}{(n-4)!} = 12$$

$$\frac{[(n-2)(n-2-1)(n-2-2)!]}{(n-4)!} = 12$$

$$\frac{[(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)!]}{(n-4)!} = 12$$

$$(n-2)(n-3) = 12$$

$$n^2 - 3n - 2n + 6 = 12$$

$$n^2 - 5n + 6 - 12 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 5n - 6 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 6n + n - 6 = 0$$

$$n(n-6) - 1(n-6) = 0$$

$$(n-6)(n-1) = 0$$

$$n = 6 \text{ or } 1$$

For, $P(n, r): n \geq r$

$$\therefore n = 6 [\text{for, } P(n, 4)]$$

9. If $P(n-1, 3) : P(n, 4) = 1 : 9$, find n .

Solution:

Given:

$$P(n-1, 3) : P(n, 4) = 1 : 9$$

$$P(n-1, 3) / P(n, 4) = 1 / 9$$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n! / (n - r)!$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(n-1, 3) &= (n-1)! / (n-1-3)! \\ &= (n-1)! / (n-4)! \end{aligned}$$

$$P(n, 4) = n! / (n-4)!$$

So, from the question,

$$P(n-1, 3) / P(n, 4) = 1 / 9$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$[(n-1)! / (n-4)!] / [n! / (n-4)!] = 1/9$$

$$[(n-1)! / (n-4)!] \times [(n-4)! / n!] = 1/9$$

$$(n-1)! / n! = 1/9$$

$$(n-1)! / n(n-1)! = 1/9$$

$$1/n = 1/9$$

$$n = 9$$

∴ The value of n is 9.

10. If $P(2n-1, n) : P(2n+1, n-1) = 22 : 7$ find n.

Solution:

Given:

$$P(2n-1, n) : P(2n+1, n-1) = 22 : 7$$

$$P(2n-1, n) / P(2n+1, n-1) = 22 / 7$$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n! / (n - r)!$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(2n-1, n) &= (2n-1)! / (2n-1-n)! \\ &= (2n-1)! / (n-1)! \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(2n+1, n-1) &= (2n+1)! / (2n+1-n+1)! \\ &= (2n+1)! / (n+2)! \end{aligned}$$

So, from the question,

$$P(2n-1, n) / P(2n+1, n-1) = 22 / 7$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$[(2n-1)! / (n-1)!] / [(2n+1)! / (n+2)!] = 22/7$$

$$[(2n-1)! / (n-1)!] \times [(n+2)! / (2n+1)!] = 22/7$$

$$[(2n-1)! / (n-1)!] \times [(n+2)(n+2-1)(n+2-2)(n+2-3)!] / [(2n+1)(2n+1-1)(2n+1-2)] = 22/7$$

$$[(2n-1)! / (n-1)!] \times [(n+2)(n+1)n(n-1)!] / [(2n+1)2n(2n-1)!] = 22/7$$

$$[(n+2)(n+1)] / (2n+1)^2 = 22/7$$

$$7(n+2)(n+1) = 22 \times 2(2n+1)$$

$$7(n^2 + n + 2n + 2) = 88n + 44$$

$$7(n^2 + 3n + 2) = 88n + 44$$

$$7n^2 + 21n + 14 = 88n + 44$$

$$7n^2 + 21n - 88n + 14 - 44 = 0$$

$$7n^2 - 67n - 30 = 0$$

$$7n^2 - 70n + 3n - 30 = 0$$

$$7n(n - 10) + 3(n - 10) = 0$$

$$(n - 10)(7n + 3) = 0$$

$$n = 10, -3/7$$

We know that, $n \neq -3/7$

\therefore The value of n is 10.

11. If $P(n, 5) : P(n, 3) = 2 : 1$, find n .

Solution:

Given:

$$P(n, 5) : P(n, 3) = 2 : 1$$

$$P(n, 5) / P(n, 3) = 2 / 1$$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n! / (n - r)!$$

$$P(n, 5) = n! / (n - 5)!$$

$$P(n, 3) = n! / (n - 3)!$$

So, from the question,

$$P(n, 5) / P(n, 3) = 2 / 1$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$[n! / (n - 5)!] / [n! / (n - 3)!] = 2/1$$

$$[n! / (n - 5)!] \times [(n - 3)! / n!] = 2/1$$

$$(n - 3)! / (n - 5)! = 2/1$$

$$[(n - 3)(n - 3 - 1)(n - 3 - 2)!] / (n - 5)! = 2/1$$

$$[(n - 3)(n - 4)(n - 5)!] / (n - 5)! = 2/1$$

$$(n - 3)(n - 4) = 2$$

$$n^2 - 3n - 4n + 12 = 2$$

$$n^2 - 7n + 12 - 2 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 7n + 10 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 5n - 2n + 10 = 0$$

$$n(n - 5) - 2(n - 5) = 0$$

$$(n - 5)(n - 2) = 0$$

$$n = 5 \text{ or } 2$$

For, $P(n, r)$: $n \geq r$

$\therefore n = 5$ [for, $P(n, 5)$]

12. Prove that:

$$1. P(1, 1) + 2. P(2, 2) + 3. P(3, 3) + \dots + n. P(n, n) = P(n + 1, n + 1) - 1.$$

Solution:

By using the formula,

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

$$P(n, n) = \frac{n!}{(n - n)!}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{0!}$$

$$= n! \text{ [Since, } 0! = 1]$$

Consider LHS:

$$= 1. P(1, 1) + 2. P(2, 2) + 3. P(3, 3) + \dots + n. P(n, n)$$

$$= 1.1! + 2.2! + 3.3! + \dots + n.n! \text{ [Since, } P(n, n) = n!]$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n r.r!$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n r.r! + r! - r!$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n (r + 1)r! - r!$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n (r + 1)! - r!$$

$$= (2! - 1!) + (3! - 2!) + (4! - 3!) + \dots + (n! - (n - 1)!) + ((n + 1)! - n!)$$

$$= 2! - 1! + 3! - 2! + 4! - 3! + \dots + n! - (n - 1)! + (n + 1)! - n!$$

$$= (n + 1)! - 1!$$

$$= (n + 1)! - 1 \text{ [Since, } P(n, n) = n!]$$

$$= P(n + 1, n + 1) - 1$$

$$= \text{RHS}$$

Hence Proved.

13. If $P(15, r - 1) : P(16, r - 2) = 3 : 4$, find r .

Solution:

Given:

$$P(15, r - 1) : P(16, r - 2) = 3 : 4$$

$$P(15, r - 1) / P(16, r - 2) = 3/4$$

By using the formula,

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

$$P(15, r - 1) = \frac{15!}{(15 - r + 1)!}$$

$$= 15! / (16 - r)!$$

$$P(16, r - 2) = 16! / (16 - r + 2)!$$

$$= 16! / (18 - r)!$$

So, from the question,

$$P(15, r - 1) / P(16, r - 2) = 3/4$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$[15! / (16 - r)!] / [16! / (18 - r)!] = 3/4$$

$$[15! / (16 - r)!] \times [(18 - r)! / 16!] = 3/4$$

$$[15! / (16 - r)!] \times [(18 - r)(18 - r - 1)(18 - r - 2)!] / (16 \times 15!) = 3/4$$

$$1 / (16 - r)! \times [(18 - r)(17 - r)(16 - r)!] / 16 = 3/4$$

$$(18 - r)(17 - r) = 3/4 \times 16$$

$$(18 - r)(17 - r) = 12$$

$$306 - 18r - 17r + r^2 = 12$$

$$306 - 12 - 35r + r^2 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 35r + 294 = 0$$

$$r^2 - 21r - 14r + 294 = 0$$

$$r(r - 21) - 14(r - 21) = 0$$

$$(r - 14)(r - 21) = 0$$

$$r = 14 \text{ or } 21$$

For, $P(n, r)$: $r \leq n$

$$\therefore r = 14 \text{ [for, } P(15, r - 1)]$$

14. ${}^{n+5}P_{n+1} = 11(n - 1)/2 {}^{n+3}P_n$, find n .

Solution:

Given:

$${}^{n+5}P_{n+1} = 11(n - 1)/2 {}^{n+3}P_n$$

$$P(n + 5, n + 1) = 11(n - 1)/2 P(n + 3, n)$$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n! / (n - r)!$$

$$P(n + 5, n + 1) = \frac{(n + 5)!}{(n + 5 - n - 1)!} = \frac{(n + 5)!}{4!}$$

$$P(n + 3, n) = \frac{(n + 3)!}{(n + 3 - n)!} = \frac{(n + 3)!}{3!}$$

So, from the question,

$$P(n + 5, n + 1) = 11(n - 1)/2 P(n + 3, n)$$

Substituting the obtained values in above expression we get,

$$\frac{(n + 5)!}{4!} = \frac{11(n - 1)}{2} \times \frac{(n + 3)!}{3!}$$

$$\frac{(n+5)!}{(n-1)(n+3)!} = \frac{11}{2} \times \frac{4!}{3!}$$

$$\frac{(n+5)(n+5-1)(n+5-2)!}{(n-1)(n+3)!} = \frac{11}{2} \times \frac{4 \times 3!}{3!}$$

$$\frac{(n+5)(n+4)(n+3)!}{(n-1)(n+3)!} = \frac{44}{2}$$

$$\frac{(n+5)(n+4)}{(n-1)} = 22$$

$$(n+5)(n+4) = 22(n-1)$$

$$n^2 + 4n + 5n + 20 = 22n - 22$$

$$n^2 + 9n + 20 - 22n + 22 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 13n + 42 = 0$$

$$n^2 - 6n - 7n + 42 = 0$$

$$n(n-6) - 7(n-6) = 0$$

$$(n-7)(n-6) = 0$$

$$n = 7 \text{ or } 6$$

∴ The value of n can either be 6 or 7.

15. In how many ways can five children stand in a queue?

Solution:

Number of arrangements of 'n' things taken all at a time = P (n, n)

So by using the formula,

By using the formula,

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

The total number of ways in which five children can stand in a queue = the number of arrangements of 5 things taken all at a time = P (5, 5)

So,

$$P(5, 5) = \frac{5!}{(5-5)!}$$

$$= \frac{5!}{0!}$$

$$= 5! \text{ [Since, } 0! = 1]$$

$$= 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

$$= 120$$

Hence, Number of ways in which five children can stand in a queue are 120.

16. From among the 36 teachers in a school, one principal and one vice-principal are to be appointed. In how many ways can this be done?

Solution:

Given:

The total number of teachers in a school = 36

We know, number of arrangements of n things taken r at a time = $P(n, r)$

By using the formula,

$$P(n, r) = n!/(n - r)!$$

∴ The total number of ways in which this can be done = the number of arrangements of 36 things taken 2 at a time = $P(36, 2)$

$$P(36, 2) = 36!/(36 - 2)!$$

$$= 36!/34!$$

$$= (36 \times 35 \times 34!)/34!$$

$$= 36 \times 35$$

$$= 1260$$

Hence, Number of ways in which one principal and one vice-principal are to be appointed out of total 36 teachers in school are 1260.