

5.2 - 1

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:

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



want 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.

Then  $X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ .

$$E[X] = E[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n]$$

$$= E[X_1] + E[X_2] + \dots + E[X_n]$$

$$= P_r\{X_1\} + P_r\{X_2\} + \dots + P_r\{X_n\}.$$

$$P_r\{X_1\} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$P_r\{X_2\} = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)\left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right) = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$P_r\{X_3\} = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)\left(\frac{n-2}{n-1}\right)\left(\frac{1}{n-2}\right) = \frac{1}{n}$$

$\vdots$

$$P_r\{X_n\} = \dots = \frac{1}{n}$$

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

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

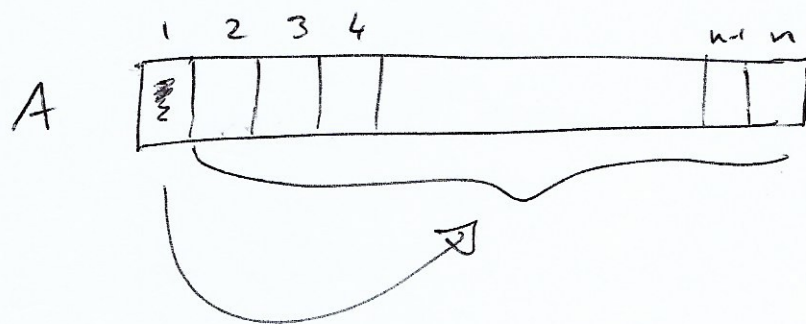


5.3 - 2

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.

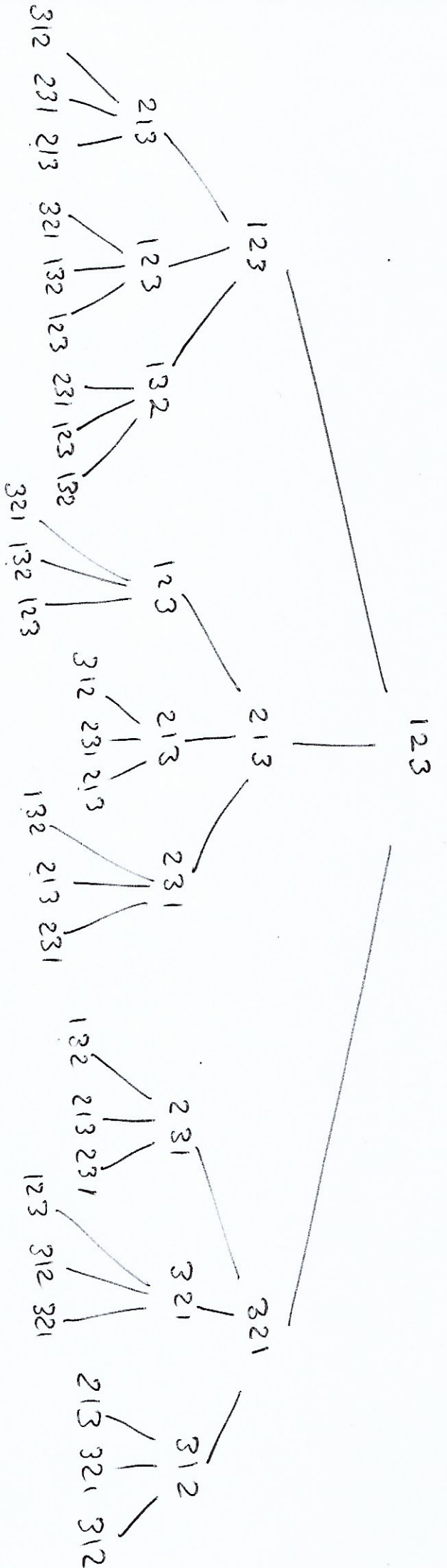
Same for other positions.

|| 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.





$$P_{123} = 4/27$$

$$P_5 \{132\} = 5 \frac{1}{27}$$

$$P_{\Gamma} \{2, 3\} = \frac{5}{27}$$

$$P_T \{231\} = \frac{5}{27}$$

$$P_{\tau} \{312\} = \frac{4}{27}$$

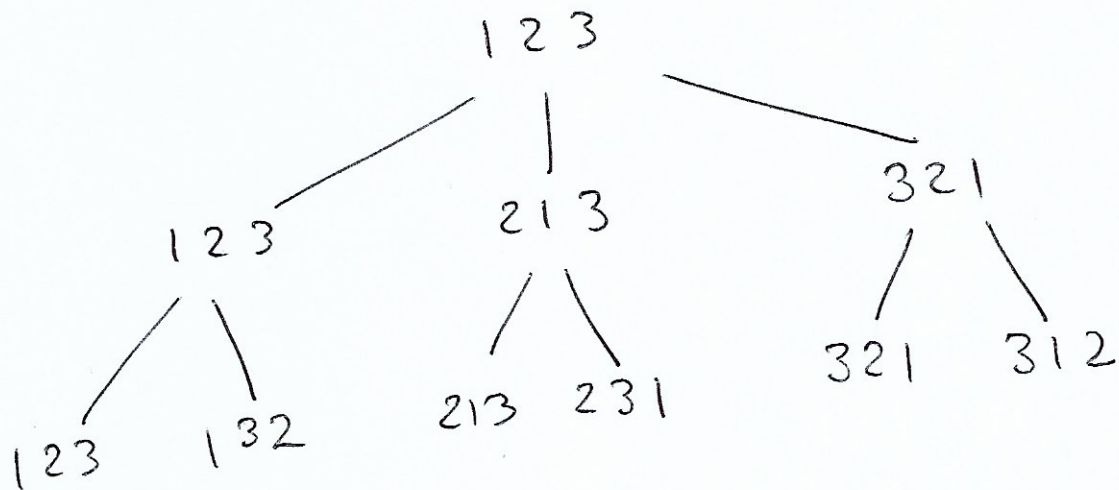
$$P_L \{321\} = 4 \frac{1}{27}$$

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. //