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Solutions
Class 11 Maths
Chapter 17
Ex 17.1

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q1(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
& {}^{14}C_3 \\
&= \frac{14!}{3!(14-3)!} \quad \left(\because {}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right) \\
&= \frac{14!}{3!1!1!} \\
&= \frac{14 \times 13 \times 12 \times 11!}{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 11!} \\
&= \frac{14 \times 13 \times 12}{6} \\
&= 364
\end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q1(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
& {}^{12}C_{10} \\
&= \frac{12!}{10!(12-10)!} \quad \left(\because {}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right) \\
&= \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10!}{10! \times 2 \times 1} \\
&= 66
\end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q1(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
& {}^{35}C_{35} \\
&= \frac{35!}{35!(35-35)!} \quad \left(\because {}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right) \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q1(iv)

$$\begin{aligned}
& {}^{n+1}C_n \\
&= \frac{(n+1)!}{(n!)(n+1-n)!} \quad \left(\because {}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right) \\
&= \frac{(n+1) \times n!}{n! \times 1!} \\
&= n+1
\end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q1(v)

$$\sum_{r=1}^5 {}^5C_r$$

$$= {}^5C_1 + {}^5C_2 + {}^5C_3 + {}^5C_4 + {}^5C_5$$

$$= \frac{5!}{1!4!} + \frac{5!}{2!3!} + \frac{5!}{3!2!} + \frac{5!}{4!1!} + \frac{5!}{5!0!}$$

$$\left(\because {}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right)$$

$$= 5 + \frac{5 \times 4}{2} + \frac{5 \times 4}{2} + 5 + 1$$

$$= 5 + 10 + 10 + 5 + 1$$

$$= 31$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q2

$${}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Hence $n = n$

$$r = 12 \text{ and } 5$$

Applying formula

$${}^nC_p = {}^nC_q = n$$

Then $p + q = n$

$$\Rightarrow {}^nC_{12} = {}^nC_5$$
$$12 + 5 = n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 17$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q3

$$\text{If } {}^n C_p = {}^n C_q$$

$$\text{Then } p + q = n$$

$$\text{Also } {}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} {}^n C_4 &= {}^n C_6 \\ 4 + 6 &= n \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 10$$

$$\text{then } {}^{12} C_n = {}^{12} C_{10}$$

Applying (i)

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{12} C_{10} &= \frac{12!}{10! 2!} \\ &= \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10!}{10! \times 2 \times 1} \\ &= \frac{12 \times 11}{2 \times 1} = 66 \end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q4

$$\text{If } {}^n C_p = {}^n C_q$$

$$\text{Then } p + q = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} {}^n C_{10} &= {}^n C_{12} \\ 10 + 12 &= n \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 22$$

Find ${}^{23} C_n$

$$\Rightarrow {}^{23} C_{22}$$

$$= \frac{23!}{22! 1!}$$

$$= \frac{23 \times 22!}{22!}$$

$$= 23$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q5

$$\text{If } {}^n C_p = {}^n C_r \quad \text{then } p + r = n$$

$$\therefore x + 2x + 3 = 24$$

$$3x = 21$$

$$x = 7$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q6

$$\text{If } {}^n C_p = {}^n C_q$$

$$\Rightarrow p + q = n$$

$$\text{also } C_x = {}^{18} C_{x+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + x + 2 = 18$$

$$2x + 2 = 18$$

$$2x = 18 - 2 = 16$$

$$2x = 16$$

$$x = 8$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q7

$$\text{If } {}^n C_p = {}^n C_q$$

$$\text{Then } p + q = n$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^{15} C_{3r} = {}^{15} C_{r+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r + r + 3 = 15$$

$$4r + 3 = 15$$

$$4r = 15 - 3 = 12$$

$$r = 3$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q8

$${}^8C_r = {}^7C_2 + {}^7C_3$$

Applying formula ${}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

$$\frac{8!}{r!(8-r)!} = \frac{7!}{2!5!} + \frac{7!}{3!4!}$$

$$\frac{8 \times 7!}{r!(8-r)!} = \frac{7!}{2 \times 5 \times 4!} + \frac{7!}{3 \times 2 \times 4!}$$

$$\frac{8 \times 7!}{r!(8-r)!} = \frac{7!}{2 \times 4!} \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

Cancelling 7! from both sides

$$\frac{8}{r!(8-r)!} = \frac{8}{2 \times 15 \times 4!}$$

Cancelling 8 on both sides

$$2 \times 5 \times 3 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = r!(8-r)!$$

$$(3 \times 2)(5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1) = r!(8-r)!$$

$$\Rightarrow r! = 3!$$

$$r = 3$$

or $r! = 5!$

$$r = 5$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q9

$$\frac{\frac{15!}{(15-r)! r!}}{\frac{15!}{(15-r+1)!(r-1)!}} = \frac{11}{5}$$

$$\frac{\frac{15!}{(15-r)(16-r)! r(r-1)!}}{\frac{15!}{(16-r)!(r-1)!}} = \frac{11}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{16-r}{r} = \frac{11}{5}$$

$$80 - 5r = 11r$$

$$80 = 16r$$

$$r = \frac{80}{16}$$

$$= 5$$

$$r = 5$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q10

$${}^{n+2}C_8 : {}^{n-2}P_4 = 57 : 16$$

$$\frac{(n+2)!}{8!(n-6)!} = \frac{57}{16} \cdot \frac{(n-2)!}{(n-6)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(n+2)(n+1)(n)(n-1)(n-2)!}{8!(n-2)!} = \frac{57}{16}$$

Cancelling $(n-2)!$ from numerator and denominator

$$\Rightarrow (n+2)(n+1)(n)(n-1) = \frac{57 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 1 \times 16}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+2)(n+1)(n)(n-1) = 21 \times 20 \times 19 \times 18$$

comparing both sides $n = 19$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q11

$$\frac{\frac{28!}{(2r)!(28-2r)!}}{24!} = \frac{225}{(2r-4)!(24-(2r-4))!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{28 \times 27 \times 26 \times 25 \times 24! (2r-4)!(28-2r)!}{(2r)!(28-2r)! 24!} = \frac{225}{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{28 \times 27 \times 26 \times 25}{2r \times (2r-1) \times (2r-2) (2r-3)} = \frac{225}{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{28 \times 27 \times 26 \times 25 \times 11}{15 \times 15} = 2r(2r-1)(2r-2)(2r-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 11 \times 12 \times 13 \times 14 = 2r(2r-1)(2r-2)(2r-3)$$

Composing both sides $r = 7$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q12

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\frac{4n!}{(2n)!(2n)!}}{\frac{2n!}{n!n!}} \left(\because {}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right) \\
&= \frac{(4n)!}{(2n)!(2n)!} \times \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!^2} \\
&= \frac{[1.2.3.4\dots(4n-1)(4n)](n!)^2}{(2n)! [1.2.3.4\dots(2n-2)(2n-1)(2n)]^2} \\
&= \frac{[1.3.5\dots(4n-1)] \times [2.4.6\dots 4n] \times (n!)^2}{(2n)! [1.3.5\dots(2n-1)]^2 \times [2.4.6\dots(2n-2)(2n)]^2} \\
&= \frac{[1.3.5\dots(4n-1)] \times 2^{2n} \times [1.2.3\dots 2n] \times n!^2}{(2n)! \times [1.3.5\dots(2n-1)]^2 \times 2^{2n} \times n!^2} \\
&= \frac{[1.3.5\dots(4n-1)]}{[1.3.5\dots(2n-1)]^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence Proved

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q13

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\frac{2n!}{3!(2n-3)!}}{\frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!}} \\
\Rightarrow & \frac{2n! \cdot 2!(n-2)!}{3!(2n-3)!n!} = \frac{44}{3} \\
\Rightarrow & \frac{2n!}{3n! (n-1)(2n-3)!} = \frac{44}{3} \\
\Rightarrow & 2n(2n-1)(2n-2) = 44n(n-1) \\
\Rightarrow & (2n-1)(n-1) = 11(n-1) \\
& \text{Q } n = 6 \\
\therefore & n = 6
\end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q14

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } {}^n C_r &= {}^n C_p \\ \text{then } r + p &= n \\ \therefore 16 &= r + r + 2 \\ r &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } {}^r C_4 &= {}^7 C_4 \quad (\because r = 7) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{7!}{4!(7-4)!} & \left(\because {}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{7 \times 5 \times 6}{3 \times 2} \\ &= 35 \end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q15

$$\begin{aligned} & {}^{20}C_5 + \sum_{r=2}^5 {}^{25-r}C_4 \\ \Rightarrow & ({}^{20}C_5 + {}^{20}C_4) + {}^{21}C_4 + {}^{22}C_4 + {}^{23}C_4 \\ \Rightarrow & ({}^{21}C_5 + {}^{21}C_4) + {}^{22}C_4 + {}^{23}C_4 \quad (\because {}^n C_{r-1} + {}^n C_r = {}^{n+1} C_r) \\ \Rightarrow & ({}^{22}C_5 + {}^{22}C_4) + {}^{23}C_4 \quad (\because {}^n C_{r-1} + {}^n C_r = {}^{n+1} C_r) \\ \Rightarrow & {}^{23}C_5 + {}^{23}C_4 \quad (\because {}^n C_{r-1} + {}^n C_r = {}^{n+1} C_r) \\ \Rightarrow & {}^{24}C_5 \\ \Rightarrow & 42504 \end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q16

$$\text{Product} = [(2n+1)(2n+3)(2n+5)\dots(2n+r)]$$

$$= \frac{(2n)! [(2n+1)(2n+3)\dots(2n+r)]}{(2n)!}$$

$$= \frac{(2n)! [(2n-1)(2n-2)\dots 4 \cdot 2(2n+1)(2n+3)]}{(2n)!}$$

$$= \frac{(2n+r)!}{(2n)!}$$

Hence $r = 2n$

$$= \frac{(2n+2n)!}{2n}$$

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

$$= (2n)!$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q17

$$\text{L.H.S.} = {}^{2n}C_n + {}^{2n}C_{n-1}$$

$$\frac{2n!}{n!n!} + \frac{2n!}{(n-1)!(n-1)!}$$

$$= (2n)! \left[\frac{1}{n(n-1)!(n-1)!} + \frac{1}{(n-1)!(n-1)!} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(2n)!}{(n-1)!(n-1)!} \left[\frac{1+n^2}{n^2} \right] \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$${}^{2n+2}C_{n+1} = \frac{(2n+2)!}{(n+1)!(n+1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)(2n)!}{n(n+1)(n-1)!(n+1)n(n-1)!} \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2n)!}{(n-1)!(n-1)!} \times \frac{(n+1)^2(n-1)!(n-1)!}{(2n+2)(2n+1)(2n)!} \times \left(\frac{1+n^2}{n^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)^2(1+n^2)}{(2n+2)(2n+1)} = \frac{(n+1)(n+1)(n^2+1)}{2(n+1)(2n+1)}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n^2+1)}{(2n+1)} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q18

${}^n C_4$, ${}^n C_5$, and ${}^n C_6$ are in A.P

$$\therefore {}^n C_5 - {}^n C_4 = {}^n C_6 - {}^n C_5$$

$$\frac{n!}{5!(n-5)!} - \frac{n!}{4!(n-4)!} = \frac{n!}{6!(n-6)!} - \frac{n!}{6!(n-5)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{4!(n-5)!} \left[\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{n-4} \right] = \frac{n!}{5!(n-6)!} \left[\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{n-5} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n-5} \left[\frac{n-4-5}{5(n-4)} \right] = \frac{1}{5} \left[\frac{n-5-6}{6(n-5)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n-9}{n-4} = \frac{n-11}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6n - 54 = n^2 - 15n + 44$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - 21n + 98 = 0$$

$$n = 7, 14$$

n is 7 or 14

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q19

We have ${}^{\alpha}C_2 = \frac{m(m-1)}{2} \left({}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } {}^{\alpha}C_2 &= \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{m(m-1)}{2}\right)\left(\frac{m(m-1)}{2}-1\right)}{2} \\ &= \frac{m(m-1)(m^2-m-2)}{2 \times 2 \times 2} = \frac{m(m-1)(m+1)(m-2)}{8} \\ &= \frac{m(m-1)(m+1)(m-2)}{4 \times 2} \end{aligned}$$

multiplying with 3, numerator and denominator to make 4:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Or } &= \frac{m(m+1)m(m-1)(m-2)}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \\ &= \frac{3(m+1)m(m-1)(m-2)}{4!} \\ &= 3 \cdot {}^{m+1}C_4 \quad \left(\because {}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q20(i)

$$\begin{aligned} {}^nC_r &= \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \\ {}^nC_{r-1} &= \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} \\ \frac{{}^nC_r}{{}^nC_{r-1}} &= \frac{n!(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}{r!(n-r)!n!} \\ &= \frac{(r-1)!(n-r+1) \times (n-r)!}{r \times (r-1)!(n-r)!} \\ &= \frac{n-r+1}{r} \end{aligned}$$

Hence Proved

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q20(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
& n \times {}^{n-1}C_{r-1} \\
&= n \times \frac{(n-1)!}{(r-1)![(n-1)-(r-1)]!} \\
&= \frac{n! \times (n-r+1)}{(r-1)!(n-r)!(n-r+1)}
\end{aligned}$$

multiplying numerator and denominator by $(n-r+1)$

$$= \frac{(n-r+1) \times n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}$$

$$= (n-r+1) {}^n C_{r-1}$$

Hence Proved

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q20(iii)

$${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$${}^{n-1}C_{r-1} = \frac{(n-1)!}{(r-1)!(n-1)-(r-1)!}$$

$$\text{Or } \frac{{}^n C_r}{{}^{n-1}C_{r-1}} = \frac{n!(r-1)!(n-r)!}{r!(n-r)!(n-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{n \times (n-1)!(r-1)! \times (n-r)!}{r \times (n-1)! \times (r-1)! \times (n-r)!}$$

$$= \frac{n}{r}$$

Hence Proved

Combinations Ex 17.1 Q20(iv)

$$\text{L.H.S} \Rightarrow {}^n C_r + 2 {}^n C_{r-1} + {}^n C_{r-2}$$

$$= ({}^n C_r + {}^n C_{r-1}) + ({}^n C_{r-2} + {}^n C_{r-1})$$

$$= {}^{n+1} C_r + {}^{n+1} C_{r-1} \quad [\because {}^n C_r + {}^n C_{r-1} = {}^{n+1} C_r]$$

$$= (n+1) {}^{n+1} C_r$$

$$= {}^{n+2} C_r$$