



Math Olympiad and Problem Solving Programs
E210 - Introductory Math Competitions
Problem Set 23.1 - Combinations

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1. $C_2^{10} = \frac{10!}{2!8!} = \frac{10 \cdot 9}{2 \cdot 1} = \boxed{45}$

2. $C_2^8 = \frac{8!}{2!6!} = \frac{8 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 1} = \boxed{28}$.

$C_6^8 = \frac{8!}{2!6!} = \frac{8 \cdot 7}{2 \cdot 1} = \boxed{28}$.

3. $\binom{2009}{0} = \frac{2009!}{0!2009!} = \frac{1}{0!} = \boxed{1}$

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4. $\binom{5}{0} + \binom{5}{1} + \binom{5}{2} + \binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4} + \binom{5}{5} = 1 + 5 + 10 + 10 + 5 + 1 = \boxed{32}$

Also, if you remember that the sum of the numbers in the n th row of Pascal's triangle is 2^n . Since the expression is the sum of all the numbers in the 5th row of Pascals triangle, the sum is $2^5 = 32$.

5. $\binom{25}{4} = C_4^{25}$

6. Choose 2 from 9, 3 from 5, and 3 from 4. Then we MULTIPLY, not add, the chooses.

$\binom{9}{2} \binom{5}{3} \binom{4}{3}$

7. $\binom{22}{11} = 705,432$

8. Choose 4 from 56 and 3 from 44. $\binom{56}{4} \binom{44}{3}$

9. We want to choose 4 diamonds from the 13 diamond cards, 3 spades from the 13 spade cards, and 3 clubs from the 13 club cards. $\binom{13}{4} \binom{13}{3} \binom{13}{3}$

10. First we choose 6 from the 20 actors. Now there are 14 left to choose from, and we choose 6 more. $\binom{20}{6} \binom{14}{6}$