

Exercise 6.5

1. In how many different ways can 8 friends sit around a table?

Solution:

We know that 'n' persons can sit around a table in $(n - 1)!$ ways

\therefore 8 friends can sit around a table in $(8 - 1)! = 7!$ ways $= 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 5040$ ways.

\therefore 8 friends can sit around a table in 5040 ways.

2. A party has 20 participants and a host. Find the number of distinct ways for the host to sit with them around a circular table. How many of these ways have two specified persons on either side of the host?

Solution:

A party has 20 participants.

All of them and the host (i.e., 21 persons) can be seated at a circular table in $(21 - 1)! = 20!$ ways.

When two particular participants be seated on either side of the host.

Host takes chair in 1 way.

These 2 persons can sit on either side of host in $2!$ ways

Let Two Particular person and 1 host be consider as 1 unit

Now it become arrangement of 19 Person.

\therefore 19 Person can be arrange in $(19-1)! = 18!$ Ways.

\therefore Total number of arrangement possible if two particular participants be seated on either side of the host = $2! \times 18!$

3. Delegates from 24 countries participate in a round table discussion. Find the number of seating arrangements where two specified delegates are

- always together.
- never together.

Solution:

i. Delegates of 24 countries are to participate in a round table discussion such that two specified delegates are always together.

Let us consider these 2 delegates as one unit.

They can be arranged among themselves in $2!$ ways.

Also these two delegates are to be seated with 22 other delegates (i.e. total 23) which can be done in $(23 - 1)! = 22!$ ways.

\therefore Total number of arrangement if two specified delegates are always together = $22! \times 2!$

ii When 2 specified delegates are never together then, other 22 delegates can be participate in a round table discussion in $(22 - 1)! = 21!$ ways.

\therefore There are 22 places of which any 2 places can be filled by those 2 delegates who are never together.

\therefore Two specified delegates can be arranged in ${}^{22}P_2$ ways.

\therefore Total number of arrangements if two specified delegates are never together

$$= {}^{22}P_2 \times 21!$$

$$= \frac{22!}{(22 - 2)!} \times 21!$$

$$= \frac{22!}{20!} \times 21!$$

$$= 22 \times 21 \times 21!$$

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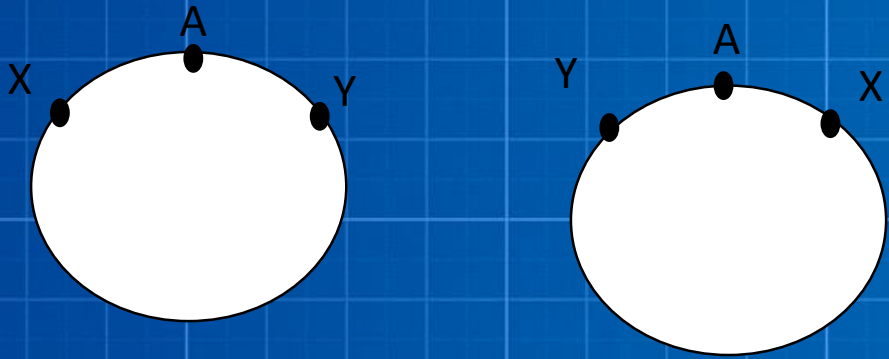
4. Find the number of ways for 15 people to sit around the table so that no two arrangements have the same neighbors. Solution:

There are 15 people to sit around a table.

They can be arranged in $(15 - 1)! = 14!$ ways.

But, they should not have the same neighbor in any two arrangements.

Around table, arrangements (i.e. clockwise and antilock wise) coincide.



\therefore Number of arrangements possible for not to have same neighbors $= \frac{14!}{2}$

5. A committee of 20 members sits around a table. Find the number of arrangements that have the president and the vice president together.

Solution:

A committee of 20 members sits around a table.

But, President and Vice-president sit together.

Let us consider President and Vice-president as one unit.

They can be arranged among themselves in $2!$ ways.

Now, this unit with other 18 members of committee are to be arranged around a table, which can be done in $(19 - 1)! = 18!$ Ways.

\therefore Total number of arrangement possible if president and vice-president sit together = $18! \times 2!$

6. Five men, two women and a child sit around a table. Find the number of arrangements where the child is seated
- between the two women.
 - between two men.

Solution:

- 5 men, 2 women and a child sit around a table

When child is seated between two women

∴ The two women can be seated on either side of the child in $2!$ ways.

Let us consider these 3 (two women and a child) as one unit.

Also, these 3 are to be seated with 5 men, (i.e. total 6 units) which can be done in $(6 - 1)! = 5!$ ways.

∴ Total number of arrangements if child is seated between two women = $5! \times 2!$

- Two men out of 5 men can sit on either side of child in 5P_2 ways.

Let us take two men and child as one unit.

Now these are to be arranged with remaining 3 men and 2 women i.e., totally 6 units $(3 + 2 + 1)$ are to be arranged around a round table which can be done in $(6 - 1)! = 5!$ ways.

∴ Total number of arrangements, if the child is seated between two men = ${}^5P_2 \times 5!$

7. Eight men and six women sit around table. How many of sitting arrangement will have no two women together?

Solution:

8 men can be seated around a table in $(8 - 1)! = 7!$ ways.

There are 8 gaps created by 8 men's seats.

\therefore 6 Women can be seated in 8 gaps in 8P_6 ways

\therefore Total number of arrangements so that no two women are together = $7! \times {}^8P_6$.

8. Find the number of seating arrangements for 3 men and 3 Women to sit around a table so that exactly two women are together.

Solution:

Two women sit together and one woman sits separately.

Woman sitting separate can be selected in 3 ways.

Other two women occupy two chairs in one way (as it is circular arrangement).

They can be seated on those two chairs in 2 ways.

Suppose two chairs are chairs 1 and 2 shown in figure. Then third woman has only two options viz chairs 4 or 5.

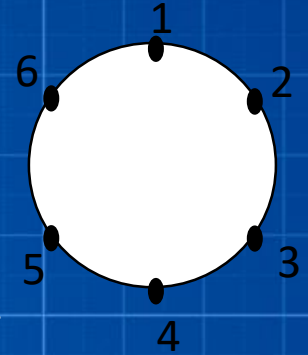
\therefore Third woman can be seated in 2 ways.

3 men are seated in $3!$ ways

Required number = $3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3!$

$$= 12 \times 6$$

$$= 72$$



9. Four objects in a set of ten objects are alike. Find the number of ways of arranging them in a circular order.

Solution:

Ten things can be arranged in a circular order of which 4 are alike in $\frac{9!}{4!}$ ways.

\therefore Required total number of arrangements = $\frac{9!}{4!}$

10. Fifteen persons sit around a table. Find the number of arrangements that have two specified persons not sitting side by side.

Solution:

Since 2 particular persons can't be sitting side by side.

The other 13 persons can be arranged around the table in $(13 - 1)! = 12!$

13 people around a table create 13 gaps in which 2 persons are to be seated

Number of arrangements of 2 persons = ${}^{13}P_2$

\therefore Total number of arrangements in which two specified persons are not sitting side by side

$$= 12! \times {}^{13}P_2$$

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