



# Combinatorics

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Review

# Counting

We are counting:

# of **events**,

# of **outcomes**,

# of **objects**

# Two Key Rules

## Counting outcomes with **or**:

*Inclusion Exclusion:*

If outcomes can come from set A **or** set B, then the total number of outcomes is  $|A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ .

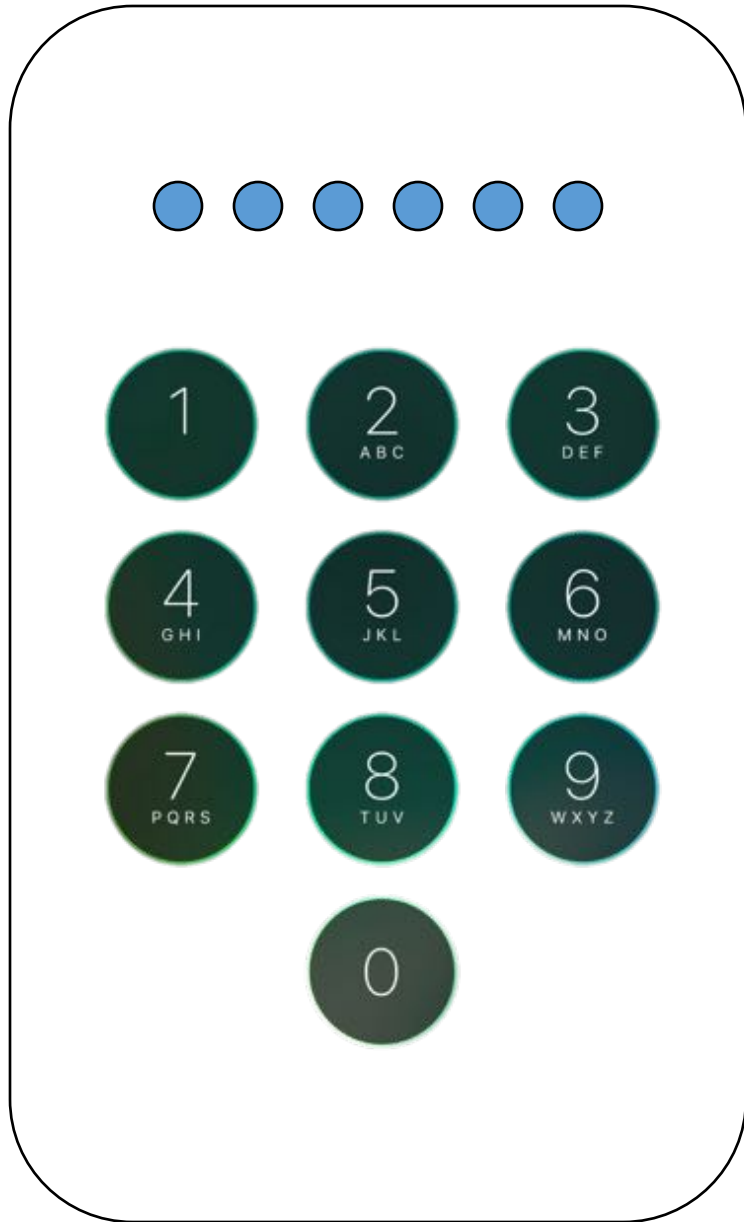
## Counting outcomes with **steps**:

*Product Rule of Counting:*

If outcomes are generated via a process with  $r$  **steps**, where step  $i$  has  $n_i$  outcomes, then the total number of outcomes is:

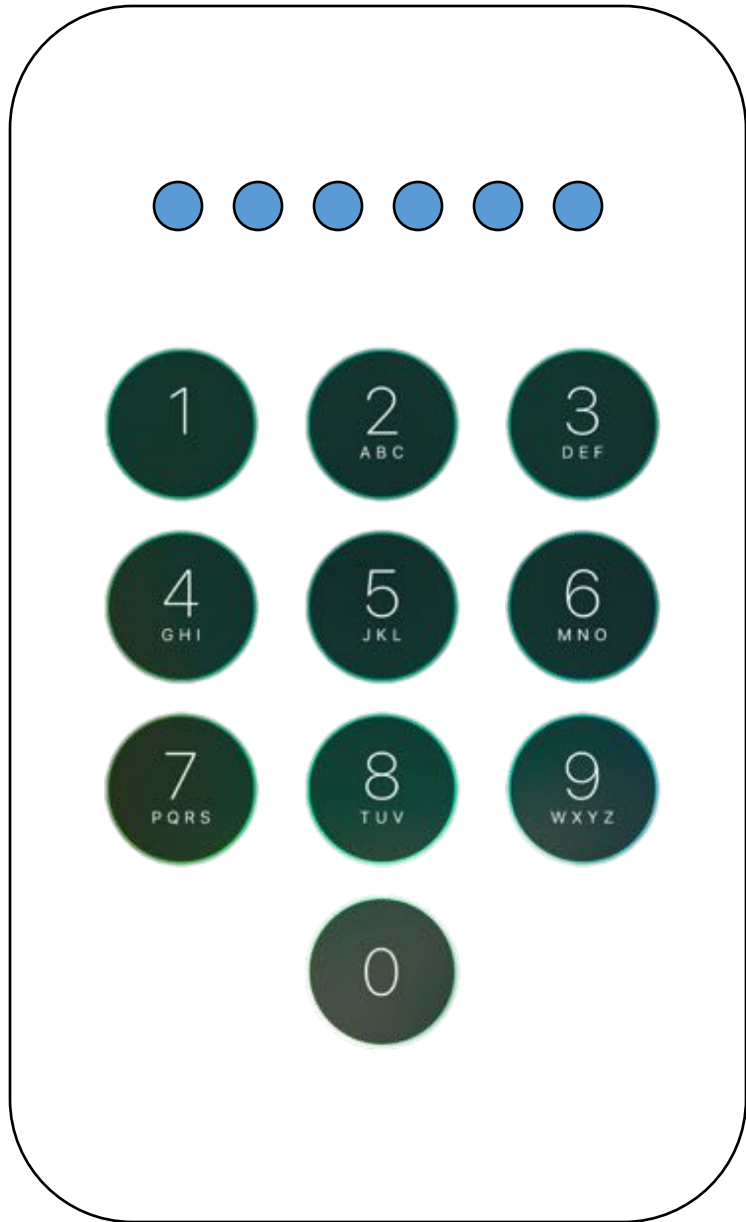
$$n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_r = \prod_{i=1}^r n_i$$

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$$10^6 = 1,000,000$$

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Tim



Irina



Joey



Waddie

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Sort 5 distinct cans:

Step 1: Chose first can (5 options)



Irina



# Sort $n$ Distinct Objects

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Step 1: Chose first can (5 options)

Step 2: Chose second can (4 options)



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$$5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 =$$

... **120 unique sorts**



# Sort $n$ Distinct Objects

## Def Permutations:

A permutation is an ordered arrangement of distinct object.

$n$  objects can be permuted in:

$$n \times (n - 1) \times (n - 2) \times \cdots \times 2 \times 1 = n!$$

(Select 1st object out of  $n$ , then 2nd object out of  $n - 1$ , etc.)



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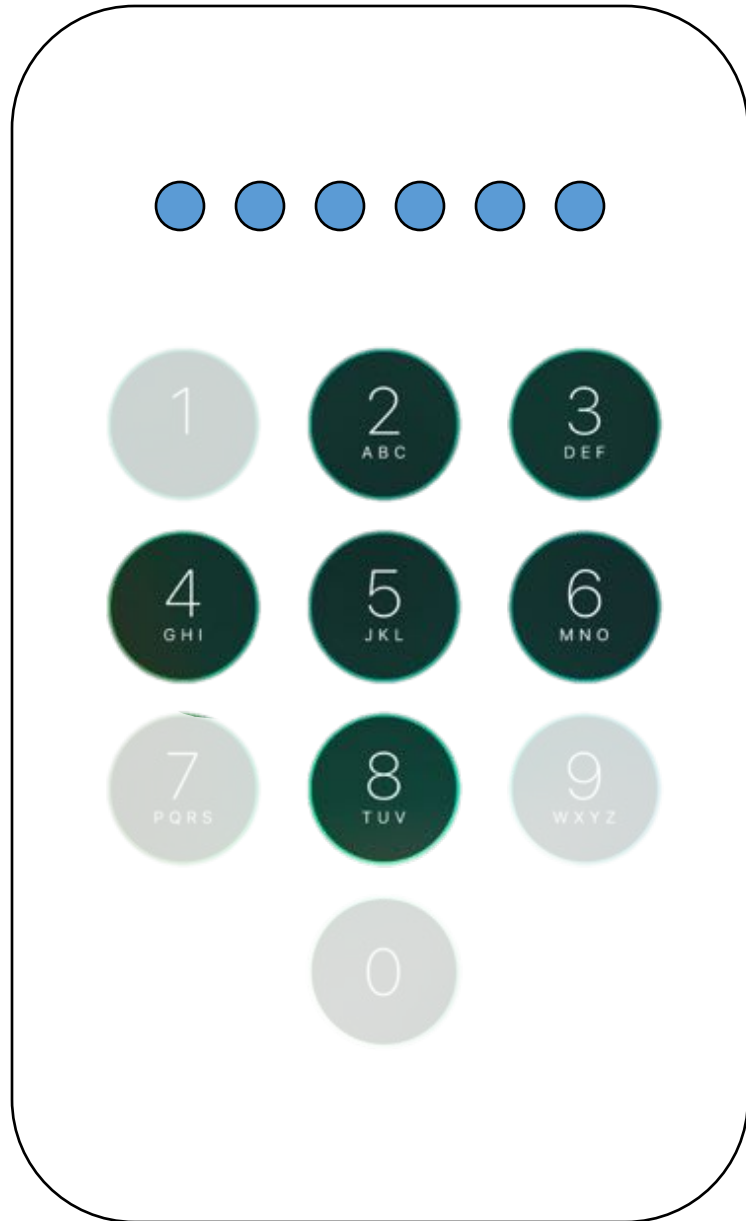


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= 120

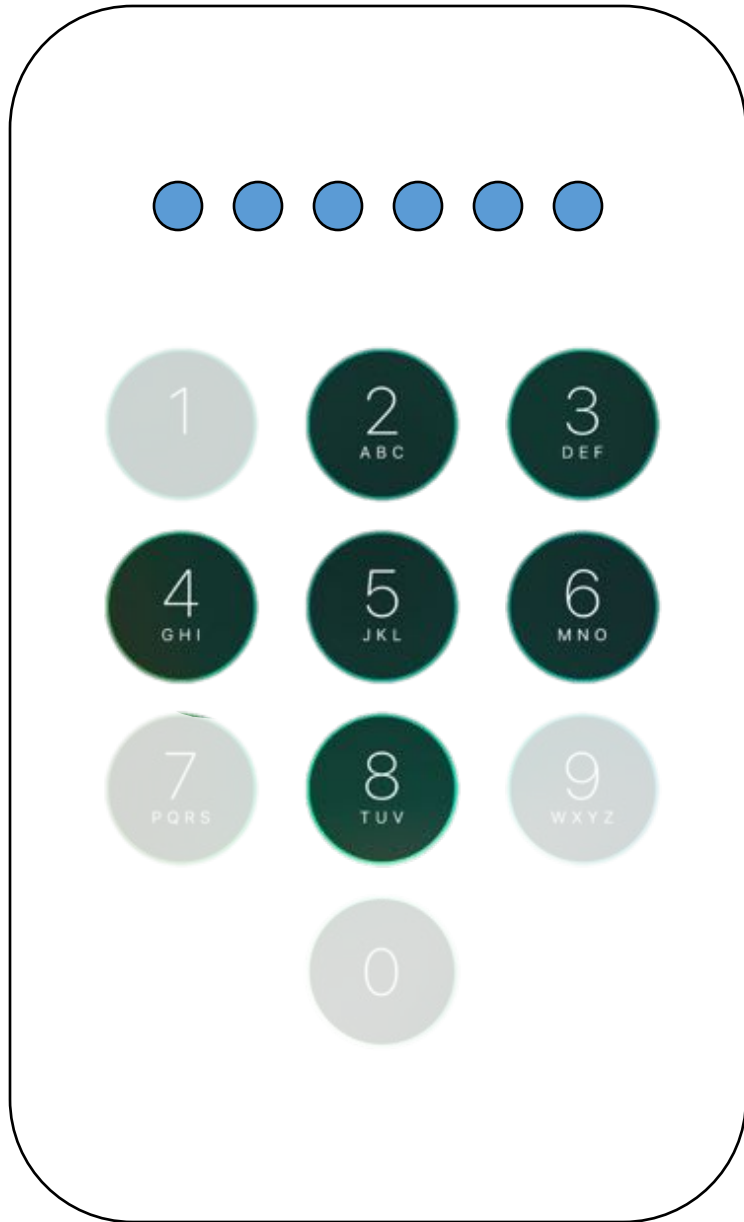


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$$6! = 720$$

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# Sort Semi-Distinct Objects



Coke



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$$= 120/2$$



# Sort Semi-Distinct Objects

Making perms of distinct objects is a two step process

Step 1

Step 2

perms of distinct objects

=

perms considering some objects are indistinct

×

perms of just the indistinct objects



# Sort Semi-Distinct Objects

perms of  
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# General Way to Count Permutations

## Def: General Permutations:

When there are  $n$  objects  
 $n_1$  are the same (indistinguishable) and  
 $n_2$  are the same and

...

$n_r$  are the same,

There are: 
$$\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\dots n_r!}$$

Unique orderings (“permutations”)



# How many orderings?



Coke



Coke0



Coke



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$$= 120 / (3! \times 2!) = 10$$



# How many orderings of letters?

MOO

MISSISSIPPI



# How many orderings of letters?

$$MOO = \frac{3!}{2!} = 3$$

M I S S I S S I P P I



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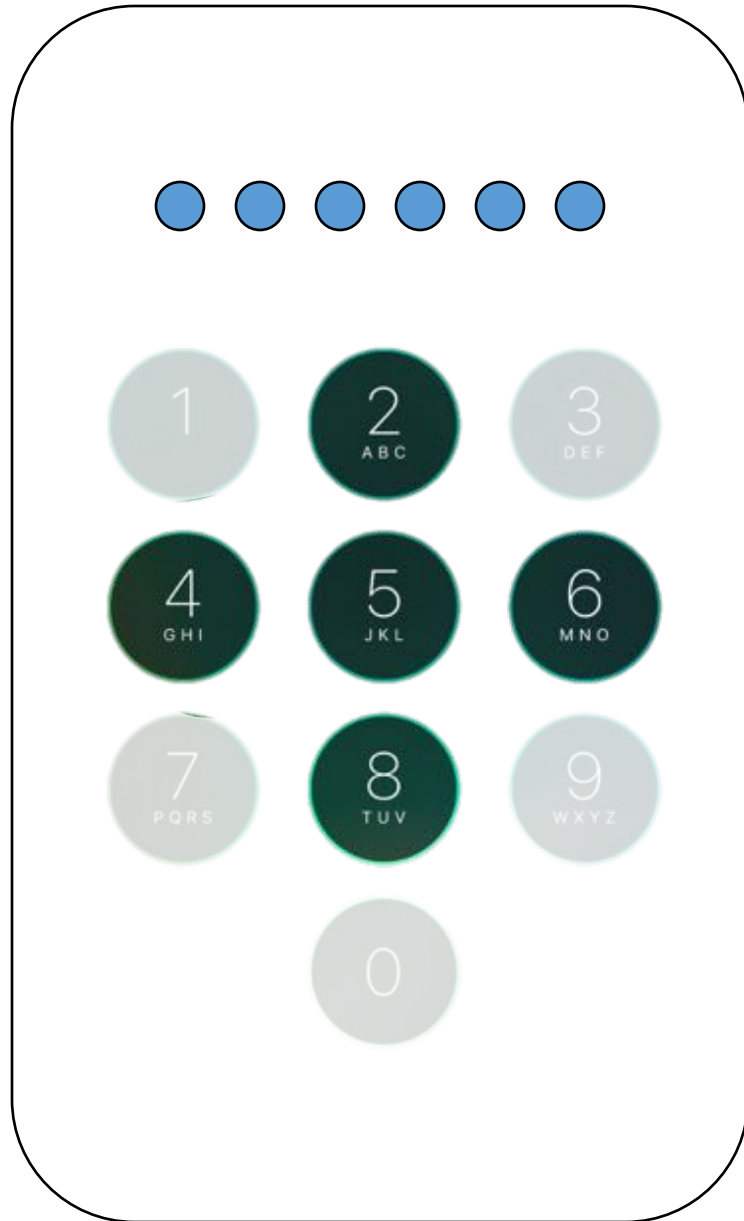
$$M00 = \frac{3!}{2!} = 3$$

M I S S I S S I P P I

$$= \frac{11!}{1!4!4!2!} = 34,650$$



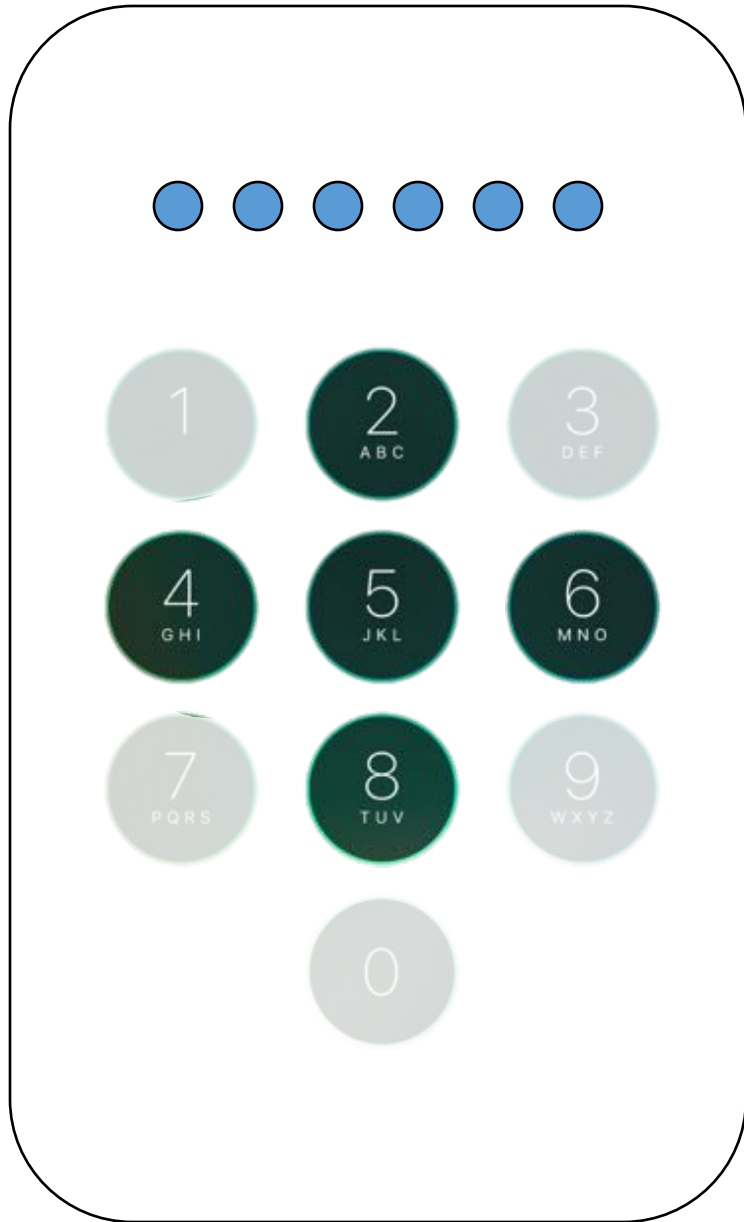
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Five mutually exclusive cases:

2 was repeated

4 was repeated

5 was repeated

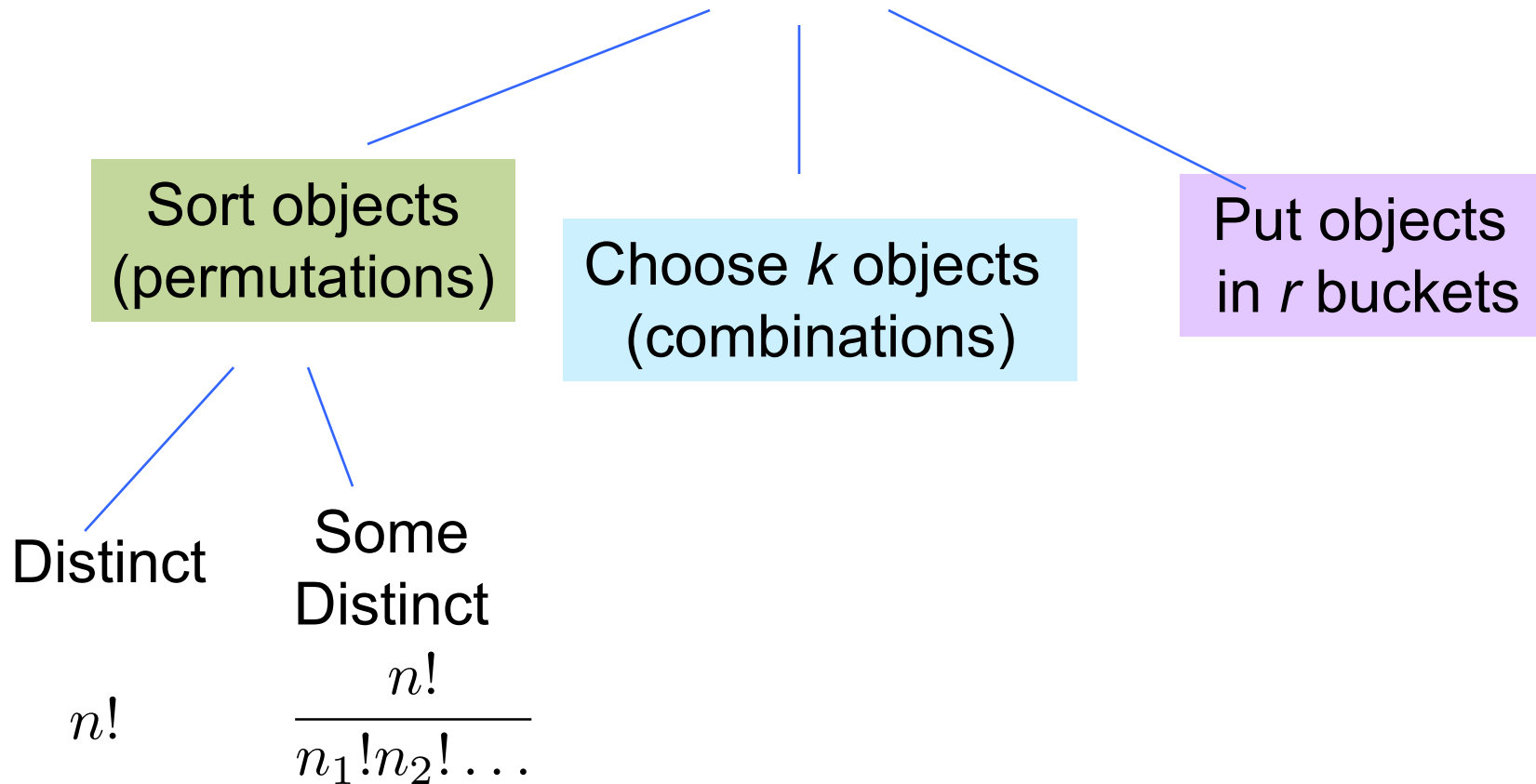
6 was repeated

8 was repeated

$$= 5 \times \frac{6!}{2!} = 1,800$$

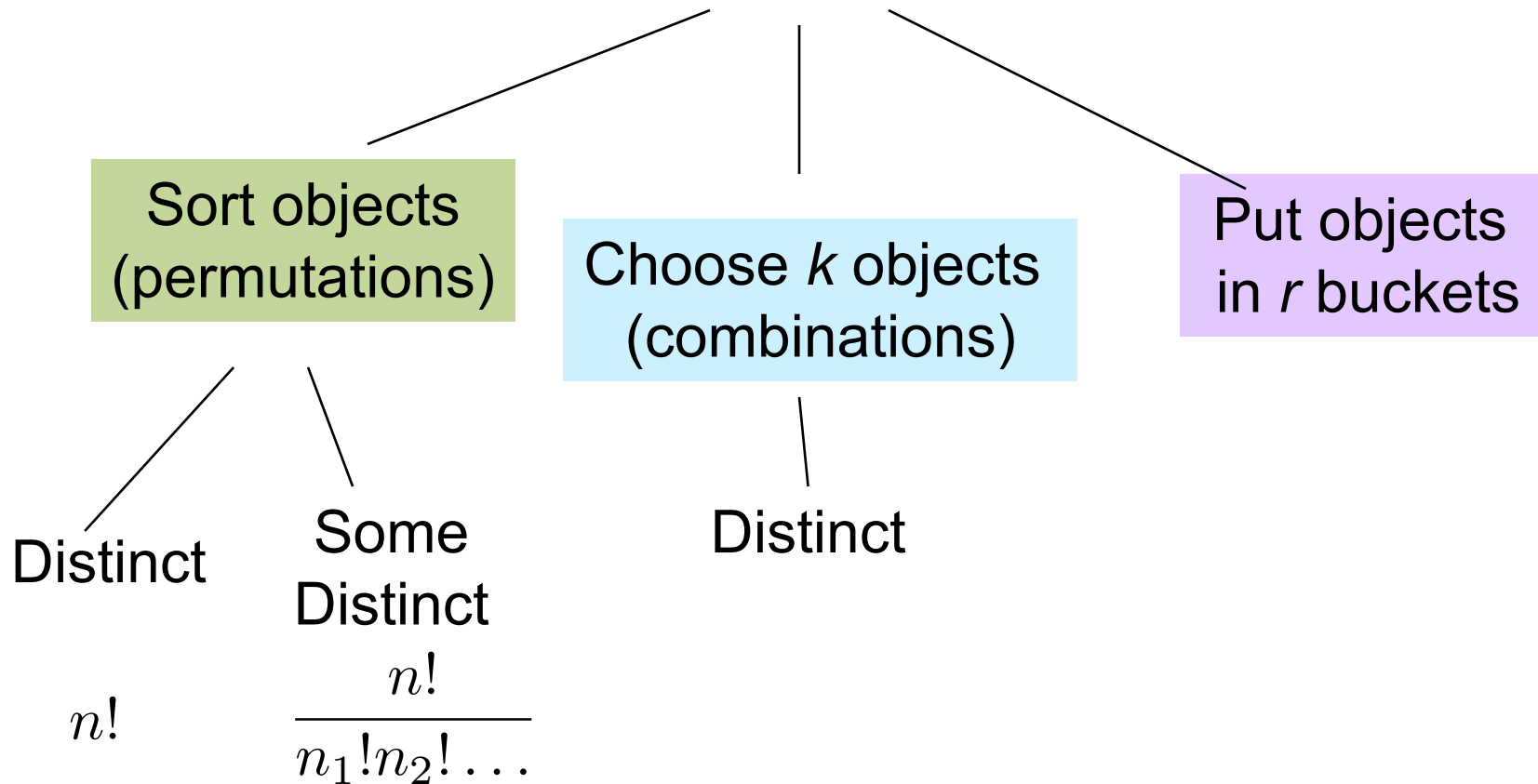
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There are  $n = 20$  people

How many ways can we Choose  $k = 5$  people to get cake?



Consider this  
generative process

# Step 1: Randomly order people

There are  $n = 20$  people

How many ways can we Choose  $k = 5$  people to get cake?



step 1 ways =  $n!$

# Step 2: Draw a line at pos $k$

There are  $n = 20$  people

How many ways can we Choose  $k = 5$  people to get cake?



1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8



9



10



11



12



13



14



15



16



17



18



19



20

step 2 ways = 1

# Step 3: Allow Cake Group to Mingle

There are  $n = 20$  people

How many ways can we Choose  $k = 5$  people to get cake?



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$k!$  different permutations  
lead to the same mingle

# Step 4: Allow nonCake Group to Mingle

There are  $n = 20$  people

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$(n - k)!$  different permutations lead to the same mingle

# Step 4: Allow nonCake Group to Mingle

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Randomly  
order  $n$   
objects

Designate the  
first  $k$  as  
chosen

$$\text{num ways} = n! \times 1 \times \frac{1}{k!(n-k)!}$$

Any ordering of  
chosen group is  
the same choice

Any ordering of  
non-chosen  
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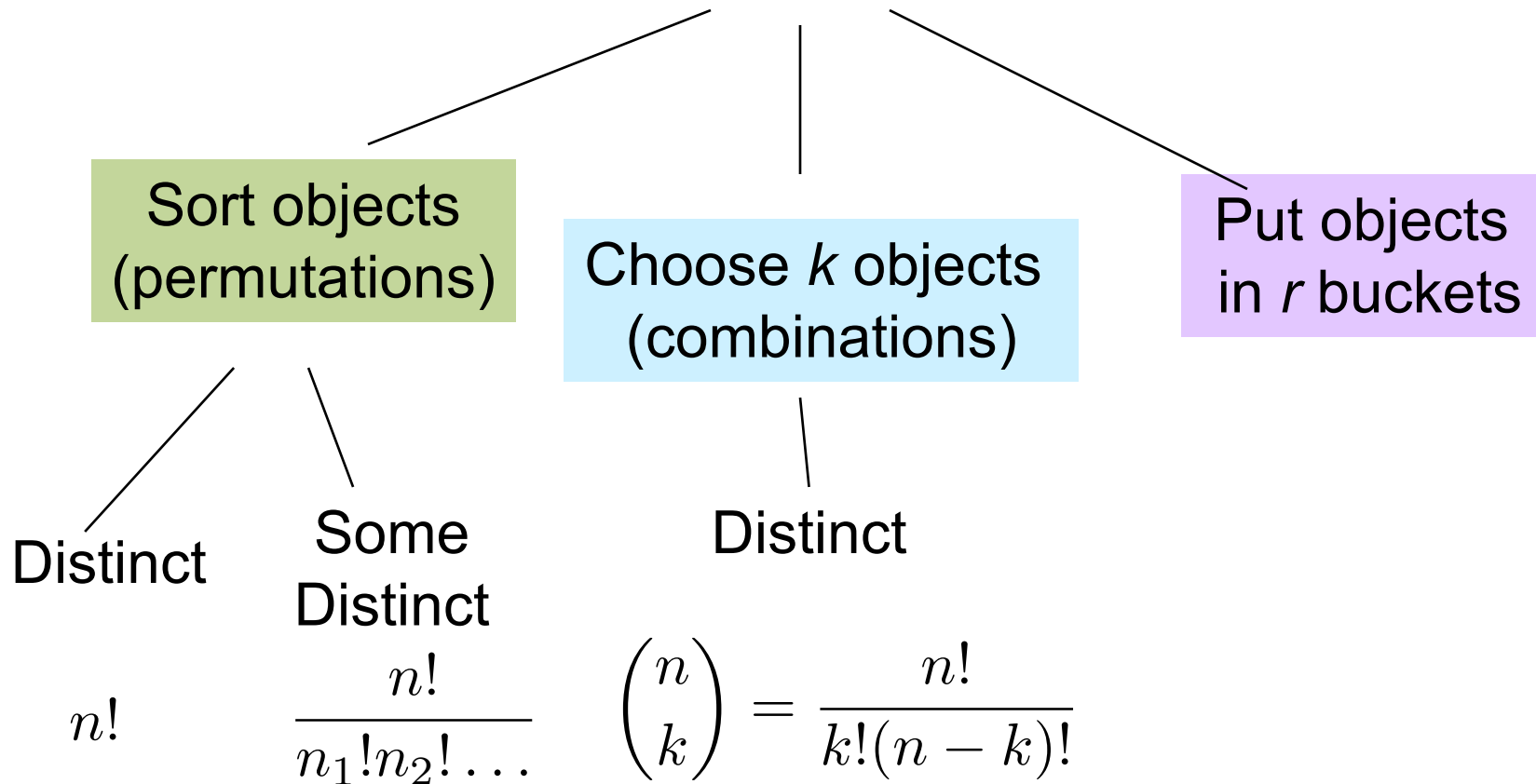
$$\text{num ways} = \binom{n}{k}$$

\* Also called binomial coefficients

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k \cdot y^{n-k}$$

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8,000 villagers.  
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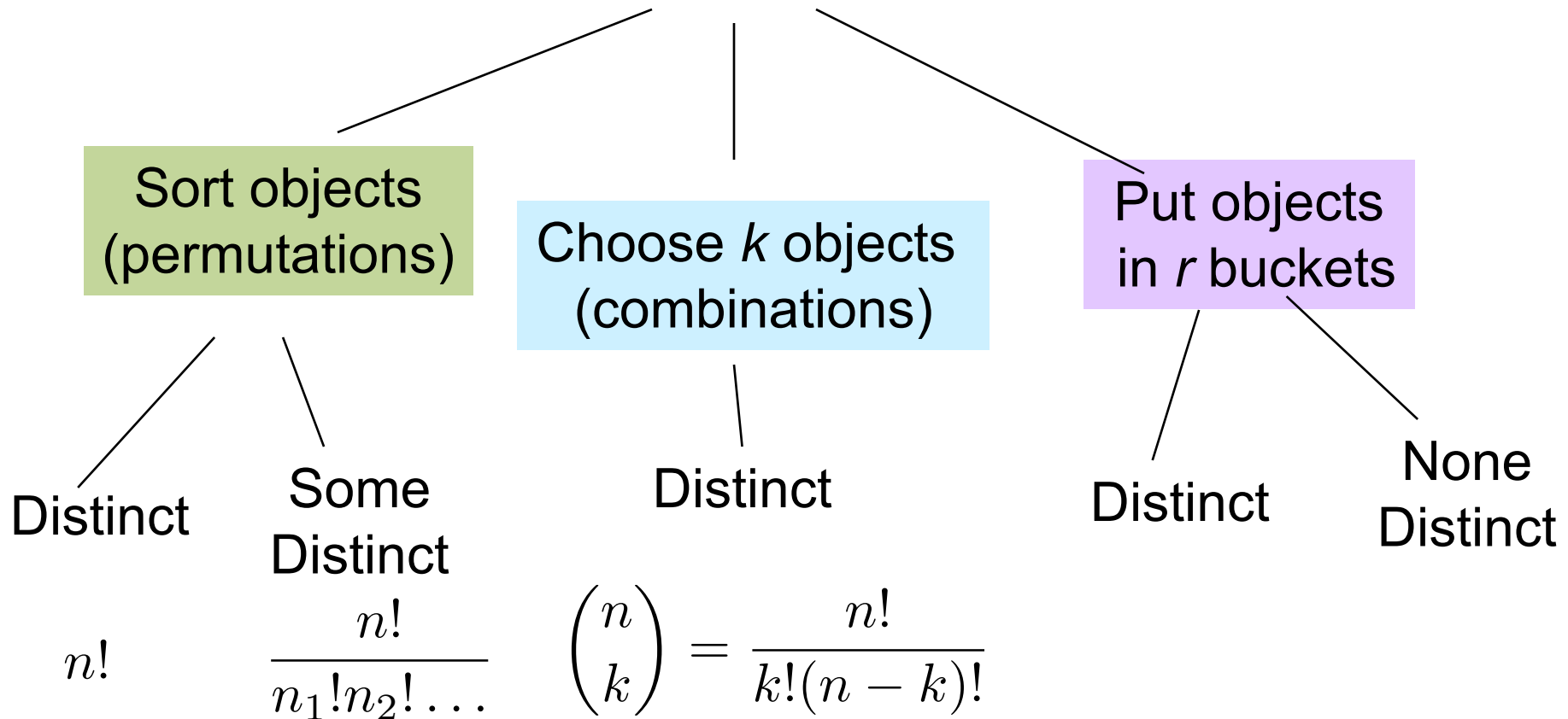
$$= \frac{8000!}{7998!2!} = 31,996,000$$





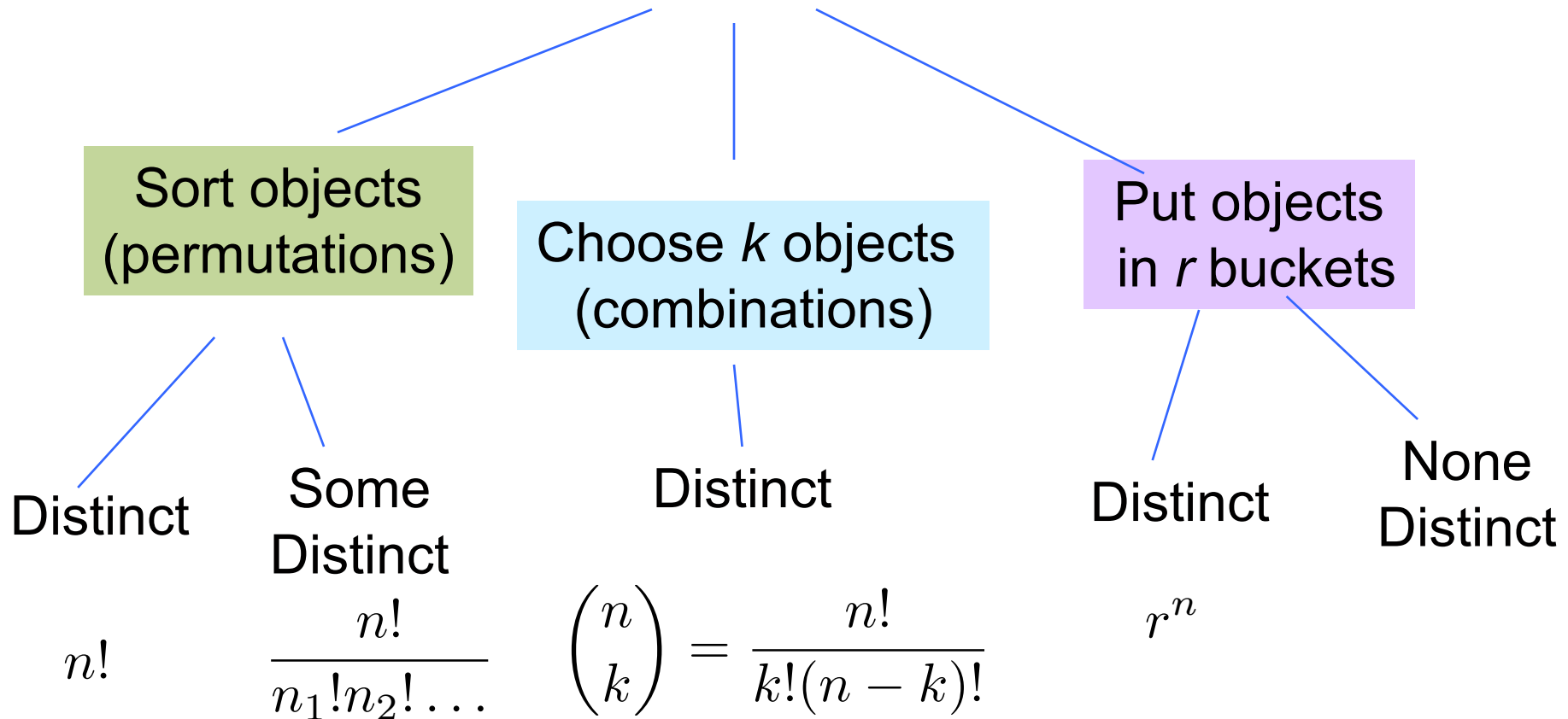
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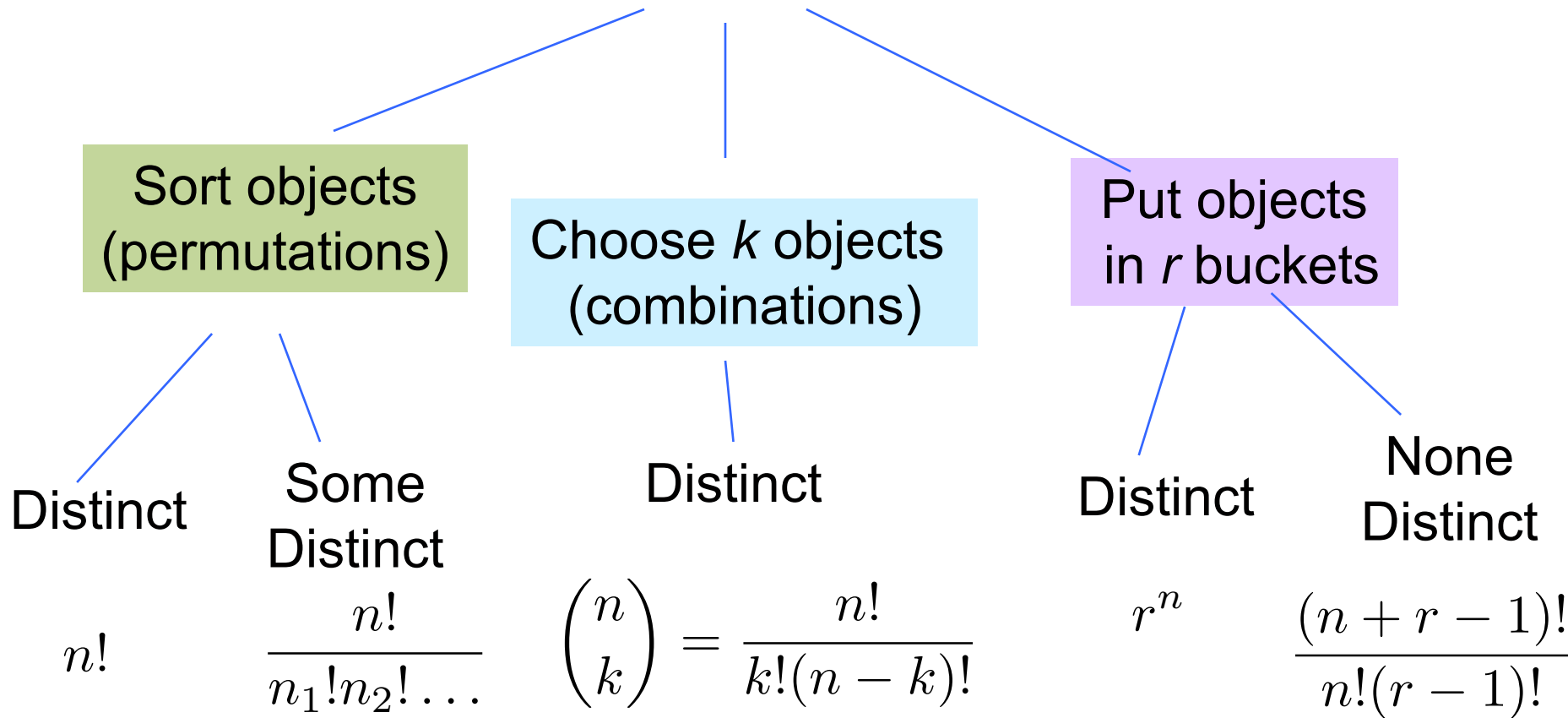
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Stretch!



**Probability**

# Sample Space

- Sample space,  $S$ , is set of all possible outcomes of an experiment
  - Coin flip:  $S = \{\text{Head, Tails}\}$
  - Flipping two coins:  $S = \{(H, H), (H, T), (T, H), (T, T)\}$
  - Roll of 6-sided die:  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
  - # emails in a day:  $S = \{x \mid x \in \mathbf{Z}, x \geq 0\}$  (non-neg. ints)
  - YouTube hrs. in day:  $S = \{x \mid x \in \mathbf{R}, 0 \leq x \leq 24\}$



# Events

- **Event**,  $E$ , is some subset of  $S$  ( $E \subseteq S$ )
  - Coin flip is heads:  $E = \{\text{Head}\}$
  - $\geq 1$  head on 2 coin flips:  $E = \{(H, H), (H, T), (T, H)\}$
  - Roll of die is 3 or less:  $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$
  - # emails in a day  $\leq 20$ :  $E = \{x \mid x \in \mathbf{Z}, 0 \leq x \leq 20\}$
  - Wasted day ( $\geq 5$  YT hrs.):  $E = \{x \mid x \in \mathbf{R}, 5 \leq x \leq 24\}$



What is a probability?

Number between 0 and 1

# Ascribe Meaning

$$P(E)$$

\* Our belief that an event  $E$  occurs



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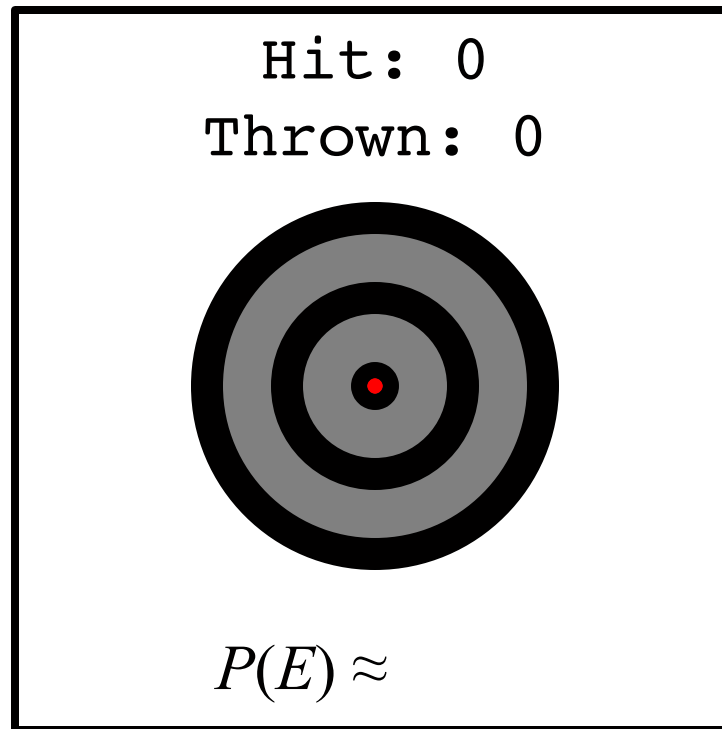


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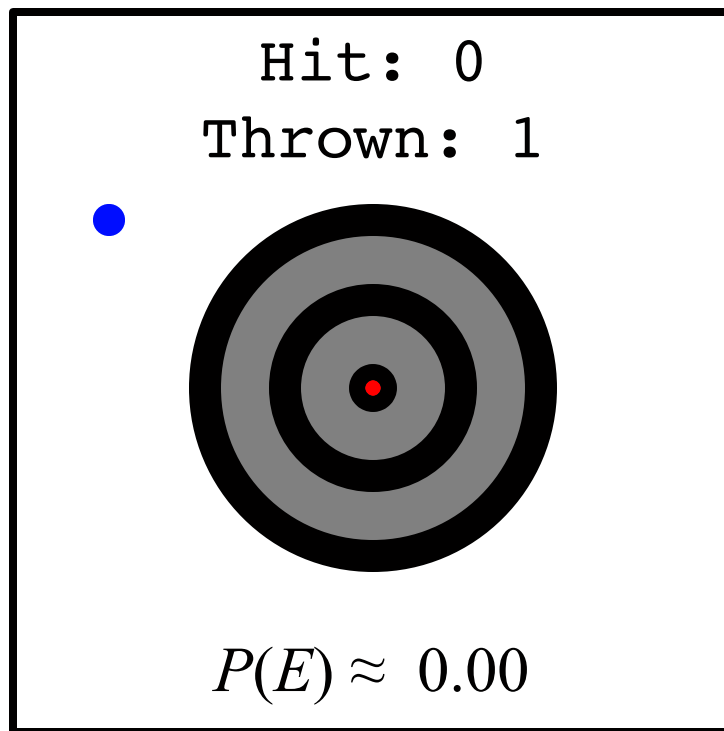


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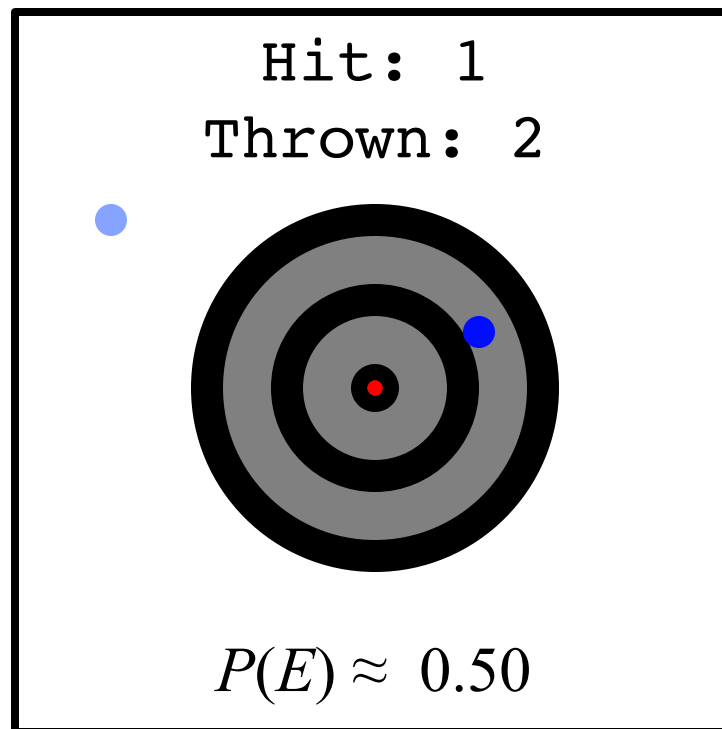


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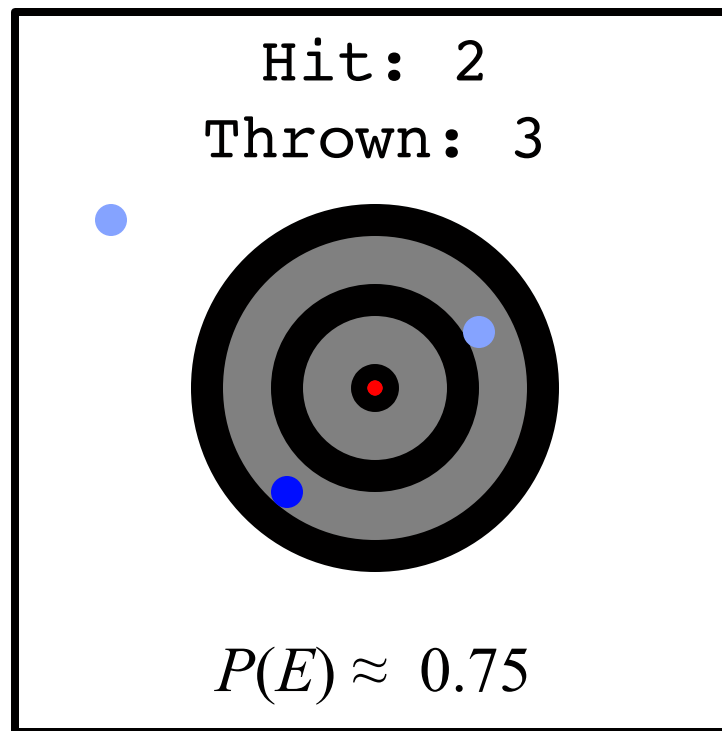


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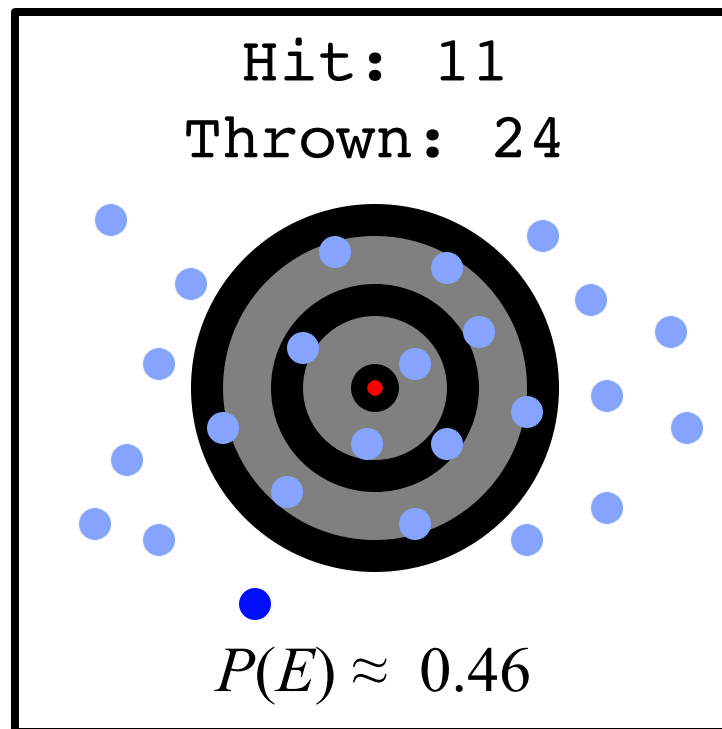


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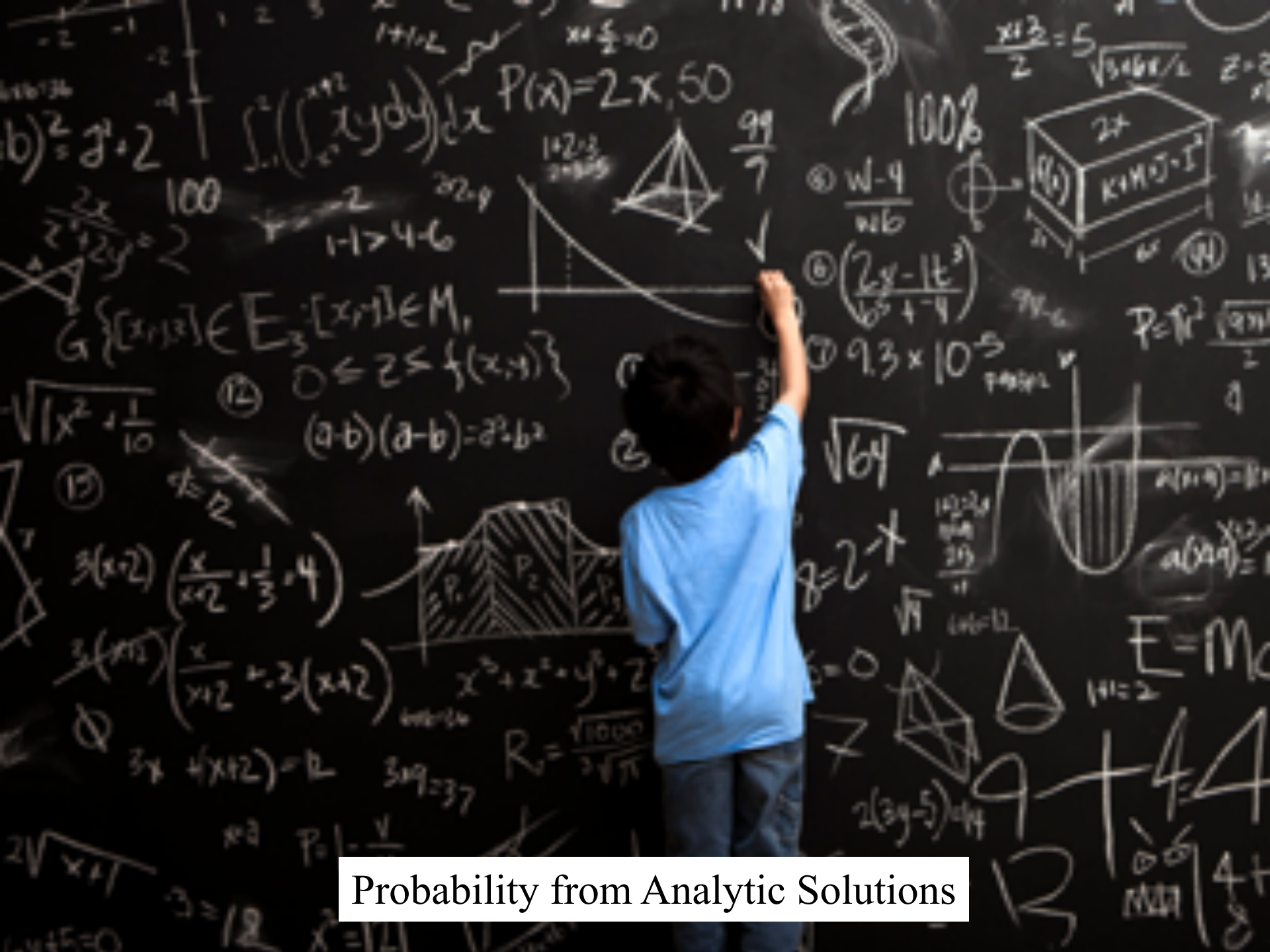
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Probability from Analytic Solutions

# Axioms of Probability

Recall:  $S$  = all possible outcomes.  $E$  = the event.

- Axiom 1:  $0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$
- Axiom 2:  $P(S) = 1$
- Axiom 3:  $P(E^c) = 1 - P(E)$

Aside: axiom 3 is often stated as the probability of mutually exclusive events. We'll come back to that later in the lecture...



# Special Case of Analytic Probability

# Equally Likely Outcomes

- Some sample spaces have equally likely outcomes
  - Coin flip:  $S = \{\text{Head, Tails}\}$
  - Flipping two coins:  $S = \{(H, H), (H, T), (T, H), (T, T)\}$
  - Roll of 6-sided die:  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- $P(\text{Each outcome}) = \frac{1}{|S|}$
- In that case,  $P(E) = \frac{\text{number of outcomes in } E}{\text{number of outcomes in } S} = \frac{|E|}{|S|}$



# Rolling Two Dice

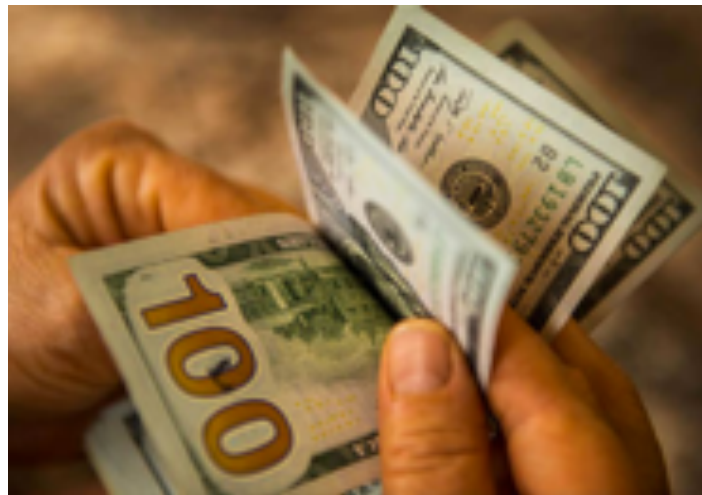
- Roll two 6-sided dice.
  - What is  $P(\text{sum} = 7)$ ?
- $S = \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 6), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4), (4, 5), (4, 6), (5, 1), (5, 2), (5, 3), (5, 4), (5, 5), (5, 6), (6, 1), (6, 2), (6, 3), (6, 4), (6, 5), (6, 6)\}$
- $E = \{(1, 6), (2, 5), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 2), (6, 1)\}$
- $P(\text{sum} = 7) = |E|/|S| = 6/36 = 1/6$



# Not Equally Likely

- Play lottery.
    - What is  $P(\text{Win})$ ?
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- $S = \{\text{Lose}, \text{Win}\}$
- $E = \{\text{Win}\}$
- $P(\text{Win}) = |E|/|S| = 1/2 = 50\%$

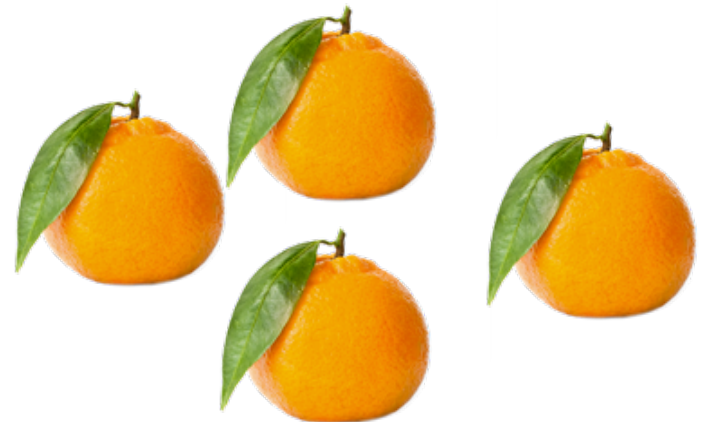


# Mandarins and Bananas

- 4 Mandarins and 3 Bananas in a Bag. 3 drawn.
  - What is  $P(1 \text{ Mandarin and } 2 \text{ Bananas drawn})$ ?

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Equally likely sample space? Thought experiment





When approaching an  
“**equally likely probability**”  
problem, start by defining  
**sample spaces** and  
**event spaces.**

