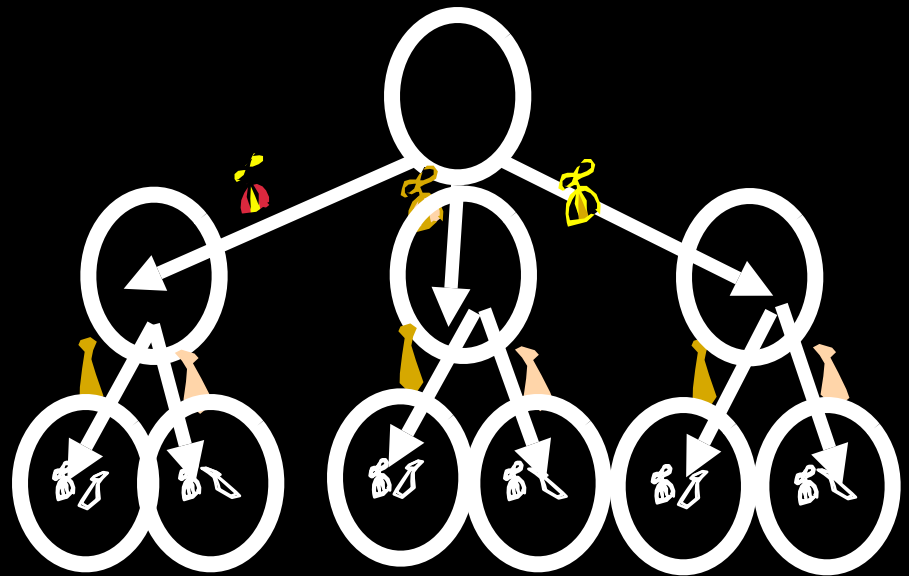


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Great Theoretical Ideas in Computer Science

Counting I: One-To-One Correspondence and Choice Trees

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Addition of multiple disjoint sets:

Let $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ be disjoint, finite sets.

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|$$

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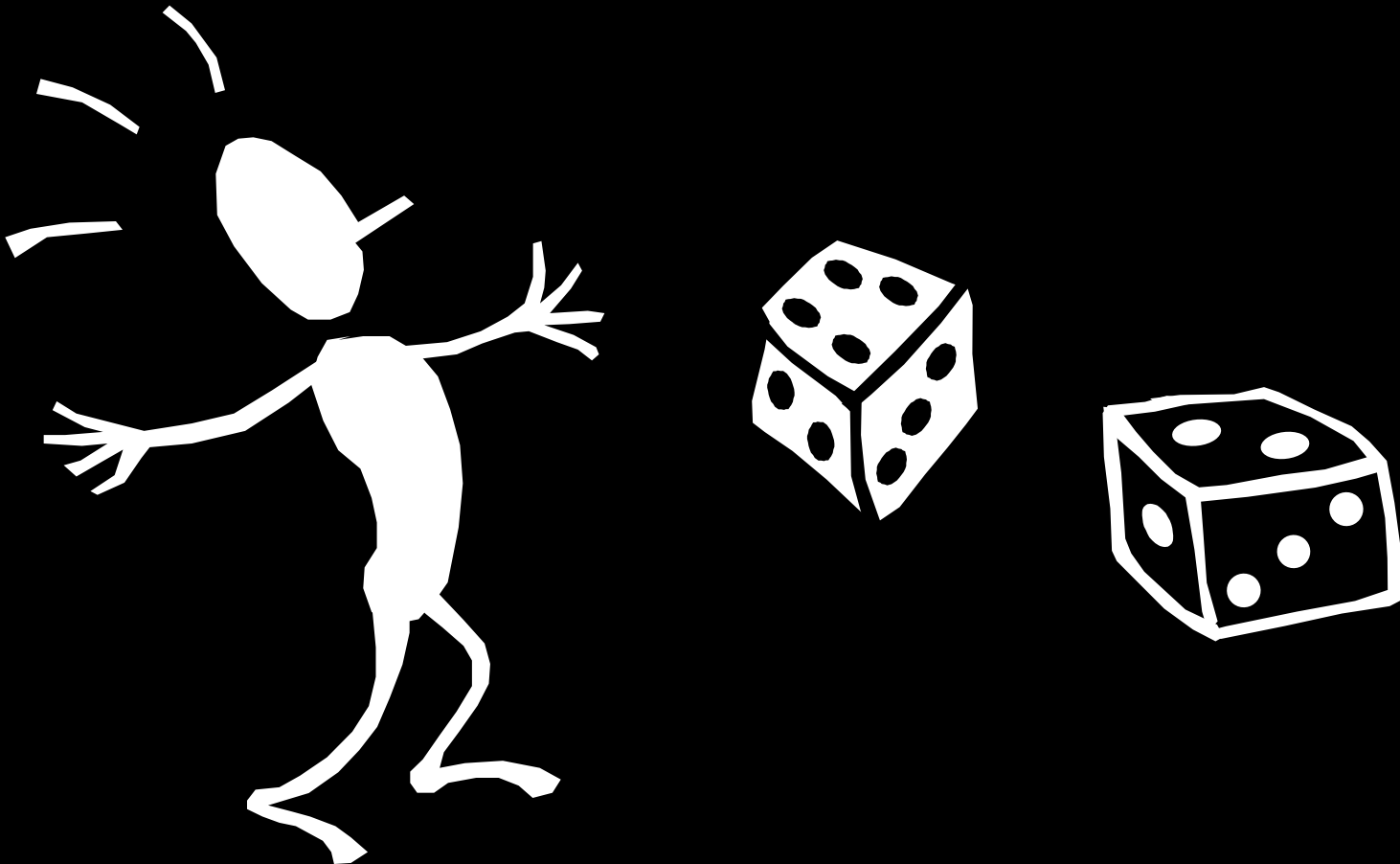
To count the elements of a finite set S , partition the elements into non-overlapping subsets $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$.

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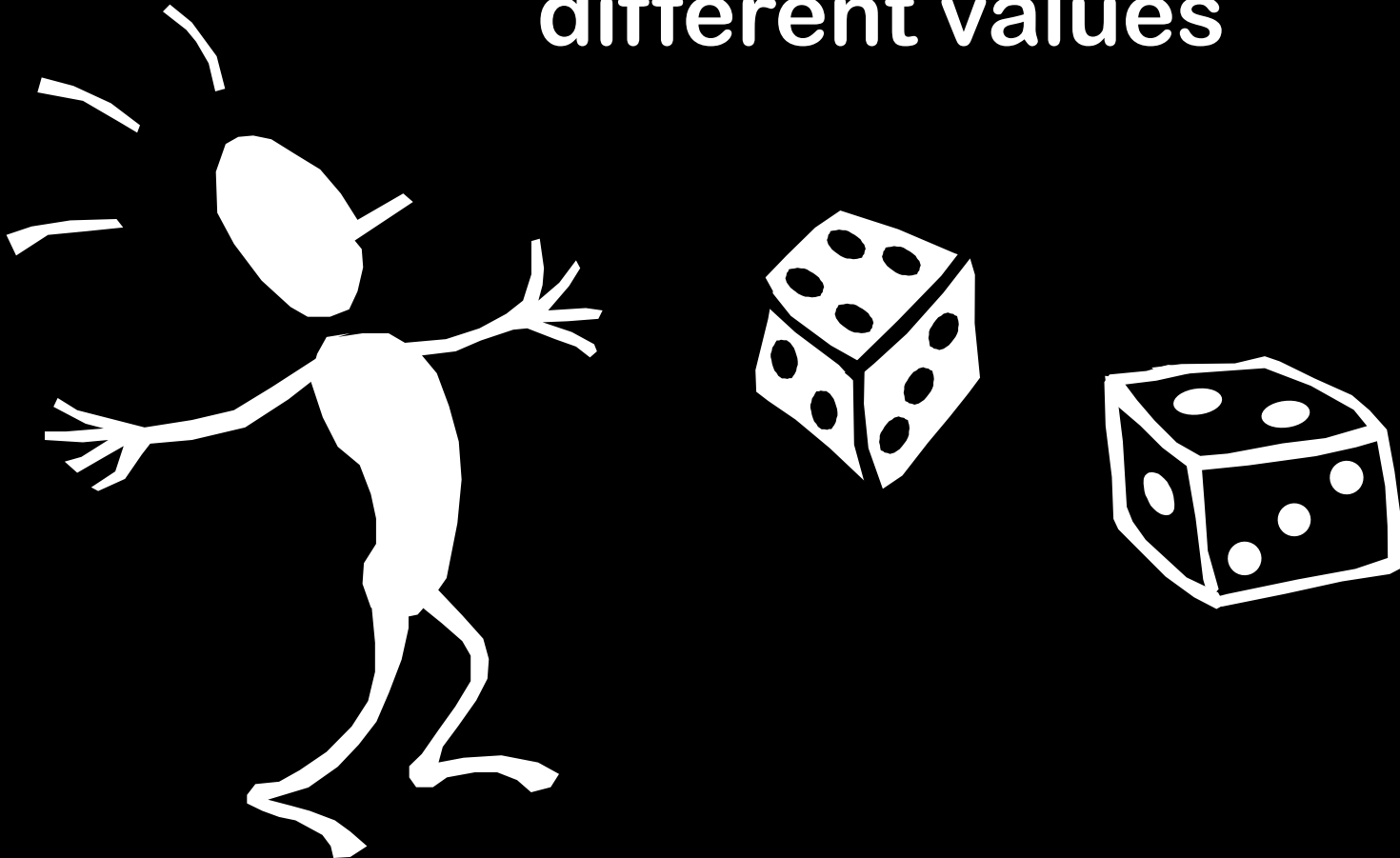
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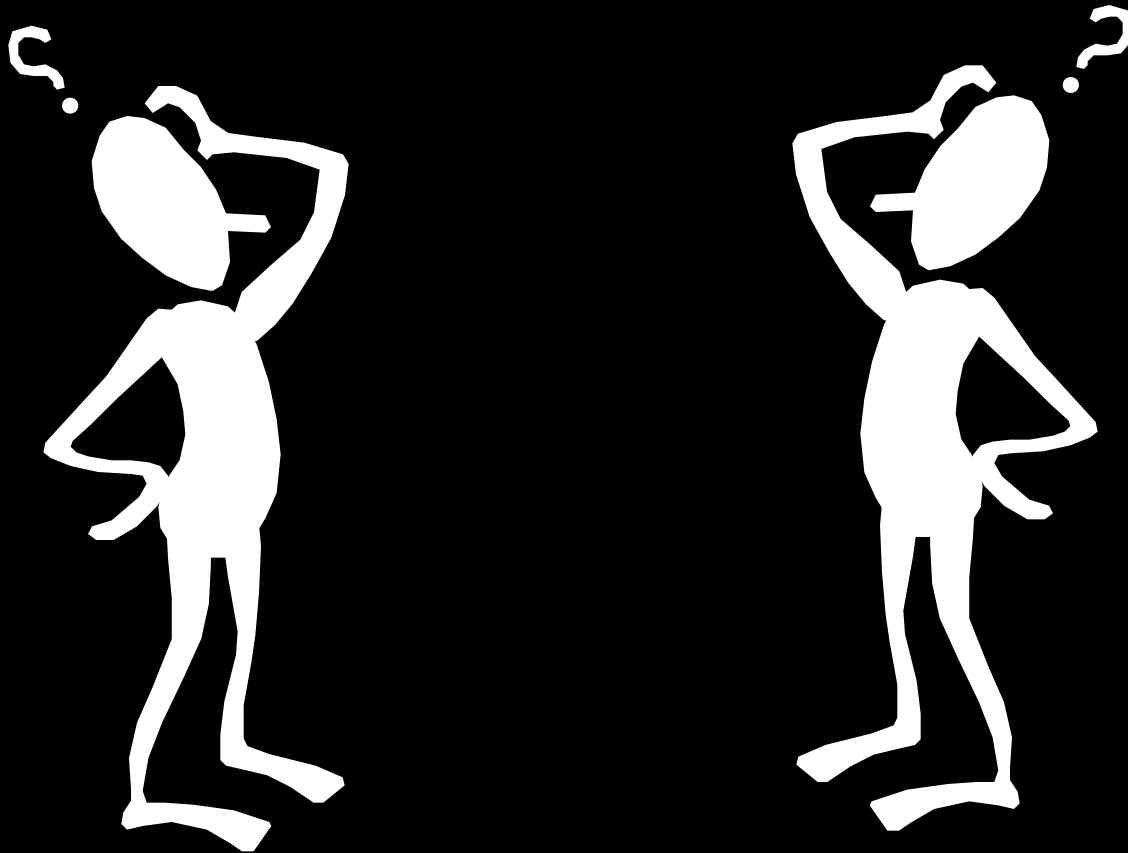
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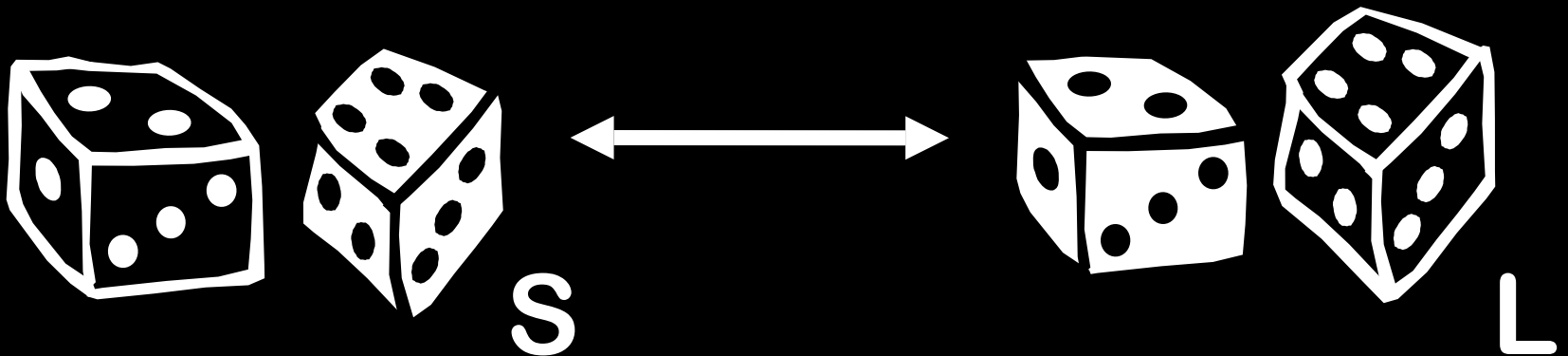
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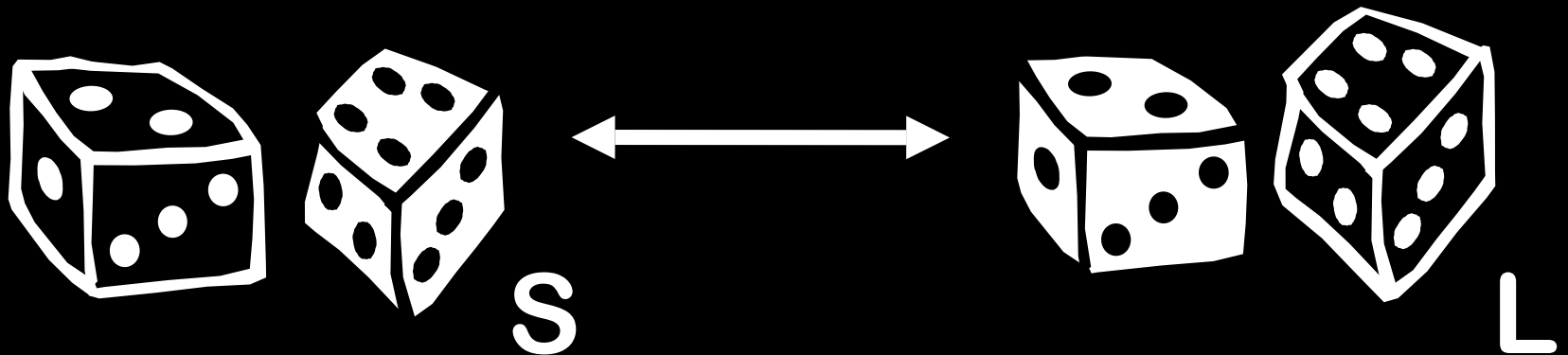
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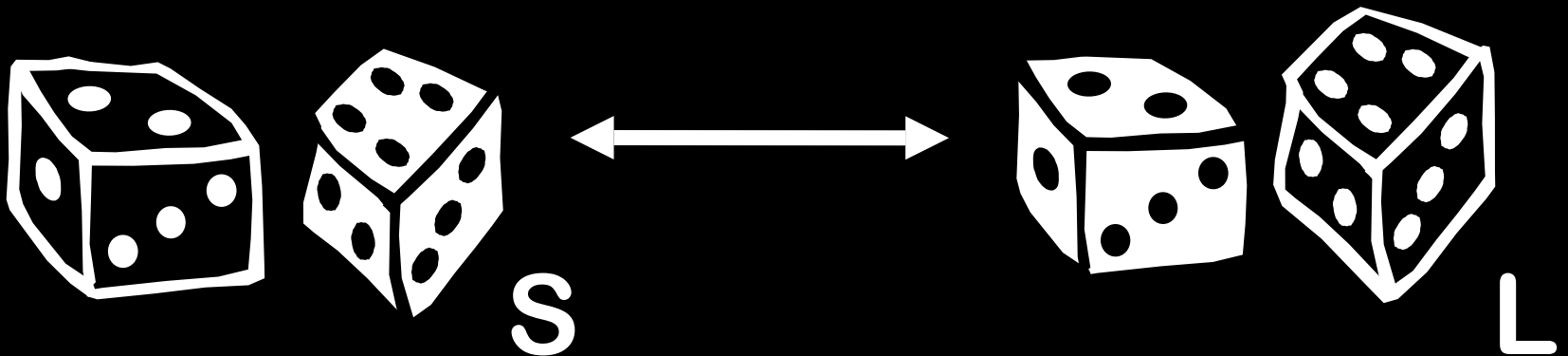
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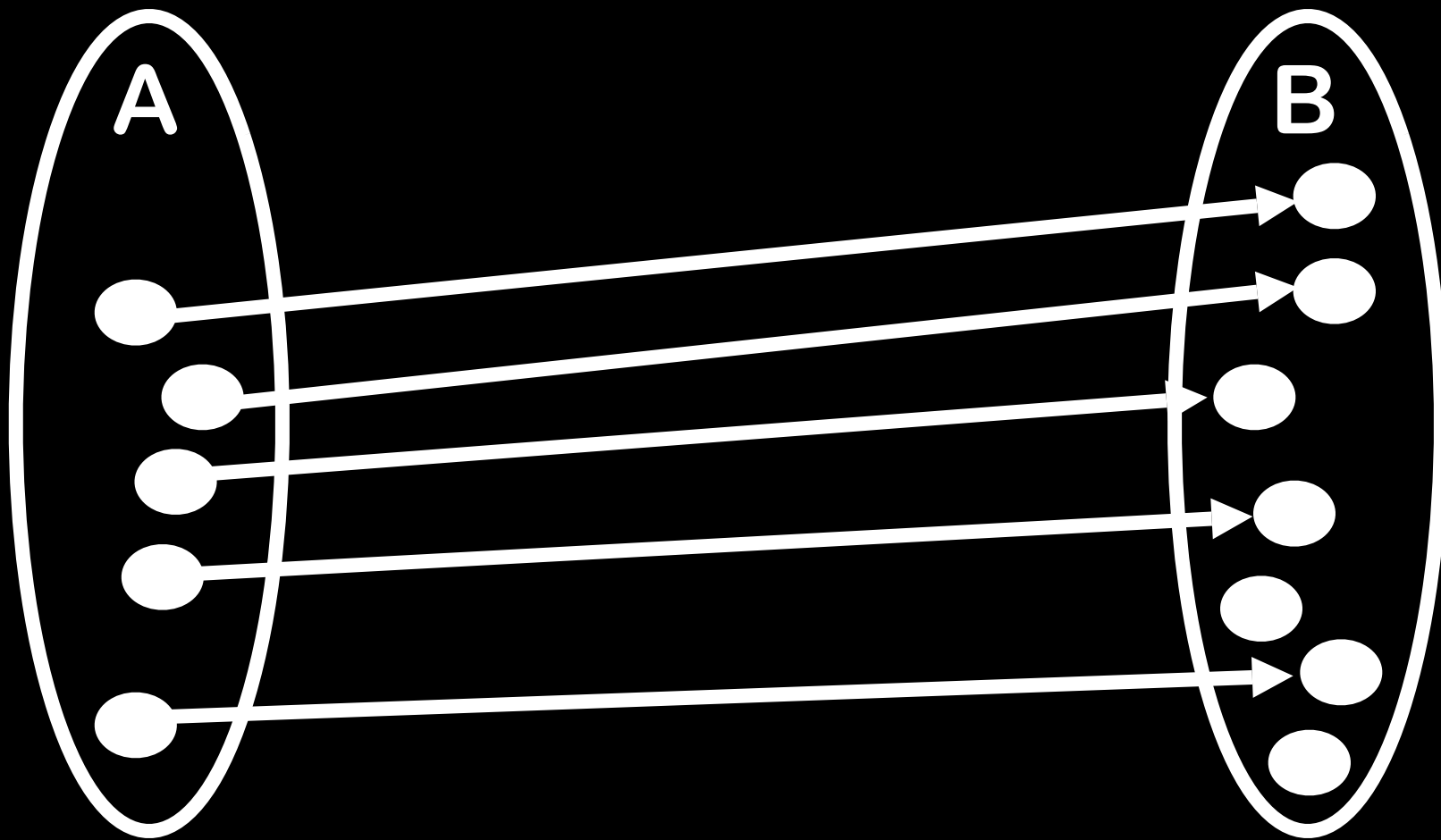
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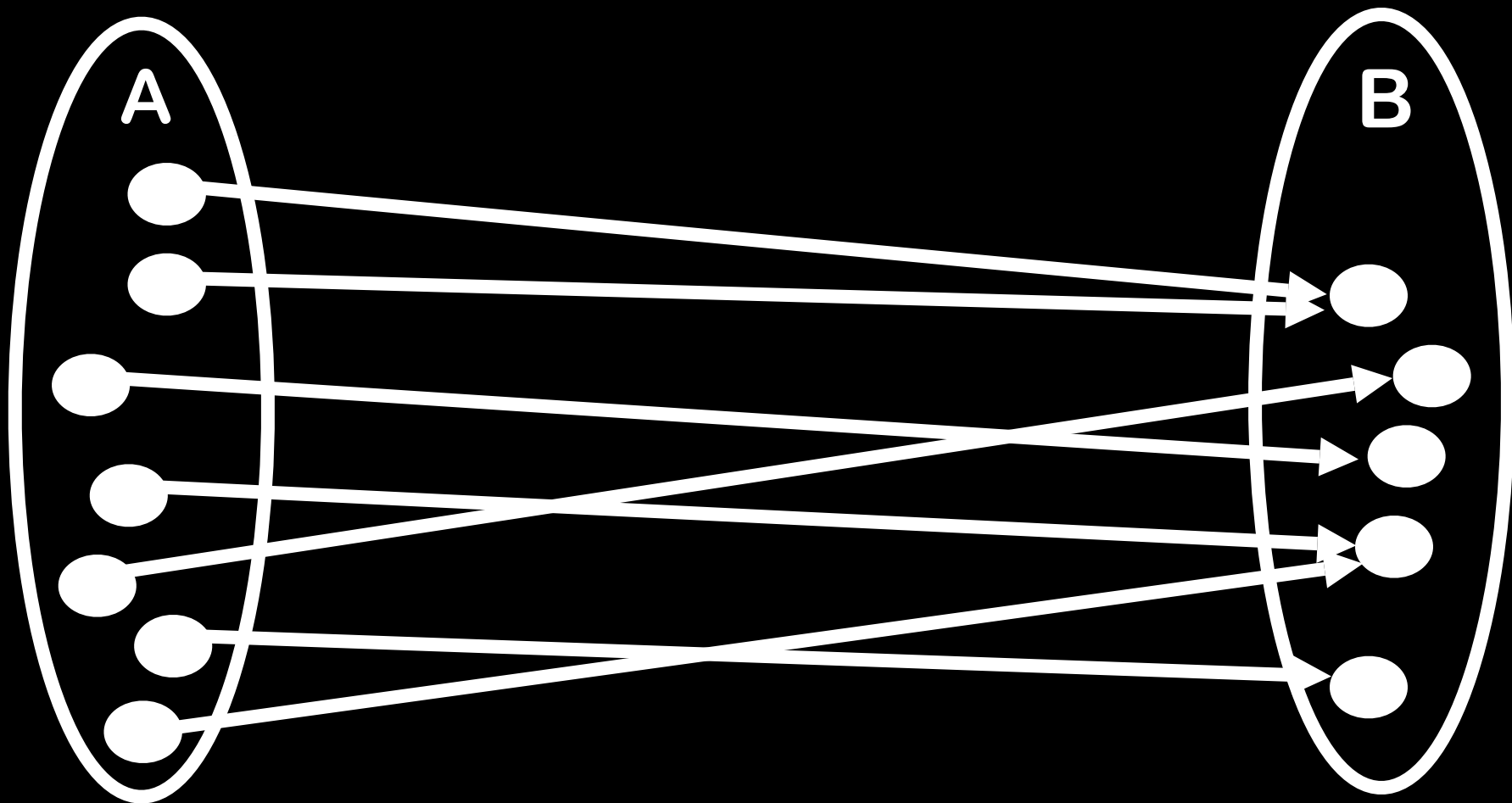
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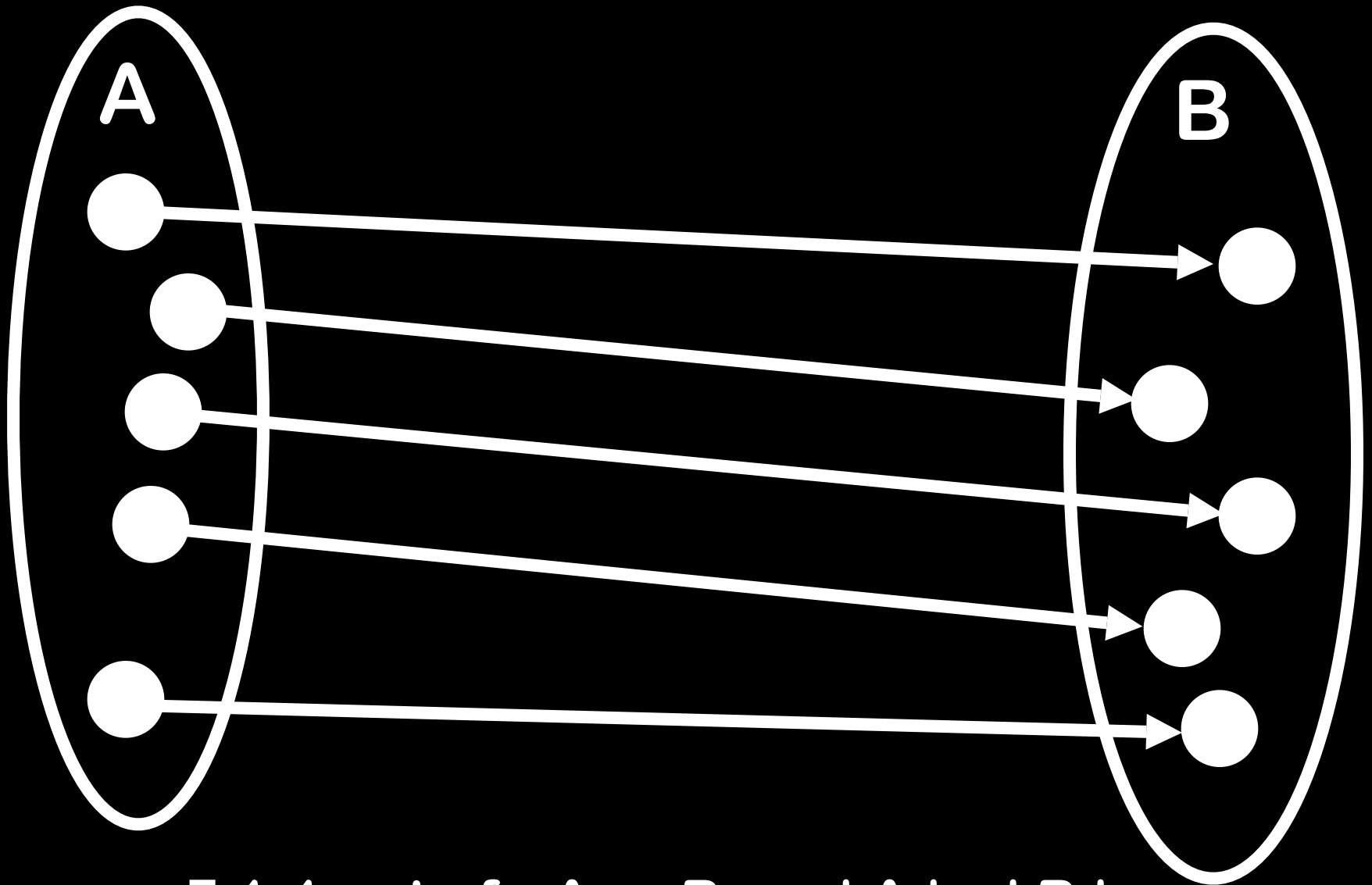
Let's Restrict Our Attention to Finite Sets



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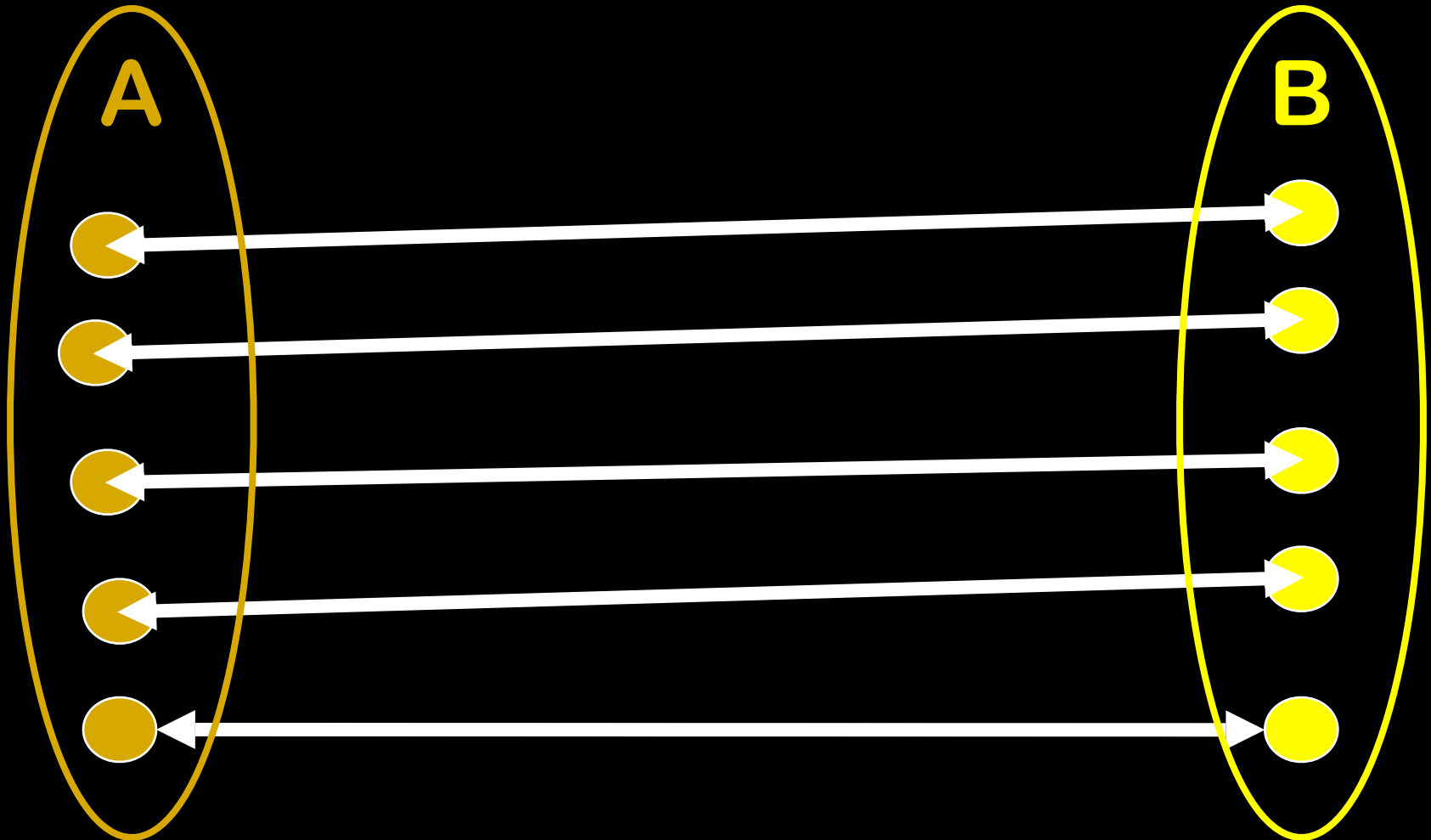


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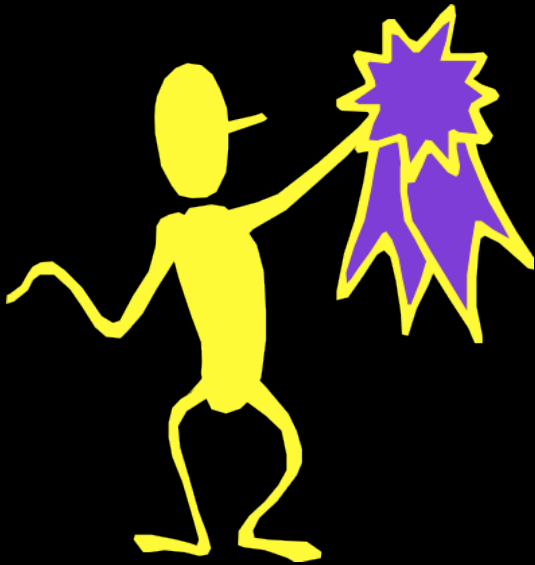
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f being 1-1 onto means f^{-1} is well defined and unique



Correspondence Principle

If two finite sets can be placed into 1-1 onto correspondence, then they have the same size



It's one of the
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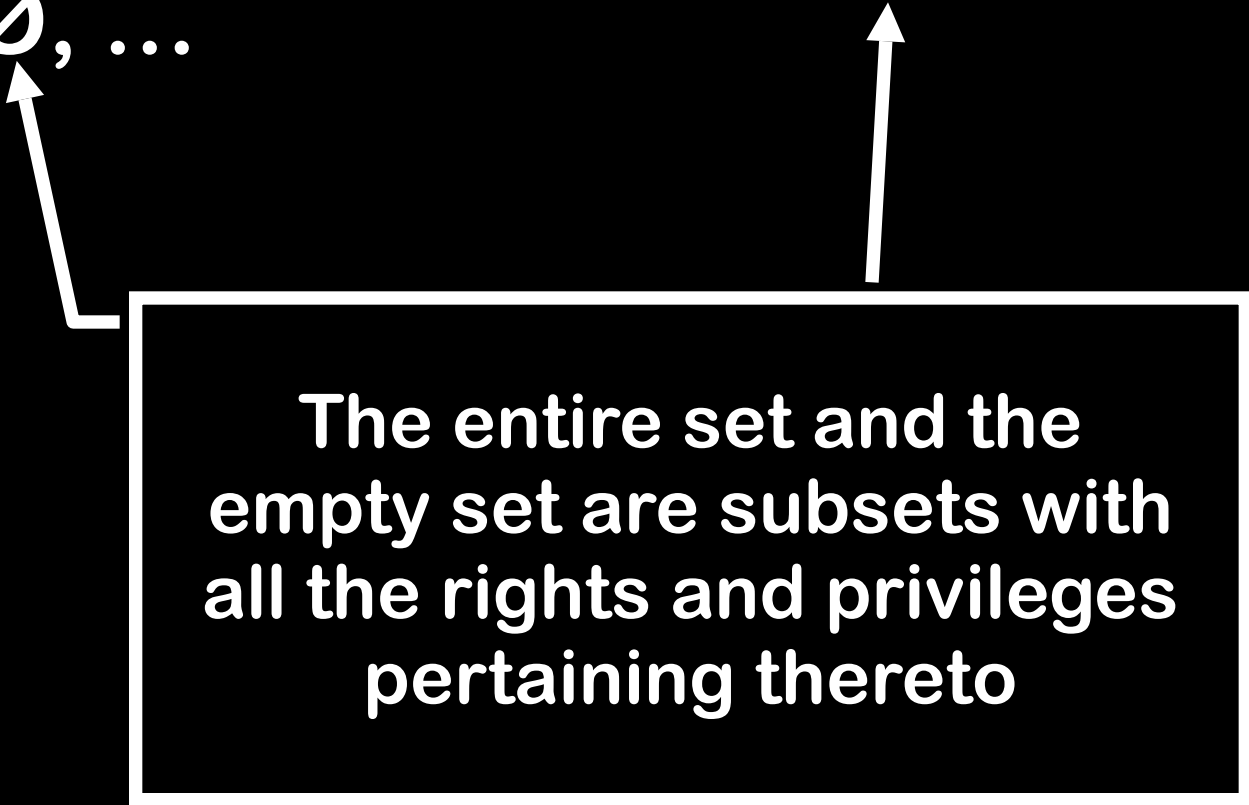
Each sequence corresponds to a unique number from 0 to 2^n-1 . Hence 2^n sequences.

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Hence, $f(b)$ is not equal to $f(b')$ because they disagree on element a_i

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Note that $f(b_1b_2\dots b_n) = S$.

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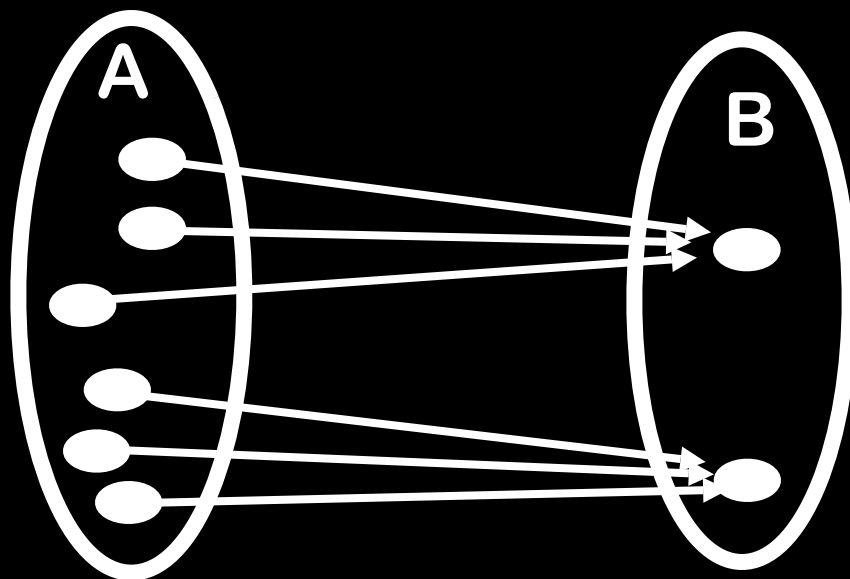
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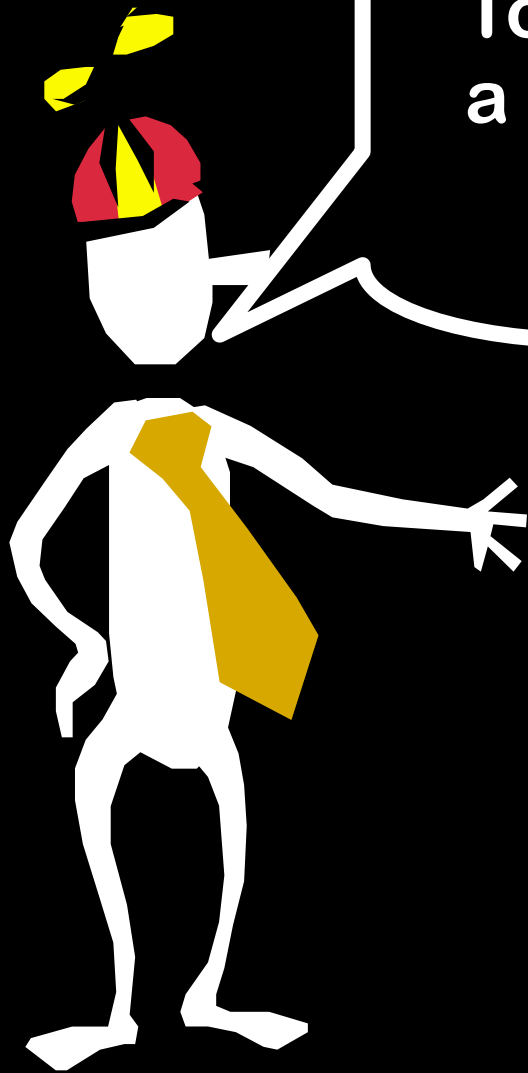
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3 to 1 function



To count the number of horses in a barn, we can count the number of hoofs and then divide by 4

If a finite set A
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then $|B| = |A|/k$





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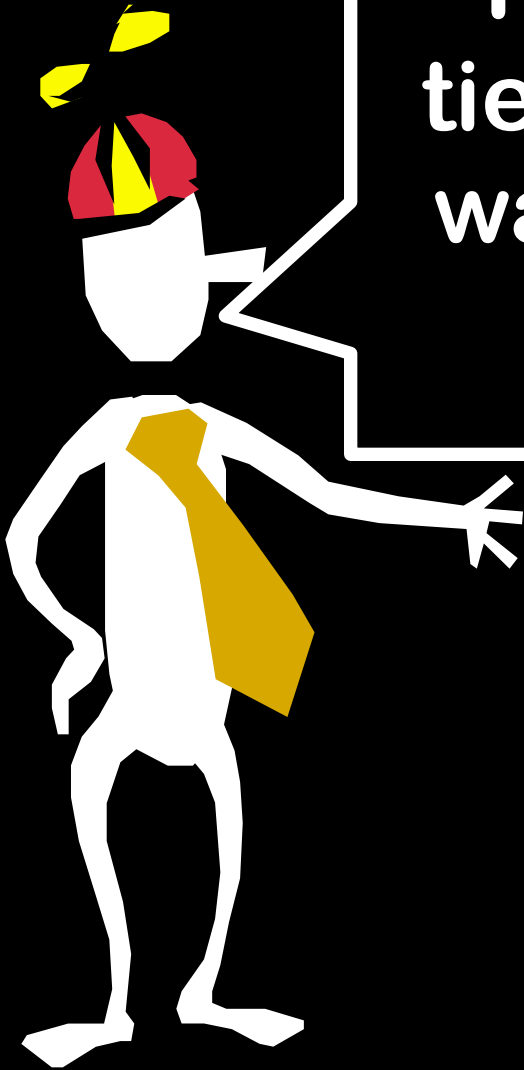


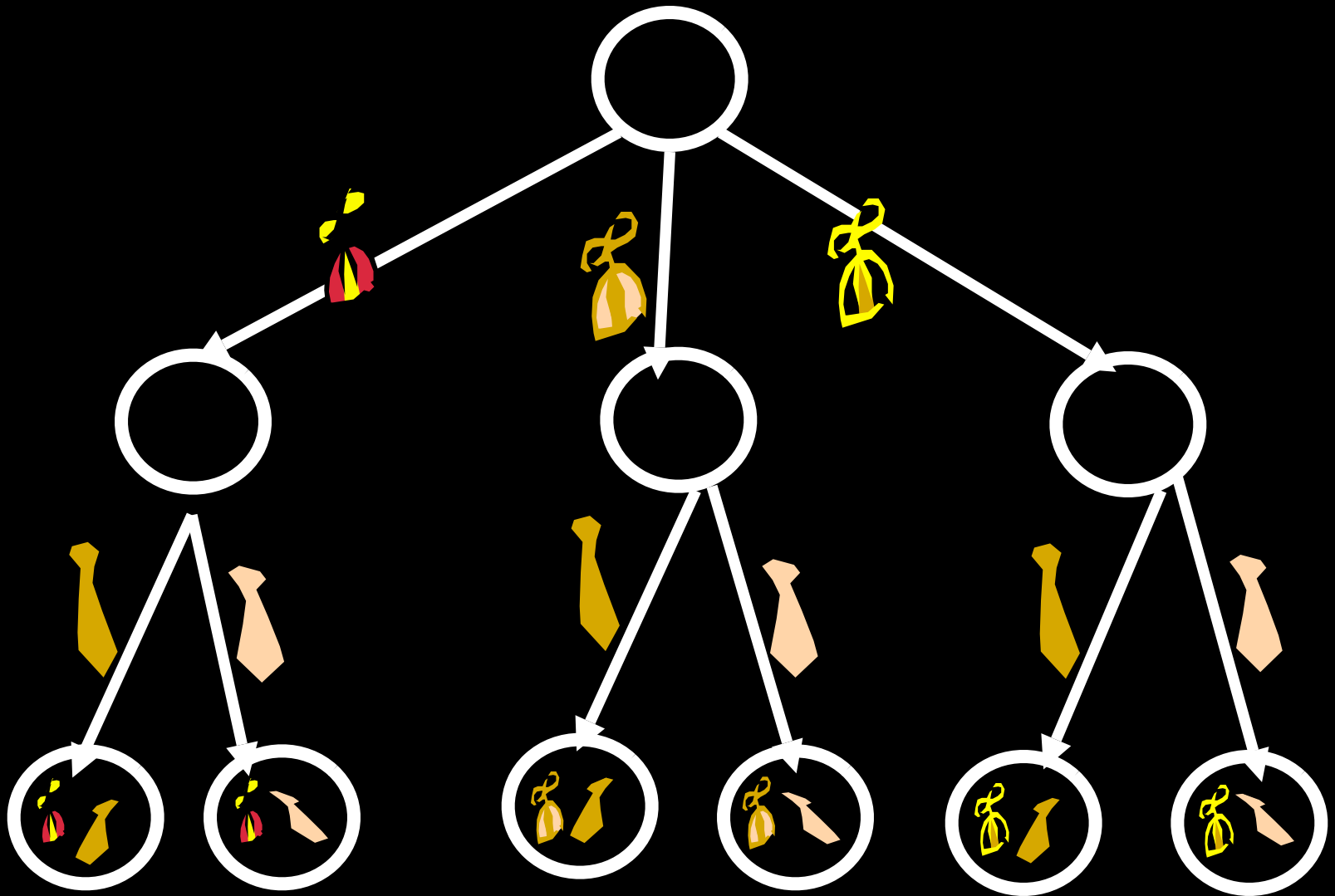
Count without Counting:
The auditorium can be
partitioned into n rows
with k seats each

Thus, we have nk seats in the room

Choice Trees

I own 3 beanies and 2 ties. How many different ways can I dress up in a beanie and a tie?





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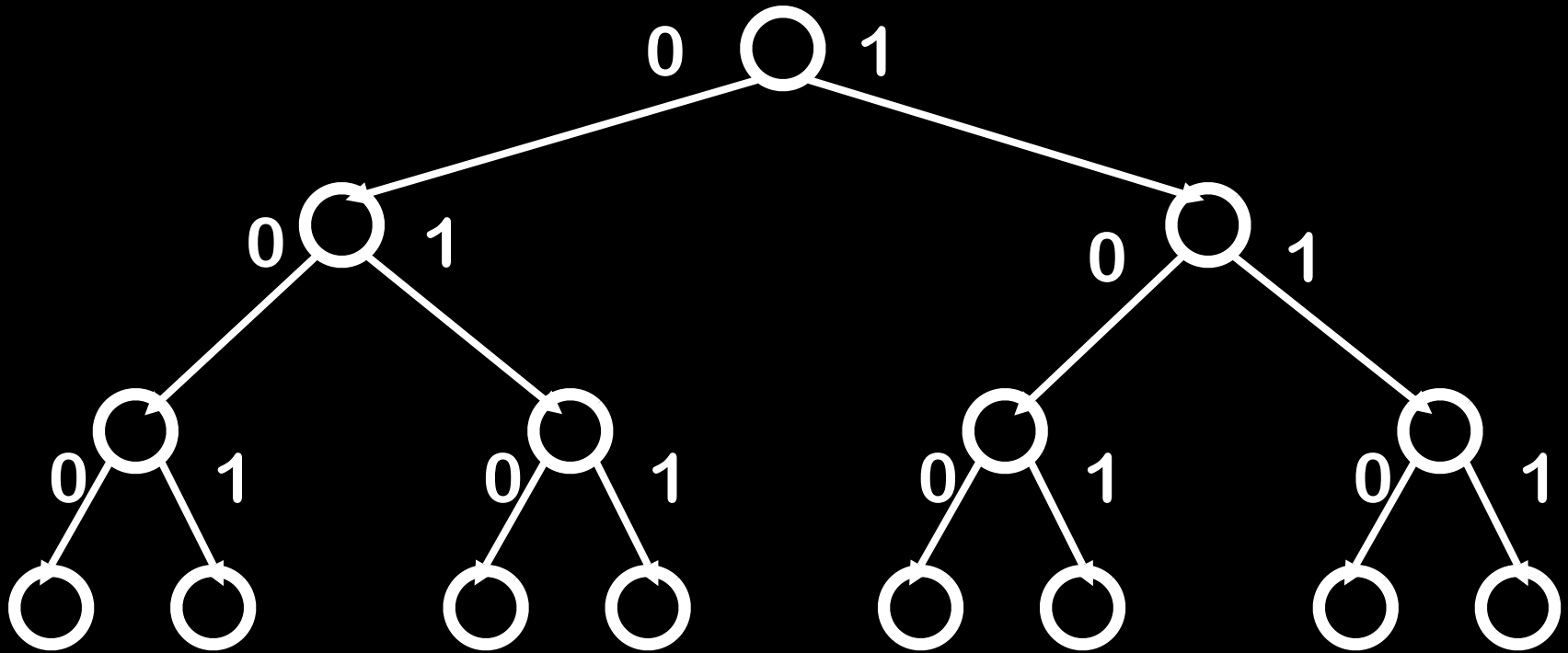
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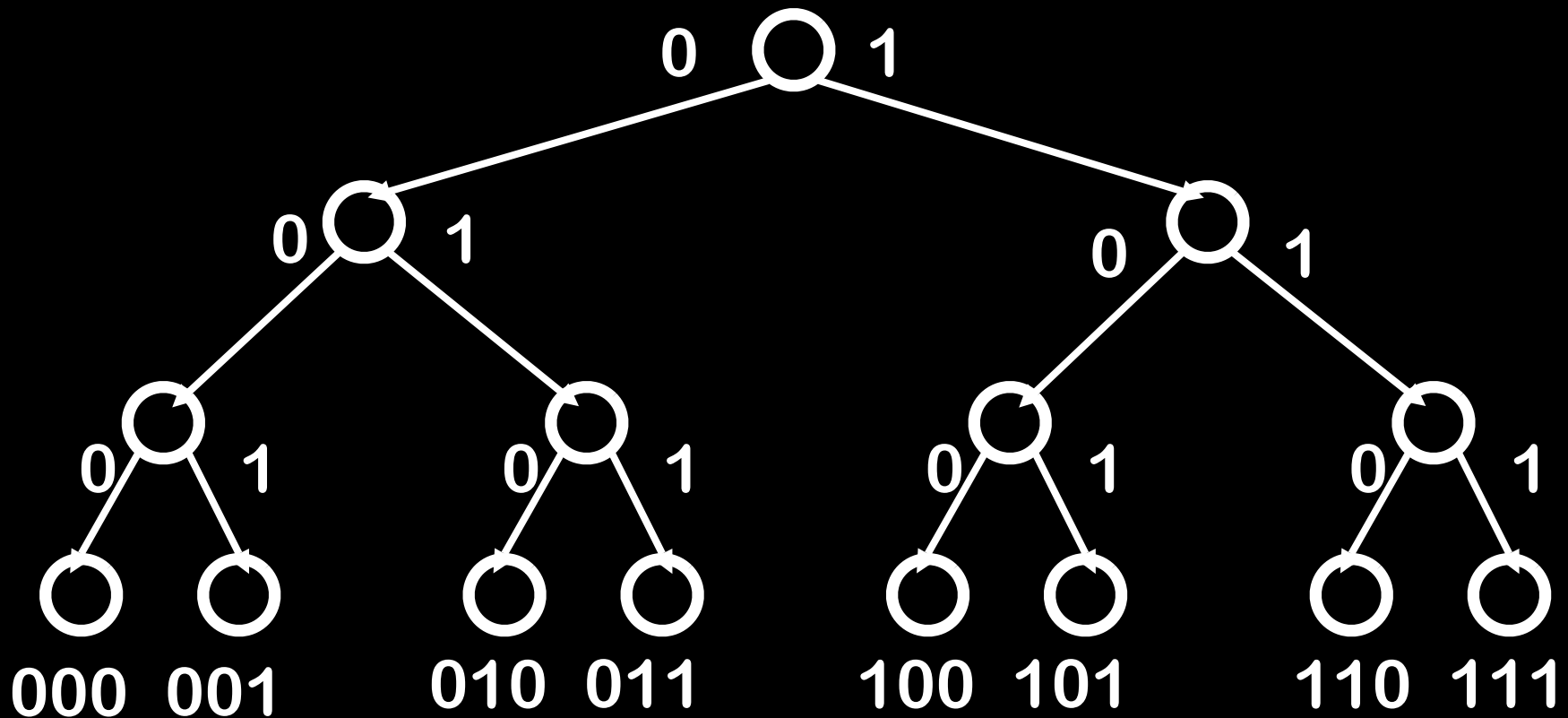
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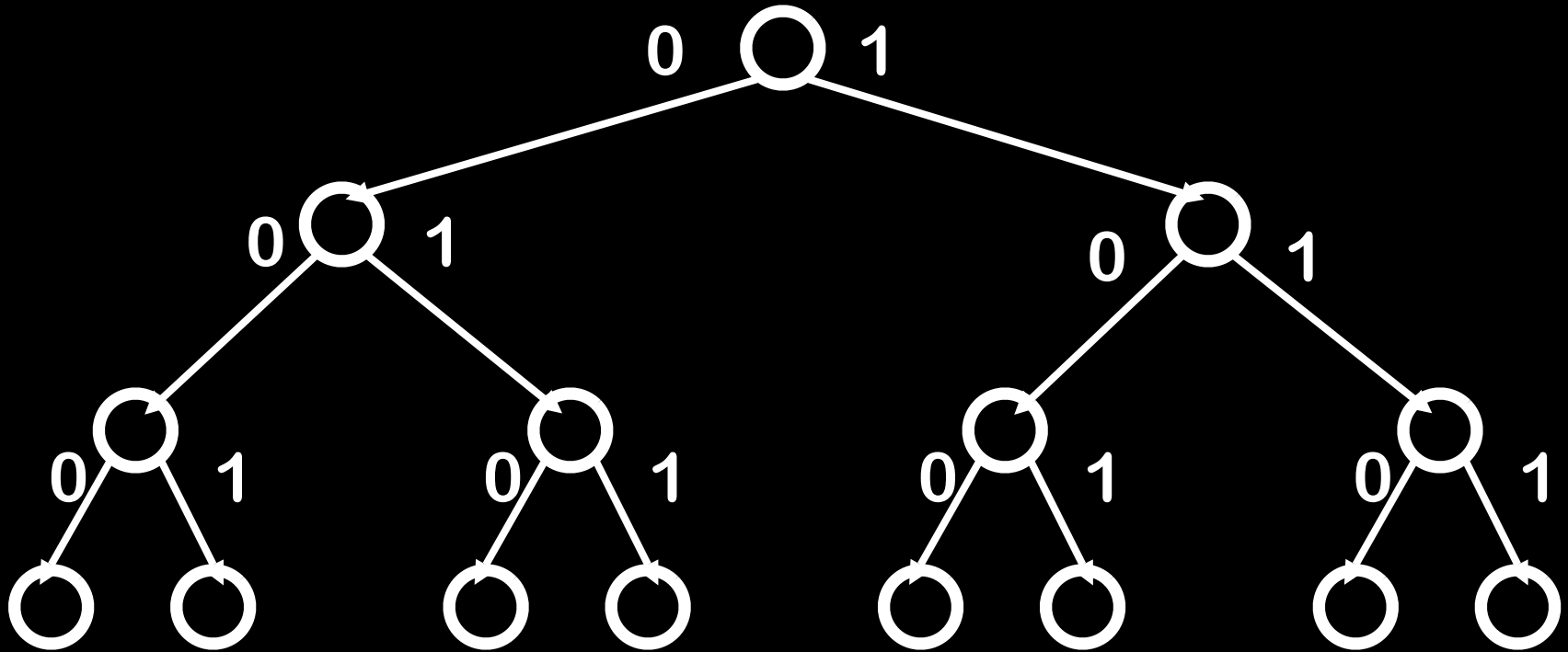


We can use a “choice tree” to represent the construction of objects of the desired type

Choice Tree For 2^n n-bit Sequences



Label each leaf with the object constructed by the choices along the path to the leaf



2 choices for first bit
× 2 choices for second bit
× 2 choices for third bit
:
:
× 2 choices for the n^{th}

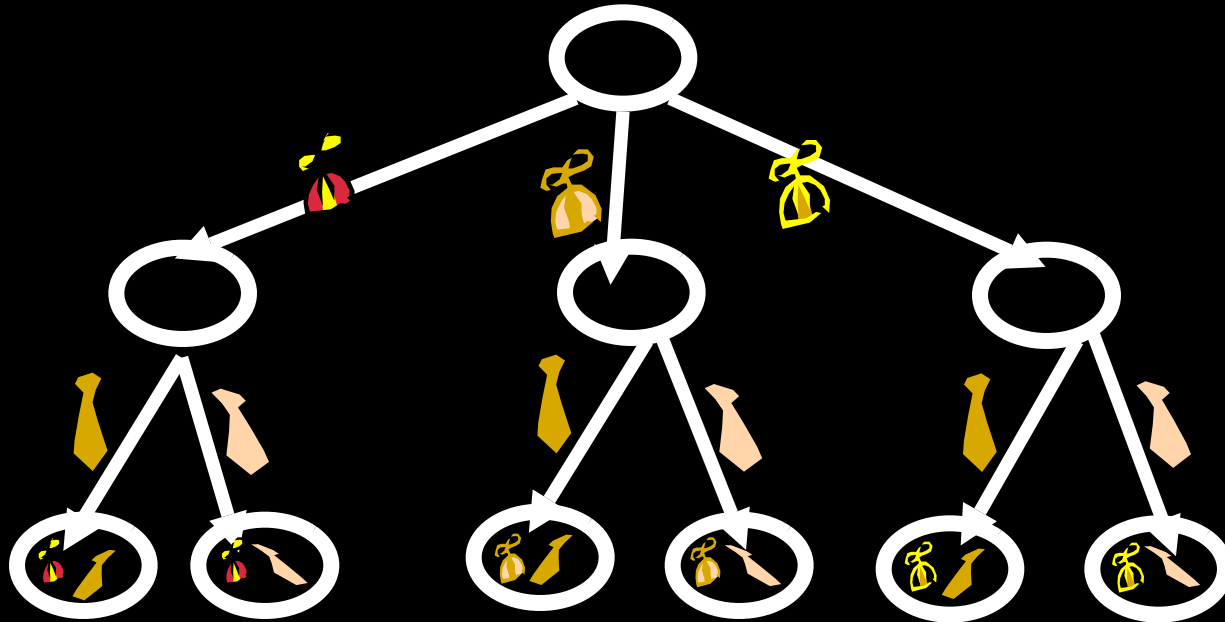
Leaf Counting Lemma

Let T be a depth- n tree when each node at depth $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ has P_{i+1} children

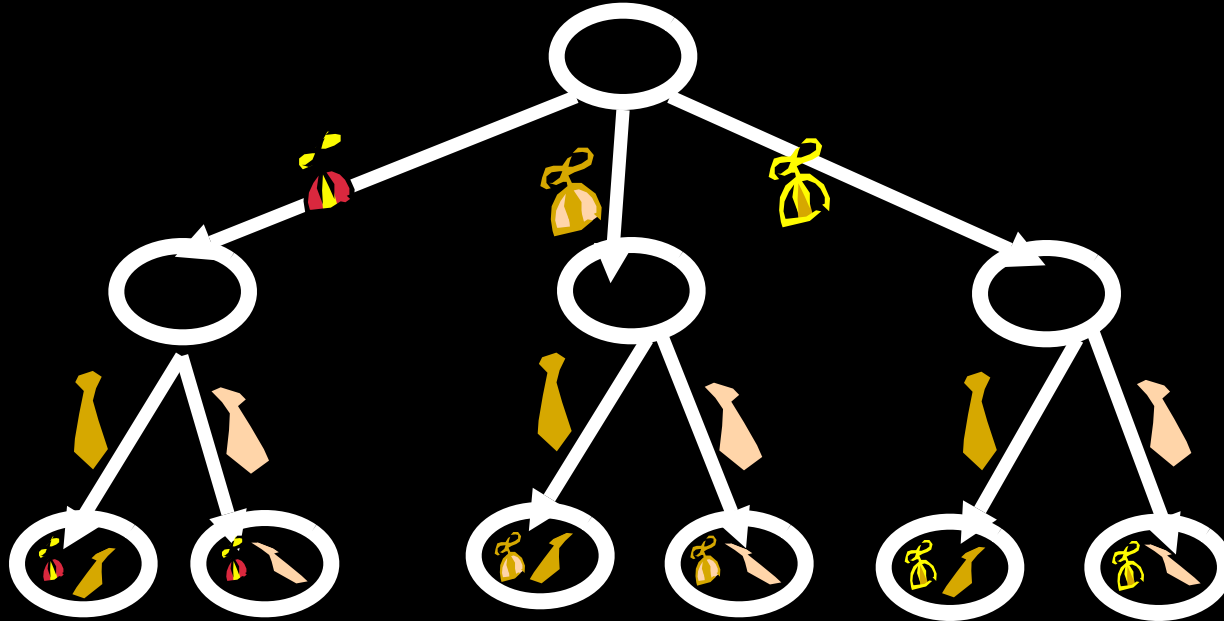
The number of leaves of T is given by:

$$P_1 P_2 \dots P_n$$

Choice Tree



A **choice tree** is a rooted, directed tree with an object called a “choice” associated with each edge and a label on each leaf



A choice tree provides a “choice tree representation” of a set S , if

1. Each leaf label is in S , and each element of S is some leaf label
2. No two leaf labels are the same



We will now combine
the **correspondence
principle** with the
leaf counting lemma
to make a powerful
counting rule for
choice tree
representation.

Product Rule

IF set S has a **choice tree representation** with P_1 possibilities for the first choice, P_2 for the second, P_3 for the third, and so on,

THEN

there are $P_1 P_2 P_3 \dots P_n$ objects in S

Proof:

There are $P_1 P_2 P_3 \dots P_n$ leaves of the choice tree which are in 1-1 onto correspondence with the elements of S .

Product Rule (Rephrased)

Suppose **every** object of a set S can be constructed by a sequence of choices with P_1 possibilities for the first choice, P_2 for the second, and so on.

IF 1. Each sequence of choices constructs an object of type S

AND

2. No two different sequences create the same object

THEN

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51 possible choices for the second card;

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How Many Different Orderings of Deck With 52 Cards?

What object are we making? **Ordering of a deck**

Construct an ordering of a deck by a sequence of 52 choices:

52 possible choices for the first card;

51 possible choices for the second card;

: :

1 possible choice for the 52nd card.

By product rule: $52 \times 51 \times 50 \times \dots \times 2 \times 1 = 52!$

A **permutation** or **arrangement** of n objects is an ordering of the objects

The number of permutations of n distinct objects is $n!$



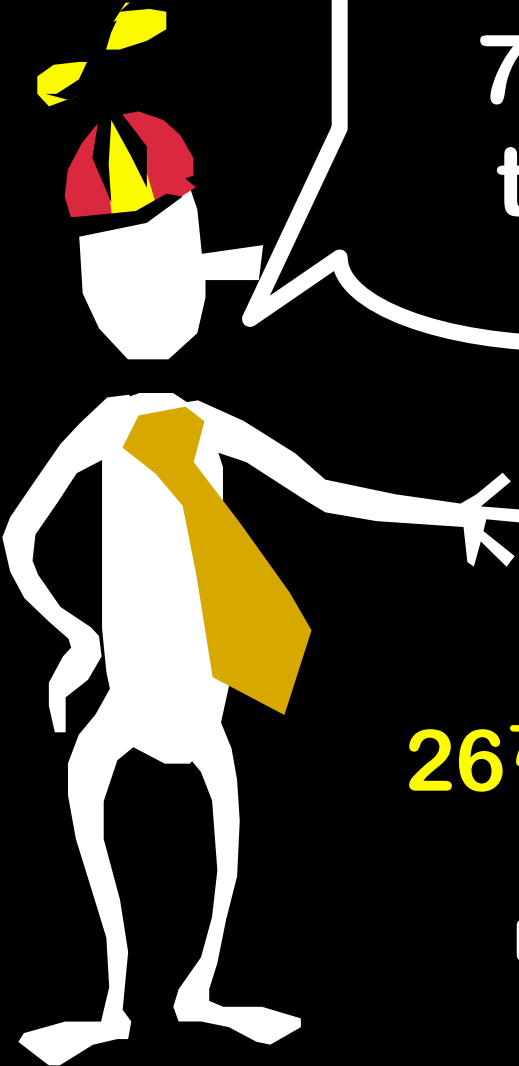
How many sequences of
7 letters are there?

$$26^7$$

(26 choices for each
of the 7 positions)



How many sequences of
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$$26^7 - 26 \times 25 \times 24 \times 23 \times 22 \times 21 \times 20$$

number of sequences containing
all different letters

Sometimes it is easiest to count the number of objects with property Q, by counting the number of objects that do not have property Q.



Helpful Advice:

In logic, it can be useful to represent a statement in the contra positive.

In counting, it can be useful to represent a set in terms of its complement.



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$$10 \times 9 \times 8 = 720$$

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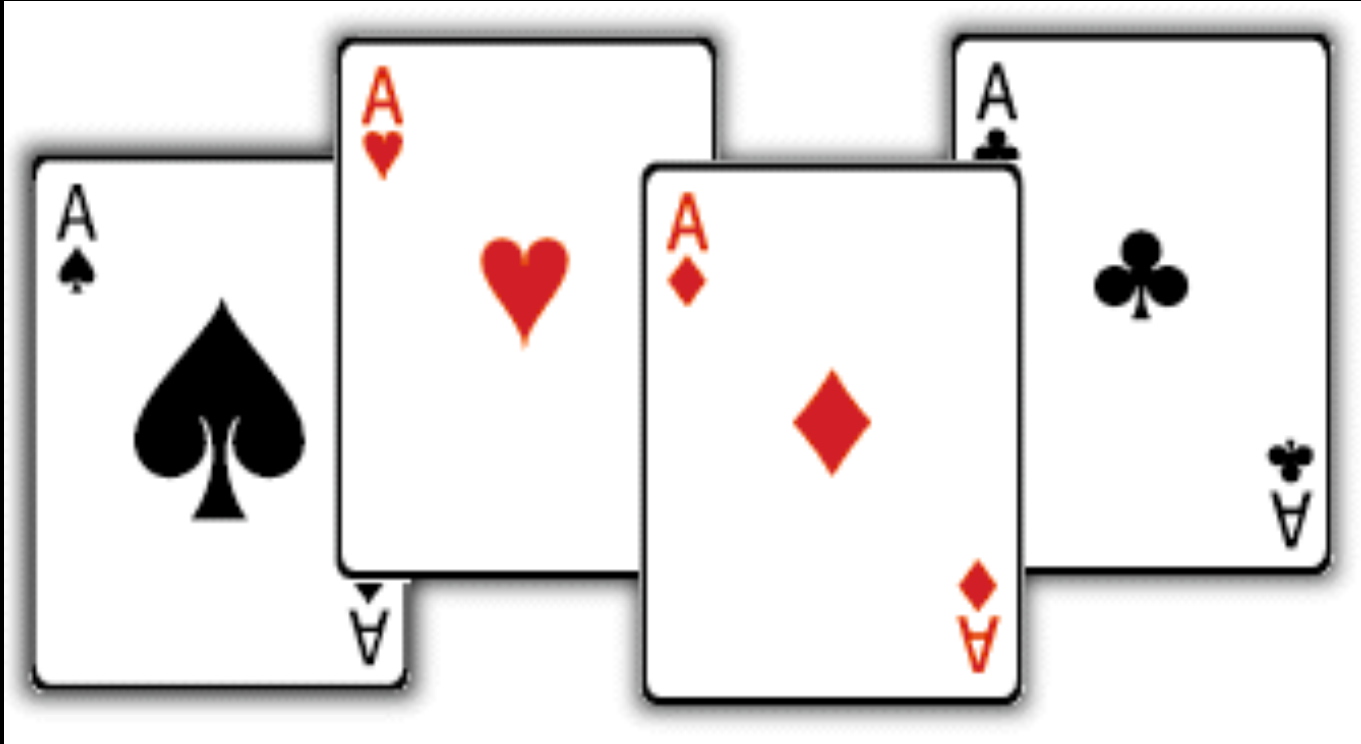
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Hence $\# \text{unordered pairs} = (\# \text{ordered pairs}) / 2$

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$$(52 \times 51 \times 50 \times 49 \times 48) / 5! = 2,598,960$$

A **combination** or **choice** of r out of n objects is an (unordered) set of r of the n objects

The number of r combinations of n objects:

$$\frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \binom{n}{r}$$


A rectangular box containing the text "n 'choose' r" has an arrow pointing from its top-right corner to the binomial coefficient $\binom{n}{r}$ in the equation above.

n "choose" r

The number of subsets of size r that can be formed from an n -element set is:

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sequence as choosing position j for the first 0
and position i for the second 0

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Symmetry In The Formula

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“# of ways to pick r out of n elements”

=

“# of ways to choose the $(n-r)$ elements to omit”

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$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 1$ way of picking 4 out of 4 aces

$\begin{pmatrix} 48 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 48$ ways of picking 1 cards
out of the 48 non-ace cards

$$\begin{array}{r} 4512 \\ + 48 \\ \hline 4560 \end{array}$$

4704 $\neq$ 4560

At least one of
the two counting
arguments is not
correct!



Four Different Sequences of Choices Produce the Same Hand

$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 4$ ways of picking 3 out of 4 aces

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REVERSIBILITY CHECK:

For each object can I
reverse engineer the
unique sequence of
choices that
constructed it?



Scheme I

1. Choose 3 of 4 aces
2. Choose 2 of the remaining cards

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For this hand – you can't reverse to a unique choice sequence.

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Scheme II

1. Choose 3 out of 4 aces
2. Choose 2 out of 48 non-ace cards

A♣ A♦ Q♦ A♠ K♦

REVERSE TEST: Aces came from choices in (1)
and others came from choices in (2)

Scheme II

1. Choose 4 out of 4 aces
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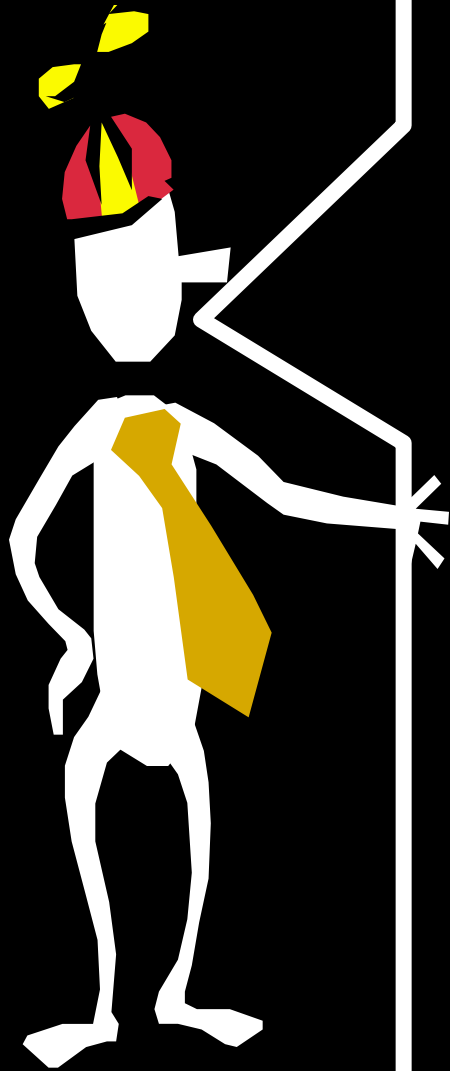
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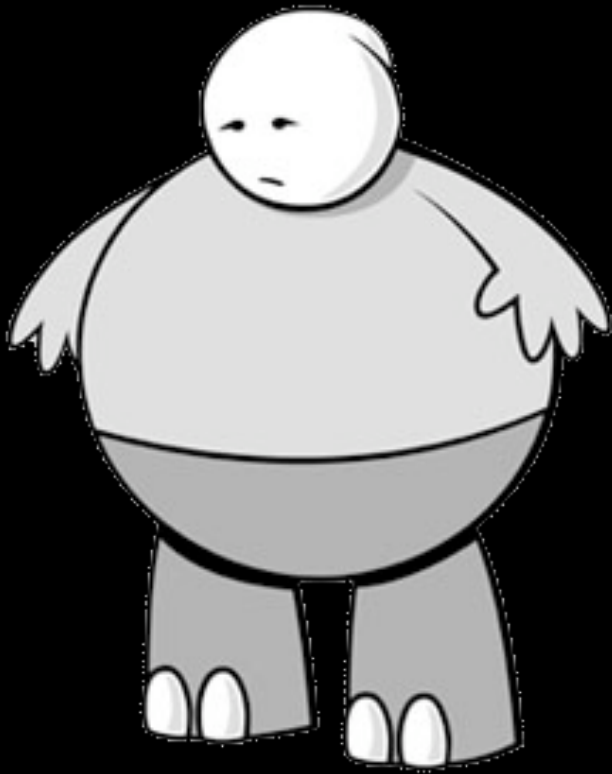


DEFENSIVE THINKING

ask yourself:

Am I creating objects of
the right type?

Can I reverse engineer
my choice sequence
from any given object?



Here's What
You Need to
Know...

Correspondence Principle

If two finite sets can be placed into 1-1 onto correspondence, then they have the same size

Choice Tree

Product Rule

two conditions

Reverse Test

Counting by complementing

Binomial coefficient