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Probability of hiring exactly once:

this occurs if the best candidate is interviewed first, which occurs with probability $\frac{1}{n}$.

Probability of hiring n times:

this occurs if the candidates are interviewed in ascending order, which occurs with probability $\frac{1}{n!}$.

(There are $n!$ permutations.

the permutation with candidates in sorted ascending order is just 1 of them.).

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Probability of hiring exactly two times:

list of candidates:

$c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_k, c_{k+1}, \dots, c_n$

Went exactly

1 hire

before c_k

$$\text{Prob} = \frac{1}{k-1}$$

↑ best candidate.

No more hires after this

Note: best could occur
in any position
with prob $\frac{1}{n}$.

Probability of 2 hires

$$= \sum_{k=2}^n P(\text{best is in position } k) \cdot P(\text{one hire before } k).$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{k-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k} \approx \frac{1}{n} (\ln(n-1) + O(1)).$$

$$\approx \frac{\ln n}{n}$$

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Hat-check Problem

Let x_i be the indicator random variable:

$$x_i = I\{\text{customer } i \text{ gets their own hat}\}.$$

Let X be random variable for the number of customers that get their own hat back.

$$\text{Then } X = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= E[x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n] \\ &= E[x_1] + E[x_2] + \dots + E[x_n] \\ &= \Pr\{x_1\} + \Pr\{x_2\} + \dots + \Pr\{x_n\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Pr\{x_1\} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Pr\{x_2\} = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)\left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right) = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Pr\{x_3\} = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)\left(\frac{n-2}{n-1}\right)\left(\frac{1}{n-2}\right) = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\Pr\{x_n\} = \dots = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\therefore E[X] = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

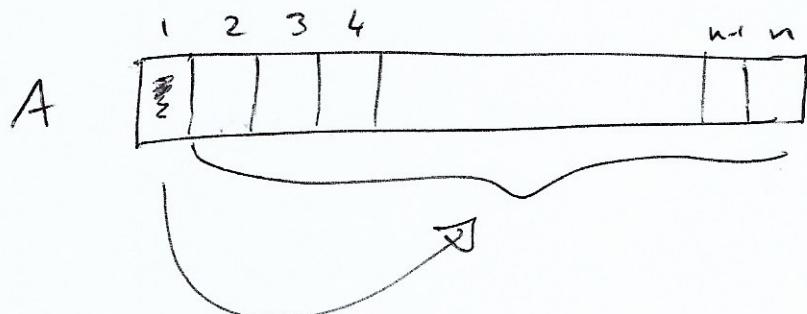
$$= n\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \underline{\underline{1}}$$

5.3 - 2

Permute-without-identity (A)

for $i = 1$ to $n-1$

swap $A[i]$ with $A[\text{Random}(i+1, n)]$



The value in position 1 will never remain in position 1.

Same for other positions.

There are many permutations of A that cannot happen.

This algorithm fails to produce a uniform random permutation

since not all permutations are equally likely to occur.

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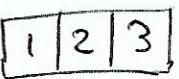
Permute-with-all (A)

for $i = 1$ to n

swap $A[i]$ with $A[\text{Random}(1, n)]$.

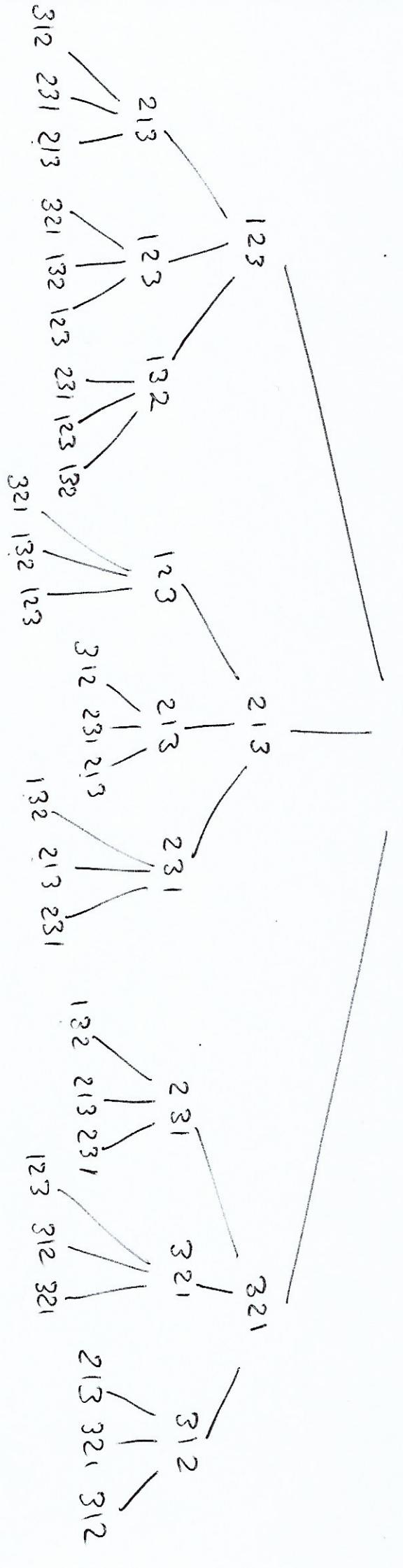


Are all permutations equally likely?

consider an array A 

Draw the tree of all possible outcomes:

123



$$P_r \{ 123 \} = 4/27$$

$$P_r \{ 132 \} = 5/27$$

$$P_r \{ 213 \} = 5/27$$

$$P_r \{ 231 \} = 4/27$$

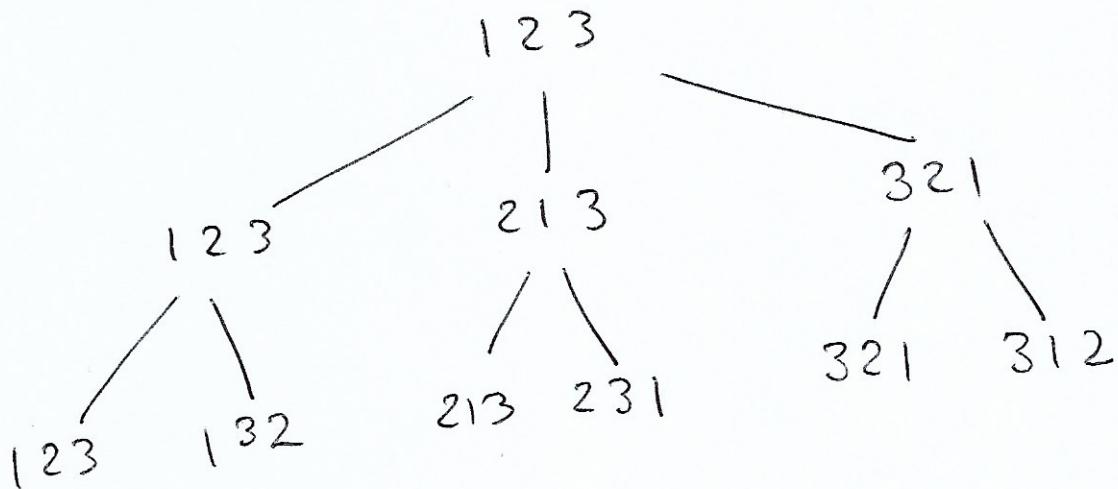
$$P_r \{ 321 \} = 4/27$$

So not all permutations are
equally likely.

Randomize-in-place (A)

for $i = 1$ to $n-1$

swap $A[i]$ with $A[\text{Random}(i, n)]$



All permutations have $\frac{1}{6}$ probability
of occurring =