

# Class 12

Algorithmic LLL

# Announcements

- HW5 out now (due 2/28)

# Recap: Algorithmic LLL (for $k$ -SAT)

- Given  $\varphi$ :
  - Choose a random assignment  $\sigma$  for each of the variables that appear in  $\varphi$
  - While there is some clause  $C$  of  $\varphi$  that is not satisfied:
    - Update  $\sigma$  by randomly re-selecting the variables that appear in  $C$ .
  - Return  $\sigma$
- **Theorem:**
  - Suppose that each clause  $C$  in  $\varphi$  shares variables with at most  $d + 1 = 2^{k-c}$  clauses (including  $C$  itself), for some constant  $c$ .
  - Then  $\varphi$  is satisfiable and the algorithm above finds a satisfying assignment quickly.

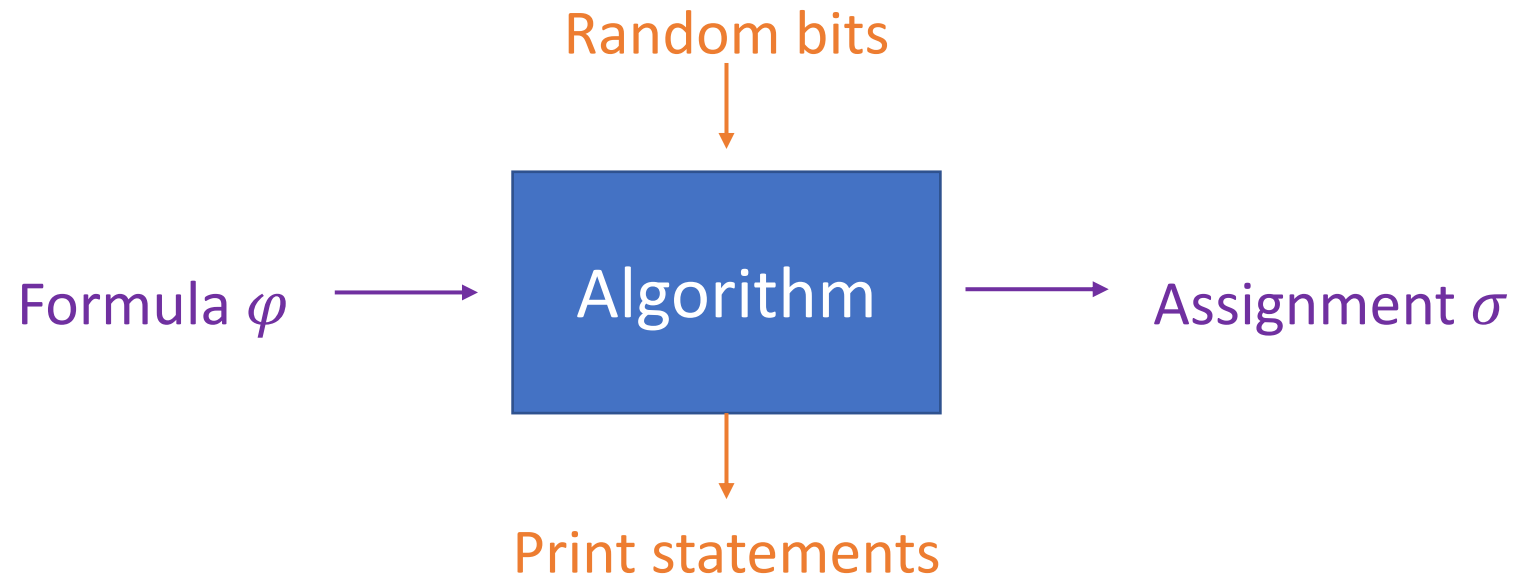
$\mathcal{A}$  is a collection of bad events determined by variables in  $V$ .  
 $Vbl(A)$  is the set of variables involved with  $A \in \mathcal{A}$

# Algorithmic LLL more generally

- Given  $V$  and  $\mathcal{A}$ :
  - Choose a random assignment  $\sigma_v$  for each of the random variables  $v \in V$
  - While there is some  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  so that  $A(\sigma) = 1$ :
    - Choose (arbitrarily) an event  $A$  with  $A(\sigma) = 1$ .
    - Update  $\sigma$  by re-selecting  $\{\sigma_v: v \in Vbl(A)\}$  randomly.
- Suppose that for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ :
  - $|\Gamma(A)| \leq d + 1$
  - $\Pr[A] \leq \frac{1}{e(d+1)}$
- Then whp this algorithm will find an assignment to the variables in  $V$  so that no event of  $\mathcal{A}$  occurs with  $O\left(\frac{|\mathcal{A}|}{d+1}\right)$  re-randomizations.

# Proof of Algorithmic LLL

- Add some print statements to our algorithm.
- If the algorithm runs for too long, it will be too good of a compression algorithm.

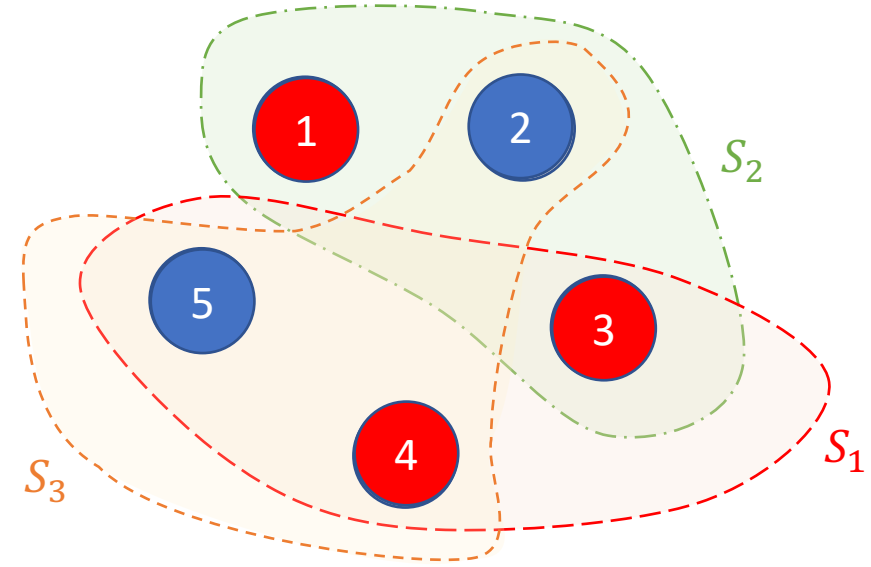


# Questions?

Algorithmic LLL, Quiz?

# Q1: Applying alg. LLL

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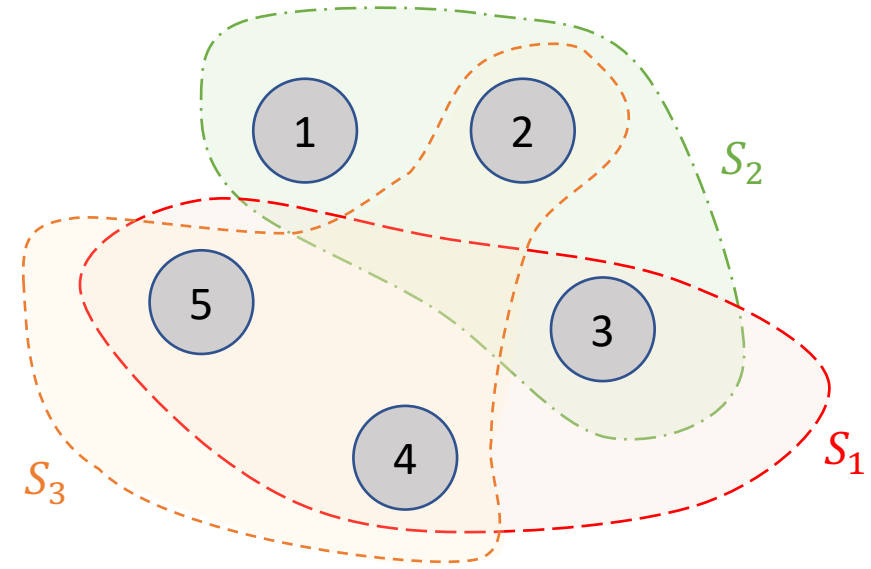


Goal: Use LLL to show that there's a positive probability that no set is monochromatic.

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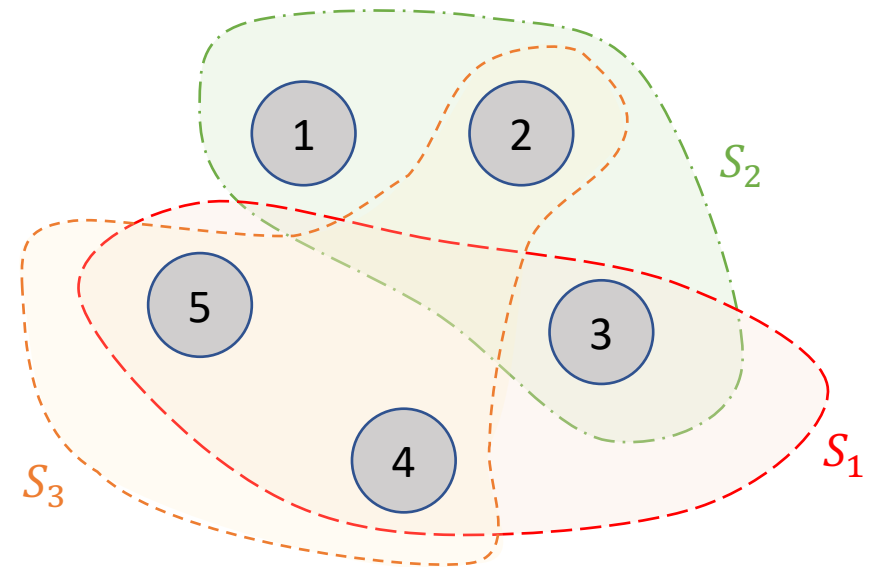
- $|V| = N$
- $d = 10$
- For what  $k$  does alg. LLL apply?  $k \geq 1 + \log_2(11e)$
- What is expected number of re-randomizations?  $O(M)$

# Today: More practice with the Algorithmic LLL

- We saw the proof for k-SAT
- Today you'll prove it for set coloring!

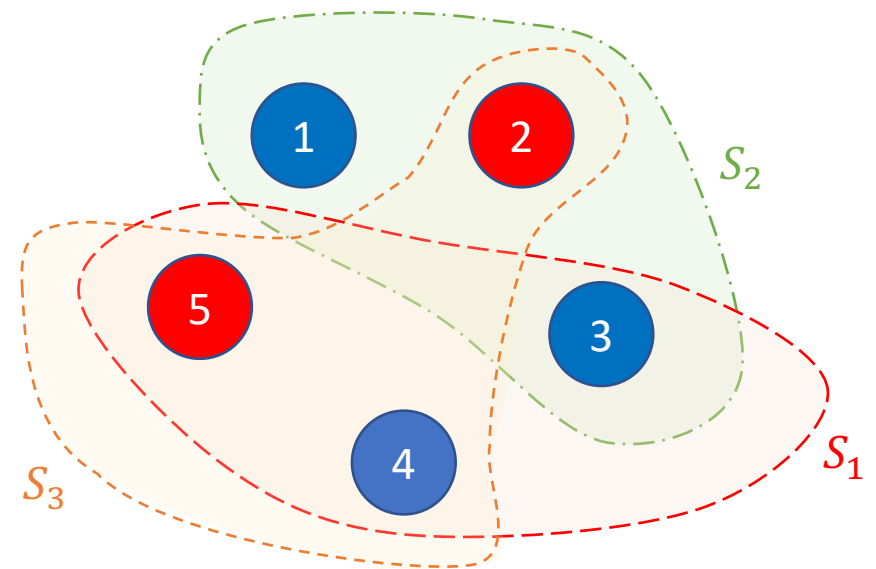
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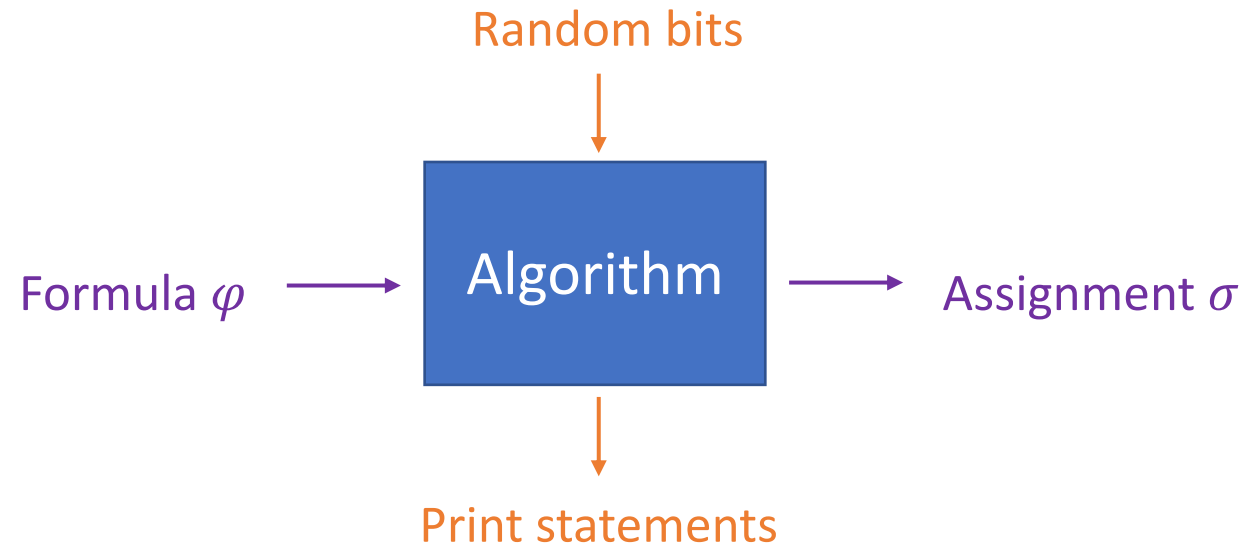
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# Algorithmic LLL gives an algorithm to do this

- While not done:
  - Pick a monochromatic set,  $S_i$ .
  - Re-color all of the numbers in  $S_i$ , uniformly at random.
- But we didn't prove that this works.
  - We only proved it for k-SAT
- Goal of today:
  - Mimic the k-SAT argument to give an algorithm that provably works for non-monochromatic-coloring.

# Quick recap of the proof idea for k-SAT



- We wrote the algorithm in a recursive way and added some print statements.
- From the print statements, you could figure out the random bits that went into the algorithm.
- If the algorithm runs for too long (too many re-randomizations), then we can compress the random bits!
- But that's impossible.

# Group work!

- Give a proof!
  - What is the same between the k-SAT proof and this proof?
  - What needs to change?

# For inspiration, here was the k-SAT algorithm

Your job: adapt to set-coloring!

- **FindSat**( $\varphi = C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_m$ ):

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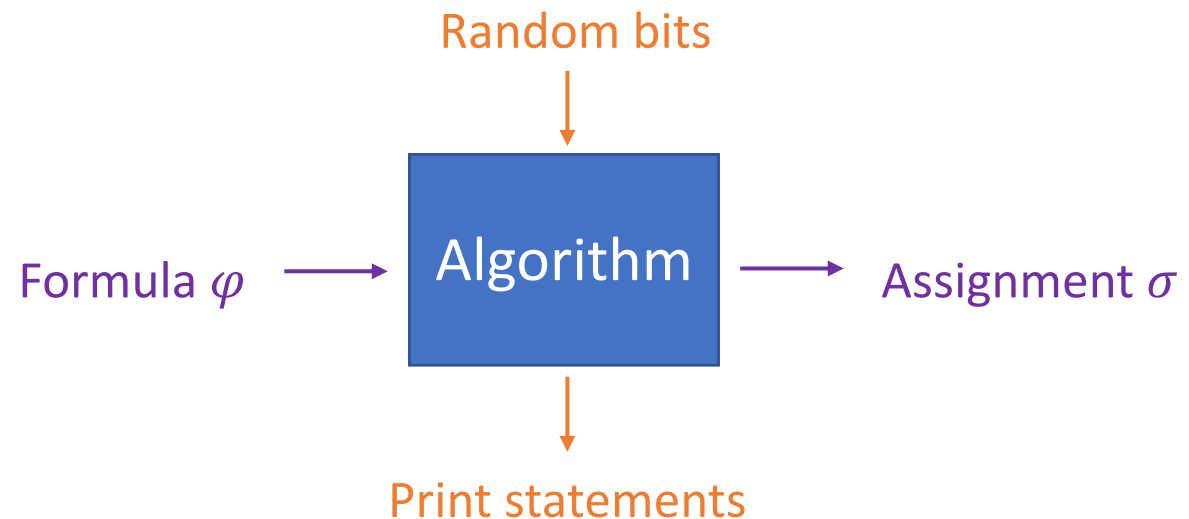
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Whoops! This  
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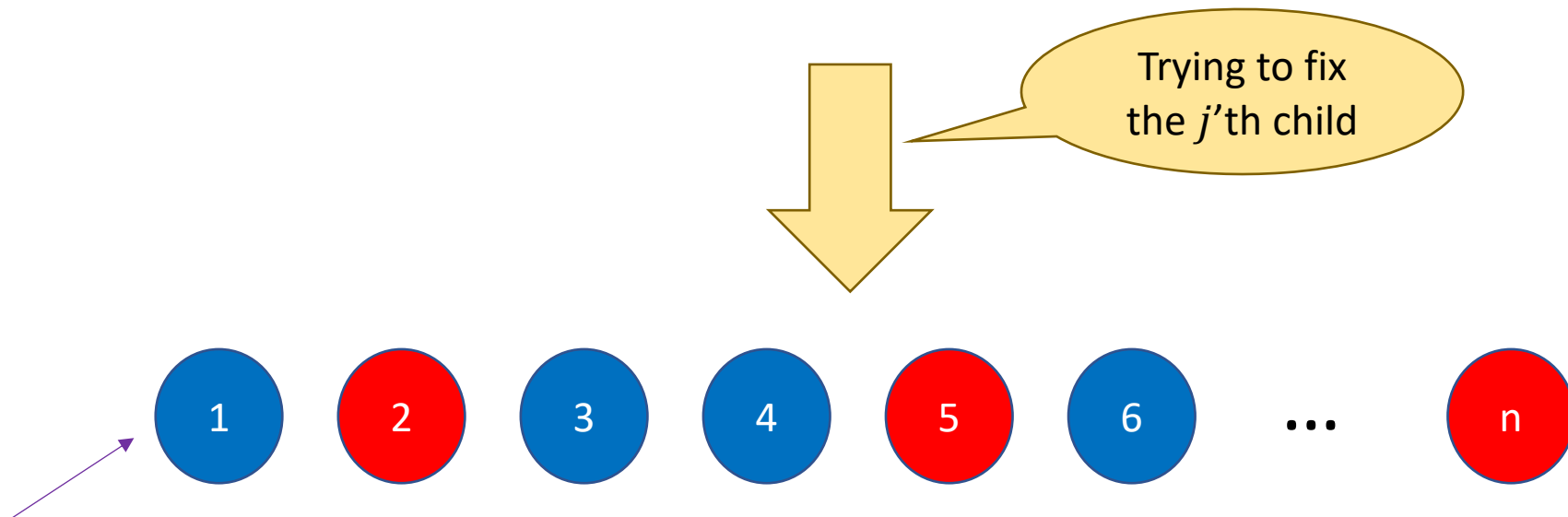
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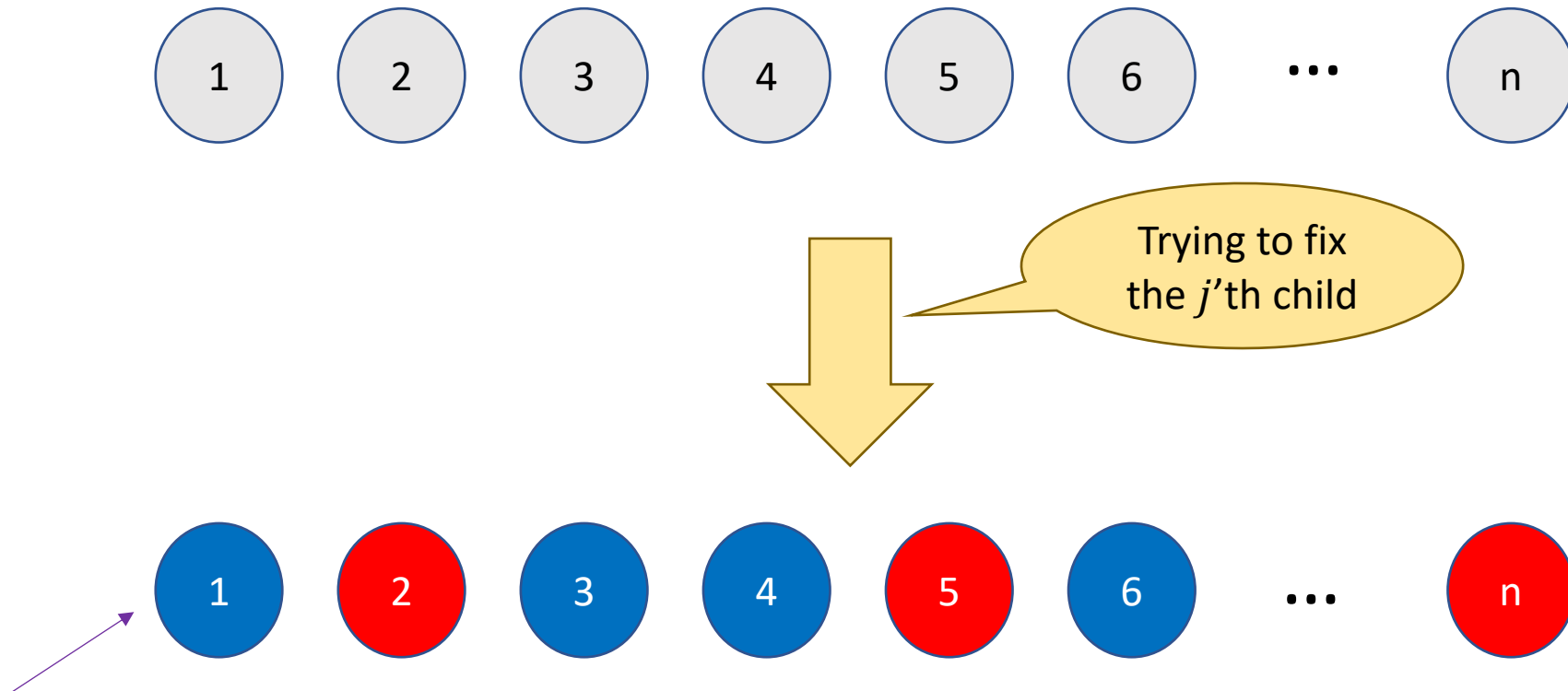
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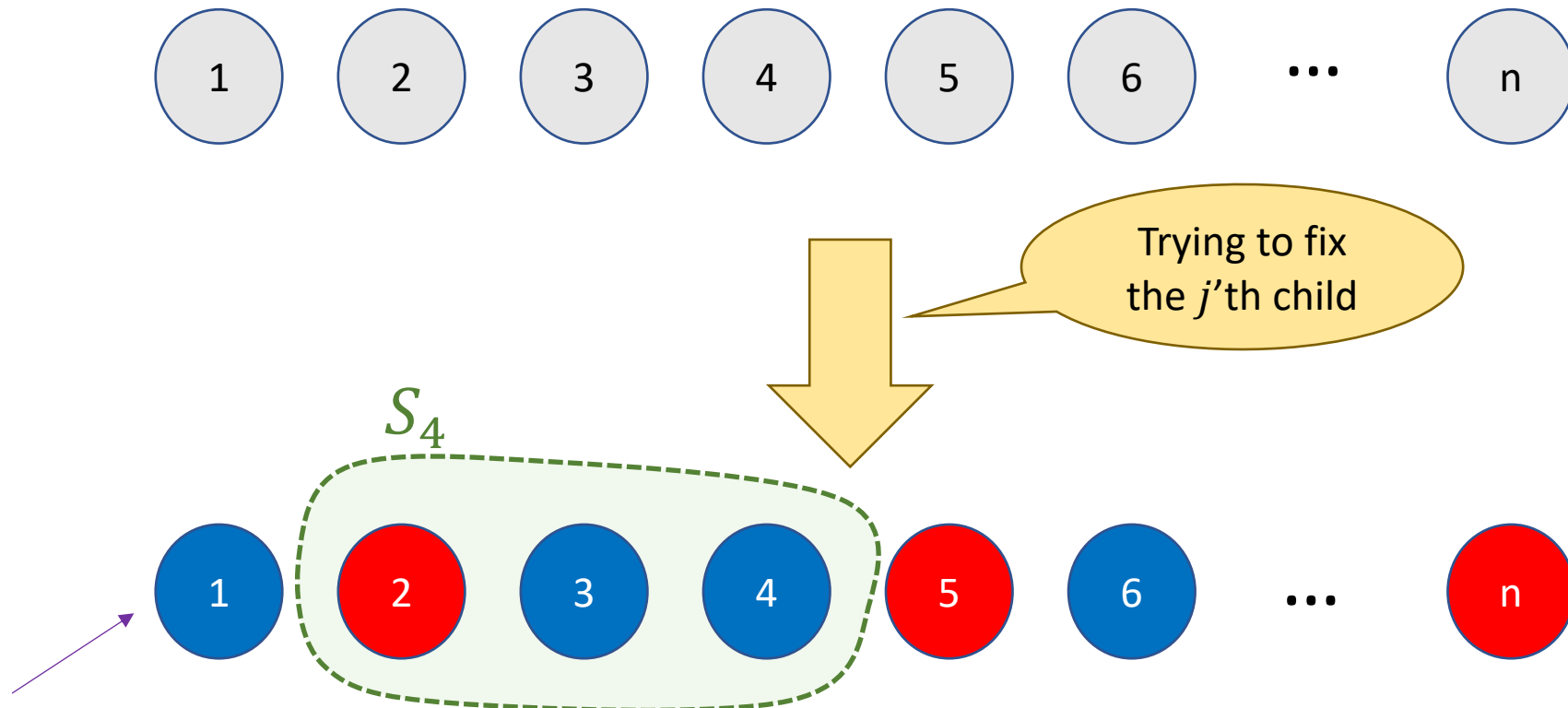
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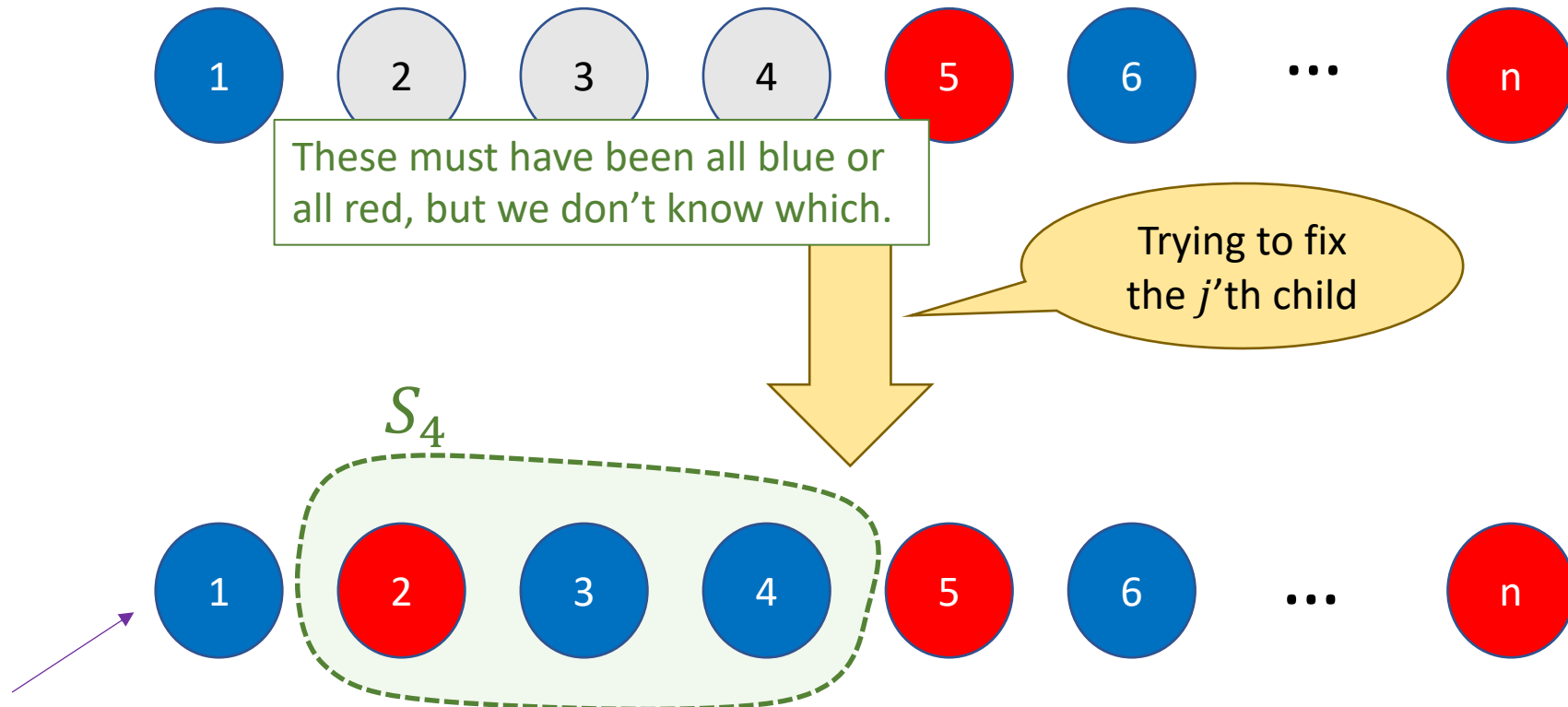


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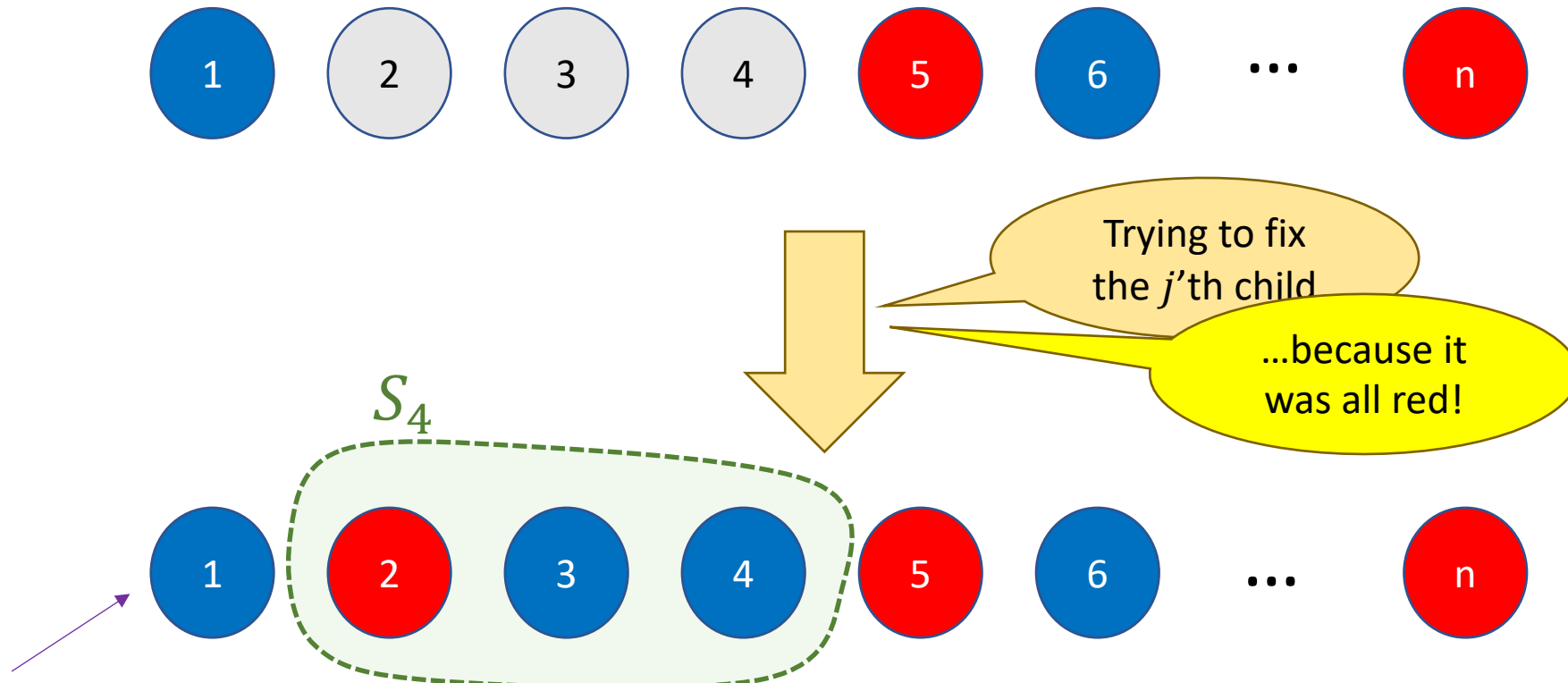
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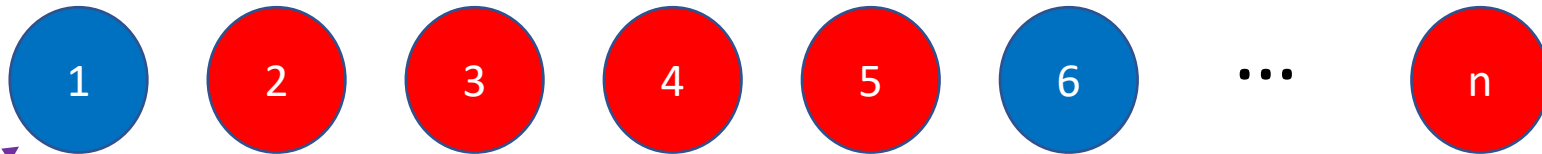


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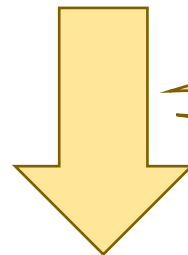
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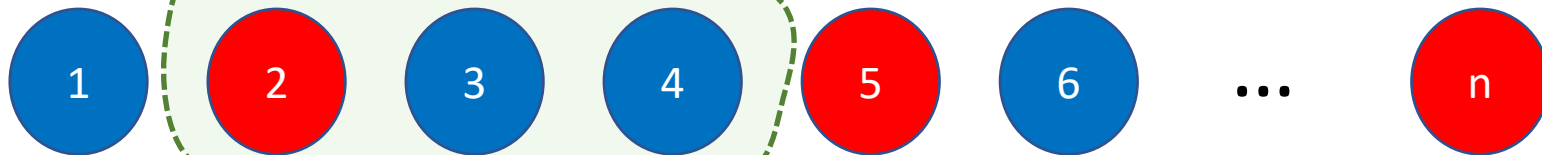
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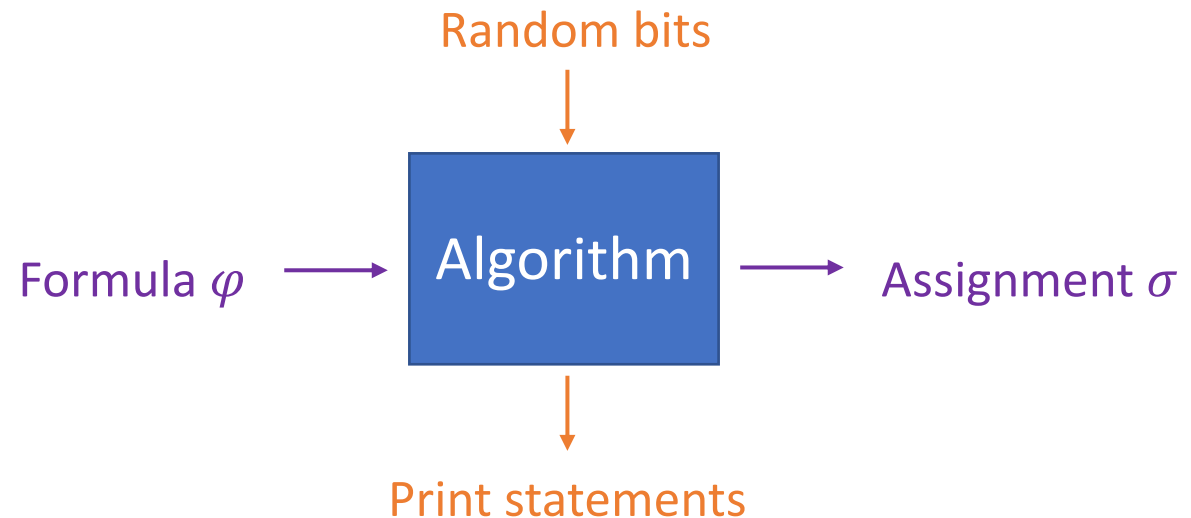
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original  $\sigma$   $\uparrow$   $k$  bits per re-randomization

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Aka:  $m(\log m + C) \ll T(k - \log(d+1) + 1 + C)$

Provided that  $k \geq \log(d+1) + 100000$ , this happens for  $T = \text{poly}(m)$ .

What happens if there are  $t > 2$  colors?

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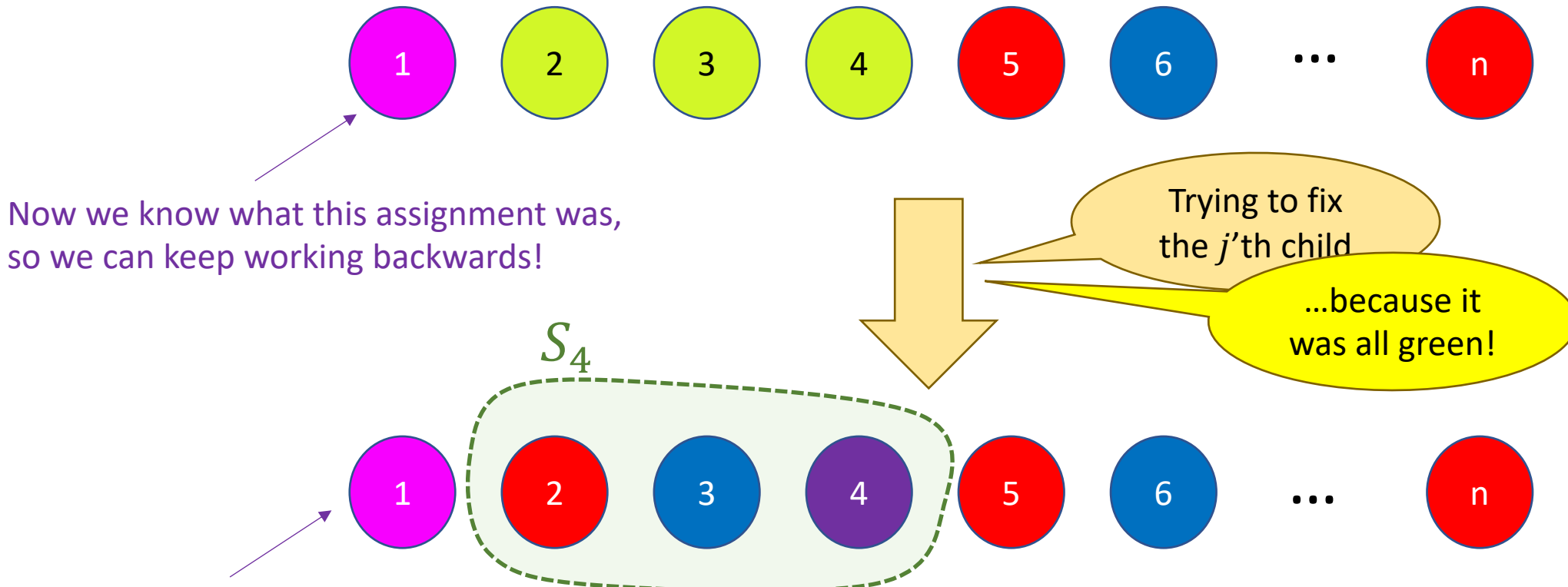
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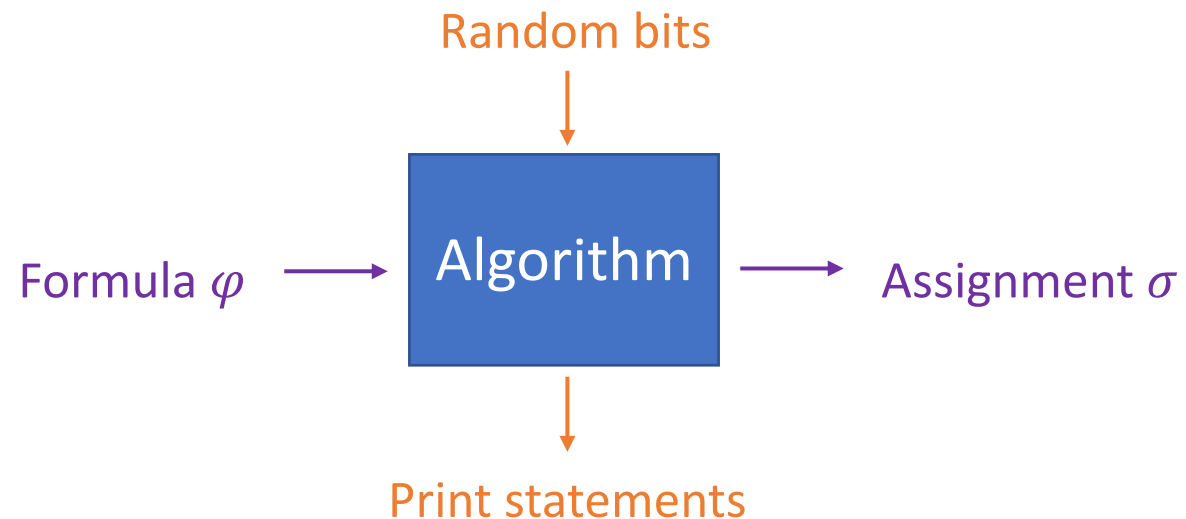
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How big does  $k$  need to be, in terms of  $d, t$  for the algorithm to work?

(Assuming  $t \ll d$ )

- (a)  $O(\log d)$
- (b)  $O\left(\frac{\log d}{\log t}\right)$
- (c)  $O\left(\log \frac{d}{t}\right)$
- (d)  $O\left(\frac{1}{t} \log d\right)$



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After  $T$  re-randomizations,

I give up. I've got  $\sigma$

Win if random bits in  $\gg$  bits out

aka, then we'd get a contradiction and conclude that there must be  $< T$  re-randomizations.

Random bits in:  $n \cdot \log(t) + k \cdot T \log(t)$

↑ original  $\sigma$       ↑  $k$  bits per re-randomization

Bits out:  $\leq m[\log(m) + C] + T[\log(d+1) + \cancel{1} + C] + n + C$

"Fixing clause  $i$ "      "trying to fix  $j$ th child because it was red"      "I give up.  $\delta$ ."

call Fix  $T$  times

Want:  $n \cdot \log(t) + k T \log(t) \gg m(\log m + C) + T(\log(d+1) + \cancel{1} + C) + n + C$

Win if random bits in  $\gg$  bits out

aka, then we'd get a contradiction and conclude that there must be  $< T$  re-randomizations.

Want:  $n + k T \gg m(\log m + C) + T(\log(d+1) + \cancel{1} + C) + n + C$

Aka:  $m(\log m + C) \ll T(k - \log(d+1) + \cancel{1} + C)$

Provided that  $k \geq \frac{\log(d+1) + \log(t)}{\log(t)} + 9999 = \frac{\log(d+1)}{\log(t)} + 10000$

this happens for  $T = \text{poly}(m)$

# Conclusion

As long as  $k \geq \frac{\log(d+1)}{\log(t)} + 10000$ , we can find a good coloring with  
poly( $m$ ) re-randomizations!

# How does this compare to the general constructive LLL in the lecture notes?

**Corollary 3.** Let  $V$  be a finite set of independent random variables. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a finite set of events determined by the random variables in  $V$ . If for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $|\Gamma(A)| \leq d+1$ , and  $\Pr[A] \leq \frac{1}{e(d+1)}$ , then Algorithm 2 will find an assignment to the variables  $V$  such that no event of  $\mathcal{A}$  occurs. Additionally, the expected number of “re-randomizations” performed by the algorithm is bounded by  $O(|\mathcal{A}|/(d+1))$ .

$$A_i = \left\{ S_i \text{ is monochromatic} \right\}$$

$$\Pr\{A_i\} = \frac{t}{t^k} \quad \text{for } t \text{ colors.}$$

$$\text{Need: } \Pr\{A_i\} \leq \frac{1}{e(d+1)}$$
$$t^{-(k-1)} \leq \frac{1}{e(d+1)}$$

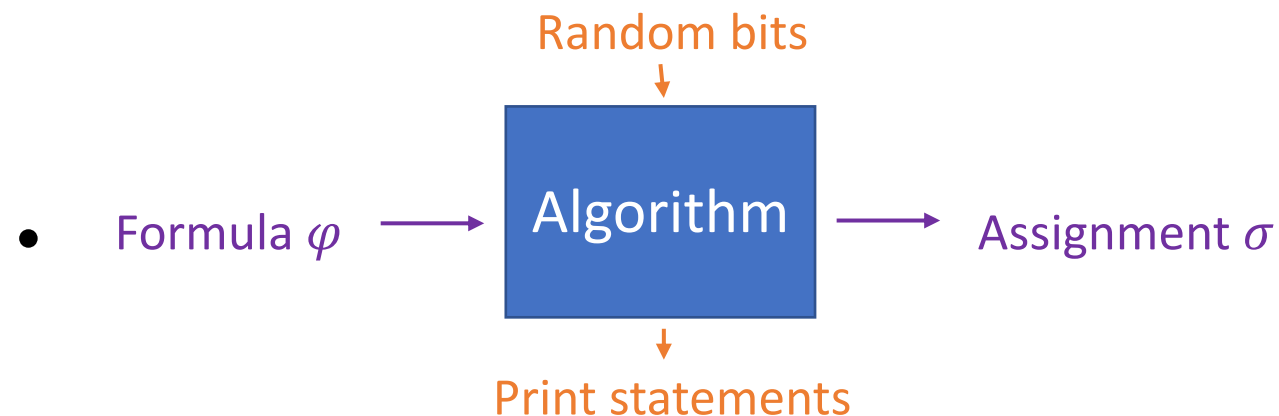
$$(k-1) \log(t) \geq 1 + \log(d+1)$$

$$k \geq \frac{\log(d+1)}{\log(t)} + [\text{constant}]$$

Same thing!

# Conclusions

- As long as  $k \geq \frac{\log(d+1)}{\log(t)} + 10000$ , we can find a good coloring with  $\text{poly}(m)$  re-randomizations!
- You now have some idea of how you might adapt this proof to deal with other examples.



is a very cute idea.

(This method of proof is called “entropy compression”)

# Next time

- Markov Chains!