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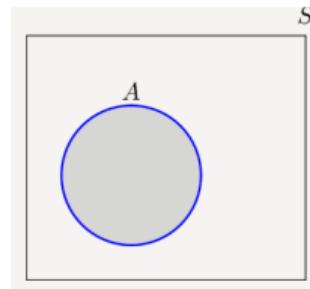
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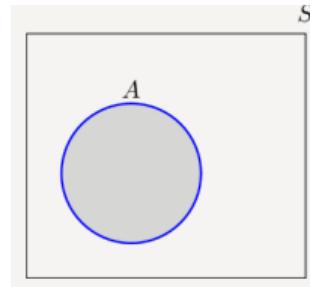
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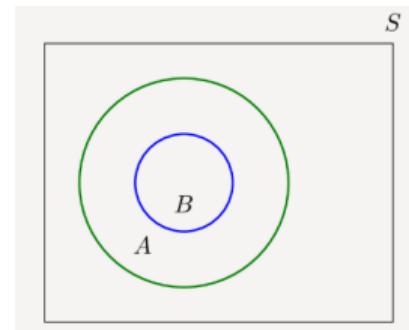
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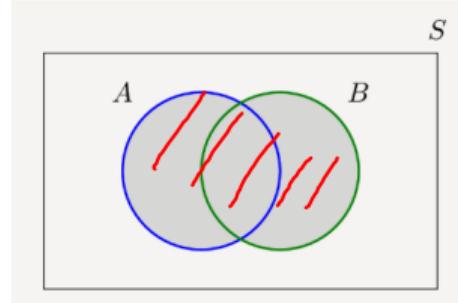
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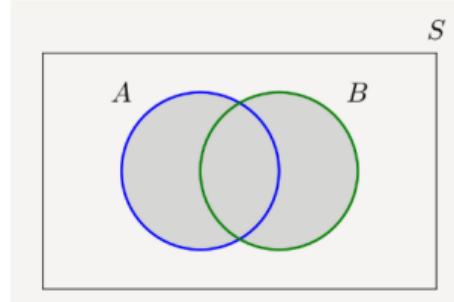
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1 Quiz

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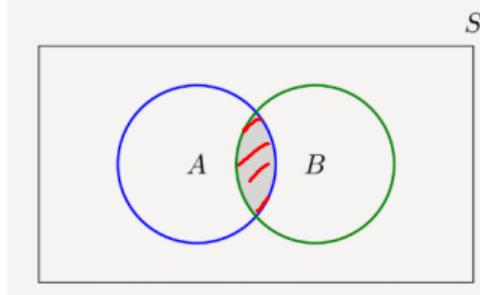
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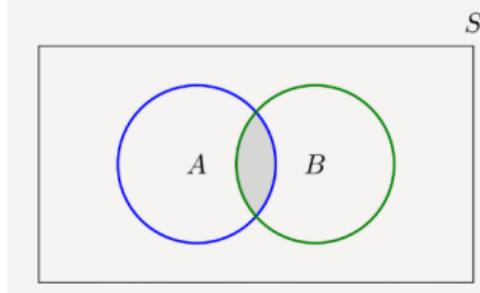
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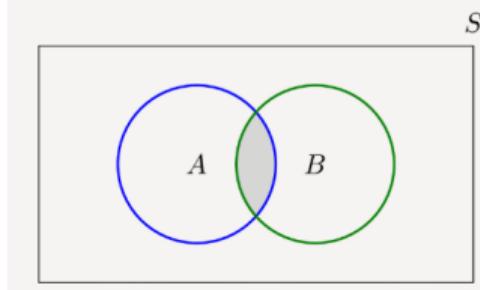


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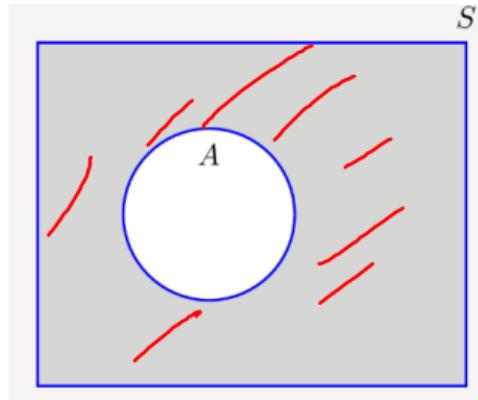
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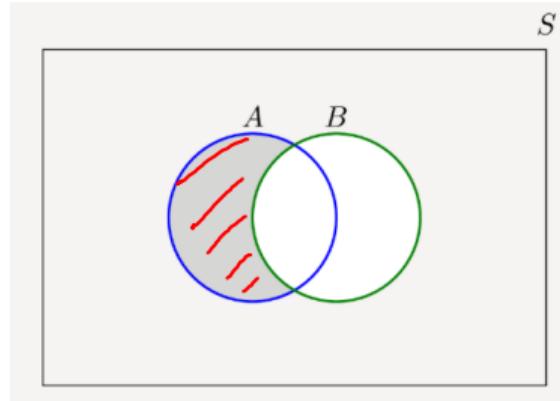
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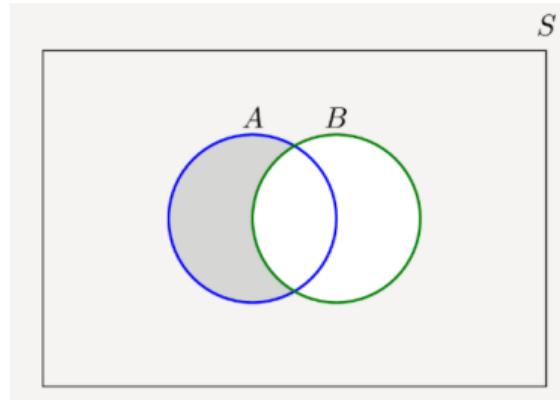
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- Two sets A and B are **mutually exclusive or disjoint** if they have no shared element, i.e., $A \cap B = \emptyset$



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Define Cartesian Product of Sets

Cartesian product of two sets $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m\}$ and $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$ denoted by $A \times B$ is defined as follows

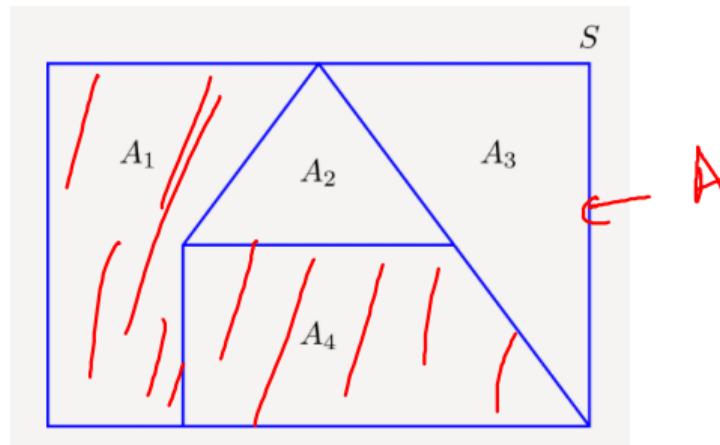
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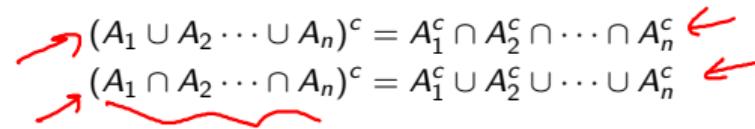
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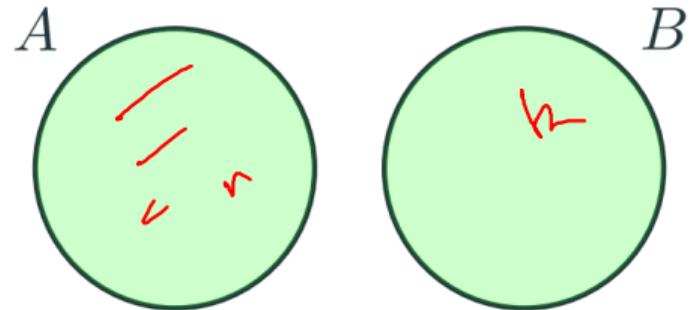
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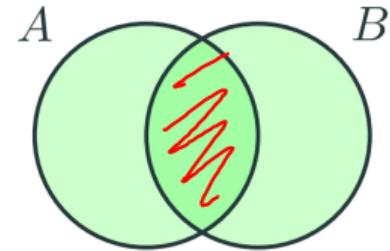
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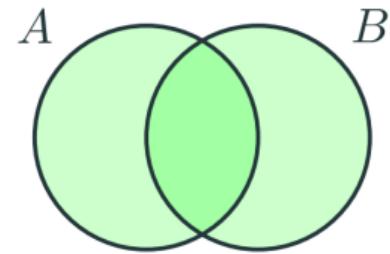
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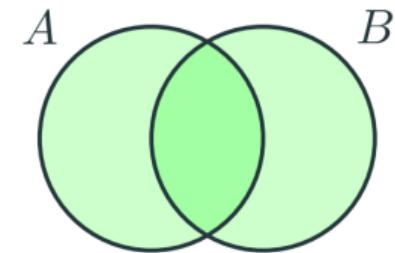
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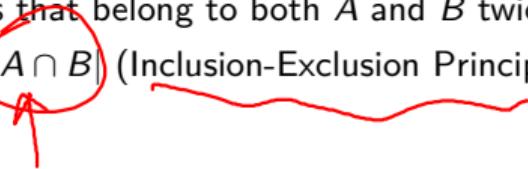
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- We will count elements that belong to both A and B twice
- $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$ (Inclusion-Exclusion Principle)



1 Applications of sum rule

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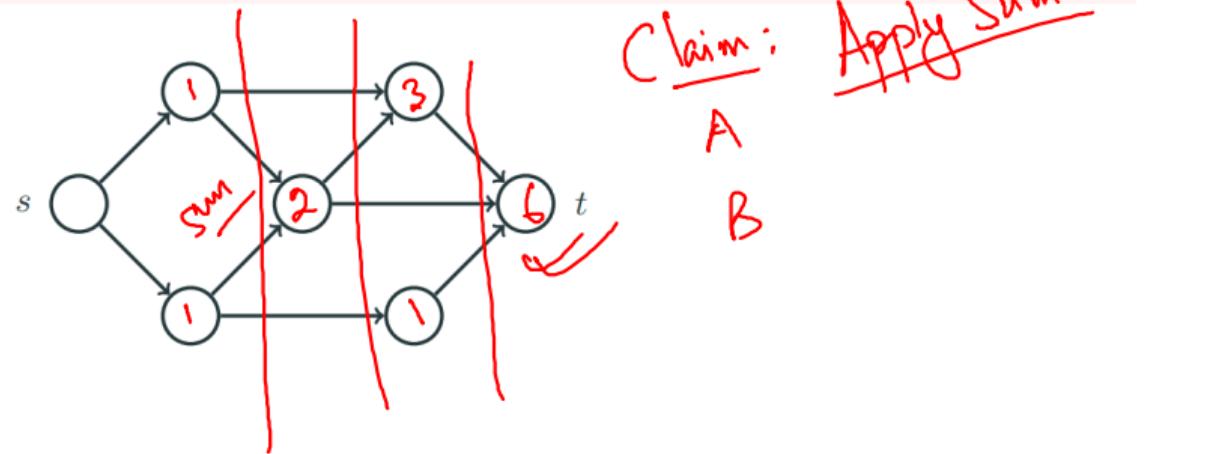
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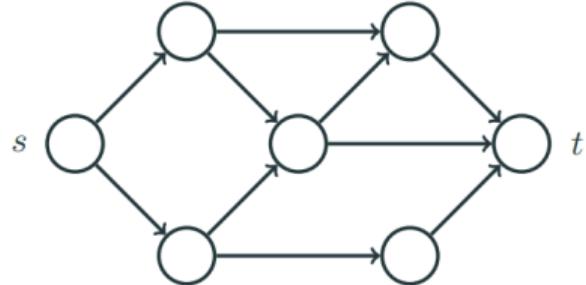
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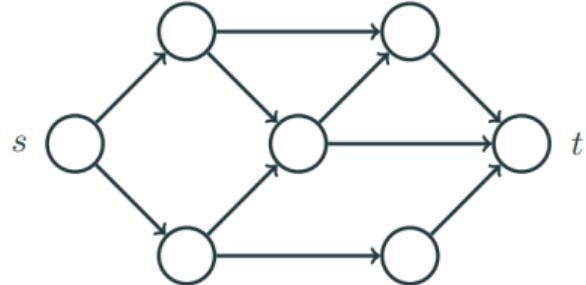
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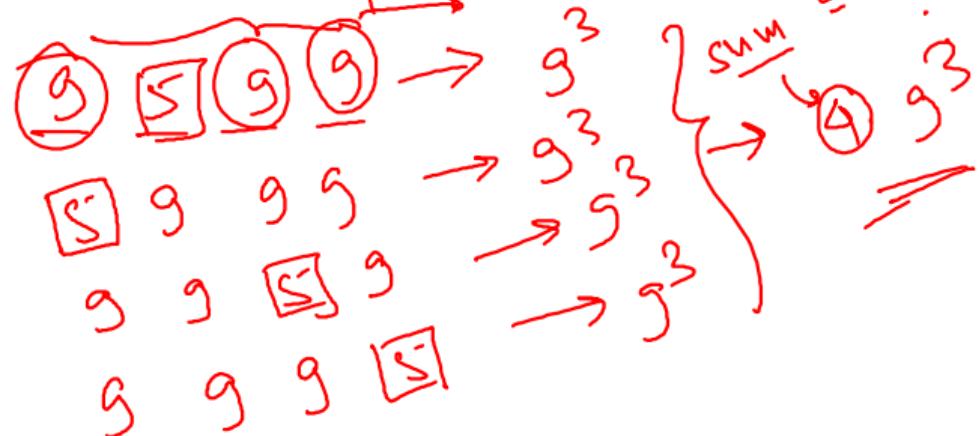
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Hint: Use previous result with $k = n$.

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Above Question Reformulated

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	bac	bad	bae	cad	cae	dae	cbd	cbe	dbe	dce
	bca	bda	bea	cda	cea	dea	cdb	ceb	deb	dec
	cba	dba	eba	dca	eca	eda	dcg	ebc	edb	ecd
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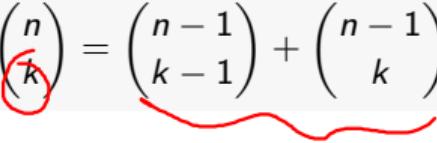
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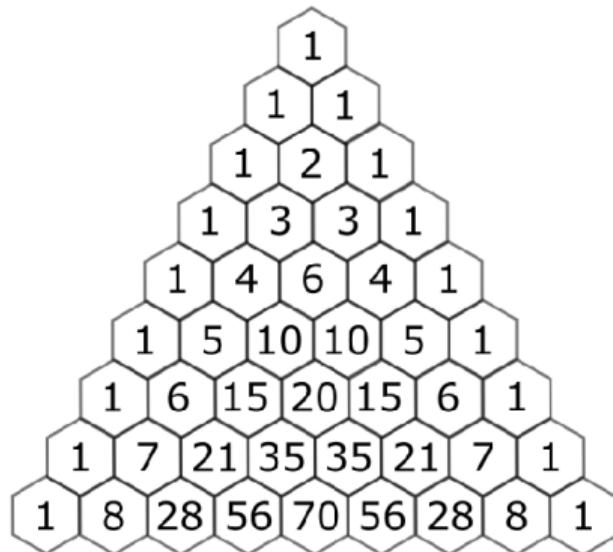
Hence recursion for n choose k is...

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-2}{k-2} + \binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k-1} + \binom{n-2}{k} = \dots$$

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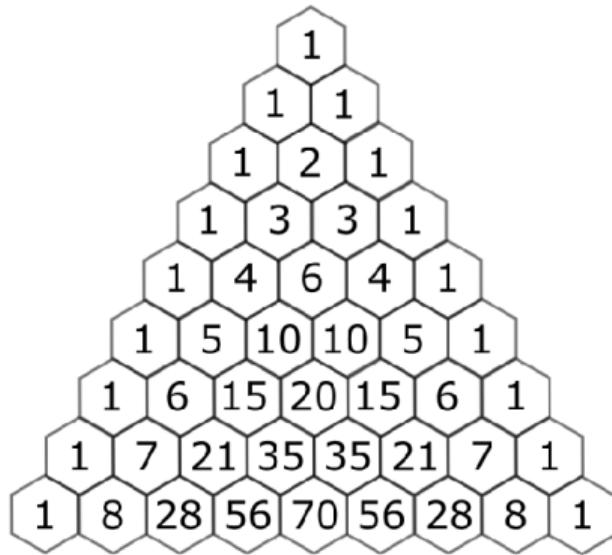
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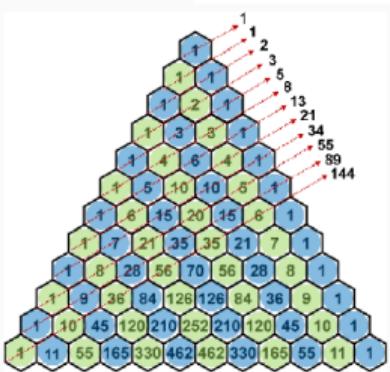
Do you know how to grow Pascal's triangle? What is the rule?

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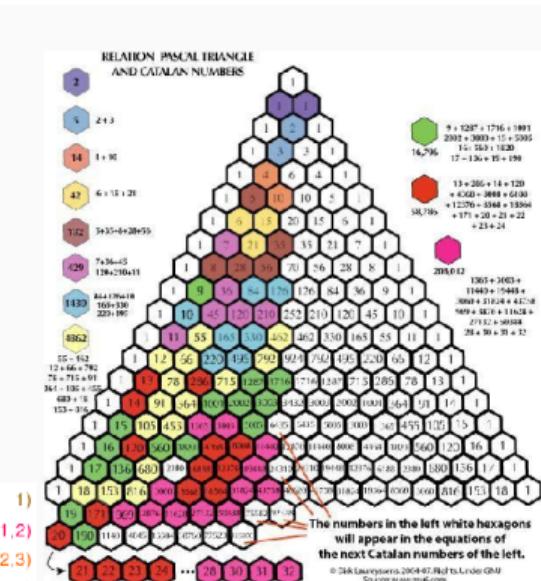
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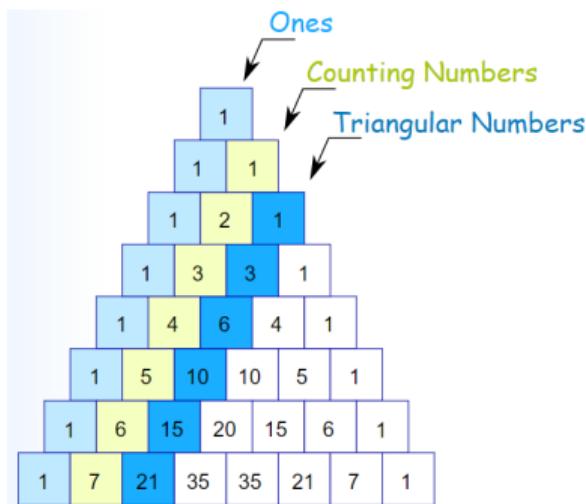


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- 1 2 1 ↗ Tetrahedral numbers, $Tet_n = C(n+2, 3)$
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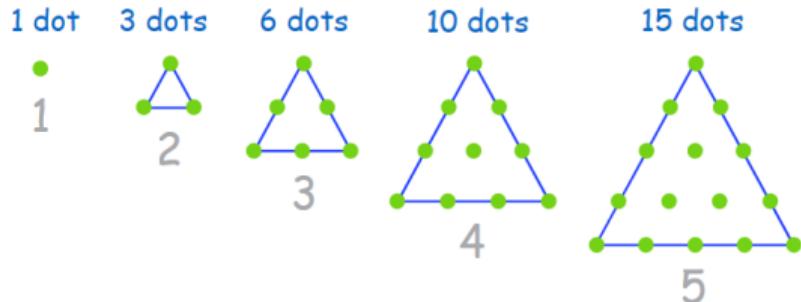
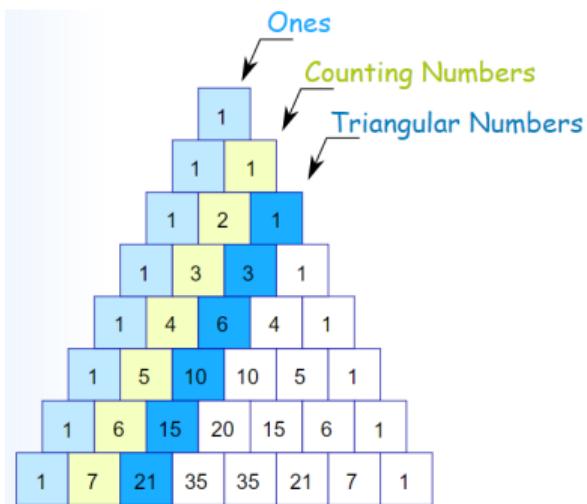
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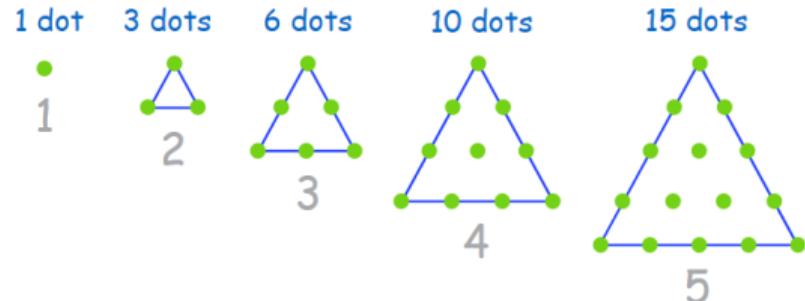
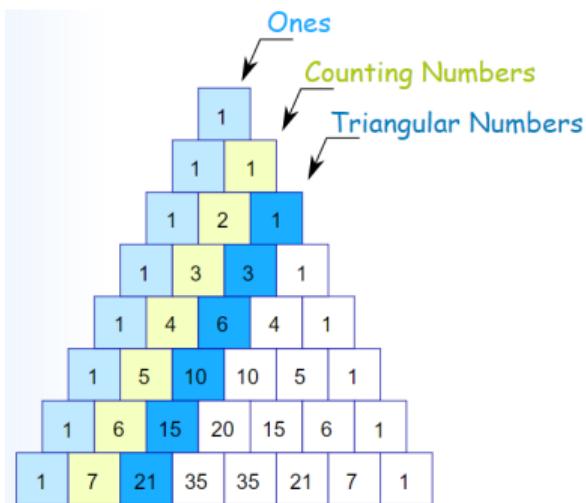


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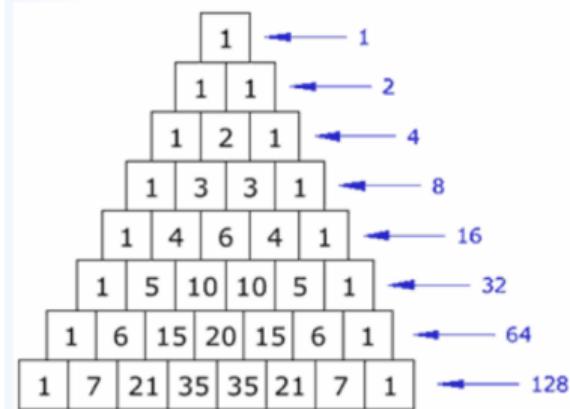


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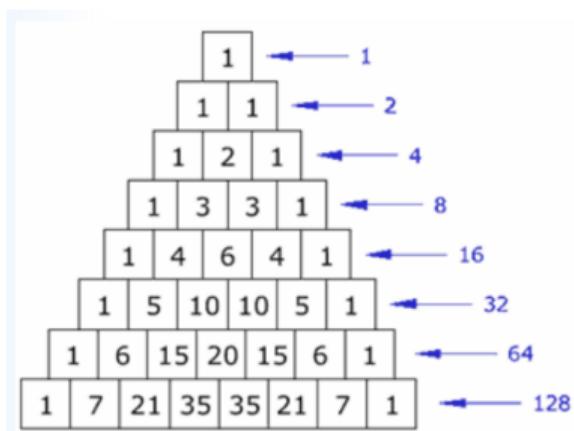
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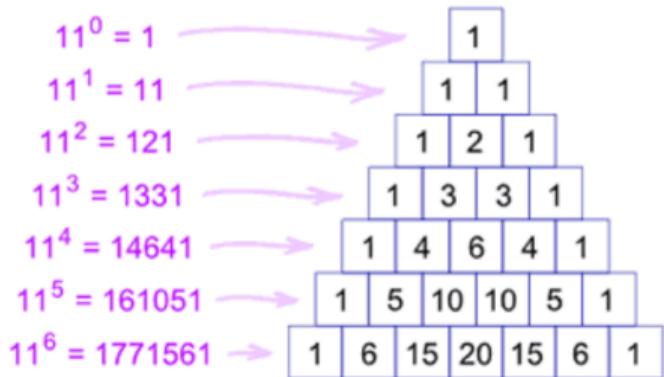
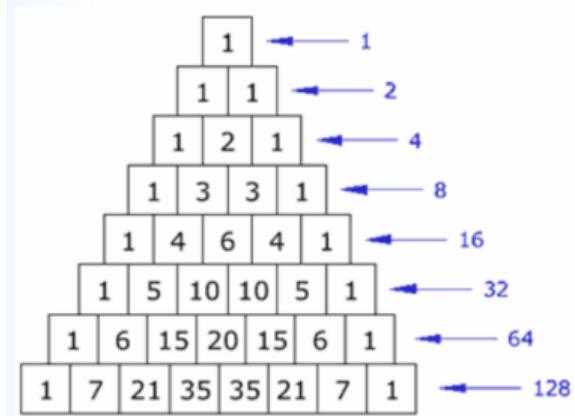
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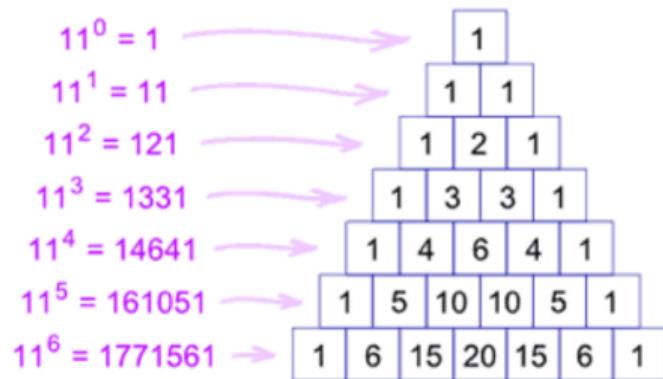
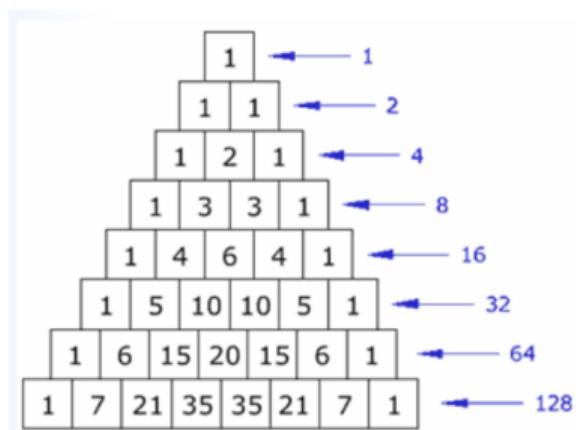
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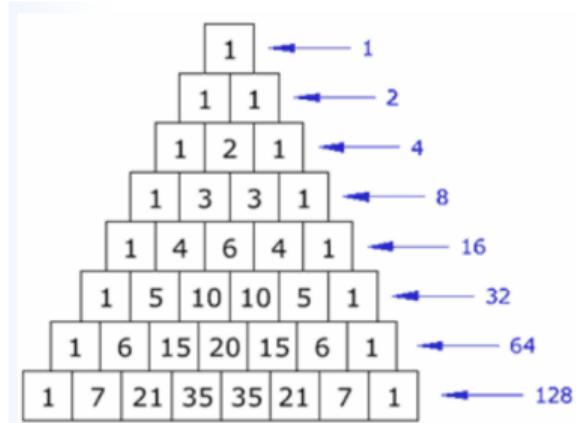


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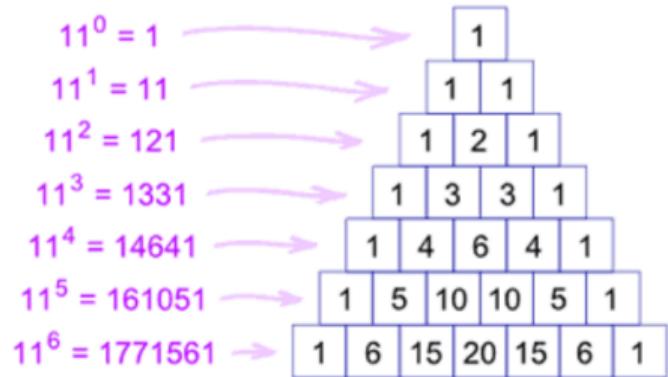
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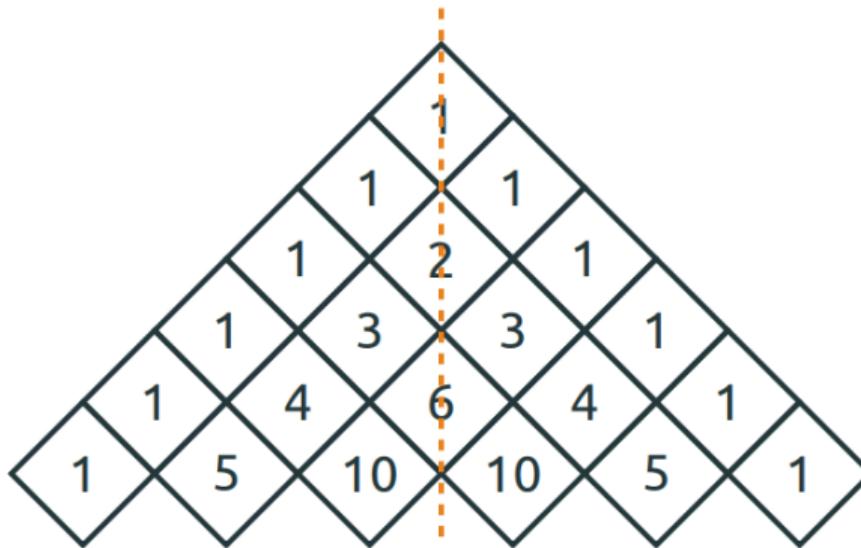


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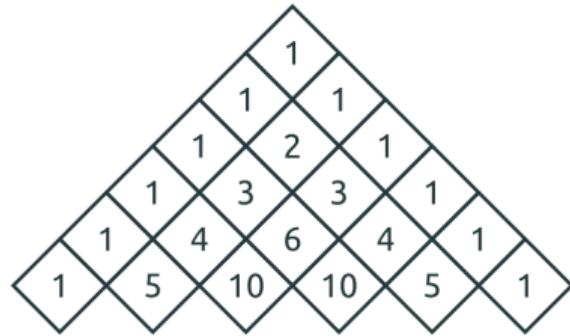
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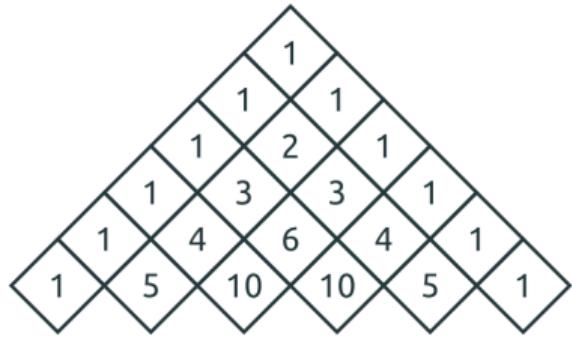
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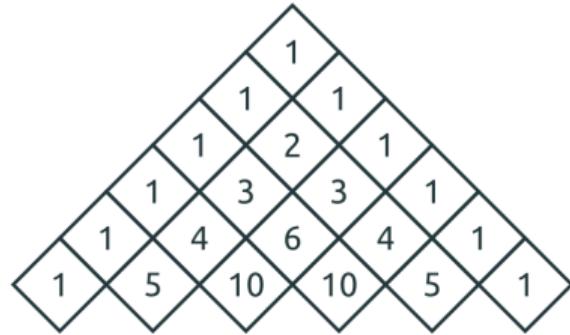
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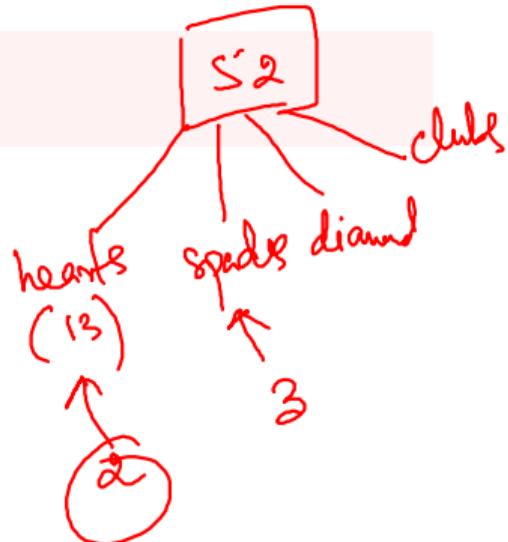
**Answer**

$$\binom{52}{5} = \frac{52!}{5!47!} = \frac{52 \times 51 \times 50 \times 49 \times 48}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 2598960$$

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$$\textcircled{10} \rightarrow \textcircled{9} \rightarrow (\text{at least one}) = \underline{\text{none}}$$

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Four digit numbers with 7 in them =
Total no. of 4 digit nos =

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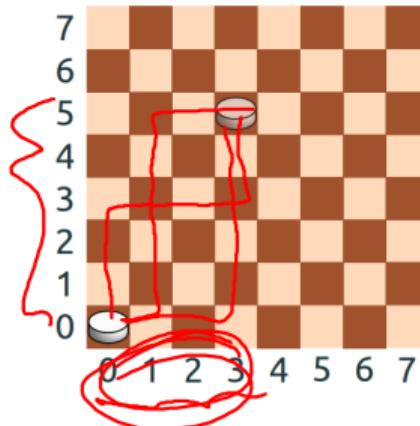
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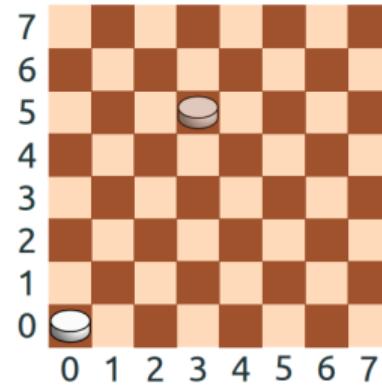
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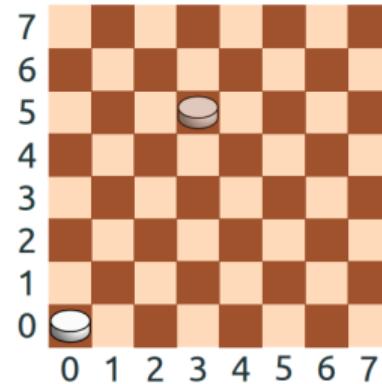
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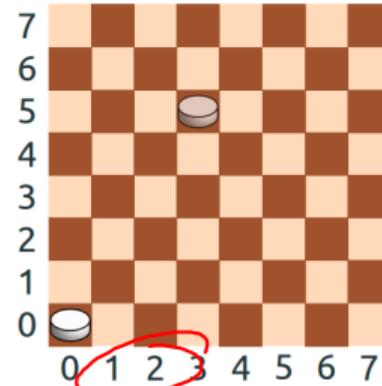
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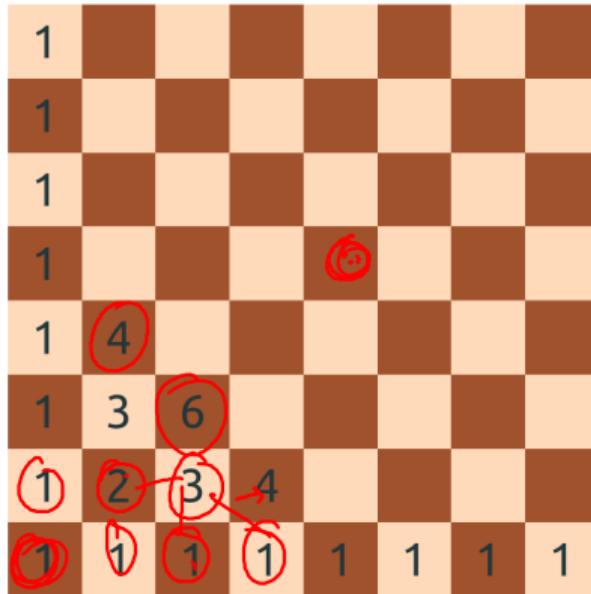
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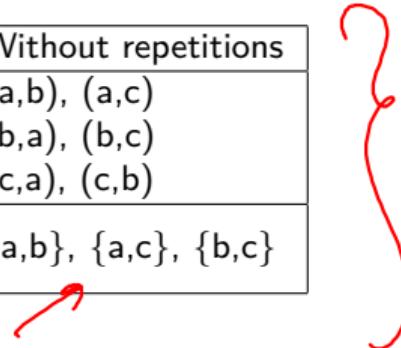
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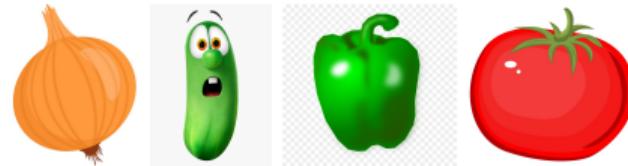
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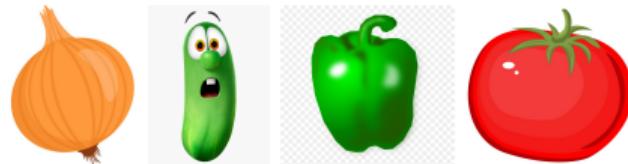
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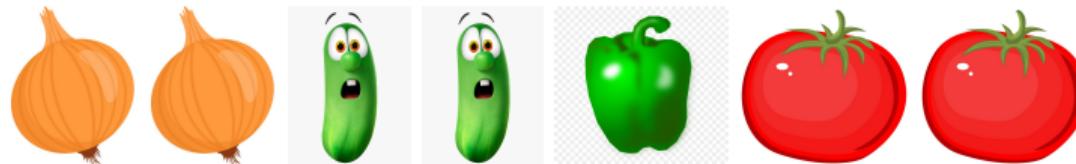
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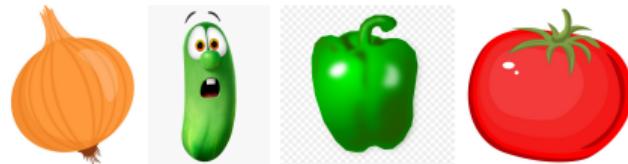
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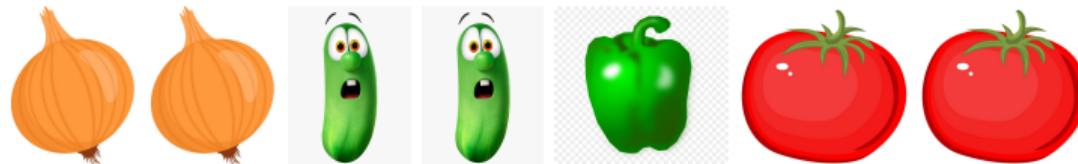
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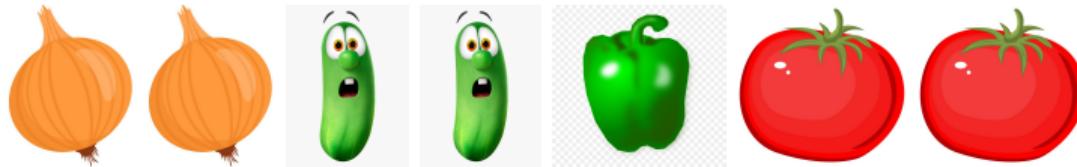
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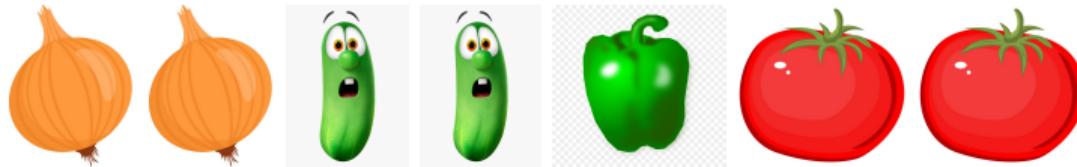


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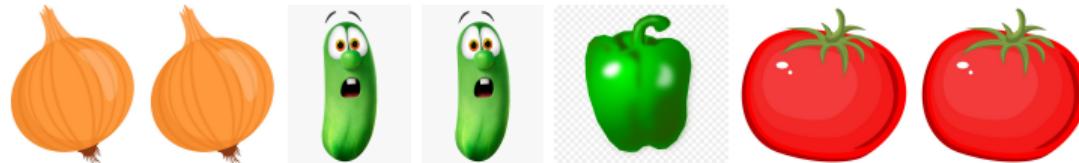
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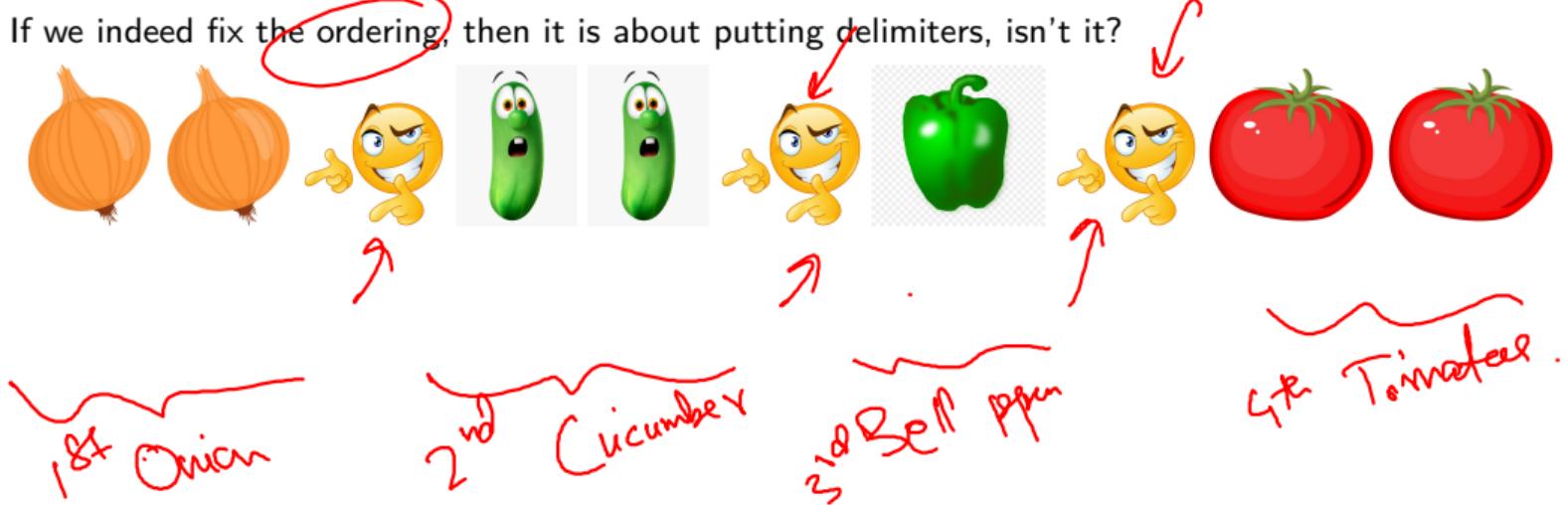
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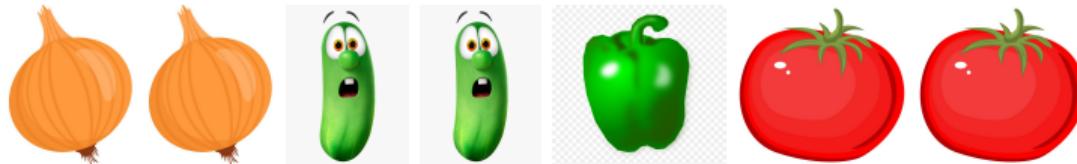


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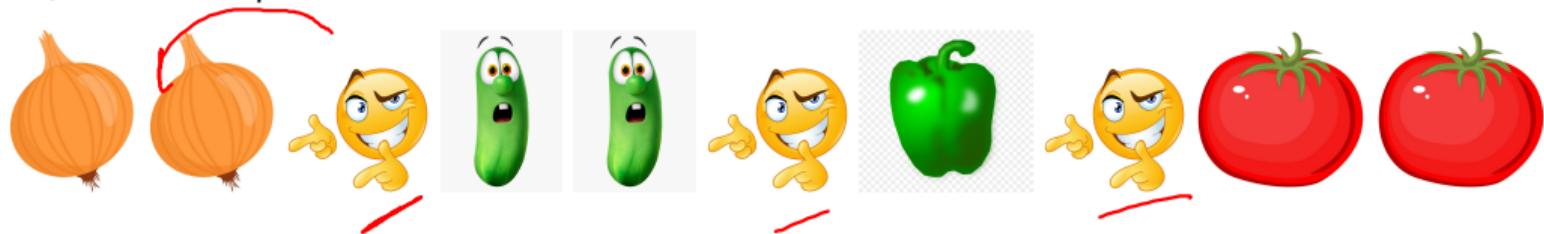
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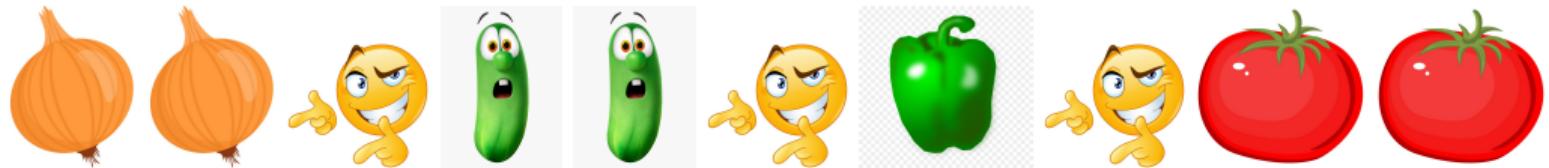
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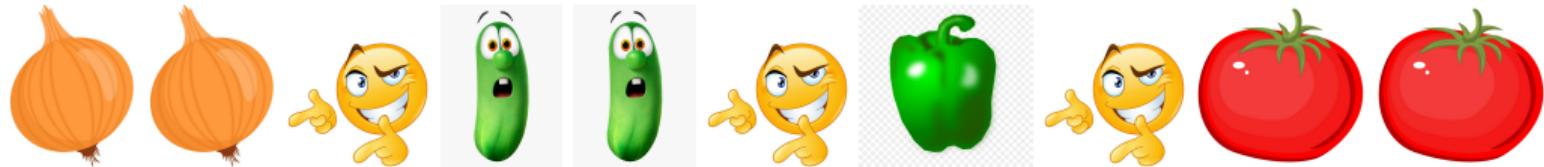
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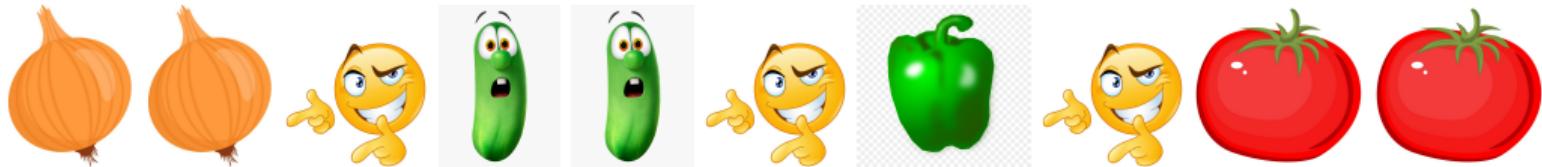
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Unordered	Combinations Repet. $\binom{k+n-1}{n-1}$	Combinations $\binom{n}{k}$