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Combinatorics

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Combinatorics is the branch of mathematics studying the enumeration, combination, and permutation of sets of elements and the mathematical relations that characterize their properties.

Mathematicians sometimes use the term "combinatorics" to refer to a larger subset of discrete mathematics that includes graph theory. In that case, what is commonly called combinatorics is then referred to as "enumeration."

The Season 1 episode "Noisy Edge" (2005) of the television crime drama *NUMB3RS* mentions combinatorics.

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