

MATH 174, LECTURE 17

1. Go over homework.
2. Homework: page 336, numbers 9, 10, 11, 13
page 343, numbers 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 13
Quiz: Thursday (11/08) ← Change

Old

3. **Definition and Notation:** Let n and r be nonnegative integers with $r \leq n$. An r -combination of a set of n elements is a subset of r of the n elements. The symbol $\binom{n}{r}$ (read “ n choose r ”) denotes the number of r -combinations that are possible to form from a given set of n elements.

4. **Theorem 6.4.1:**
$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-r+1)}{r!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}.$$

5. **FOIL method and beyond (and simpler).** Explain the binomial theorem.

6. **Some Identities**

$$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r} \quad \text{and} \quad \binom{n+1}{r} = \binom{n}{r} + \binom{n}{r-1}$$

7. **Pascal’s triangle**

8. **Patterns**

- symmetry
- first and second element of a row
- sum of a row

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9. **Examples:** (1) If the 10th row of Pascal’s triangle is

1 12 55 170 322 374 322 170 55 12 1,

what is the 11th row?

- (2) page 326, number 19
- (3) page 343, number 4
- (4) page 343, number 8
- (5) page 343, number 10
- (6) page 343, number 14