Permutations - Part I



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Preliminaries

- Multiplication
- General Counting Principle
- Recursion

Objectives

- Count the number of ways to put *n* objects in order.
- Factorial Notation

















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- Pick the next runner in one of 6 ways, then arrange the remaining runners.

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- Pick the next runner in one of 6 ways, then arrange the remaining runners.
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Solution:

We need to put 5 letters in order, so the total number of ways to do this is $5! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 120$

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