

# Product Rule, Bijection Rule

DISCRETE STRUCTURES II

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DISCRETE STRUCTURES FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE: COUNTING,  
RECURSION, AND PROBABILITY

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# How Effective is My Password?

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What makes a "good" password?

- Hard to guess
- Algorithm to guess a password:
  - Try every combination
- We want lots of possible combinations

How do we count all possible combinations?

# Product Rule

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Simple example

Strict password rules:

- 3 characters – Upper case, digit, lower case
- How many combinations is that?

Examples: A7d, G4s, P0x, etc.

One Upper  
Case Letter

26 ×

One Digit  
(0-9)

10 ×

One Lower  
Case Letter

26

# Product Rule

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We have to do 3 tasks:

1. Choose an upper case letter (26 ways to do this)
2. Choose a digit (10 ways to do this)
3. Choose a lower case letter (26 ways to do this)

One Upper Case Letter	One Digit (0-9)	One Lower Case Letter
26 ×	10 ×	26
= 6760		

Important! How we do Task 1 does not affect the number of ways to do Task 2!

Likewise, once we have finished Task 1 and Task 2, these do not affect the number of ways we can do Task 3

These Tasks are *Independent*

# Product Rule

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Product Rule in general:

Procedure: We have a sequence of  $m$  tasks to be done in *order*.

For  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$  let  $N_i$  be the number of ways to do task  $i$ , and  $N_i$  **does not depend** on how the previous tasks were done.

Then the number of ways to do the Procedure is:

$$N_1 \times N_2 \times N_3 \times \cdots \times N_m$$

This rule is used *extensively* throughout the course.

# Product Rule Example

$n \geq 1$  we want bitstrings of length  $n$ . How many are there?

A bitstring is a string of two symbols, 0's and 1's.

Example: if  $n = 5$  then possible bitstrings are

01001

00000

11110

11111

etc.

Does this fit the product rule?

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What is the procedure?

Procedure: Write a bitstring one bit at a time from left to right.

Tasks: For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  task  $i$  = write 0 or 1.

$N_i = 2$  since there are two ways to do task  $i$

Notice if we have already done tasks  $1 \dots i - 1$ , then task  $i$  still has two ways to do it

1110001□ - still two choices, 0 or 1

Since we have a sequence of  $n$  tasks and there is no dependency, we can apply the product rule

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Total number of ways to write a bitstring of length 5 is

$$= N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot N_3 \cdot N_4 \cdot N_5$$

$$= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$

$$= 32$$

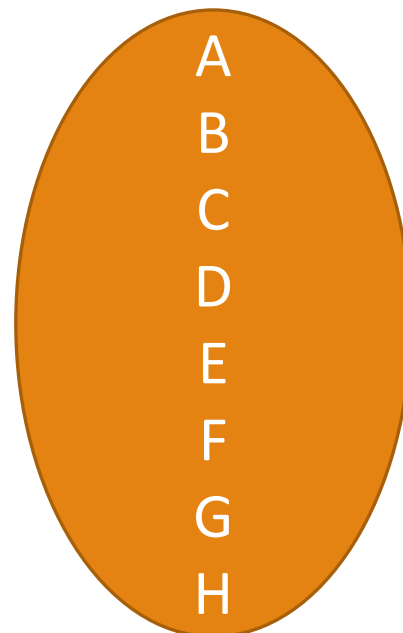
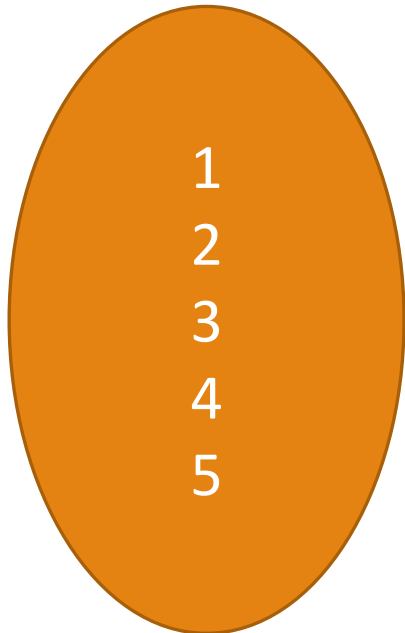


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(Recall the definition of a function)

Can we define all functions in a way that uses the product rule?

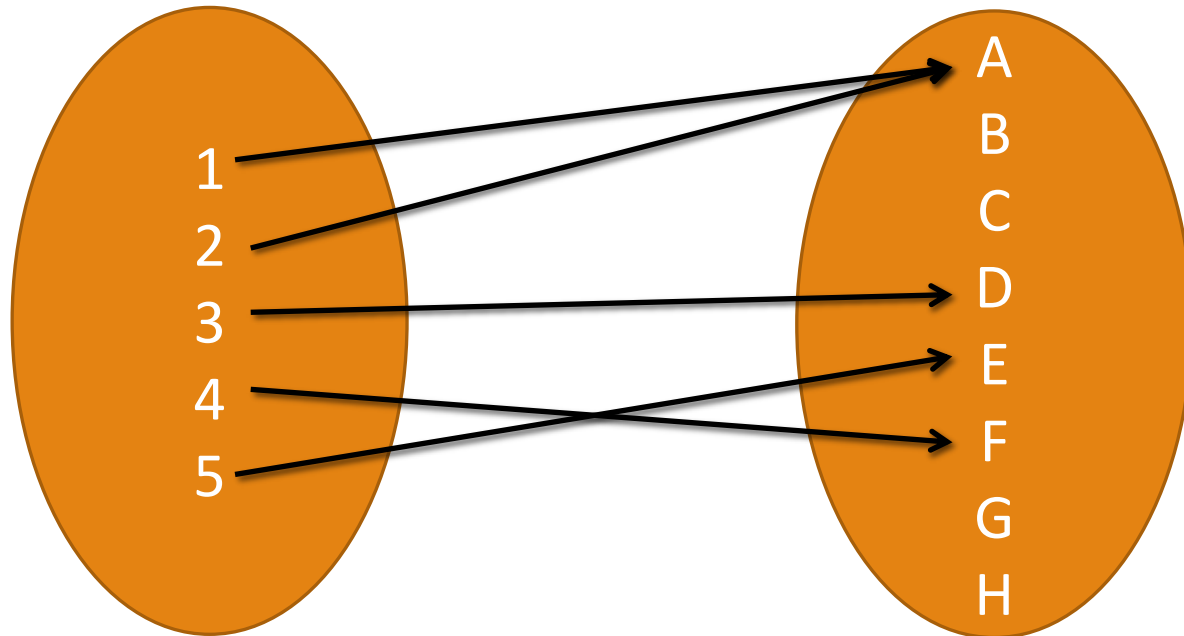


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Each element in  $A$  is mapped to exactly one element in  $B$ .

Example function:



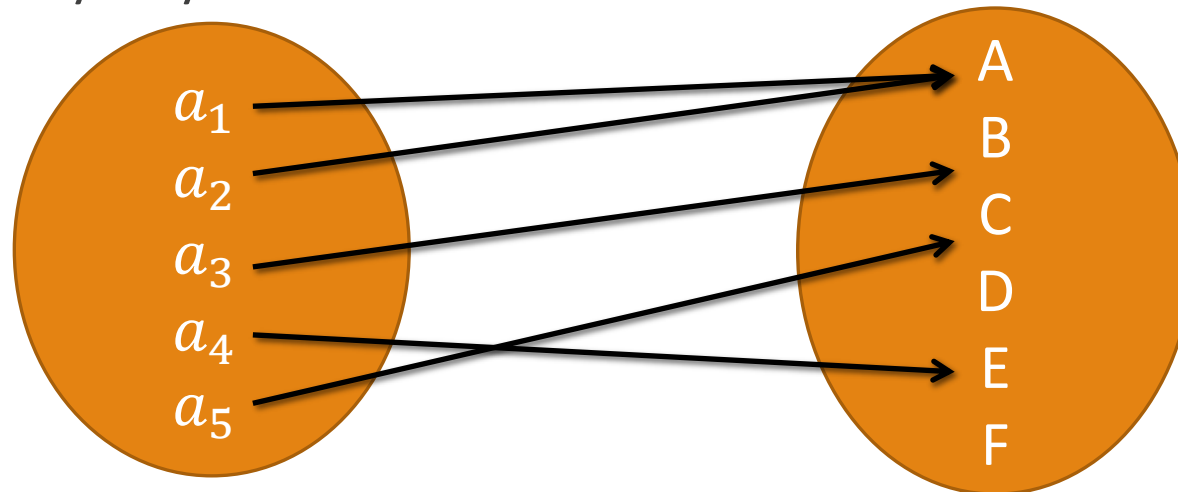
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(Let's generalize the elements.)

What procedure did we use to create this? What are the tasks?

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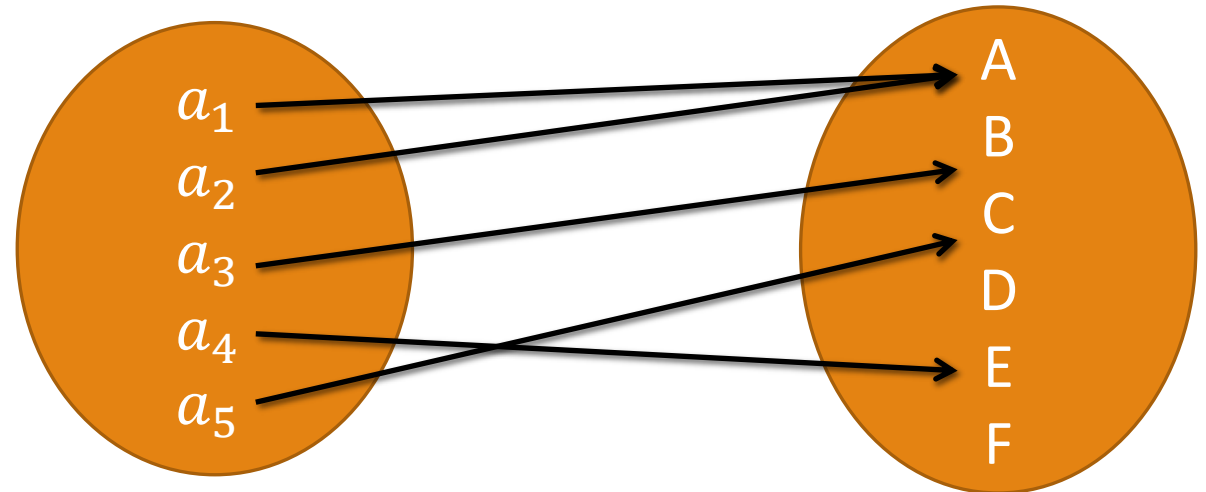
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$$N_1 = n, N_2 = n, N_3 = n, \dots, N_m = n$$

$$N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot N_3 \cdot \dots \cdot N_m = n \cdot n \cdot \dots \cdot n = n^m$$

In general:  $|B|^{|A|}$

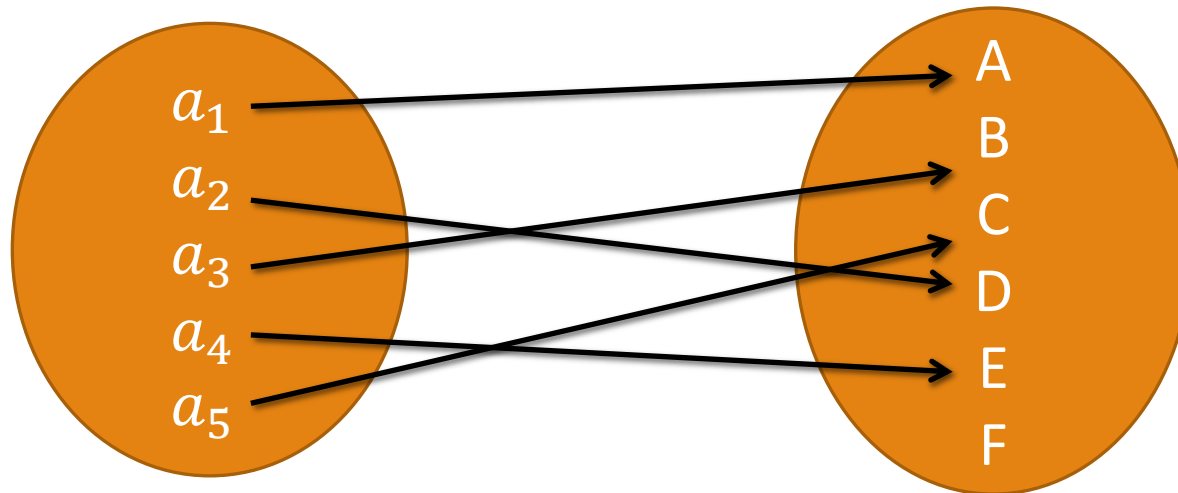


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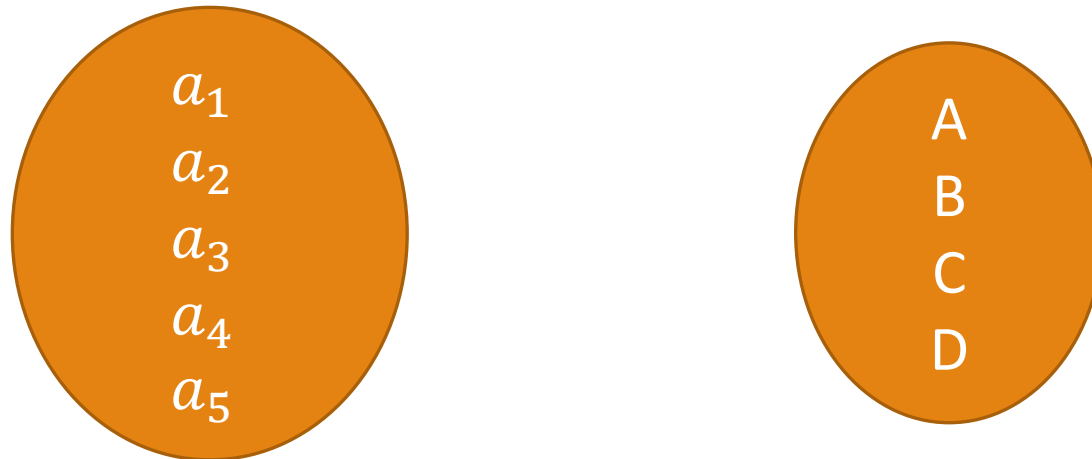
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What if  $|B| < |A|$ ? How many 1-to-1 functions are there?

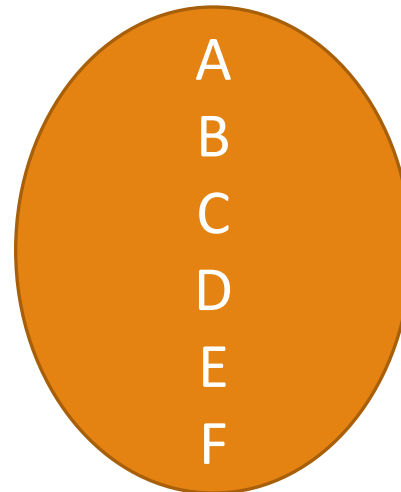
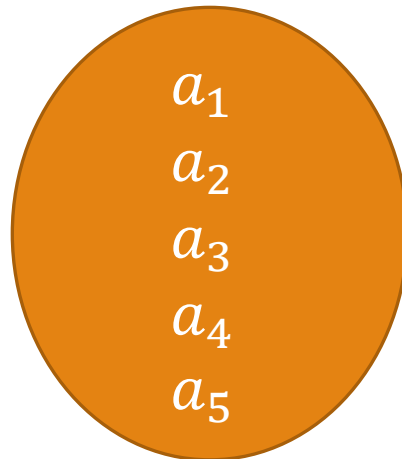


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$$N_1 = n$$

$$N_2 = n - 1$$

$$N_3 = n - 2$$

...

$$N_{m-1} = n - (m - 2) = n - m + 2$$

$$N_m = n - m + 1$$



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$$N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot N_3 \cdot \dots \cdot N_m = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - m + 2) \cdot (n - m + 1)$$

How can we express this? Recall factorials:

$$0! = 1$$

$$\text{if } k \geq 1, \text{ then } k! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot k$$

$$5! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5$$

$$3! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$$

Can we manipulate factorials into the expression  $(n - m + 1) \cdot (n - m + 2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - 1) \cdot n$ ?

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How do we get from:

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (n - m) \cdot (n - m + 1) \cdot (n - m + 2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - 1) \cdot n$$

to

$$(n - m + 1) \cdot (n - m + 2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - 1) \cdot n$$

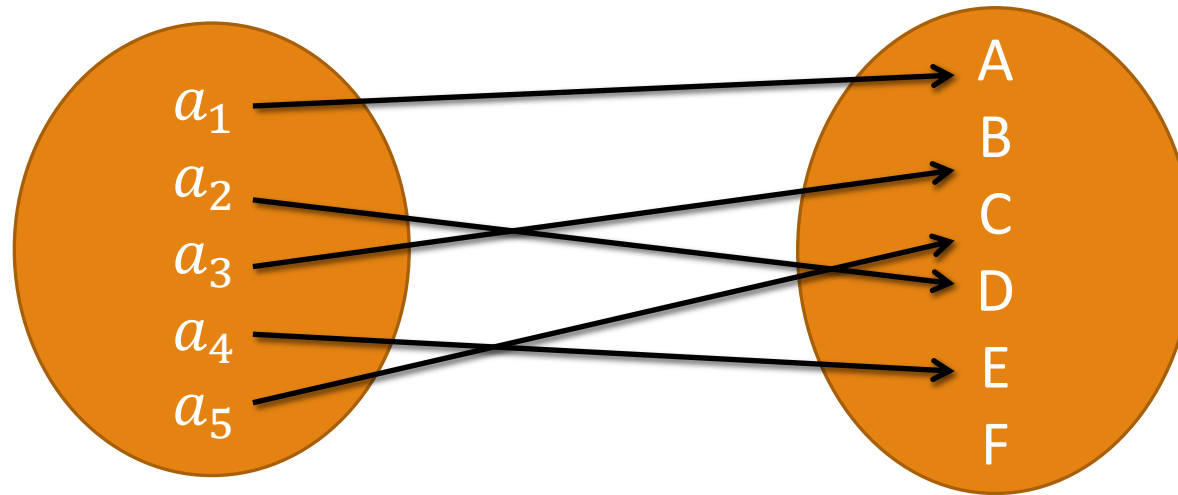
Divide by the first part:

$$\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (n - m) \cdot (n - m + 1) \cdot (n - m + 2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n - 1) \cdot n}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (n - m)} = \frac{n!}{(n - m)!}$$

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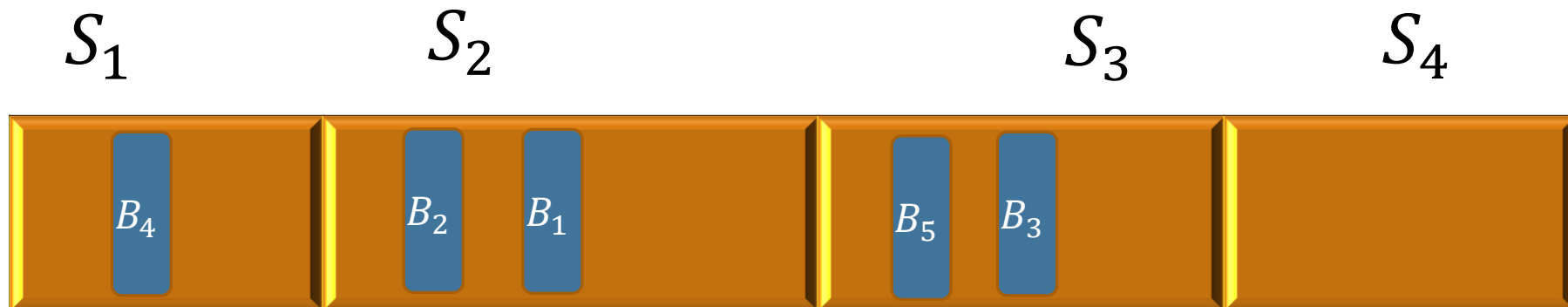
# Review of Product Rule

Express as a procedure

Where a procedure is a **sequence of tasks**

The choice we make for Task  $i$  does not affect the number of ways to do Task  $i+1$

Then we can apply the product rule



# Books on Shelves

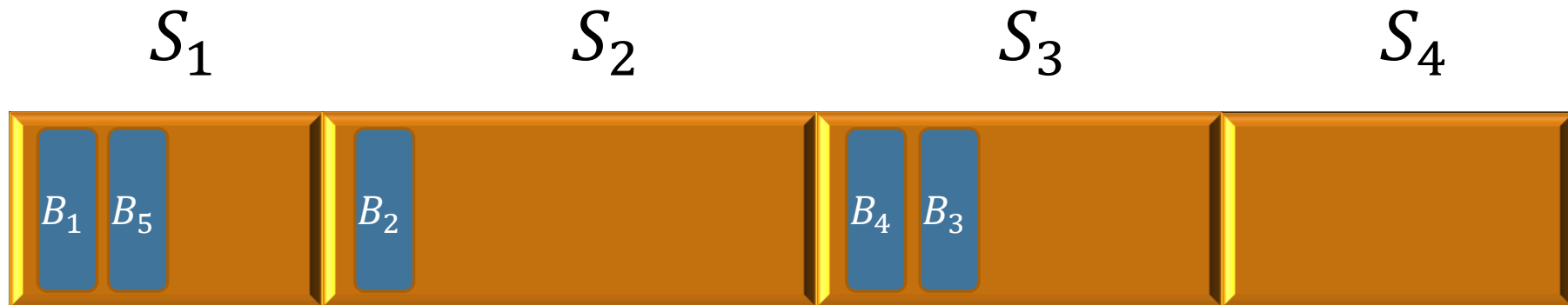
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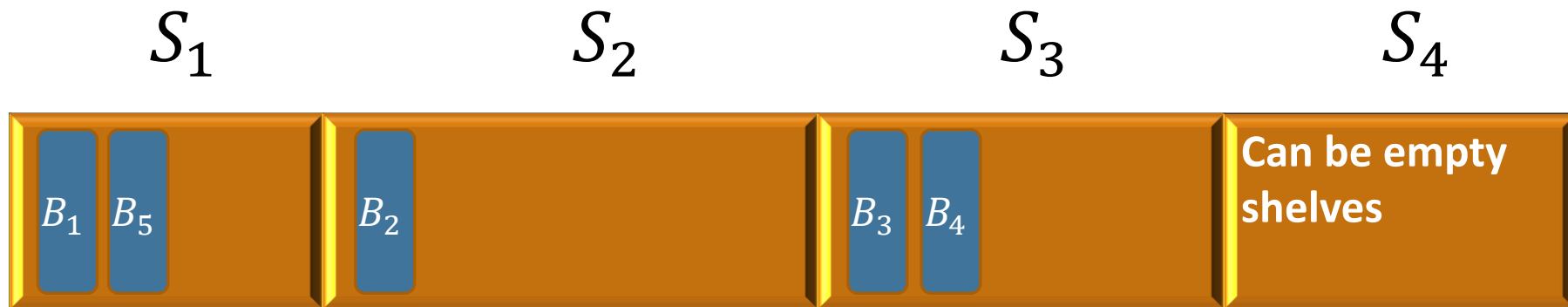
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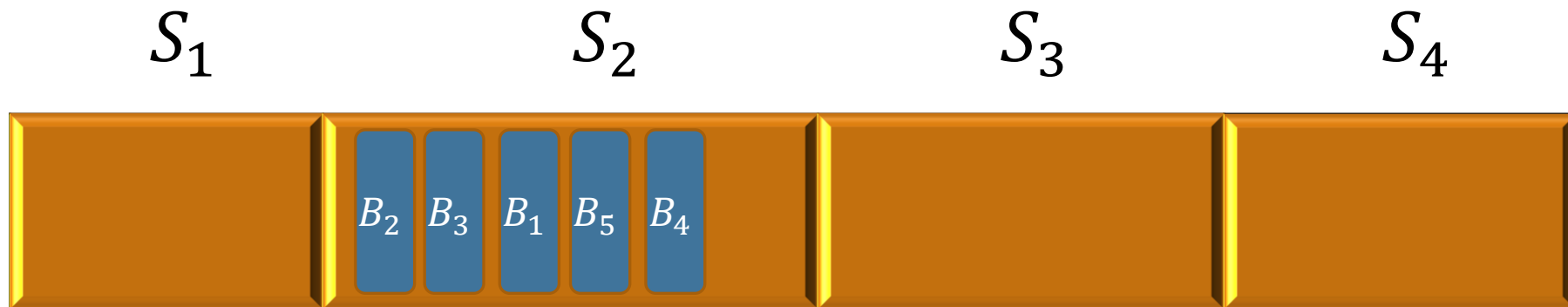
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Can have all books on one shelf (order still matters)



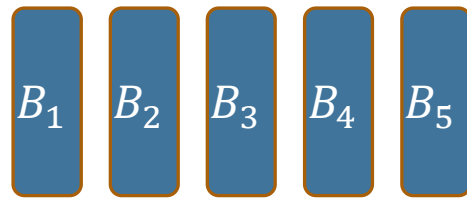
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$$N_1 = 4$$

$S_1$

$S_2$

$S_3$

$S_4$





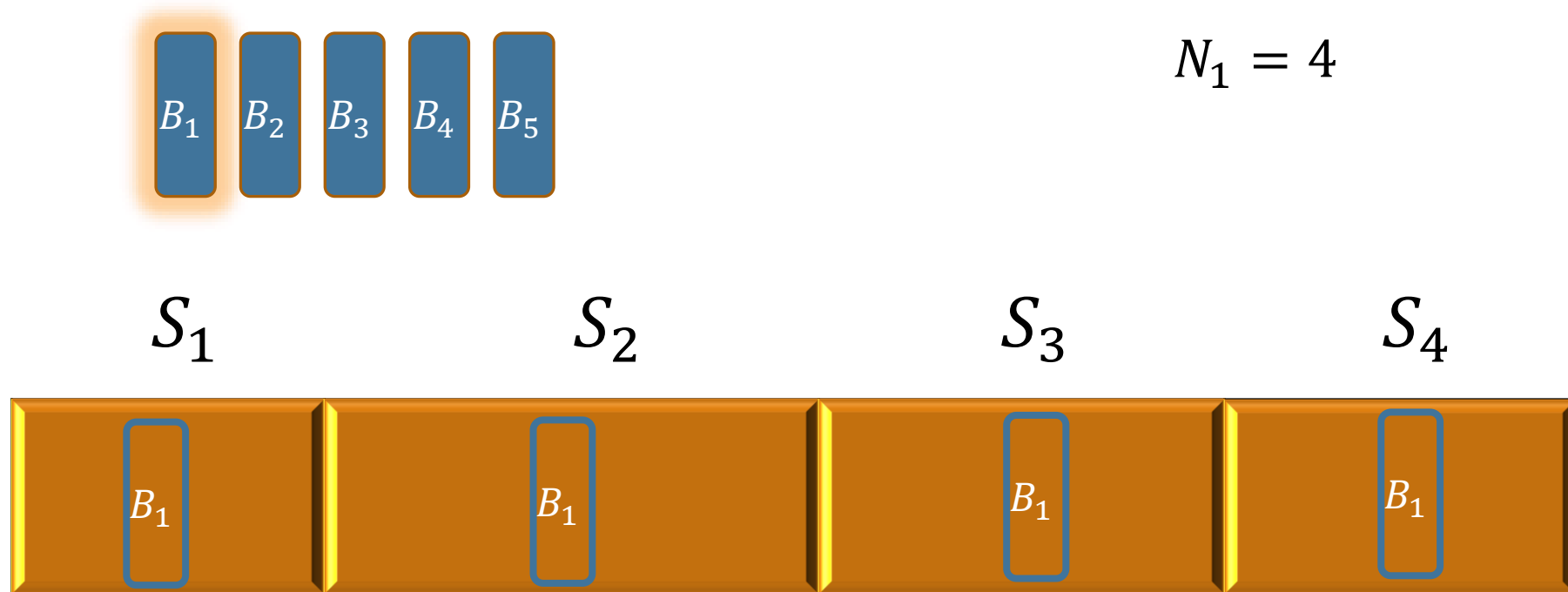
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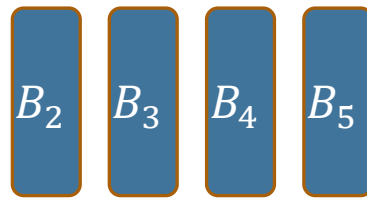
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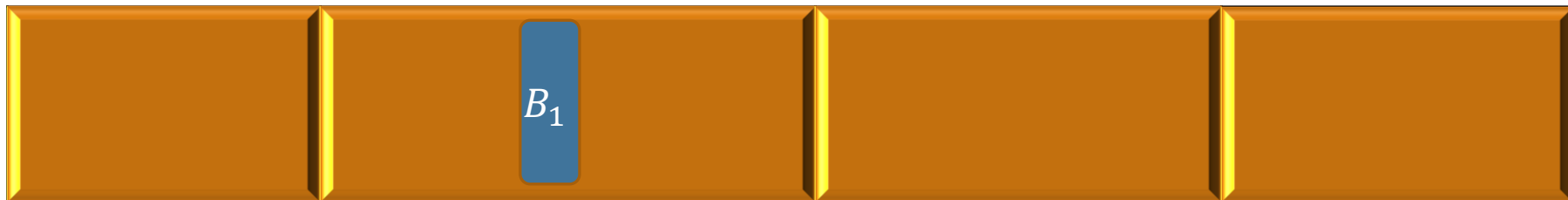
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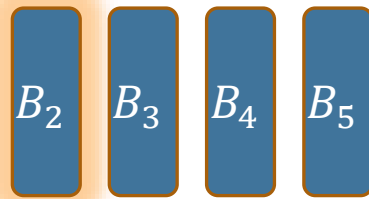
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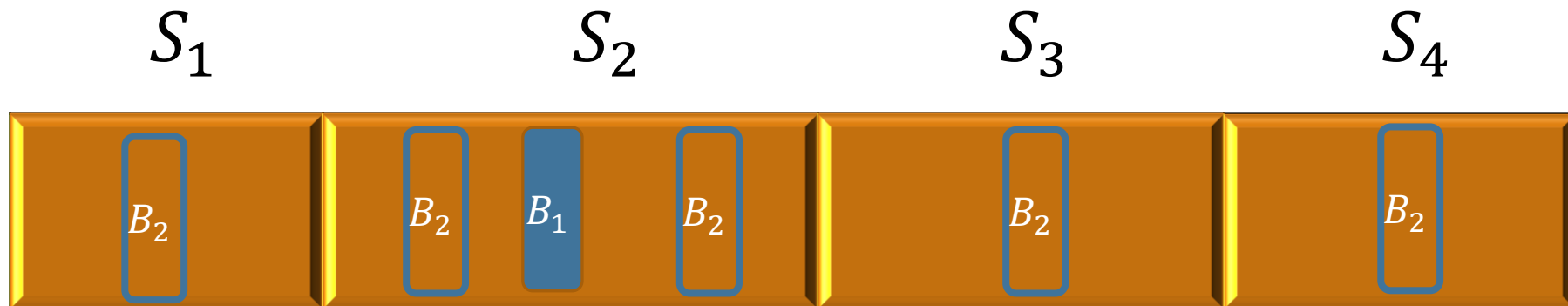
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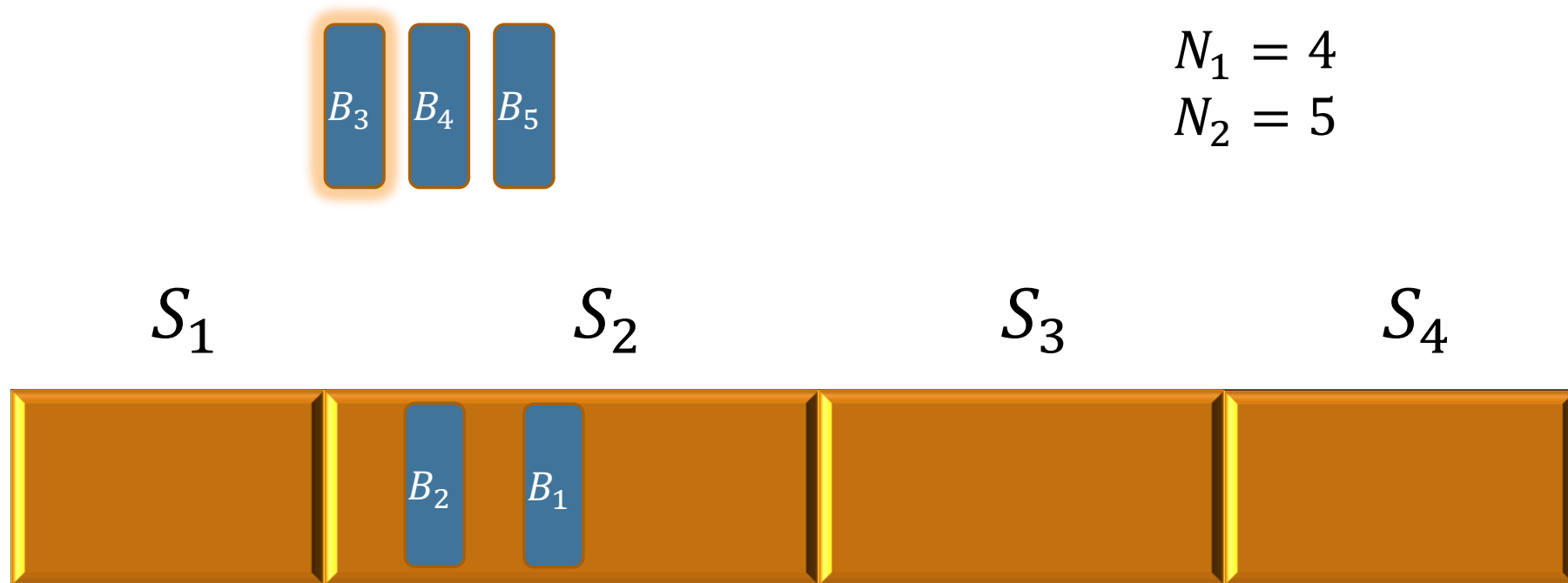
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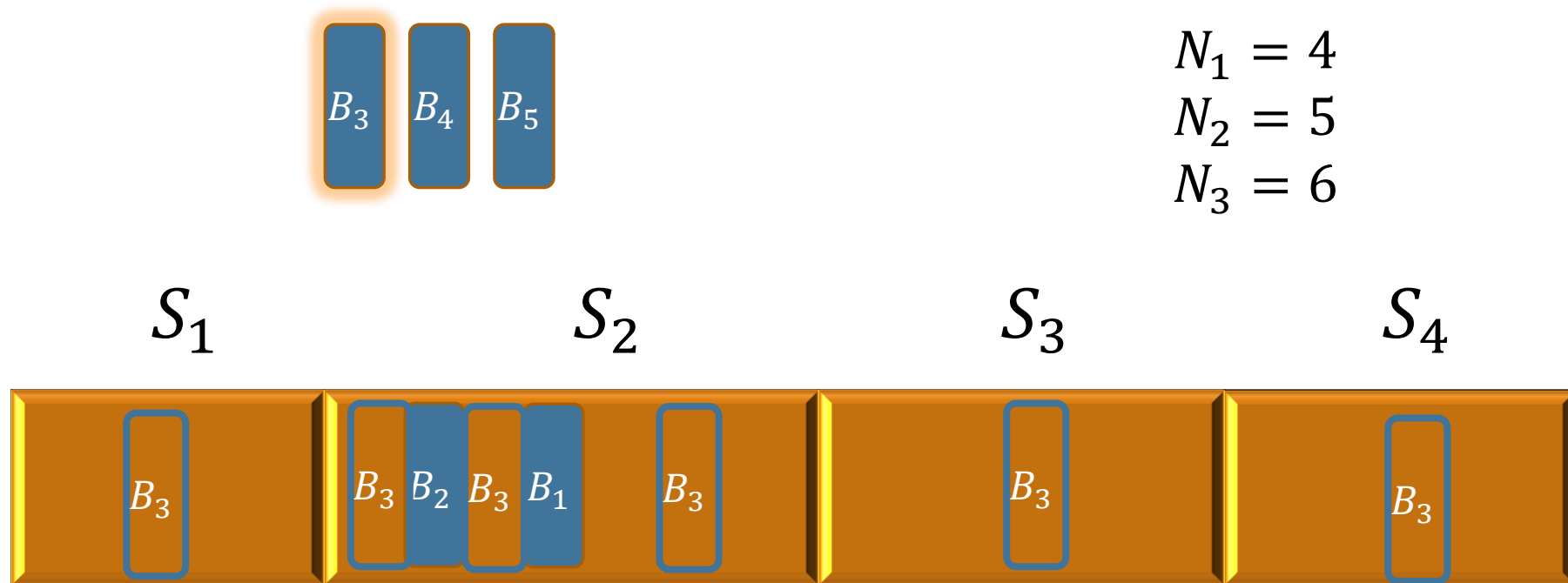
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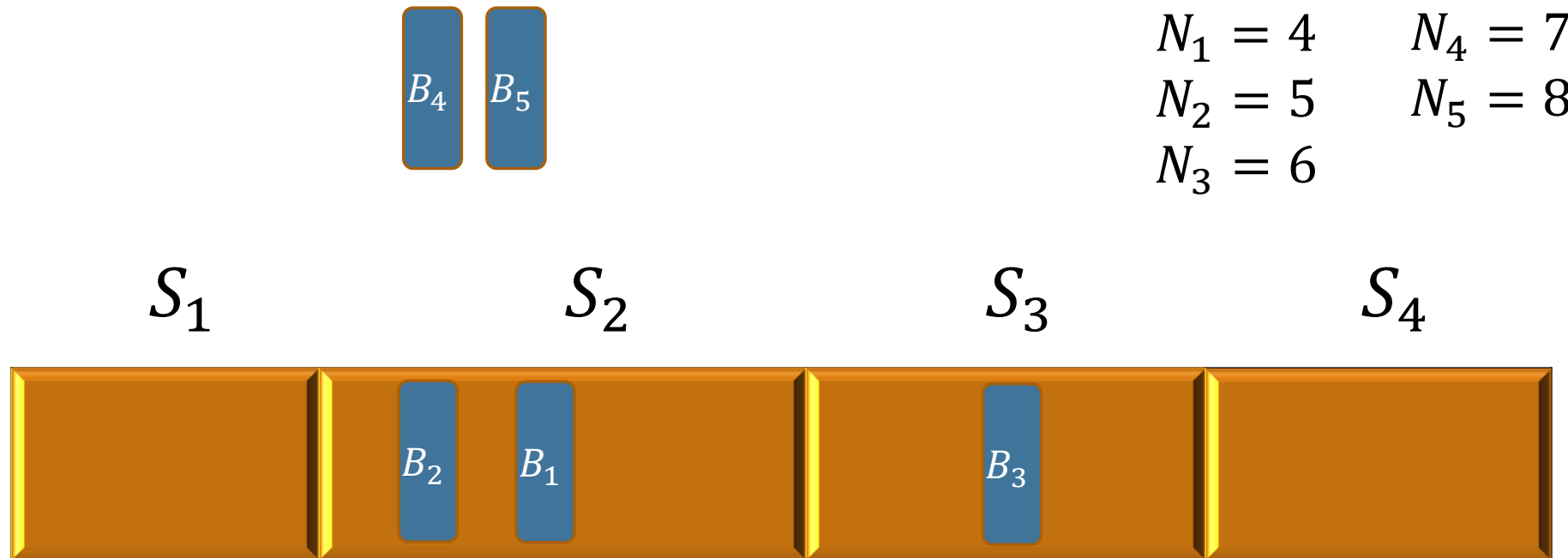
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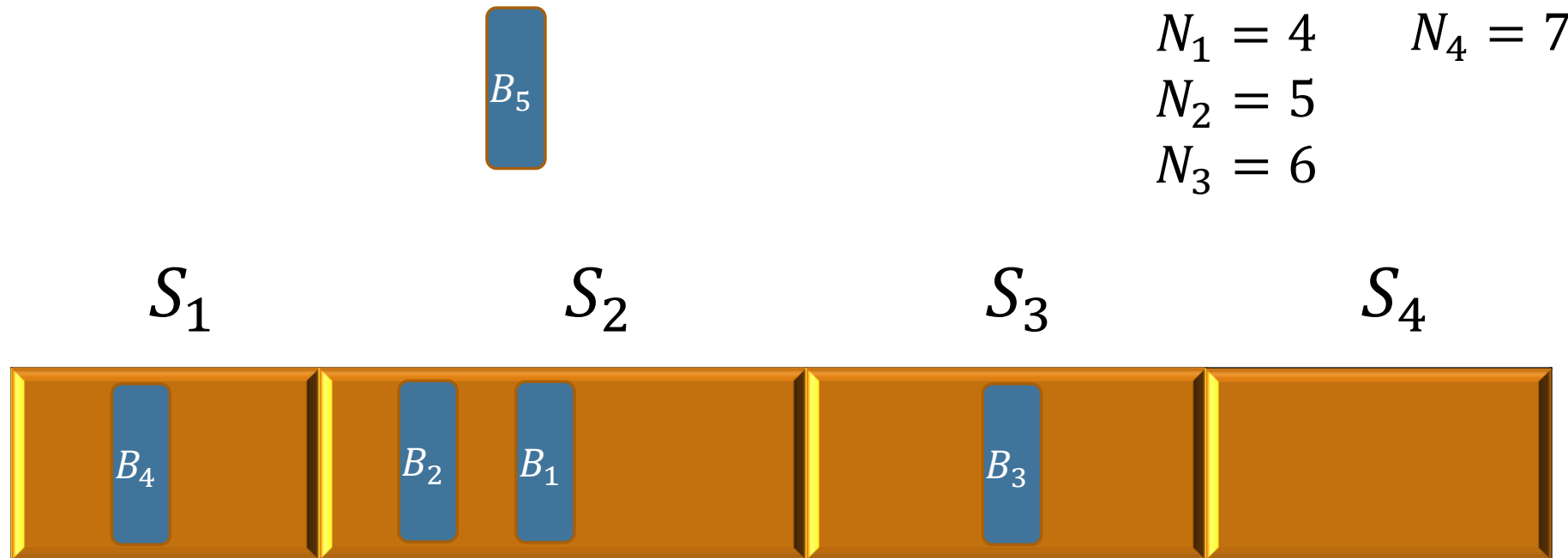
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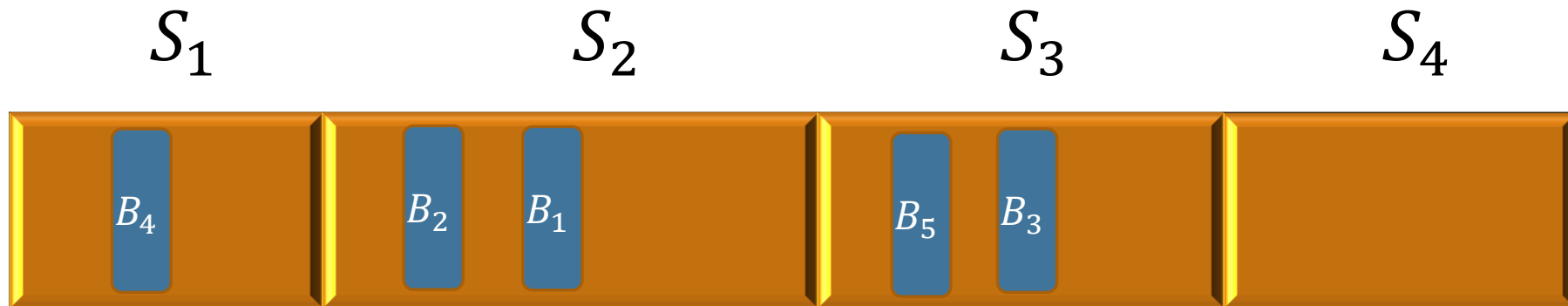
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Using the product rule, the number of ways we can place 5 books on 4 shelves:

$$N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot N_3 \cdot N_4 \cdot N_5$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} N_1 = 4 & N_4 = 7 \\ N_2 = 5 & N_5 = 8 \\ N_3 = 6 & \end{array}$$





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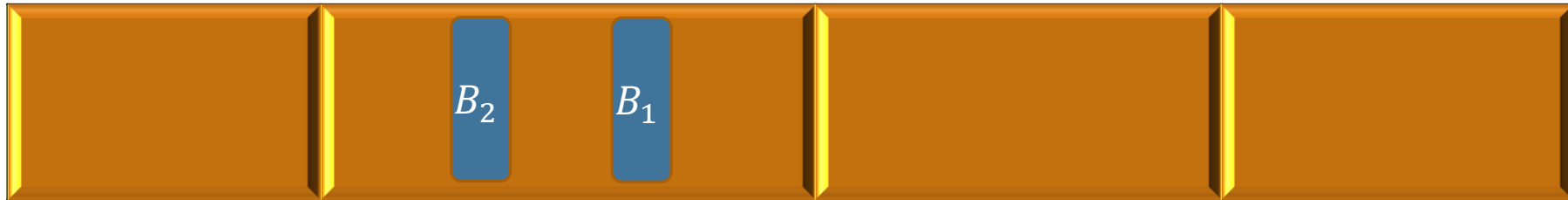
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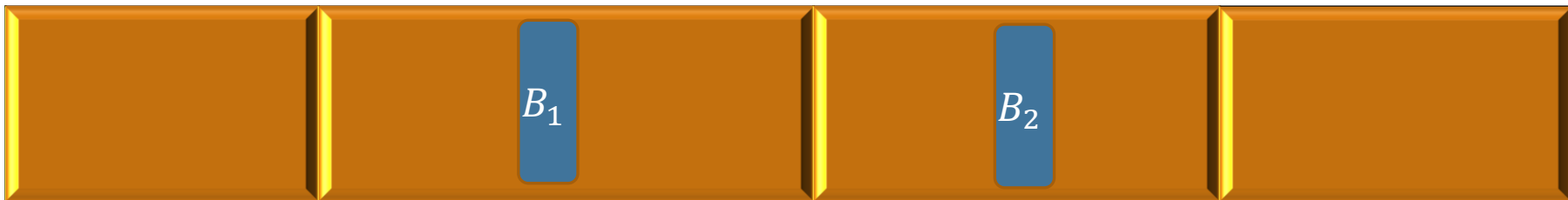


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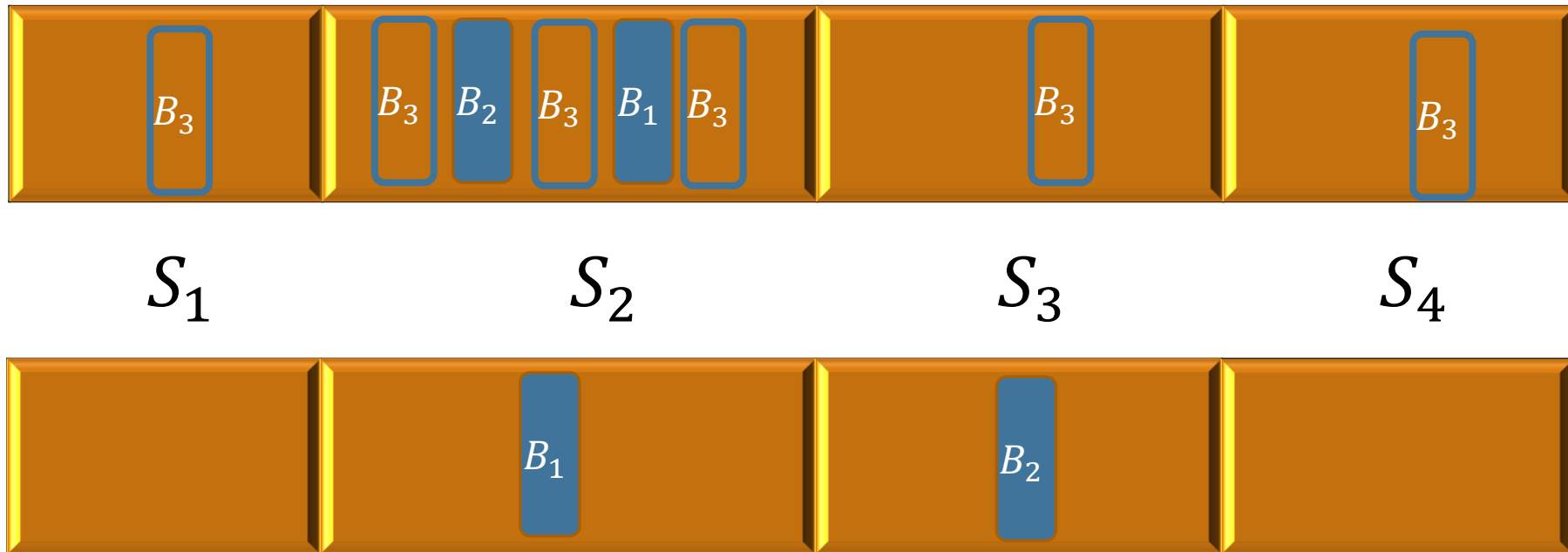
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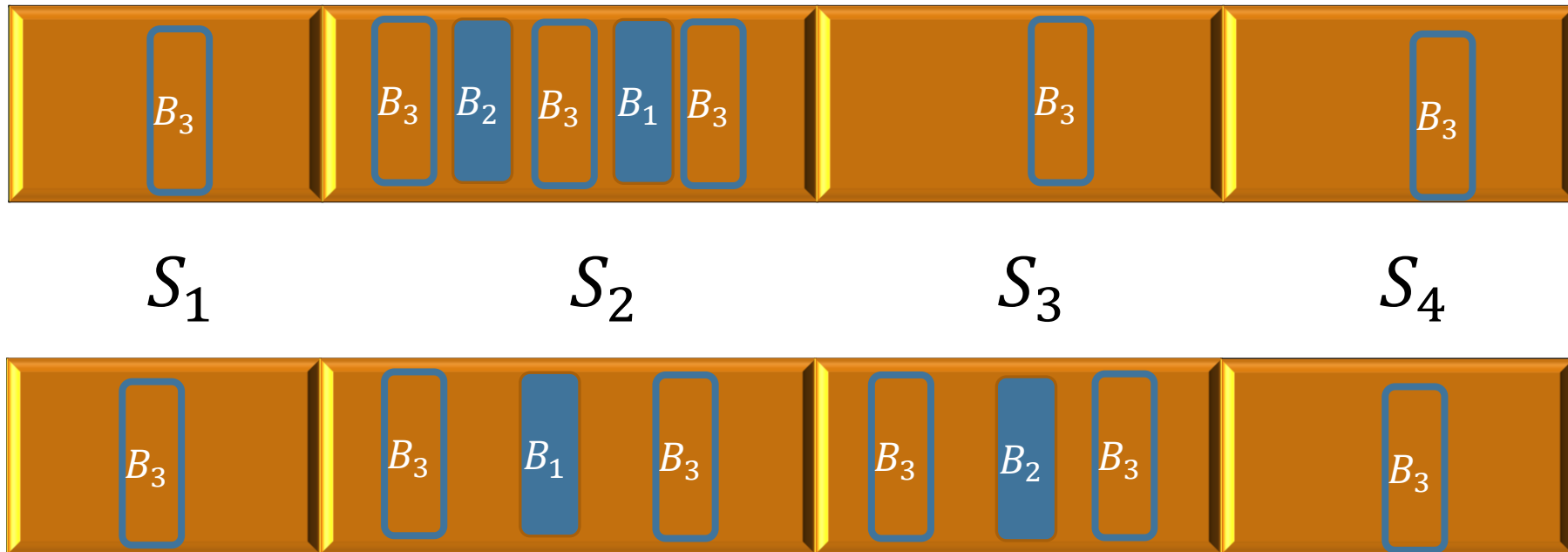
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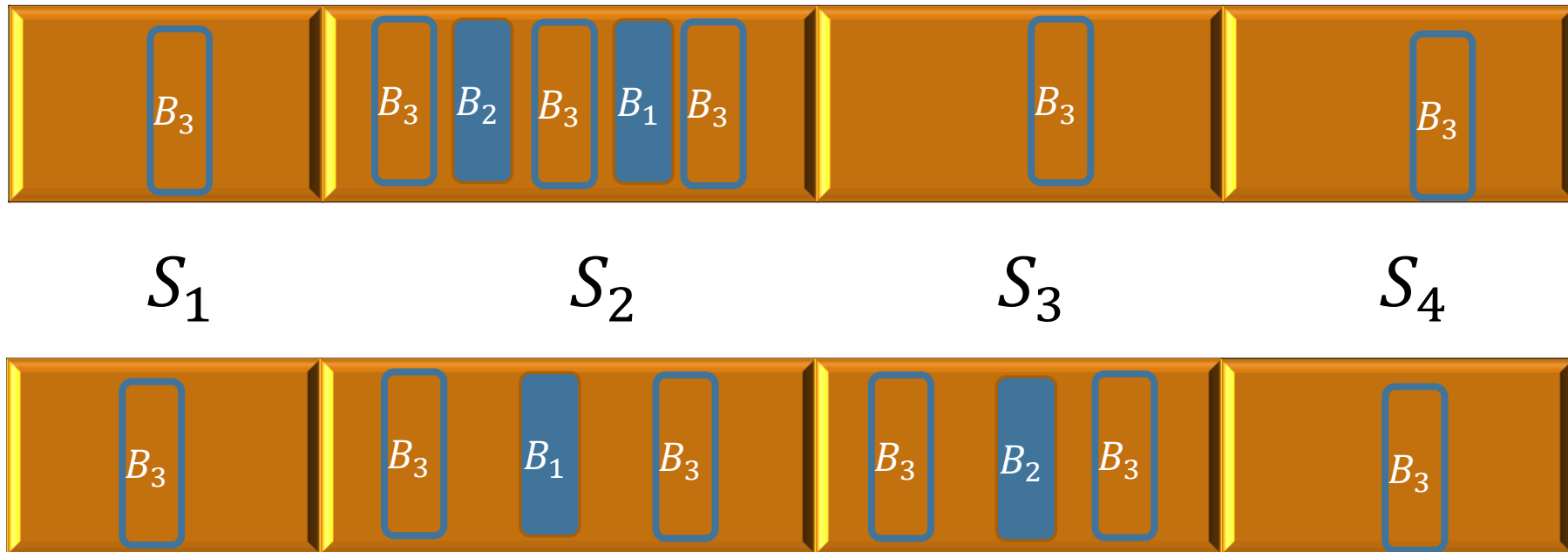
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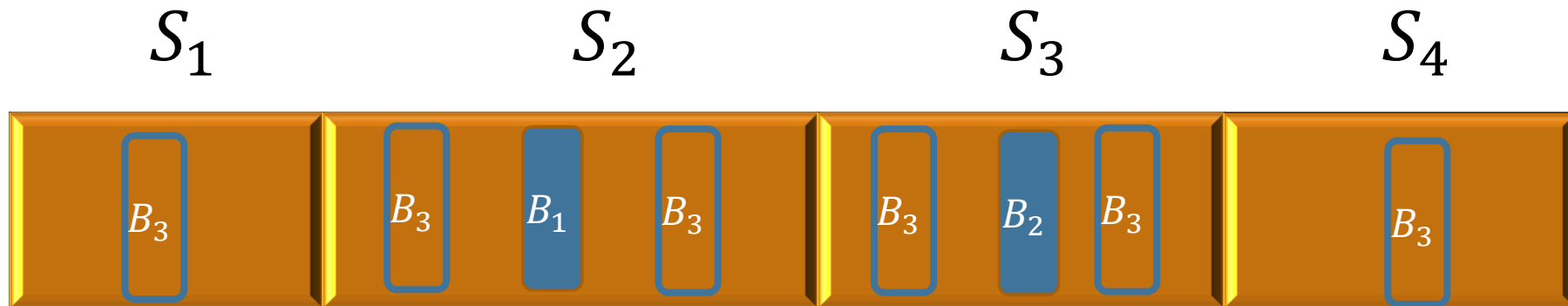
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Where can  $B_3$  go?

Every time we place a book, we split an existing "slot" into 2 "slots", regardless of where we place the book.

Each book becomes a new "divider". So where we place  $B_i$  during  $N_i$  does not affect the value of  $N_{i+1}$



# Books on Shelves

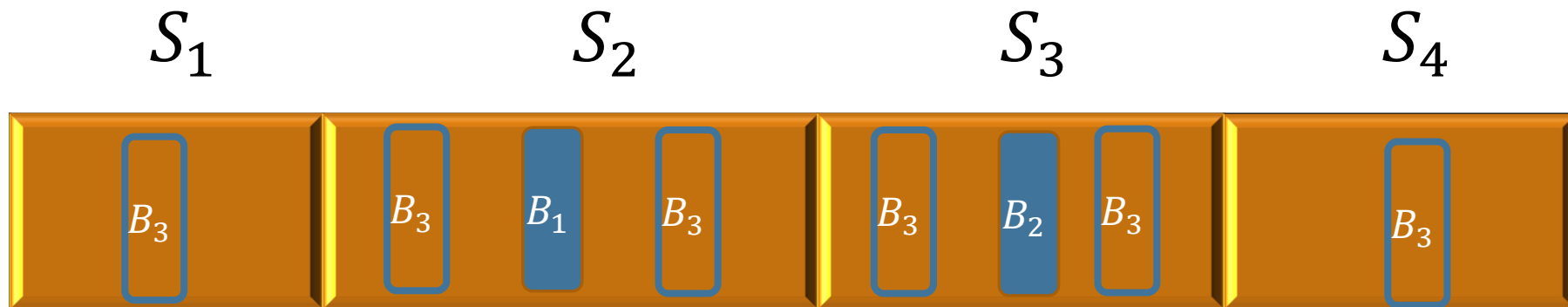
$m$  books  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots, B_m$   
 $n$  shelves  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_n$

Task  $i$ : Place  $B_i$

1. Place  $B_i$  on a shelf on the far left:  $n$  choices
2. Place  $B_i$  immediately to the right of a book  $B_1, \dots, B_{i-1}$  already on the shelf:  $i - 1$  choices.

Thus  $N_i = n + i - 1$

Therefore the total number of ways to place books on shelves is  $N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot \dots \cdot N_m$



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$m$  books  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots, B_m$   
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$$N_1 = n$$

$$N_2 = n + 1$$

$$N_3 = n + 2$$

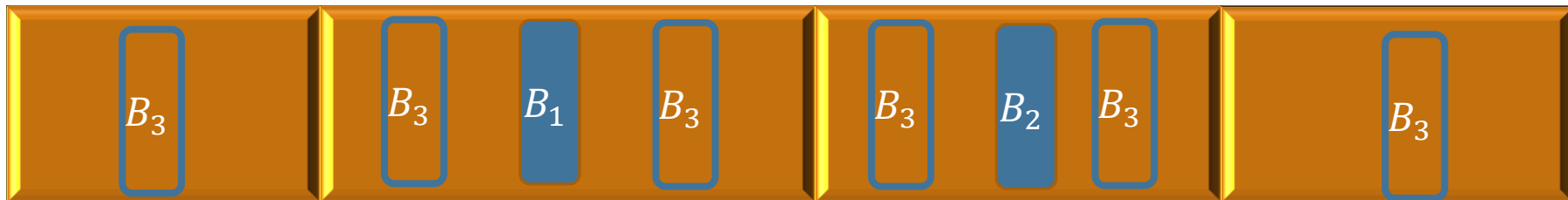
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$$N_{m-1} = n + m - 2$$

$$N_m = n + m - 1$$

Therefore the total number of ways to place books on shelves is

$$N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot \dots \cdot N_m \\ = n \cdot (n + 1) \cdot (n + 2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n + m - 2) \cdot (n + m - 1)$$



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 $n$  shelves  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_n$

Again we want to express  $n \cdot (n + 1) \cdot (n + 2) \cdot \dots \cdot (n + m - 2) \cdot (n + m - 1)$  as a factorial

$$(n + m - 1)! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (n - 1) \cdot n \cdot (n + 1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n + m - 2) \cdot (n + m - 1)$$

to

$$n \cdot (n + 1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n + m - 2) \cdot (n + m - 1)$$

Divide by the first part:

$$\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (n - 1) \cdot n \cdot (n + 1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n + m - 2) \cdot (n + m - 1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (n - 1)} = \frac{(n + m - 1)!}{(n - 1)!}$$



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 $n$  shelves  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_n$

Therefore there are  $\frac{(n+m-1)!}{(n-1)!}$  ways to place  $m$  books on  $n$  shelves

$$\frac{(n + m - 1)!}{(n - 1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(4 + 5 - 1)!}{(4 - 1)!}$$

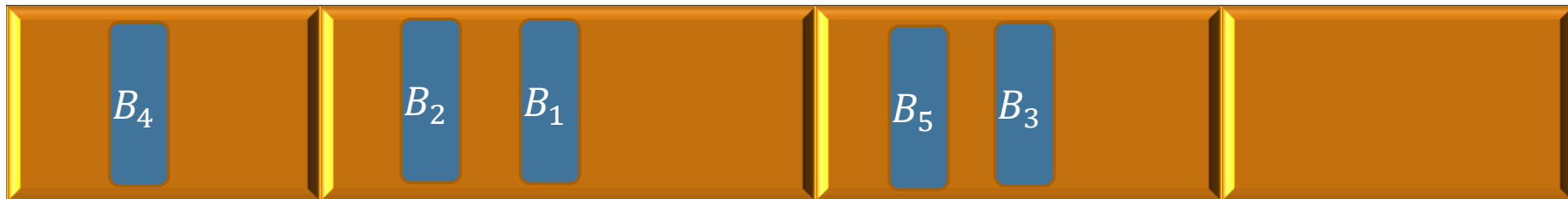
$$= \frac{(8)!}{(3)!} = 6720$$

$S_1$

$S_2$

$S_3$

$S_4$



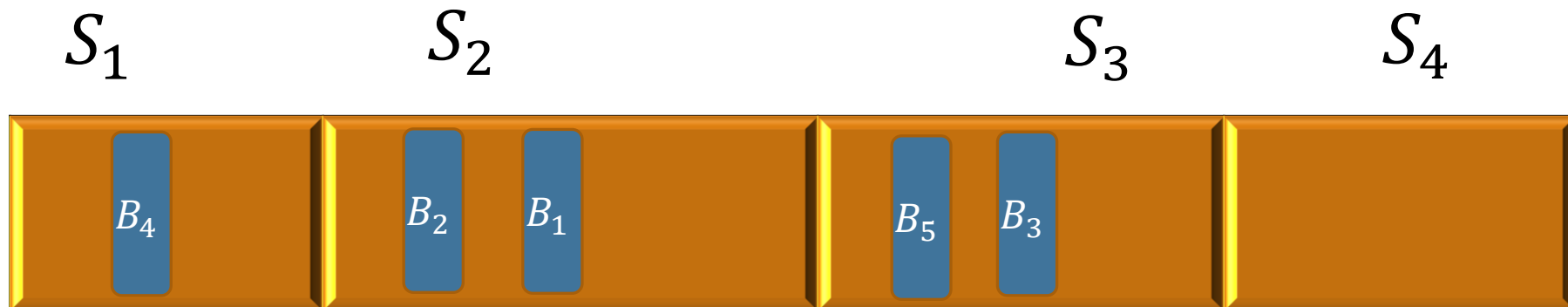
# Review of Product Rule

Express as a procedure

Where a procedure is a **sequence of tasks**

The choice we make for Task  $i$  does not affect the number of ways to do Task  $i+1$

Then we can apply the product rule



# Product Rule

Set  $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

How many subsets?

$\{a\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c, d, e\}, \emptyset$ , etc.

Prove by  
contradiction,  
thus assume  
the negation

$\emptyset \subseteq S$  if  $\forall x \in \emptyset, x \in S$

$\neg \forall x \in \emptyset, x \in S$

$\exists x \in \emptyset, x \notin S$

*False*

Contradiction

# Product Rule

Set  $S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$

How many subsets?

Can we use the Product rule?

Procedure: specify a subset

for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ :

Task  $i$ : specify whether or not  $a_i$  is in the subset

Note  $a_i$  is either there or it is not – two choices

$N_i = 2$ , and does not depend on first  $i - 1$  tasks

number of subsets =  $2^n$  (even if  $n = 0$ )

# Product Rule

Set  $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

Very similar to bitstrings.

If  $a_i$  is in the subset, we write a 1  
if  $a_i$  is not in the subset we write 0

Subsets of  $S \leftrightarrow$  bitstrings of length  $|S|$

$\{a\} \leftrightarrow 10000$

$\{a, b, d, e\} \leftrightarrow 11011$

$\emptyset \leftrightarrow 00000$

$\{a, b, c, d, e\} \leftrightarrow 11111$

# Product Rule

Set  $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

Can also go from a bitstring to a subset

If we read a 1 then  $a_i$  is in the subset

If we read a 0 then  $a_i$  is not in the subset

bitstrings of length  $\leftrightarrow |S|$

$10000 \leftrightarrow \{a\}$

$11011 \leftrightarrow \{a, b, d, e\}$

$00000 \leftrightarrow \emptyset$

# Bijection Rule

Set  $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

Can also go from a bitstring to a subset

That means these are basically the same problem

(What it also means is we can apply the same solution)