

Introduction to Discrete Math

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Reminder

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- Mathematical Thinking
 - Convincing Arguments, Find Example, Recursion, Logic, Invariants
- Probability & Combinatorics
 - Counting, Probability, Random Variables
- Graph Theory
 - Graphs (cycles, classes, parameters)
- Number Theory & Cryptography
 - Arithmetic in modular form
 - Intro to Cryptography

Mathematical Thinking – Binomial Coefficients

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- We’ll consider several non-trivial problems and we’ll complement them with Python code

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$$\frac{5!}{(5-2)!} = \frac{5!}{3!} = \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = 20$$

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Python Tip

Single Quote (`'`) & Double Quote (`"`)

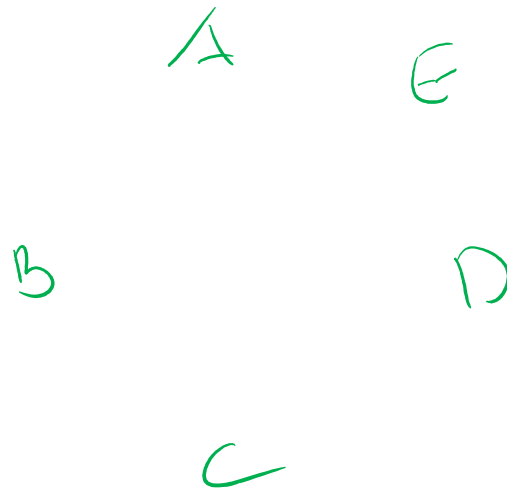
- Use depends on programmers preference
- To print double quotes, put inside single quote `'"`
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- Aside from previously given above, good rule to follow:
 - Double quotes for string representation
 - Single quote for regular expressions, dict keys, SQL
 - dict keys - Unordered data values in **key:value** pair format

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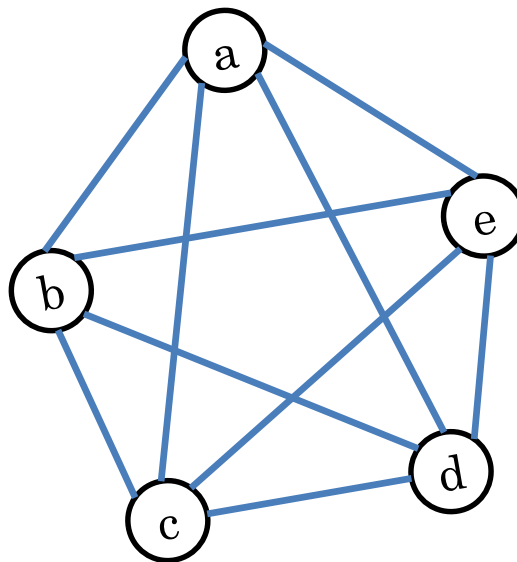
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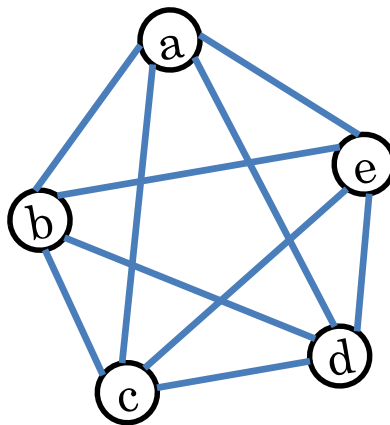
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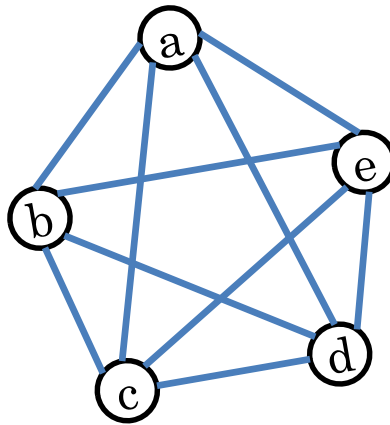
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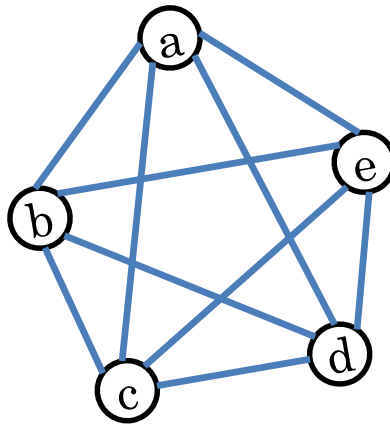
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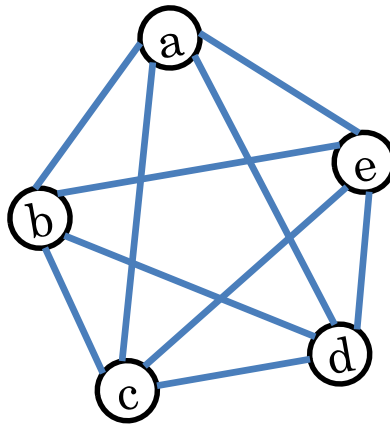
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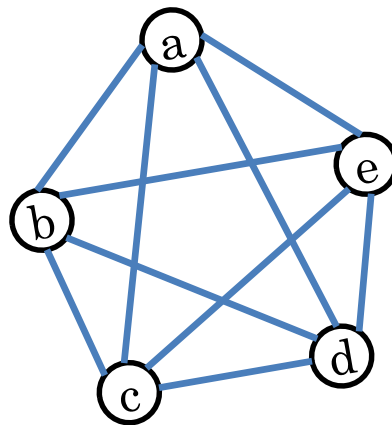
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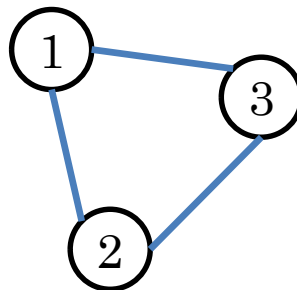
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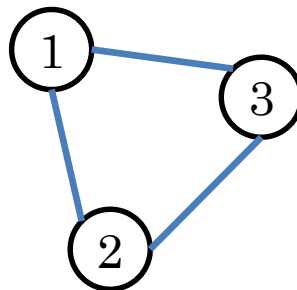
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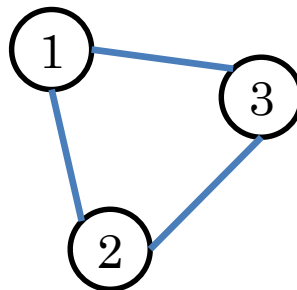
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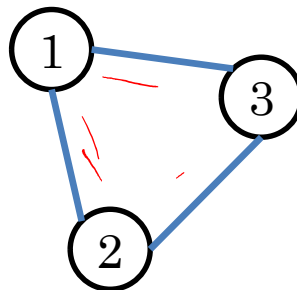
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$$\text{eg } n=3 ; \quad 3(3-1)/2 \Rightarrow 3 \times 2 / 2 = 3$$

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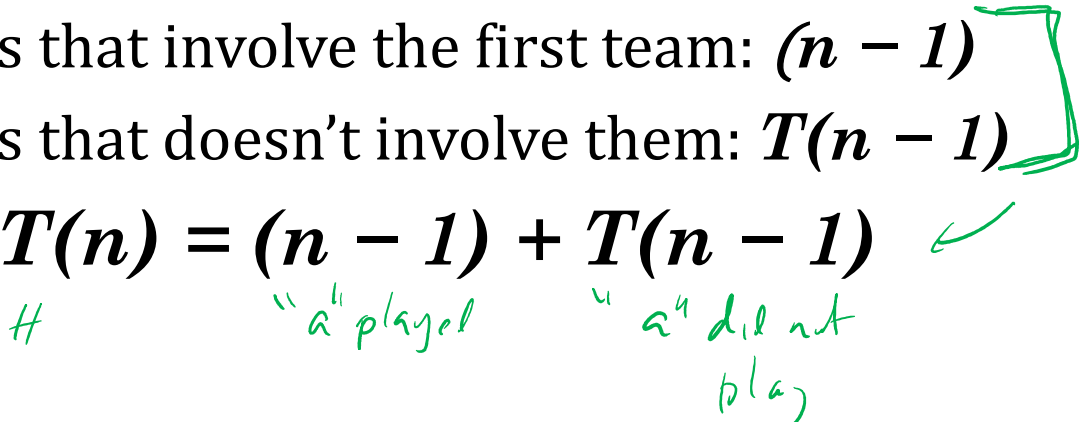
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- Hence, $T(n) = (n - 1) + T(n - 1)$


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Total # games

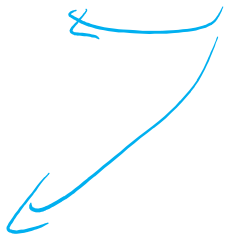
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all "A" played
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all games w/ "B"
all games w/out "B"

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 &= \dots \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{A " played"} \\ \text{B " played"} \\ \text{C " played"} \\ \text{C " A " B " played"} \end{array} \\
 &= (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 2 + 1 + 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

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- Hence, $T(n) = n(n-1)/2$

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Handwritten notes:
 from → import itertools as it
 in → permutations
 → it.combinations(...)
 (t. parameter)

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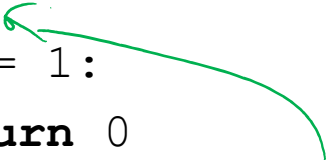
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Set A = *Suh* *Har* *Matt* *Khan* *Chas*



Set B = subset(A, 3)

S N H H S K
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- Thus, the answer is $(5 \times 4 \times 3) / 3! = 10$

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The number of k -combinations of an n element set is denoted by (nk) .

- Pronounced as: “ n choose k ”.

$$n \text{ choose } k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

if $n=5, k=3 \Rightarrow \frac{5!}{3!(5-3)!} = \frac{5!}{3!(2!)}$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}{(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)(1 \cdot 2)} = \frac{20}{2} = 10$

“ n choose k ” in GOOGLE

A screenshot of a Google search page. The search bar contains the text "5 choose 3". Below the search bar, the Google logo is visible on the left, and navigation links for "All", "Images", "News", "Videos", "Shopping", and "More" are in the center. On the right, there are links for "Settings" and "Tools". Below these links, it says "About 11,530,000,000 results (0.36 seconds)". The main content area displays a calculator interface. At the top of the calculator, it shows "5 choose 3 =" followed by the result "10". The calculator has a grid of buttons including "Rad", "Deg", "x!", "(", ")", "%", "AC", "Inv", "sin", "ln", "7", "8", "9", "÷", "π", "cos", "log", "4", "5", "6", "×", "e", "tan", "√", "1", "2", "3", "-", "Ans", "EXP", "x^y", "0", ".", "=", and "+".

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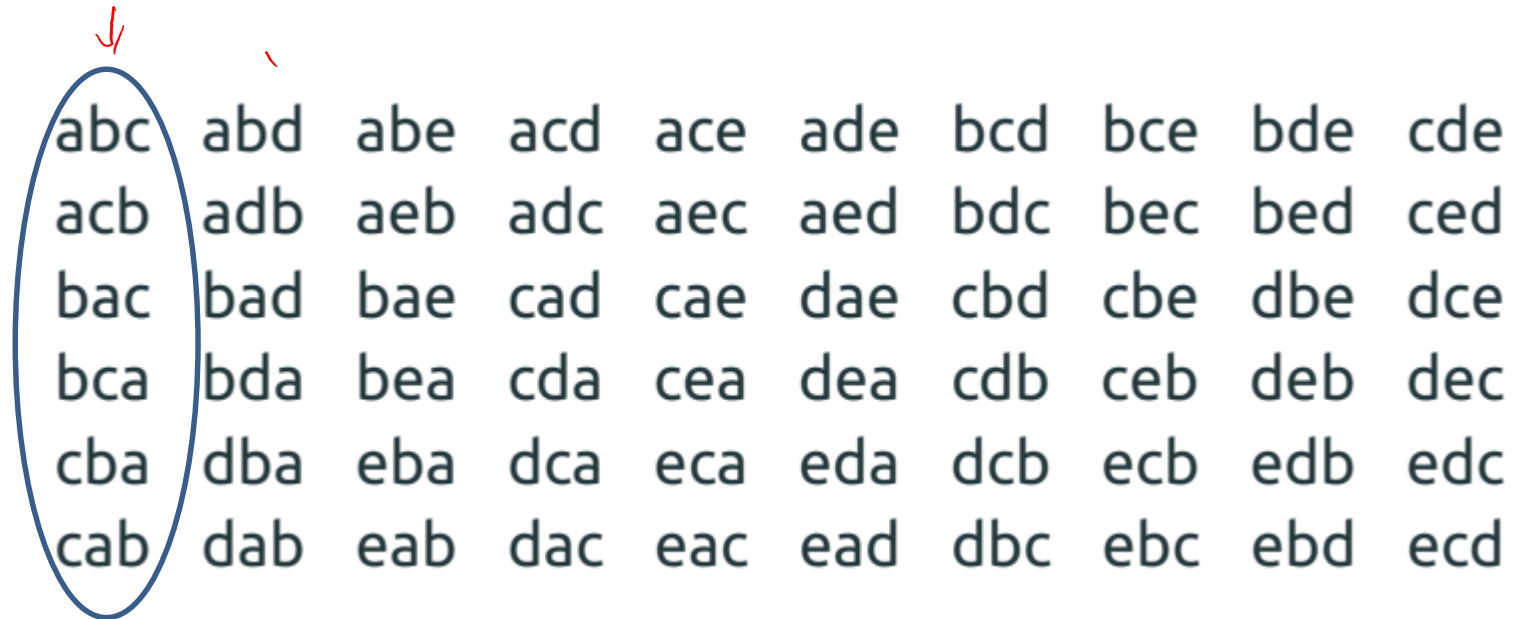
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n choose k-combinations formula

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$$n-1+1 \Rightarrow n ; \text{ if } n=2 \Rightarrow n-2+1 = n-1$$



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Thank you.