

# Lazy Professor

How many permutations of  $(1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$  are there if every number  $i$  does not occur in position  $i$

"Derangements"

This is an "AND" logic.

Initial attempt: (Fails)

1. choose a position for 1 -----
2. choose a position for 2 ----

# ways

$(n-1)$

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$(n-2)?$

$(n-1)?$

Can't tell!

Depends on choice  
for 1

Bad permutation:

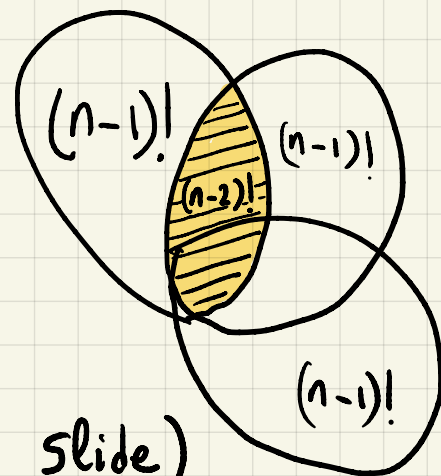
1 is in the first position, OR

2 is in the second position, OR

3 is " " third position, OR

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n is in the n<sup>th</sup> position.



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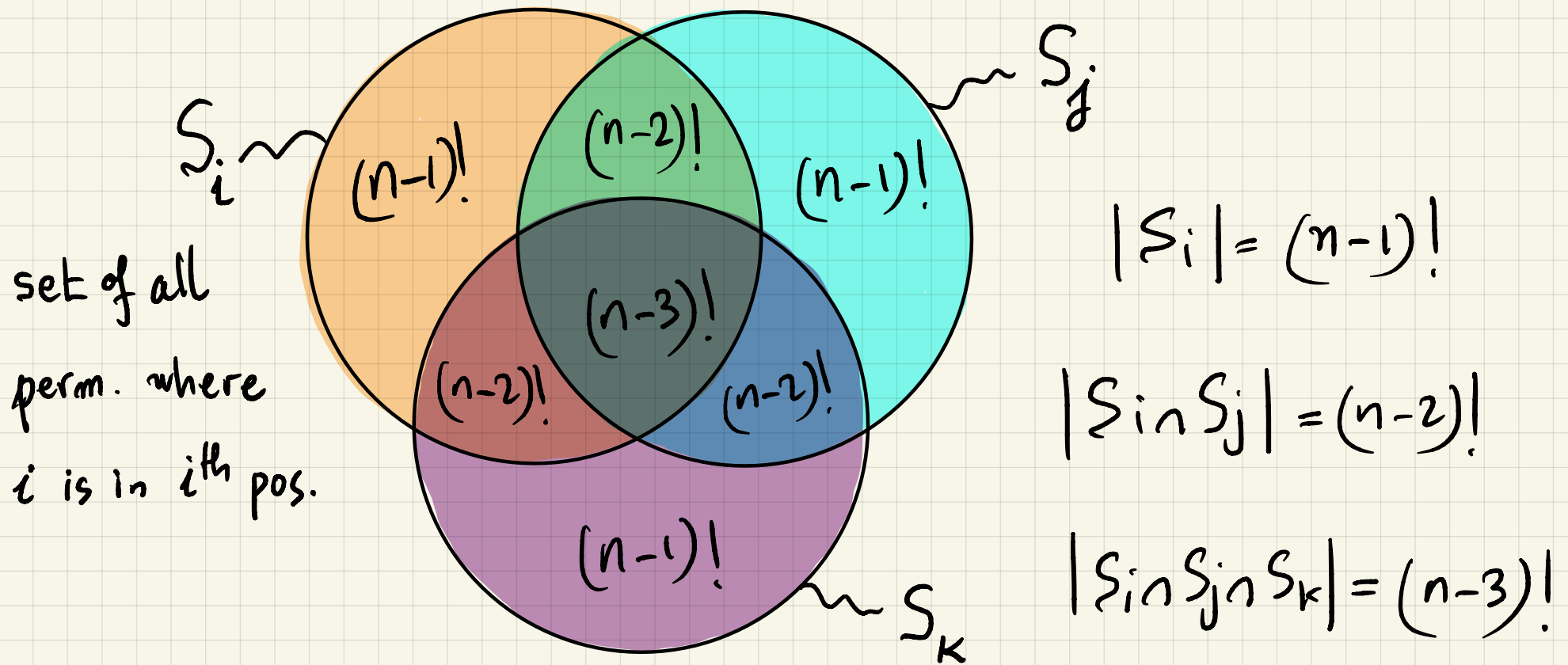
$$n \cdot (n-1)! - \binom{n}{2} (n-2)! + \binom{n}{3} (n-3)! - \dots - \binom{n}{n} (n-n)!$$

$$\# \text{ bad} : \frac{n!}{1!} - \frac{n!}{2!} + \frac{n!}{3!} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n!}{n!}$$

$$\# \text{ good} : \frac{n!}{0!} - \left[ \frac{n!}{1!} - \frac{n!}{2!} + \frac{n!}{3!} - \dots - + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n!}{n!} \right]$$

$$= n! \left[ \frac{1}{0!} - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} \right] \quad \left( e^x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^i}{i!} \right)$$

$$n \text{ large} \Rightarrow \approx n! e^{-1} = \frac{n!}{e}$$



There are  $\binom{n}{k}$  intersection of  $k$  sets, each has  $(n-k)!$  permutations.

# derangement:

$$\# \text{ derangements} = !n = \left\lfloor \frac{n! + 1}{e} \right\rfloor \quad n \geq 1$$

Notation

$$!0 = 1$$

$$!1 = 0$$

$$!2 = 1$$

$$!3 = 2$$

$$!4 = 9$$

$$!5 = 44$$

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$\lfloor x \rfloor$  = the largest integer  $\leq x$

Example:  $\lfloor 5.3 \rfloor = 5$

# Pigeon hole principle

- Choose 51 numbers from  $\{1, 2, \dots, 100\}$ . Prove that two of them are consecutive.
- Place 10 points inside a  $3 \times 3$  square. Prove that two of them will be within a distance of  $\sqrt{2}$ .
- Place numbers  $1, 2, \dots, 10$  in 3 bins. Prove that sum in one bin is at least 19.

Freedom in doing something, Guaranteed consequence

Pigeon hole

Pigeon hole: Given  $n+1$  objects and  $n$  boxes, if we place all objects in boxes, at least one box will contain at least 2 objects.

[Basic form]

proof: (By contradiction)

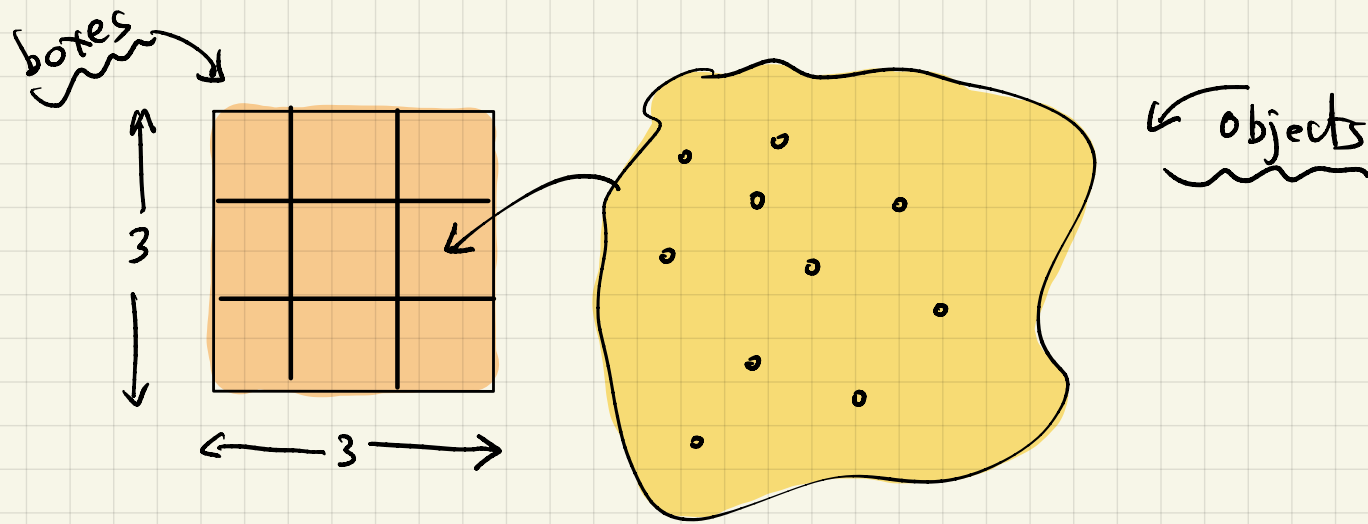
Each boxes has at most one objects

Let  $x_i$  be # objects in box  $i$ , then  $x_i \leq 1$

$$\text{Total number of objects} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$$

$$\leq 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = n$$

a contradiction, since we have  $n+1$  objects.

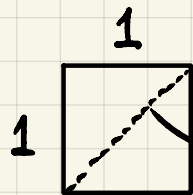


Prove two points will be within a distance  $\sqrt{2}$

10 objects  
9 boxes  $\Rightarrow$  Pigeonhole = 2 objects will be in the same box



2 points are in the same 1x1 square



longest distance inside square

By Pythagoras, it's  $\sqrt{2}$

# Proof by Pigeonhole

1) Think Pigeonhole

2) Set in up

- what are the objects

- what/where are the boxes

3) Interpret the Pigeonhole result in the given context