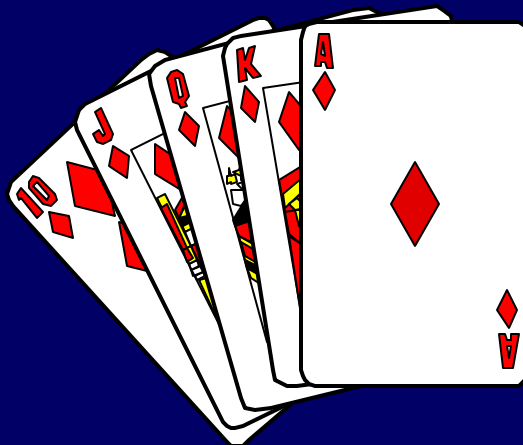
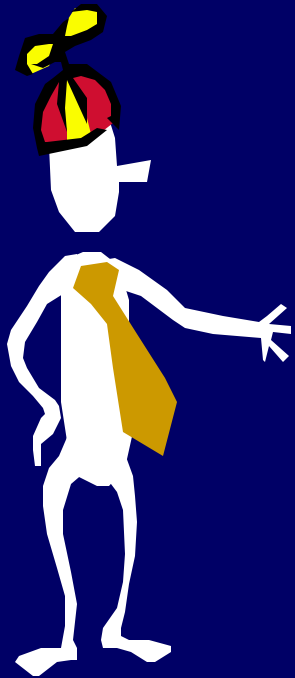


# Counting II: Recurring Problems And Correspondences

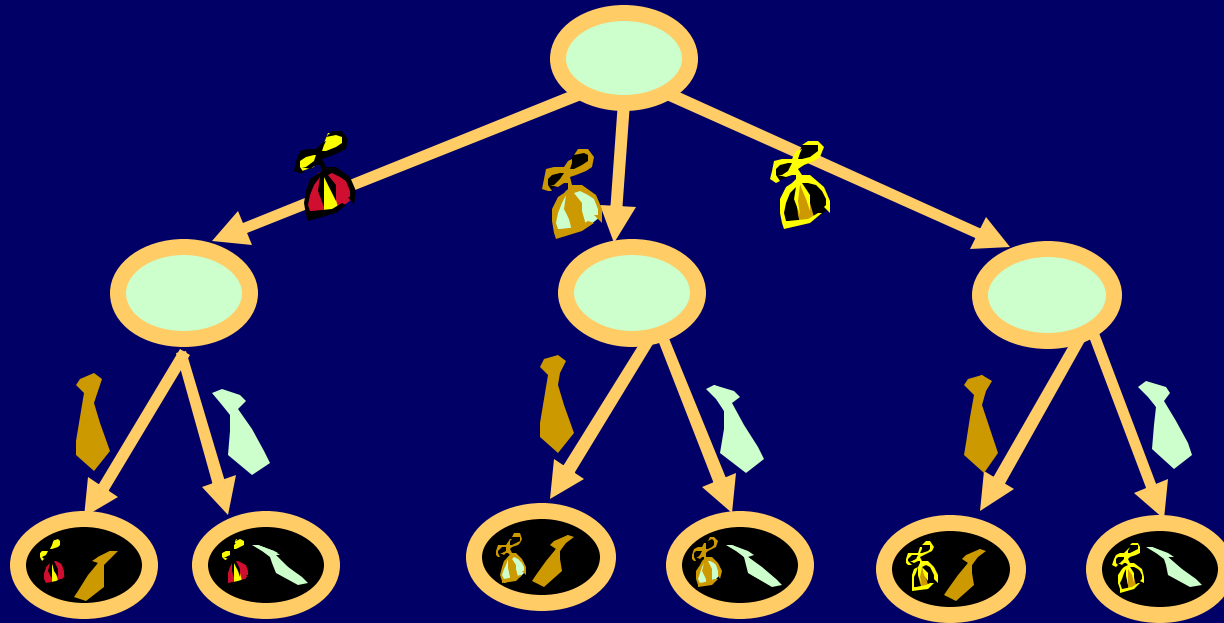


$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \text{red and yellow hat} \\ \text{yellow bag} \\ \text{yellow tie} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{yellow tie} \\ \text{green tie} \end{array} \right) = ?$$

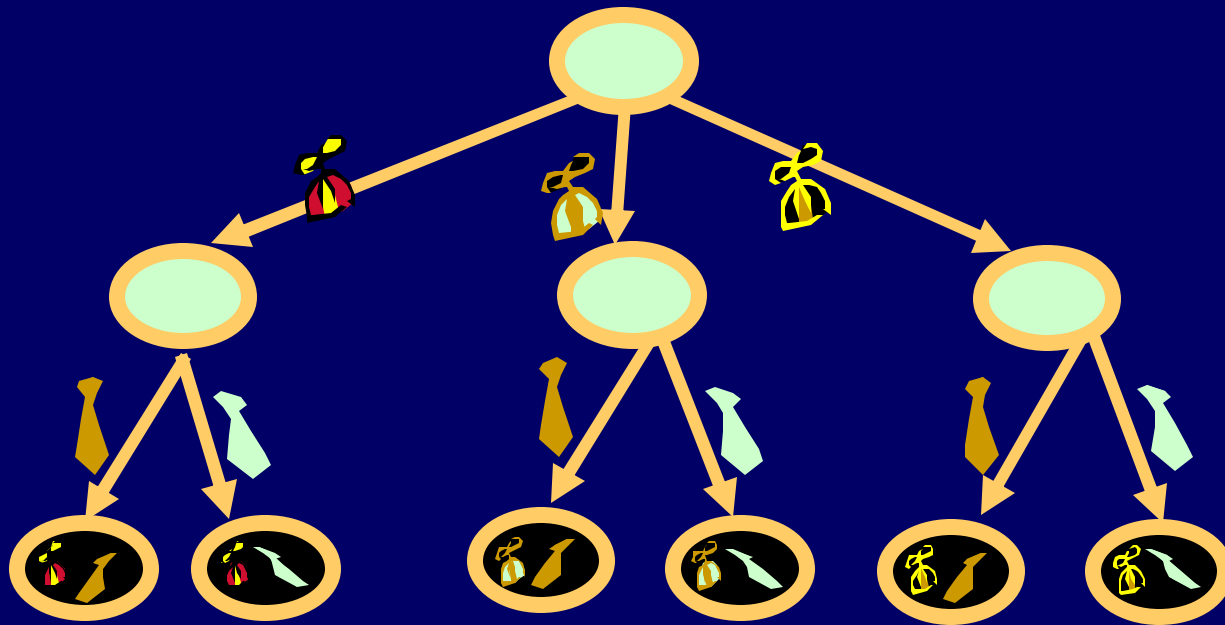
# Correspondence Principle

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

# 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  $S$
- 2) No two leaf labels are the same

# Product Rule

**I F**  $S$  has a choice tree representation with  $P_1$  possibilities for the first choice,  $P_2$  for the second, and so on,

**THEN**

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

Proof: The leaves of the choice tree are in 1-1 onto correspondence with the elements of  $S$ .

# Product Rule

Suppose that all objects of a type  $S$  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

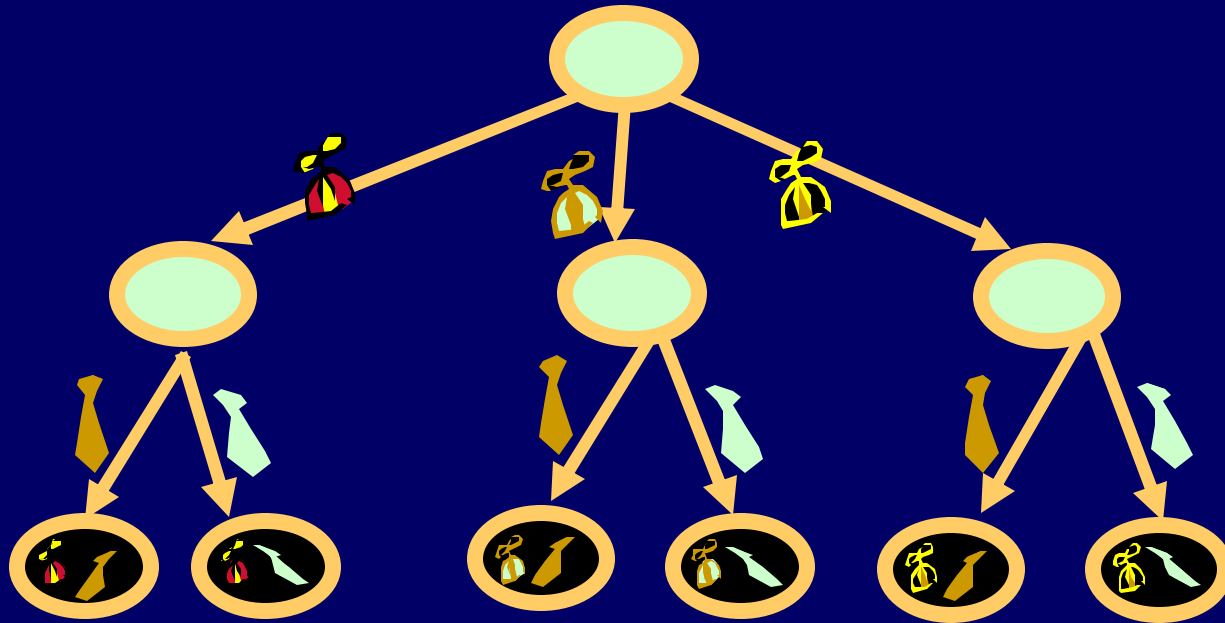
there are  $P_1 P_2 P_3 \dots P_n$  objects of type  $S$ .

Condition 2 of the product rule:

No two leaves have the same label.

Equivalently,

No object can be created in two different ways.



## Reversibility Check:

Given an arbitrary object in  $S$ ,  
can we reverse engineer the  
choices that created it?





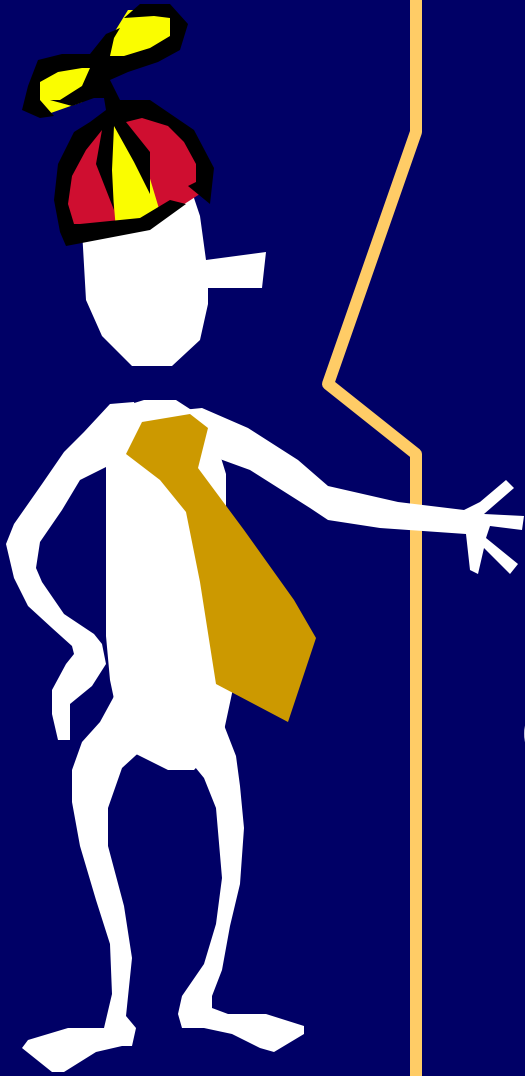
The two big mistakes people make in associating a choice tree with a set  $S$  are:

- 1) Creating objects not in  $S$
- 2) Creating the same object two different ways

# DEFENSIVE THINKING

Am I creating objects of the right type?

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



The number  
of subsets of  
an  $n$ -element  
set is  $2^n$



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



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

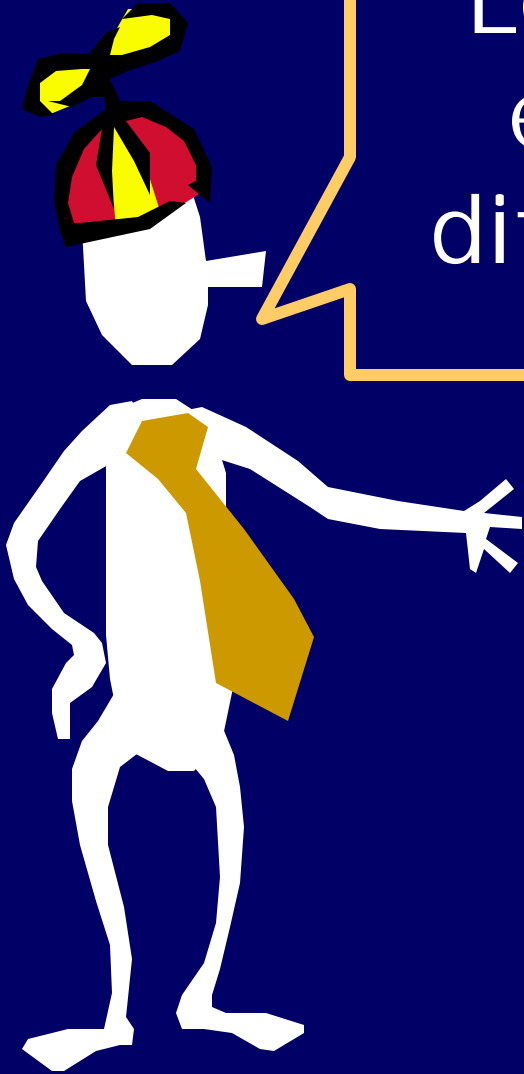
$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$



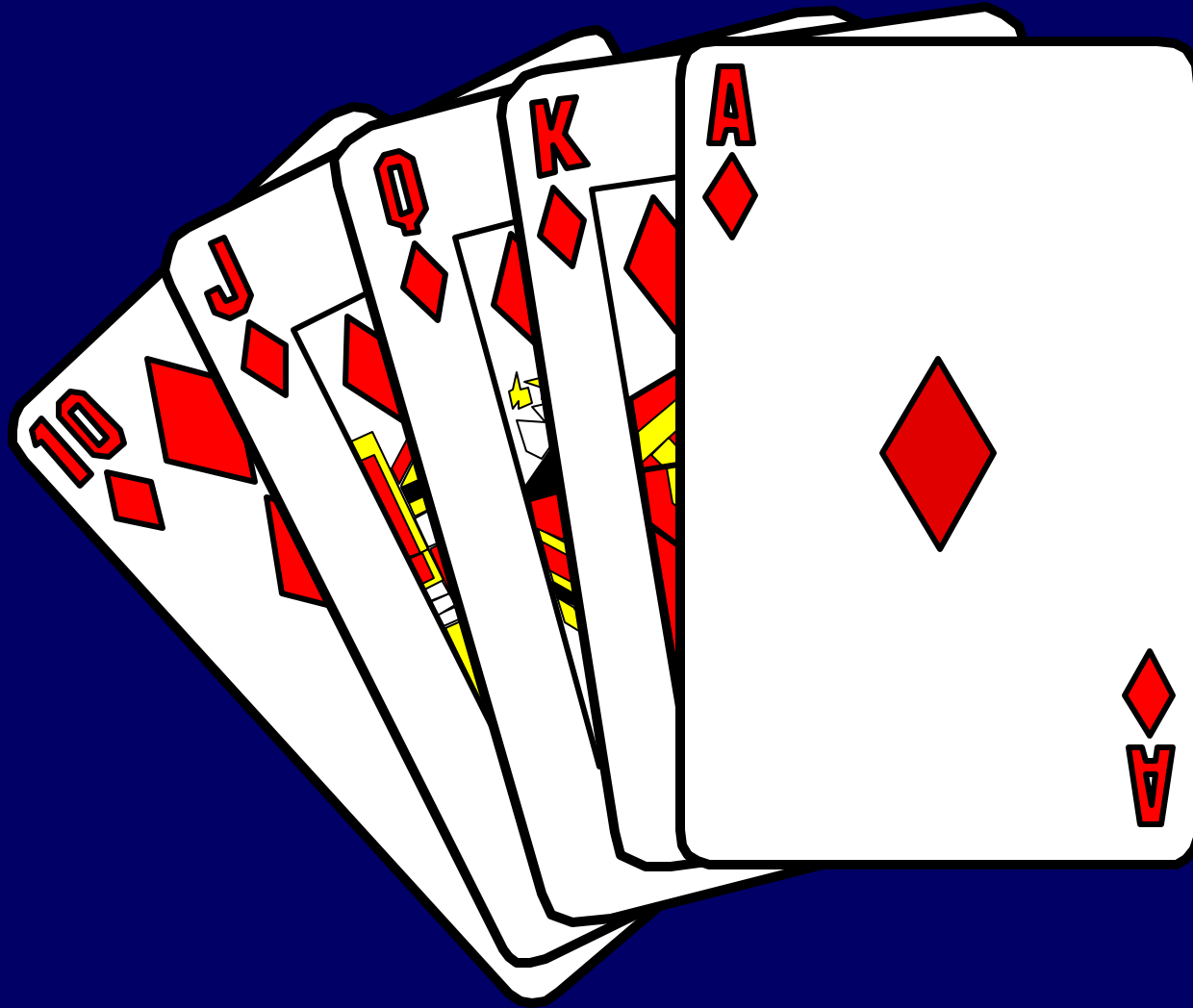
Sometimes it is  
easiest to count  
something by  
counting its  
opposite.



Let's use our principles to extend our reasoning to different types of objects.



# Counting Poker Hands...





# 52 Card Deck

## 5 card hands

4 possible suits:

- ♥ ♦ ♣ ♠

13 possible ranks:

- 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,J,Q,K,A

Pair: set of two cards of the same rank

Straight: 5 cards of consecutive rank

Flush: set of 5 cards with the same suit

# Ranked Poker Hands

## Straight Flush

- A straight and a flush

## 4 of a kind

- 4 cards of the same rank

## Full House

- 3 of one kind and 2 of another

## Flush

- A flush, *but not a straight*

## Straight

- A straight, *but not a flush*

## 3 of a kind

- 3 of the same rank, *but not a full house or 4 of a kind*

## 2 Pair

- 2 pairs, *but not 4 of a kind or a full house*

## A Pair

# Straight Flush

9 choices for rank of lowest card at the start of the straight.

4 possible suits for the flush.

$$9 \times 4 = 36$$

$$\frac{36}{\binom{52}{5}} = \frac{36}{2598960} = 1 \text{ in } 72,193.33..$$

## 4 Of A Kind

13 choices of rank.

48 choices for remaining card.

$$13 \times 48 = 624$$

$$\frac{624}{2598960} = 1 \text{ in } 4165$$

# Flush

4 choices of suit.

$\binom{13}{5}$  choices of set of 5 ranks.

$$= 5148$$

- 36 Straight Flushes

$$= 5112$$

$$\frac{5112}{2598960} = 1 \text{ in } 508.4$$

# Straight

9 choices of lowest rank in the straight.

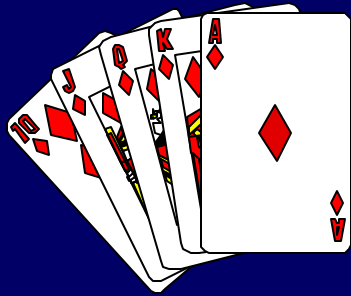
$4^5$  choices of suits to each card in sequence.

=9216

- 36 Straight Flushes

= 9180

$$\frac{9180}{2598960} = 1 \text{ in } 283.11$$



## Storing Poker Hands

### How many bits per hand?

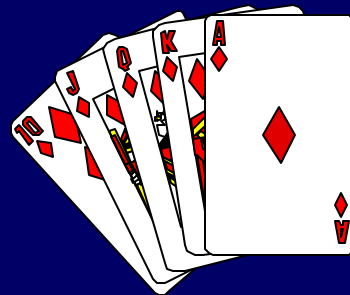
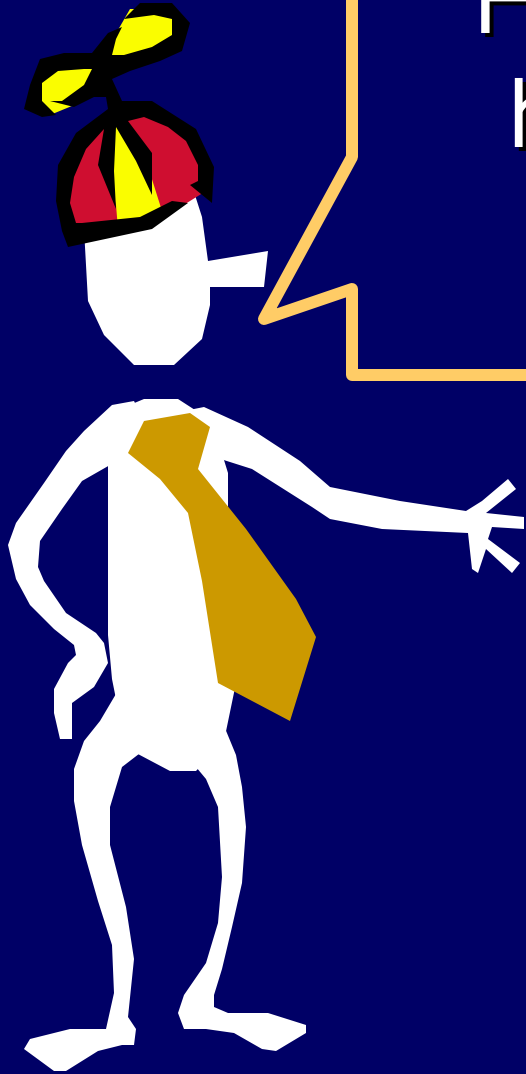
I want to store a 5 card poker hand using the smallest number of bits (space efficient).

Naive scheme: 2 bits for suit,  
4 bits for a rank,  
and hence 6 bits per card

Total: 30 bits per hand

How can I do better?

How can we store a poker hand without storing its order?





# Order the 2,598,560 Poker hands lexicographically [or in any fixed manner]

To store a hand all I need is to store its index of size  $\lceil \log_2(2,598,560) \rceil = 22$  bits.

Hand 00000000000000000000000000000000

Hand 00000000000000000000000000000001

Hand 00000000000000000000000000000010

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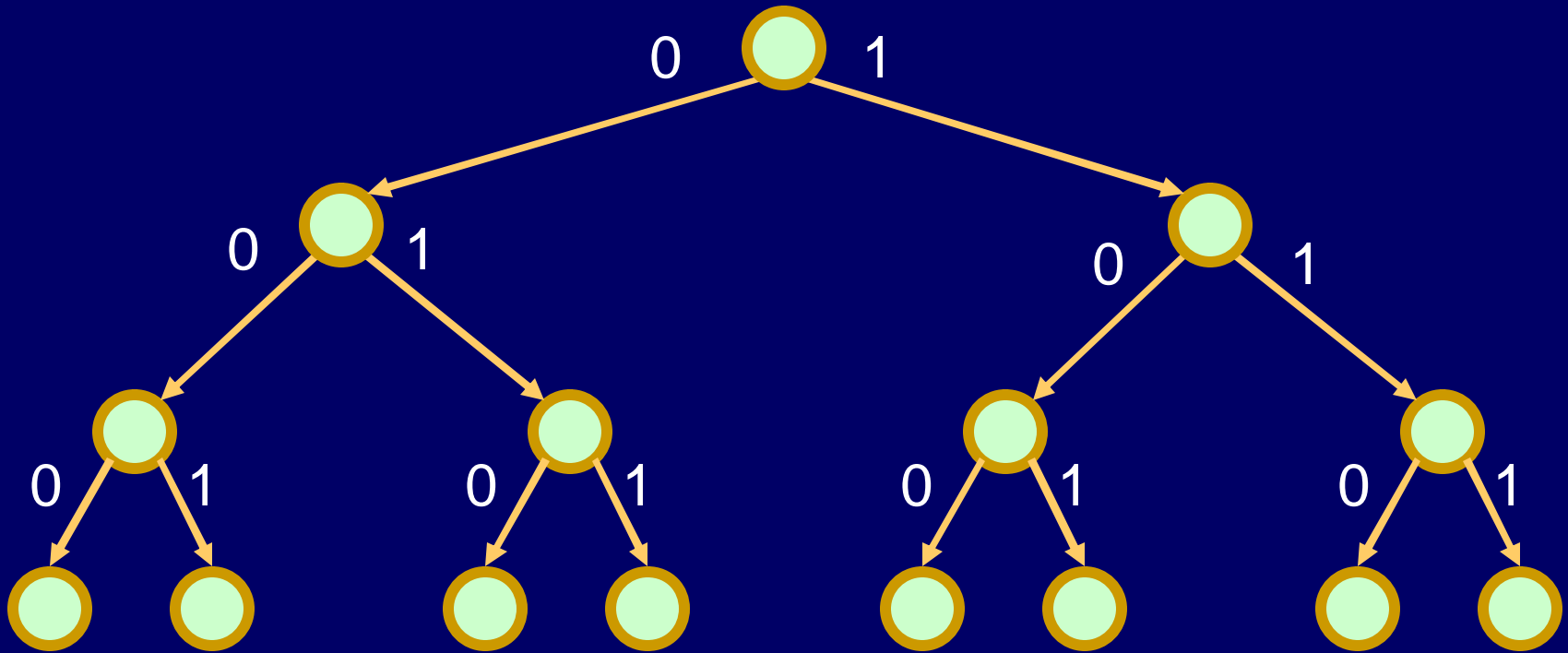
## 22 Bits Is OPTIMAL

$$2^{21} = 2097152 < 2,598,560$$

Thus there are more poker hands than there are 21-bit strings.

Hence, you can't have a 21-bit string for each hand.

# Binary (Boolean) Choice Tree



A binary (Boolean) choice tree is a choice tree where each internal node has degree 2. Usually the choices will be labeled 0 and 1.

## 22 Bits Is OPTIMAL

$$2^{21} = 2097152 < 2,598,560$$

A binary choice tree of depth 21 can have at most  $2^{21}$  leaves. Hence, there are not enough leaves for

Hence, you can't have a leaf for each hand.

An  $n$ -element set can be stored so that each element uses  $\lceil \log_2(n) \rceil$  bits.

Furthermore, any representation of the set will have **some** string of that length.



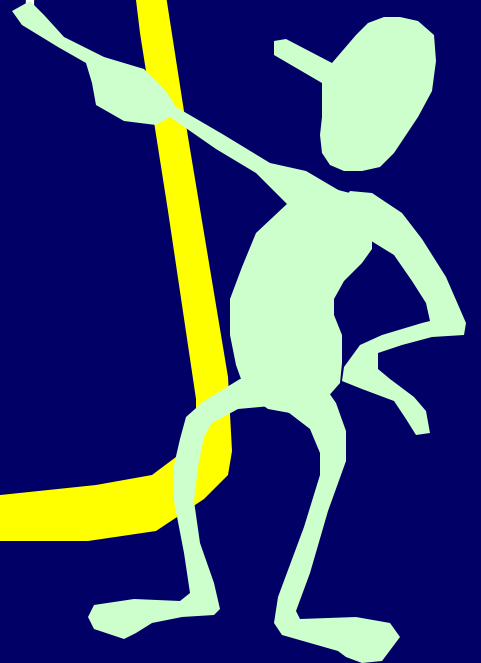
# Information Counting Principle:

If each element of a set  
can be represented  
using  $k$  bits, the size of  
the set is bounded by  $2^k$



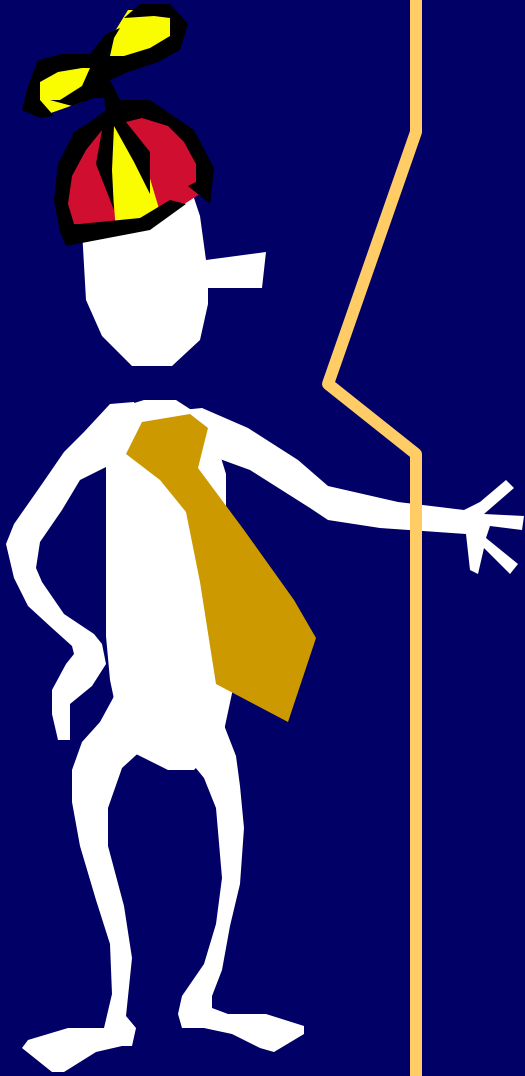
# Information Counting Principle:

Let  $S$  be a set  
represented by a depth  
 $k$  binary choice tree,  
the size of the set is  
bounded by  $2^k$



## ONGOING MEDITATION:

Let  $S$  be any set and  $T$  be a binary choice tree representation of  $S$ . We can think of each element of  $S$  being encoded by the binary sequences of choices that lead to its leaf. We can also start with a binary encoding of a set and make a corresponding binary choice tree.







Now, for something completely different...

How many ways to rearrange the letters in the word

**"SYSTEMS"**?

# SYSTEMS

- 1) 7 places to put the Y, 6 places to put the T, 5 places to put the E, 4 places to put the M, and the S's are forced.

$$7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 = 840$$

- 2)  $\binom{7}{3}$  choices of positions for the S's

4 choices for the Y

3 choices for the T

2 choices for the E

1 choice for the M

$$\frac{7!}{3!4!} \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = \frac{7!}{3!} = 840$$

# SYSTEMS

3) Let's pretend that the S's are distinct:

$S_1YS_2TEMS_3$

There are  $7!$  permutations of  $S_1YS_2TEMS_3$

But when we stop pretending we see that we have counted each arrangement of SYSTEMS  $3!$  times, once for each of  $3!$  rearrangements of  $S_1S_2S_3$ .

$$\frac{7!}{3!} = 840$$

Arrange n symbols

$r_1$  of type 1,  $r_2$  of type 2, ...,  $r_k$  of type k

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{n!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_k!} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{r_1!} \frac{(n-r_1)!}{r_2!} \frac{(n-r_1-r_2)!}{r_3!} \dots \frac{(n-r_1-r_2-r_3)\dots}{r_k!} \dots 1 \\
 &= \frac{n!}{r_1! r_2! r_3! \dots r_k!}
 \end{aligned}$$

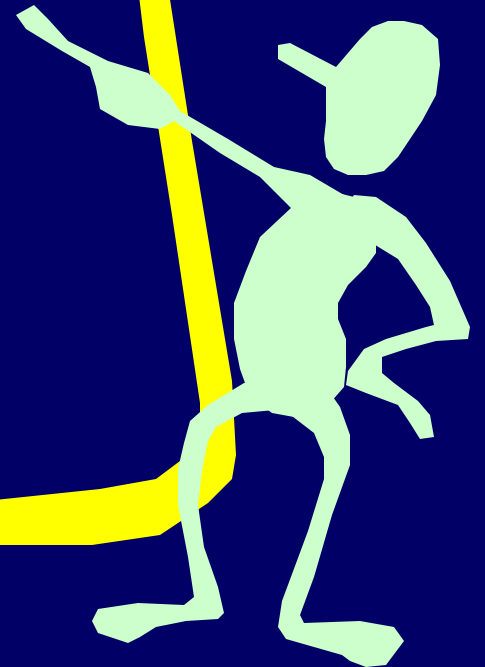
# CARNEGI EMELLON

$$\frac{14!}{2!3!2!} = 3,632,428,800$$

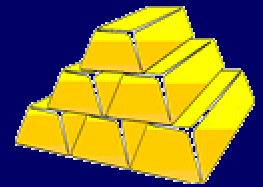
Remember:

The number of ways to arrange  $n$  symbols with  $r_1$  of type 1,  $r_2$  of type 2, ...,  $r_k$  of type  $k$  is:

$$\frac{n!}{r_1! r_2! r_3! \dots r_k!}$$



5 distinct pirates want to divide 20 identical, indivisible bars of gold. How many different ways can they divide up the loot?



## Sequences with 20 G's and 4 /'s

GG/G//GGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGG//

represents the following division among the pirates: 2, 1, 0, 17, 0

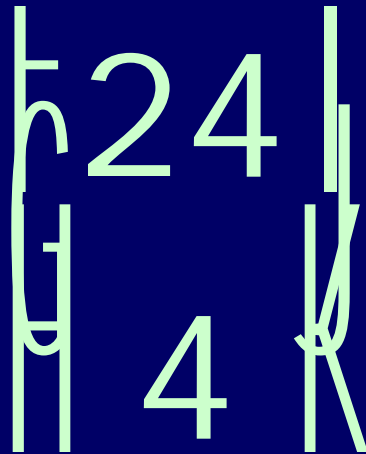
In general, the  $i^{\text{th}}$  pirate gets the number of G's after the  $i-1^{\text{st}}$  / and before the  $i^{\text{th}}$  /.

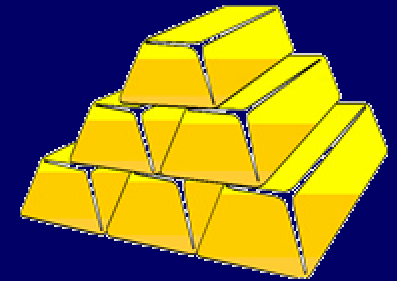
This gives a correspondence between divisions of the gold and sequences with 20 G's and 4 /'s.



How many different ways to  
divide up the loot?

Sequences with 20 G's and 4 /'s





How many different ways can  $n$  distinct pirates divide  $k$  identical, indivisible bars of gold?

$$\binom{n+k-1}{n-1} = \binom{n+k-1}{k}$$

How many integer solutions to the following equations?

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 20$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5 \geq 0$$

Think of  $x_k$  as being the number of gold bars that are allotted to pirate  $k$ .

$$\binom{24}{4}$$

How many integer solutions to the following equations?

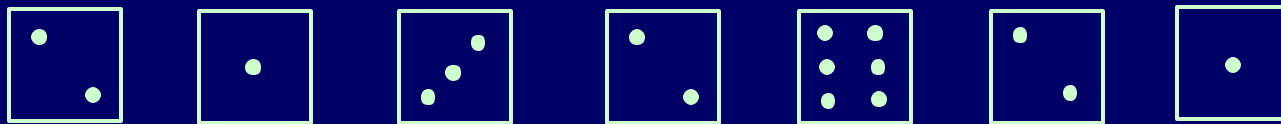
$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1} + x_n = k$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n \geq 0$$

$$\binom{n+k-1}{n-1} = \binom{n+k-1}{k}$$

# Identical/Distinct Dice

Suppose that we roll seven dice.



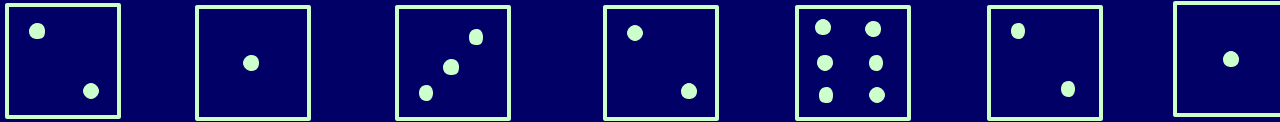
How many different outcomes are there, if order matters?

$$6^7$$

What if order doesn't matter?  
(E.g., Yahtzee)

$$\binom{12}{7}$$

# 7 Identical Dice



How many different outcomes?

Corresponds to 6 pirates  
and 7 bars of gold!

Let  $X_k$  be the number of dice showing  $k$ .  
The  $k^{\text{th}}$  pirate gets  $X_k$  gold bars.

$$\binom{6 + 7 - 1}{7}$$

# Multisets

A multiset is a set of elements, each of which has a *multiplicity*.

The size of the multiset is the sum of the multiplicities of all the elements.

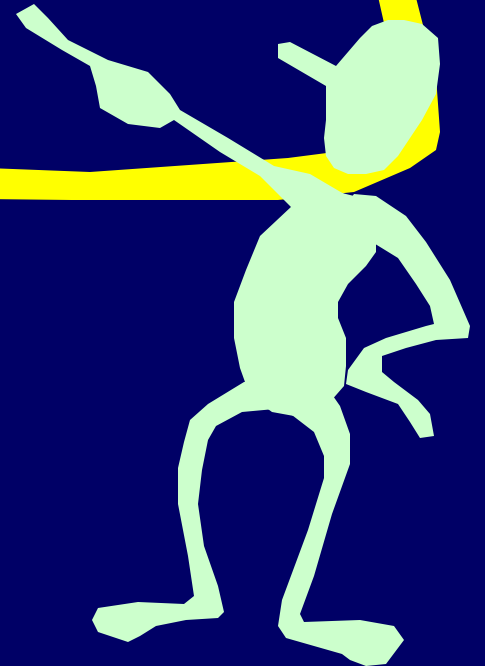
Example:

$\{X, Y, Z\}$  with  $m(X)=0$   $m(Y)=3$ ,  $m(Z)=2$

Unary visualization:  $\{Y, Y, Y, Z, Z\}$

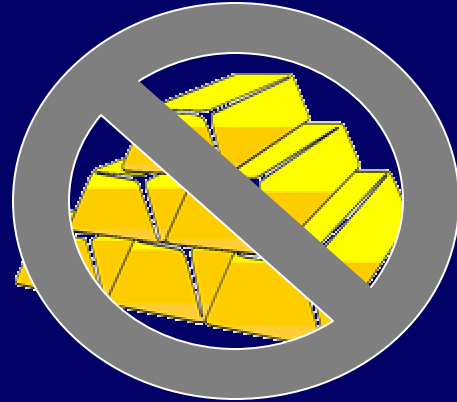
# Counting Multisets

There are  $\binom{n+k-1}{n-1} = \binom{n+k-1}{k}$  ways  
to choose a multiset of  
size  $k$  from  $n$  types of  
elements





# Back to the pirates



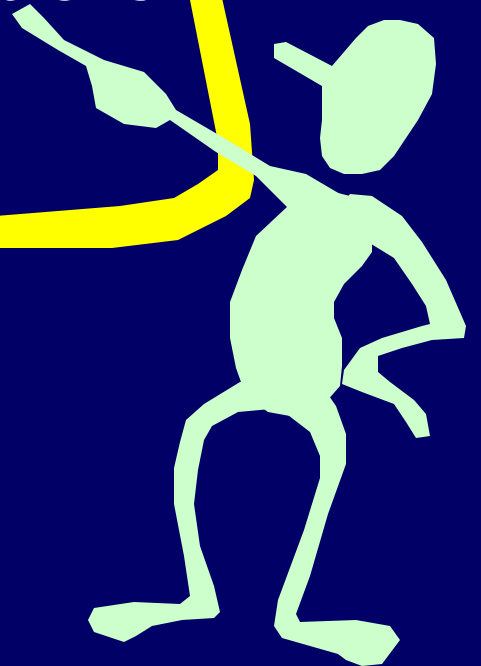
How many ways are there of choosing 20 pirates from a set of 5 pirates, with repetitions allowed?

$$\binom{5+20-1}{20} = \binom{24}{20} = \binom{24}{4}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_{n-1} + x_n = k$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n \geq 0$$

has  $\binom{n+k-1}{n-1} = \binom{n+k-1}{k}$  integer solutions.



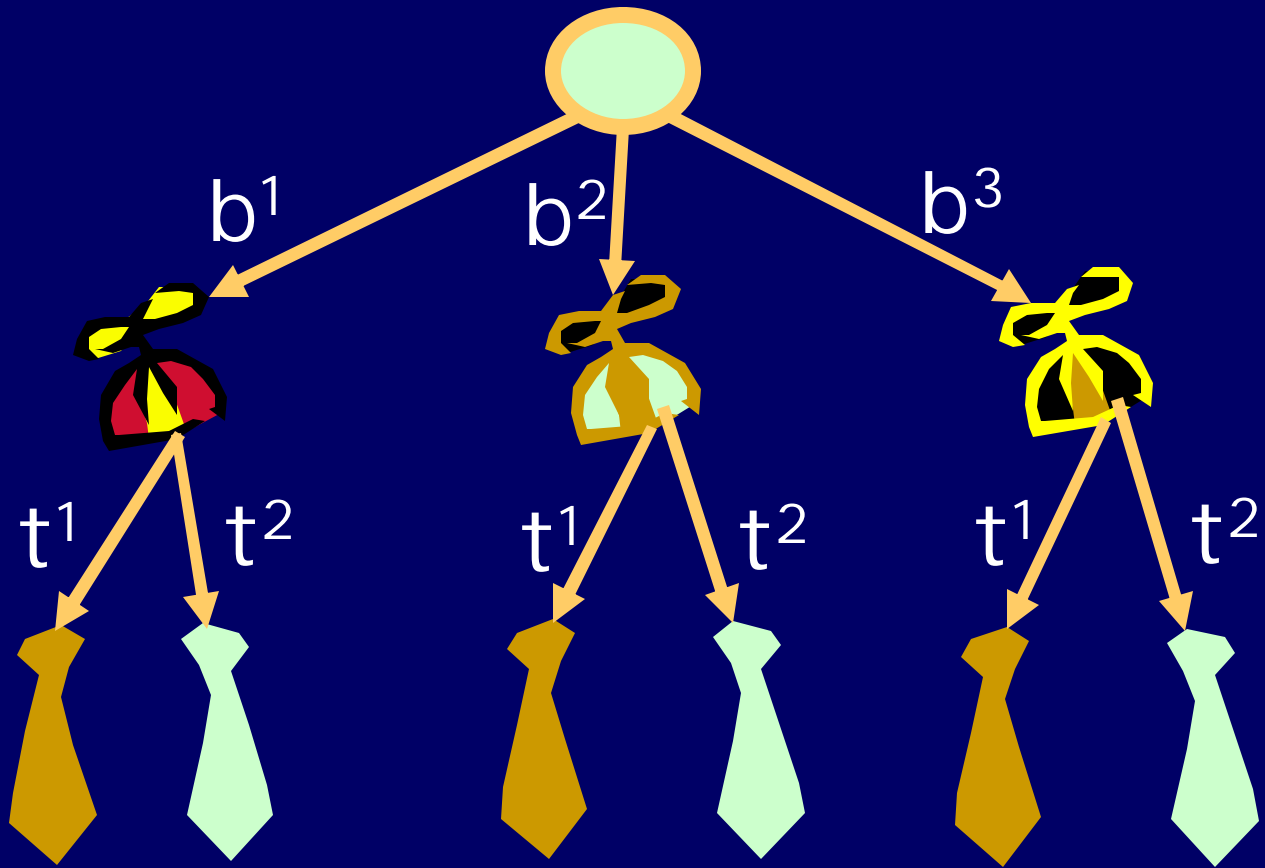
# POLYNOMIALS EXPRESS CHOICES AND OUTCOMES

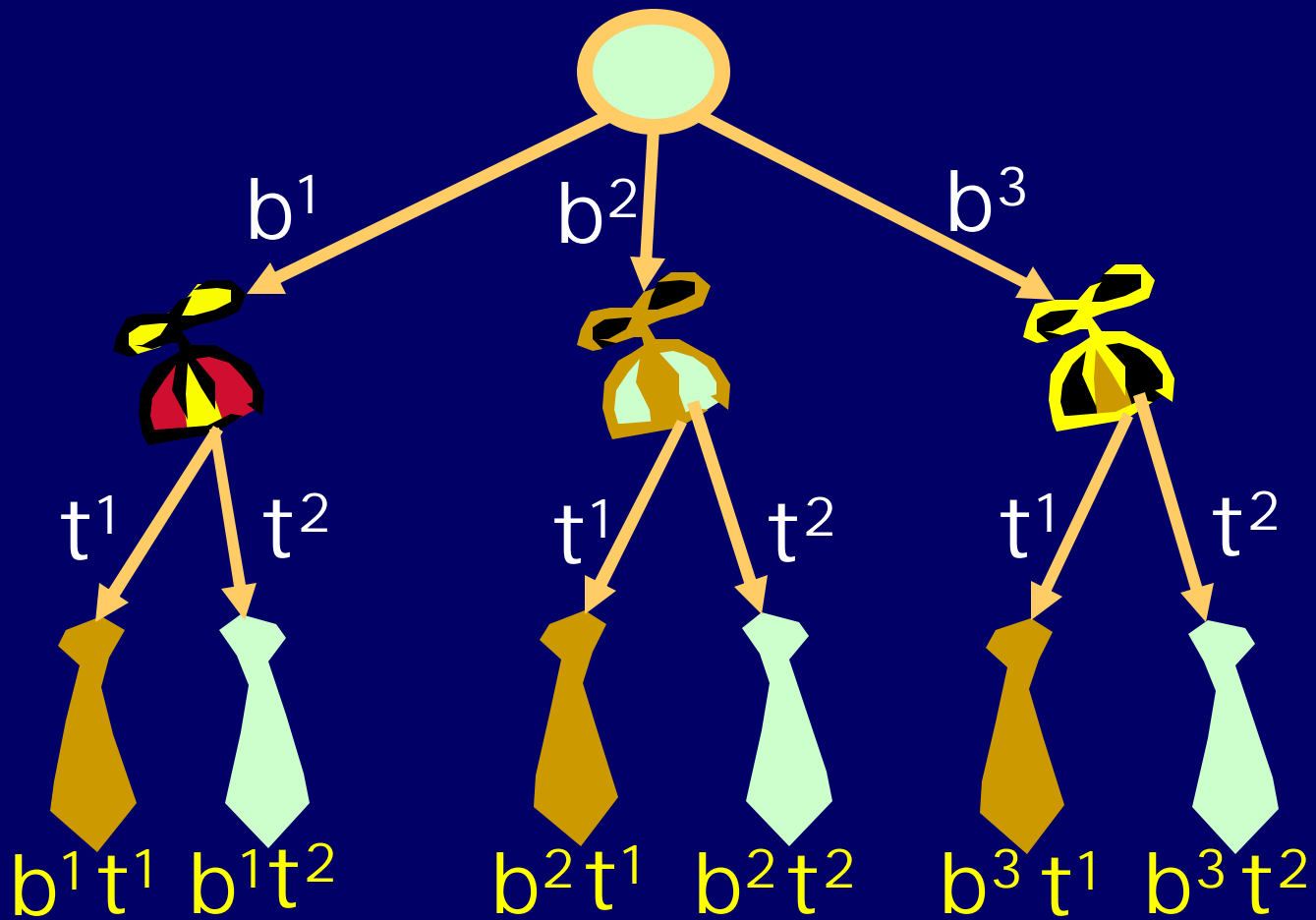


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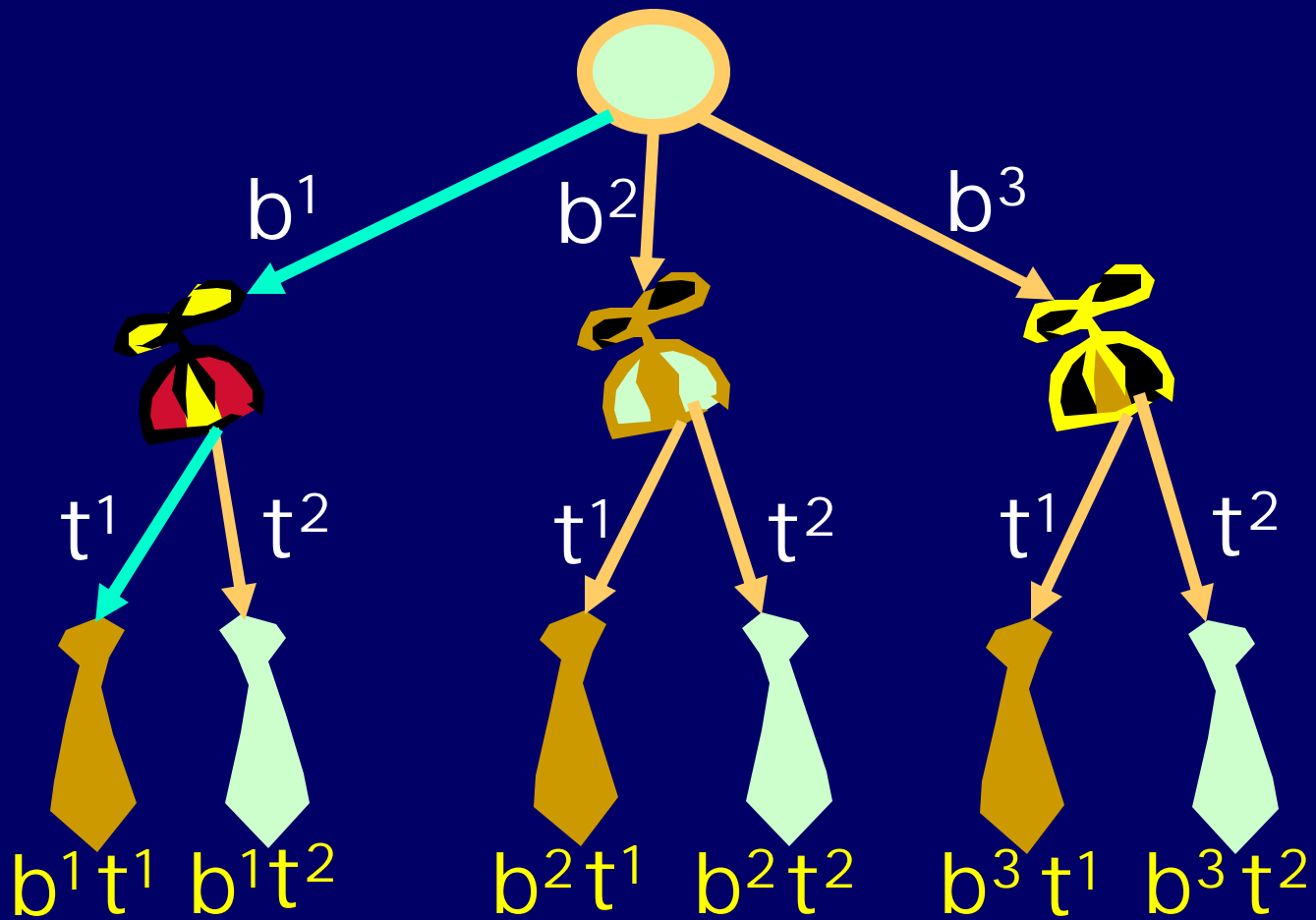
$$\left( \text{hat}_1 + \text{hat}_2 + \text{hat}_3 \right) \left( \text{tie}_1 + \text{tie}_2 \right) =$$

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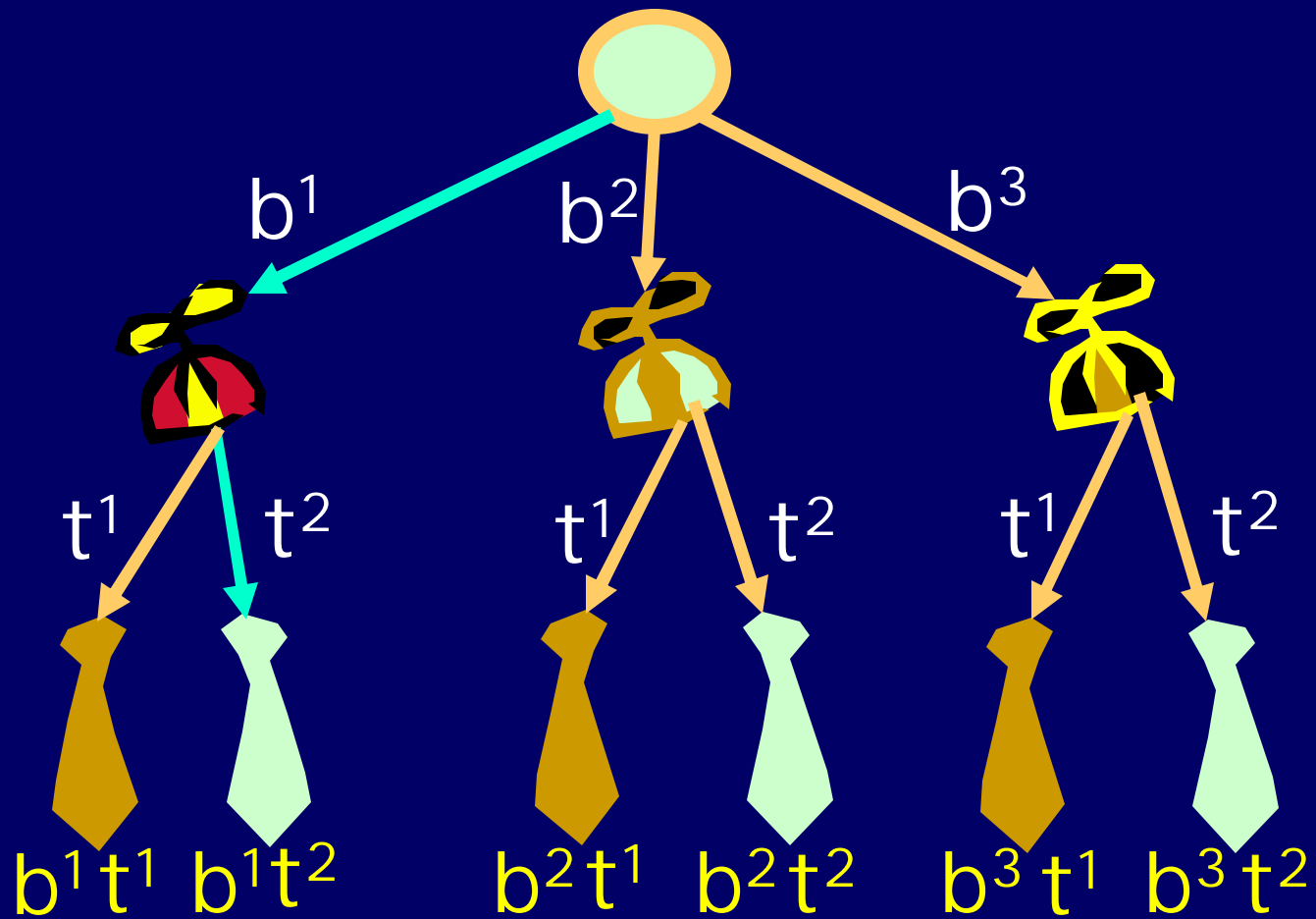




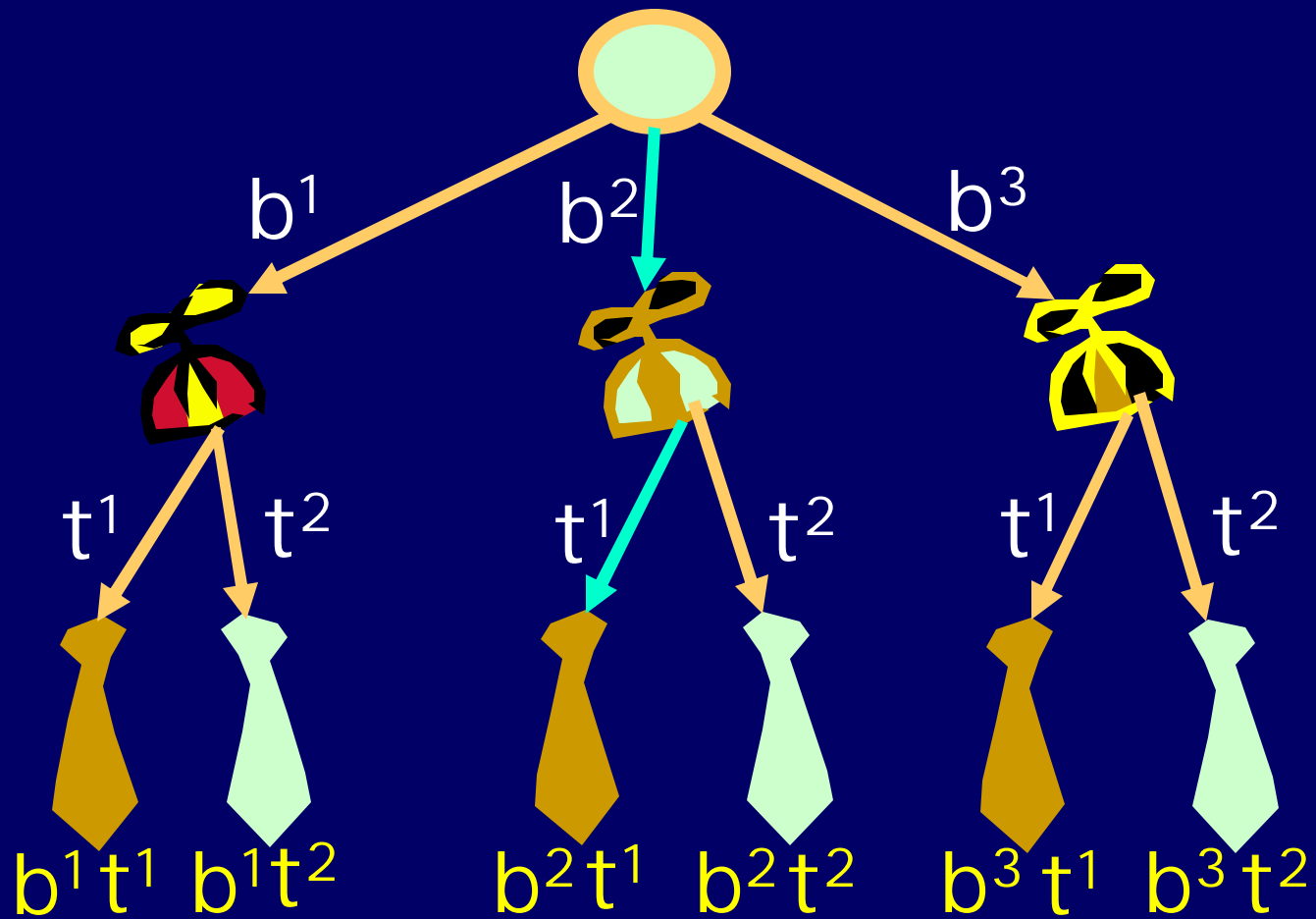
$$(b^1 + b^2 + b^3)(t^1 + t^2) =$$



$$(b^1 + b^2 + b^3)(t^1 + t^2) = b^1t^1 +$$

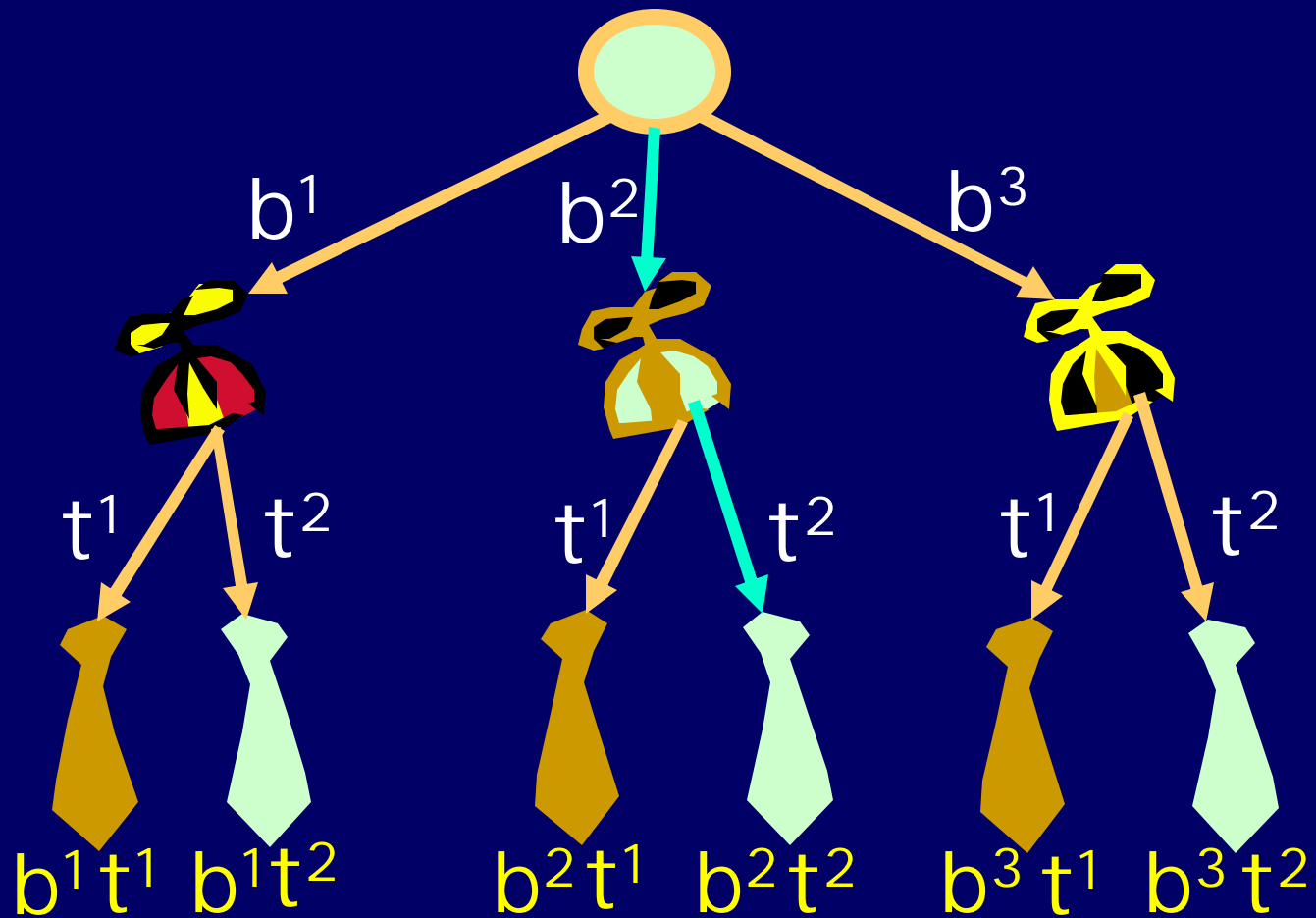


$$(b^1 + b^2 + b^3)(t^1 + t^2) = b^1t^1 + b^1t^2 +$$



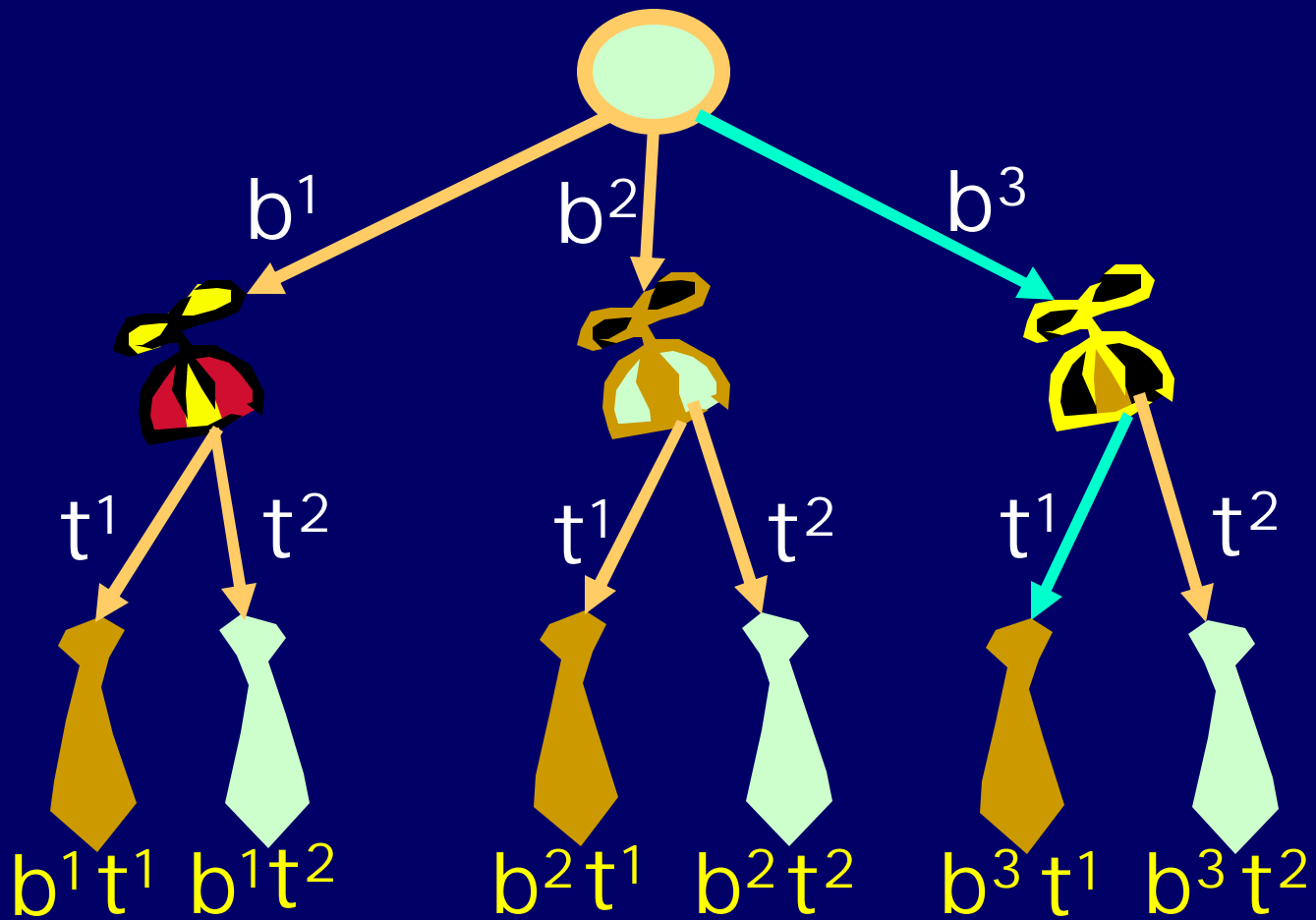
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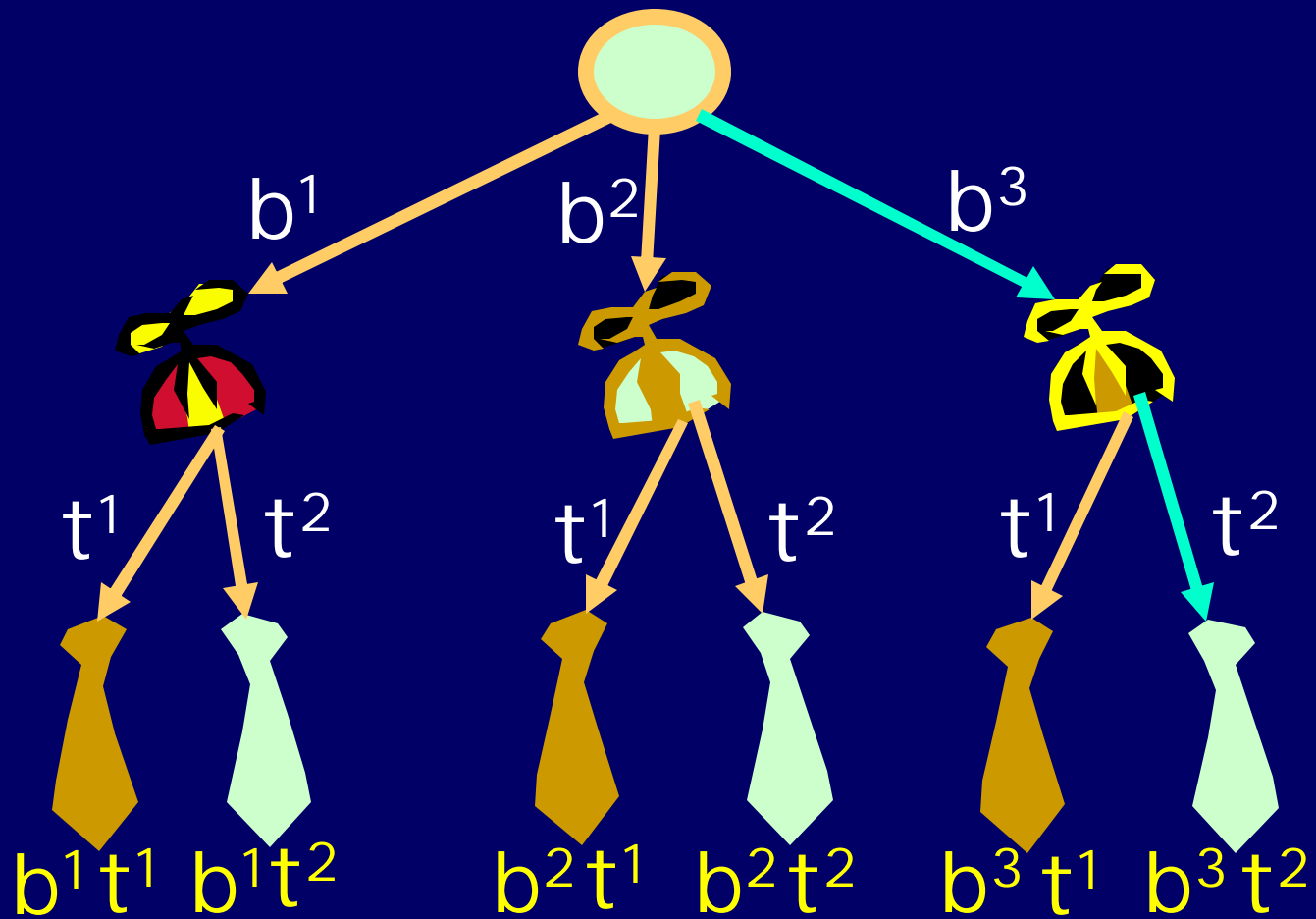


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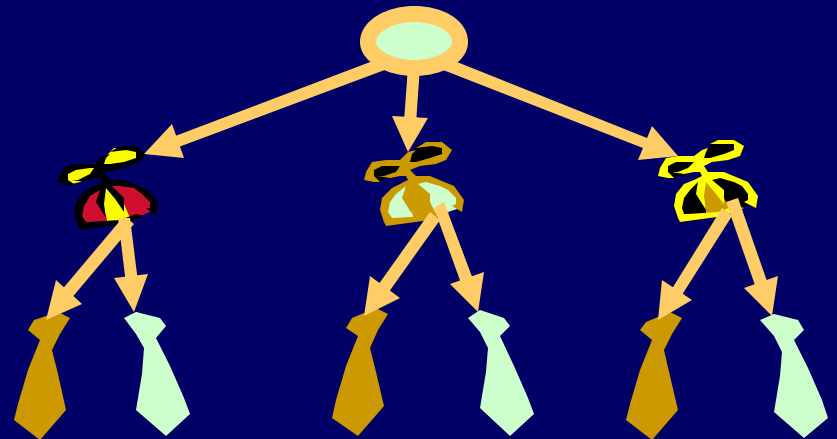
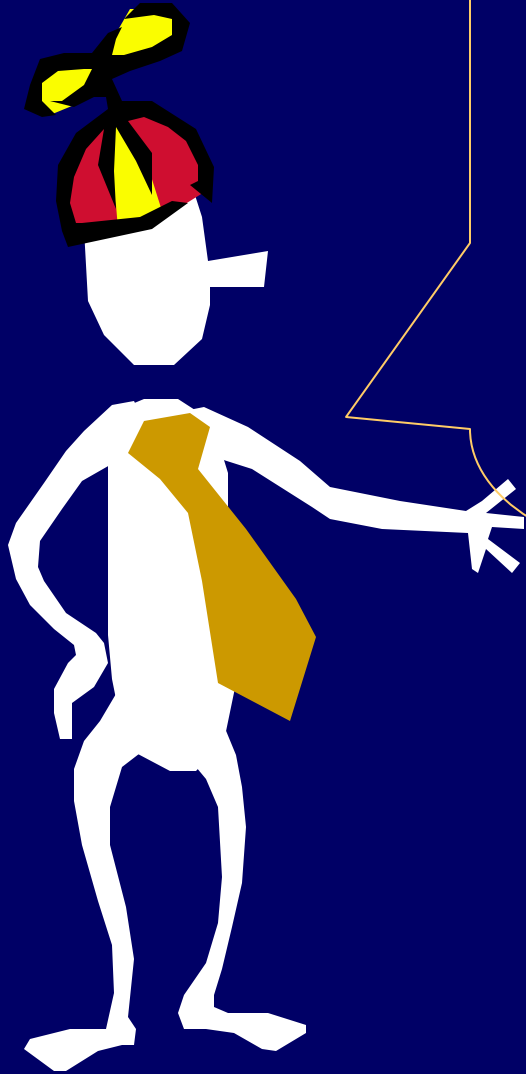


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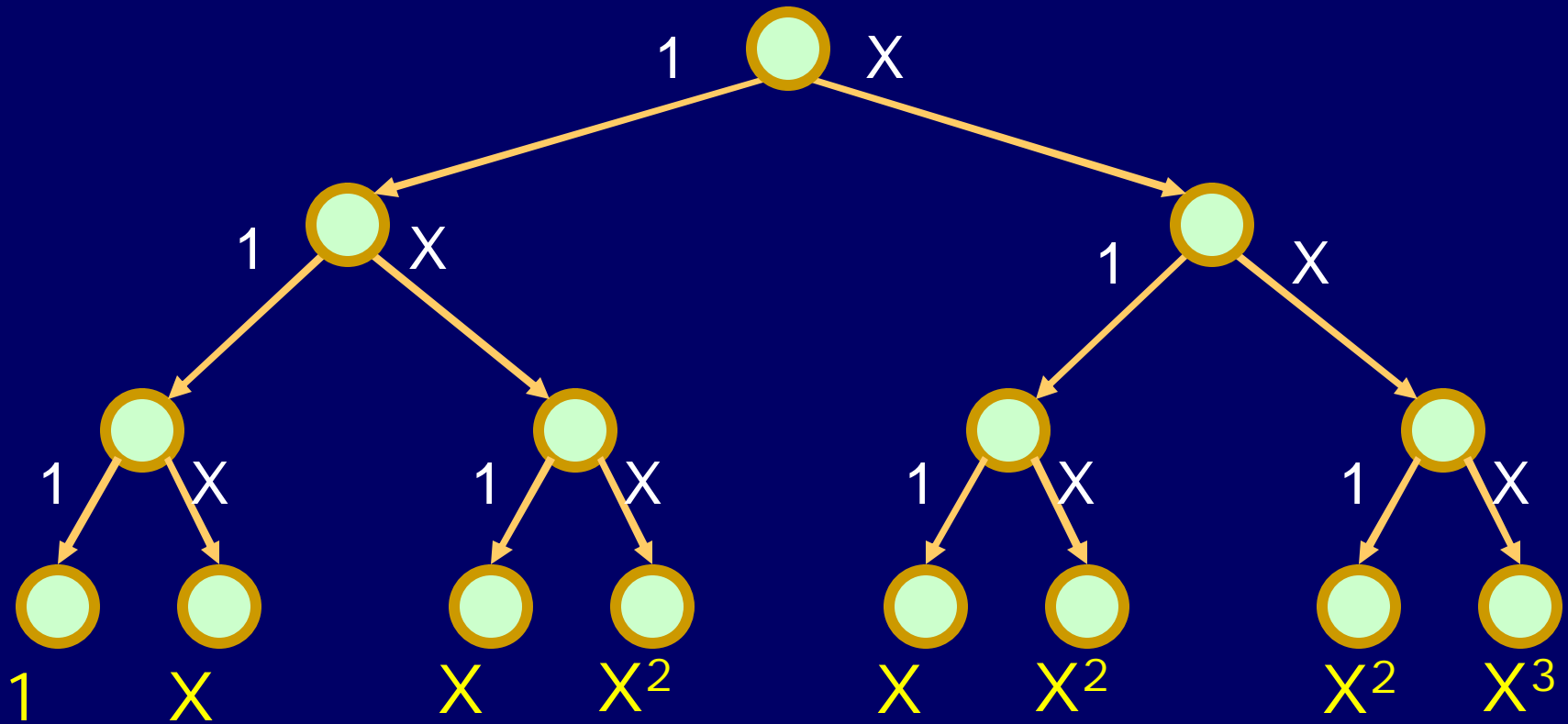


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There is a  
correspondence between  
paths in a choice tree  
and the cross terms of  
the product of  
polynomials!



# Choice tree for terms of $(1+X)^3$



Combine like terms to get  $1 + 3X + 3X^2 + X^3$

What is a closed form expression  
for  $c_k$ ?

$$(1 + X)^n = c_0 + c_1X + c_2X^2 + \dots + c_nX^n$$

# What is a closed form expression for $c_n$ ?

$$(1 + X)^n \quad \text{n times}$$
$$= \underbrace{(1 + X)(1 + X)(1 + X)(1 + X) \dots (1 + X)}$$

After multiplying things out, but *before combining like terms*, we get  $2^n$  cross terms, each corresponding to a path in the choice tree.

$c_k$ , the coefficient of  $X^k$ , is the number of paths with *exactly*  $k$   $X$ 's.

$$c_k = \binom{n}{k}$$

# The Binomial Formula

$$(1 + X)^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1}X + \binom{n}{2}X^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{k}X^k + \dots + \binom{n}{n}X^n$$

Binomial Coefficients

binomial  
expression



# The Binomial Formula

$$(1+X)^0 = 1$$

$$(1+X)^1 = 1 + 1X$$

$$(1+X)^2 = 1 + 2X + 1X^2$$

$$(1+X)^3 = 1 + 3X + 3X^2 + 1X^3$$

$$(1+X)^4 = 1 + 4X + 6X^2 + 4X^3 + 1X^4$$

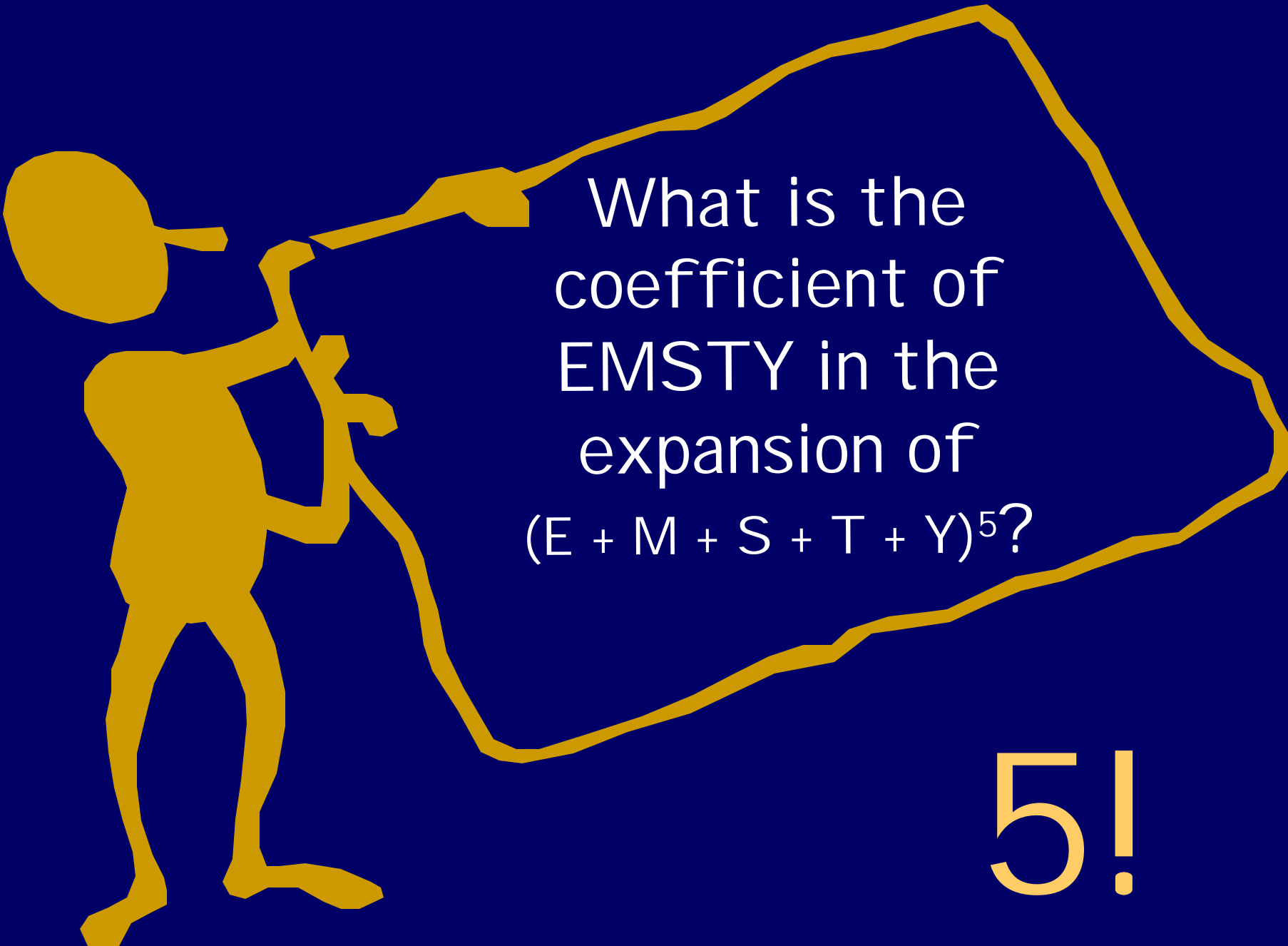
# The Binomial Formula

$$(X + Y)^n = \binom{n}{0} X^0 Y^n + \binom{n}{1} X^1 Y^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2} X^2 Y^{n-2} + \dots + \binom{n}{k} X^k Y^{n-k} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} X^n Y^0$$

# The Binomial Formula


$$(X + Y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} X^k Y^{n-k}$$





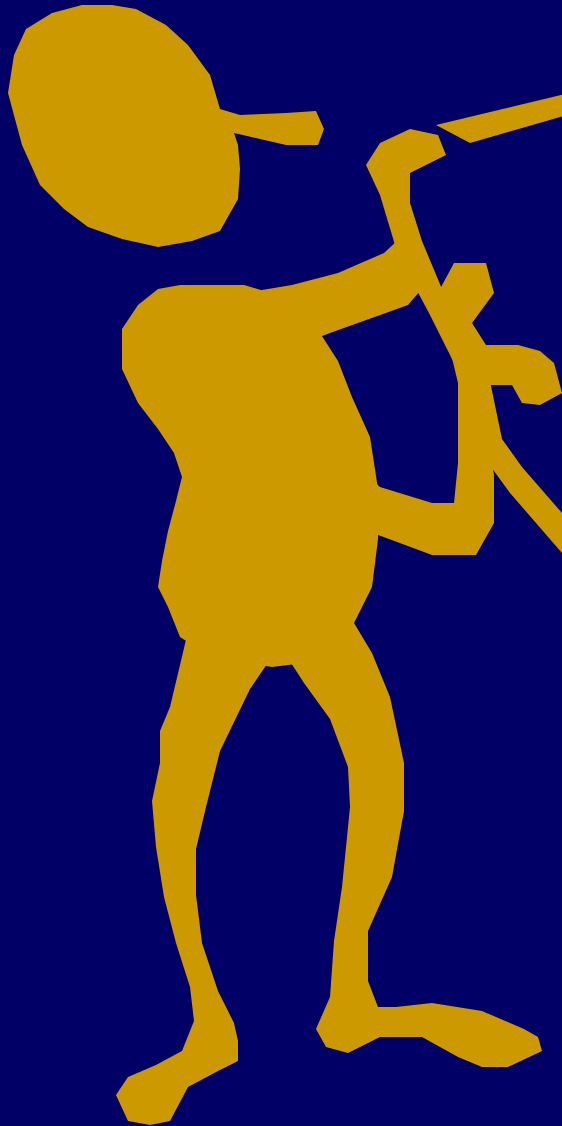
What is the  
coefficient of  
EMSTY in the  
expansion of  
 $(E + M + S + T + Y)^5$ ?

5!



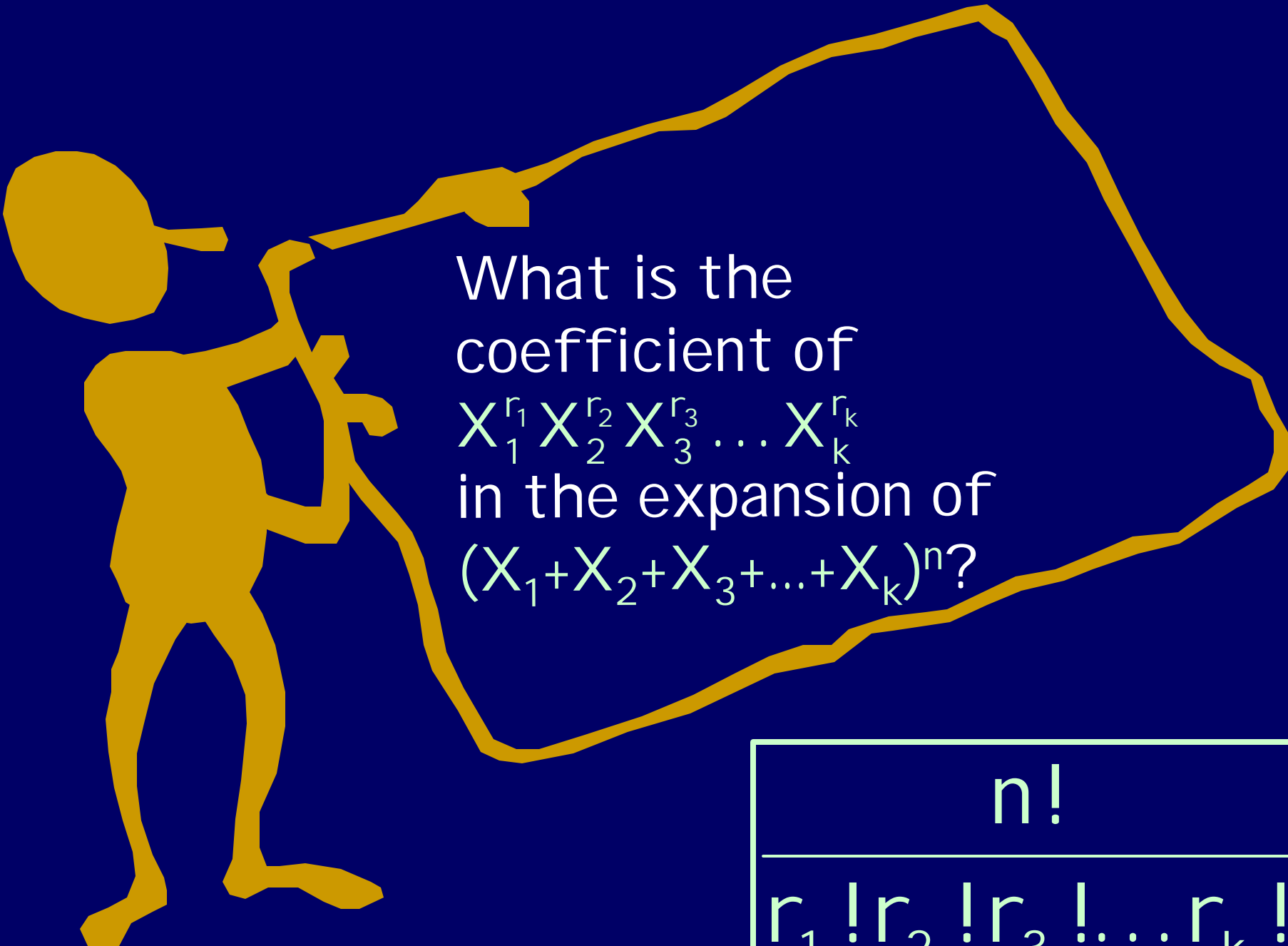
What is the coefficient of  $EMS^3TY$  in the expansion of  $(E + M + S + T + Y)^7$ ?

The number of ways to rearrange the letters in the word SYSTEMS.



What is the  
coefficient of  
 $BA^3N^2$  in the  
expansion of  
 $(B + A + N)^6$ ?

The number of  
ways to rearrange  
the letters in the  
word BANANA.



What is the  
coefficient of  
 $X_1^{r_1} X_2^{r_2} X_3^{r_3} \dots X_k^{r_k}$   
in the expansion of  
 $(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_k)^n$ ?

$$\frac{n!}{r_1! r_2! r_3! \dots r_k!}$$

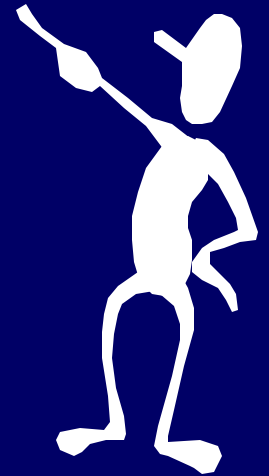
# Multinomial Coefficients

$$\binom{n}{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k} \equiv \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_k \neq n \\ \frac{n!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_k!} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\binom{n}{k; n-k} = \binom{n}{k}$$

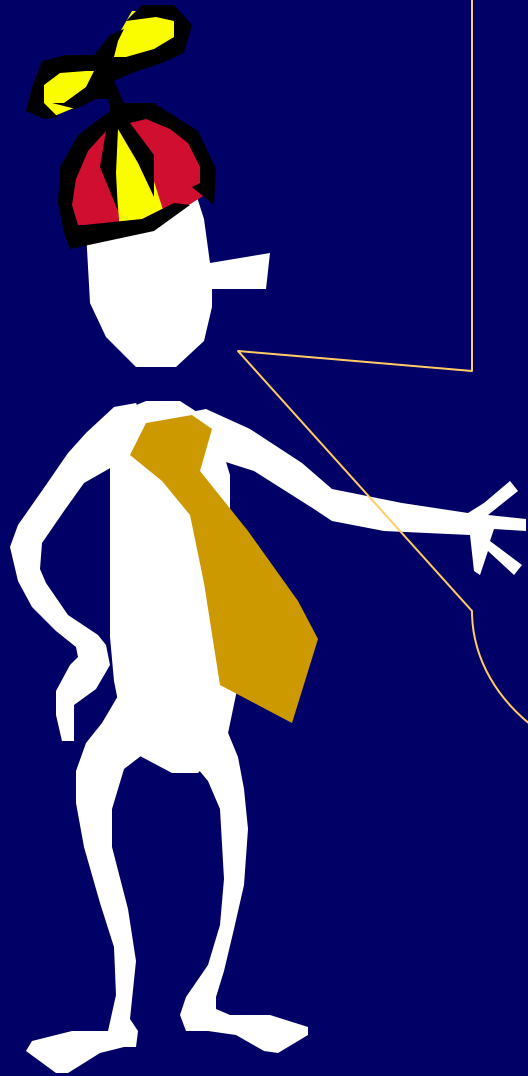


# The Multinomial Formula



$$(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k)^n$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k \\ \sum r_i = n}} \binom{n}{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k} X_1^{r_1} X_2^{r_2} X_3^{r_3} \dots X_k^{r_k}$$



There is much,  
much more to be  
said about how  
polynomials  
encode counting  
questions!

# References

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