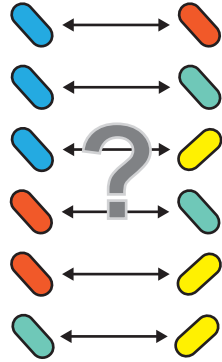


Community  
(system)

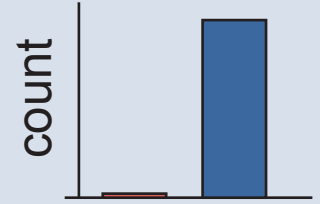
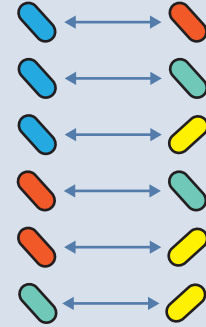


Species pairs  
(simplest units)



**No**, species coexistence is **predictable** from pairs

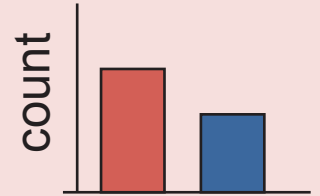
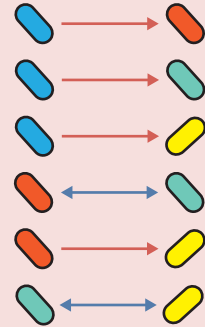
Both the community  
and all its pairs coexist



exclusion  
coexistence

**Yes**, species coexistence is an **emergent** property

The community  
coexists but not  
all the pairs do



exclusion  
coexistence