

$n = 5$

Increasing Triples

(1, 2, 3)

(1, 2, 4)

(1, 2, 5)

(1, 3, 4)

(1, 3, 5)

(1, 4, 5)

(2, 3, 4)

(2, 3, 5)

(2, 4, 5)

(3, 4, 5)

$f \rightarrow$

3 element subsets

{1, 2, 3}

{1, 2, 4}

{1, 2, 5}

{1, 3, 4}

{1, 3, 5}

{1, 4, 5}

{2, 3, 4}

{2, 3, 5}

{2, 4, 5}

{3, 4, 5}

same as

{3, 1, 2} or {2, 1, 3}

~~{3, 1, 2} or {2, 1, 3} etc.~~

ex

$f(?) = \{4, 1, 3\}$

$f((1, 3, 4)) = \{4, 1, 3\}$

Ex: - a <sup>5</sup> element permutation of  $n=7$

5 2 7 6 1

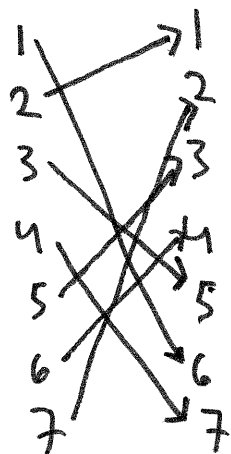
- another <sup>5</sup> element permutation

2 5 7 6 1

- a 7 element permutation

6 1 5 7 3 4 2

can interpret this list as a function  
 $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_7$  where  $f(i) = L_i$



This is 1-1 function  
from set to itself  
which is what we  
previously called  
a permutation

$$n=4$$

3 element  
subsets

3 element  
perms

$\{1, 2, 3\}$

$(1, 2, 3)$   $(1, 3, 2)$   $(2, 1, 3)$   
 $(2, 3, 1)$   $(3, 1, 2)$   $(3, 2, 1)$

$\{1, 2, 4\}$

$(1, 2, 4)$   $(1, 4, 2)$   $(2, 1, 4)$   
 $(2, 4, 1)$   $(4, 1, 2)$   $(4, 2, 1)$

$\{1, 3, 4\}$

$(1, 3, 4)$   $(1, 4, 3)$   $(3, 1, 4)$   
 $(3, 4, 1)$   $(4, 1, 3)$   $(4, 3, 1)$

$\{2, 3, 4\}$

$(2, 3, 4)$   $(2, 4, 3)$   $(3, 2, 4)$   
 $(3, 4, 2)$   $(4, 2, 3)$   $(4, 3, 2)$

3!

$\updownarrow$

$(6) \cdot (\# \text{ 3 elem subsets})$

$= \# \text{ 3 elem perms}$

$$n^{\underline{k}} = n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-k+1)$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-k+1) [(n-k)(n-k-1) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1]}{[(n-k)(n-k-1) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1]}$$

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

Let  $S$  be a set

$A$  is a subset of  $S$

if every item in  $A$  is in  $S$

$$A \subseteq S$$

The complement of  $A$   
(relative to  $S$ ) is all items  
in  $S$  not in  $A$ .

$$\bar{A} = \{x \in S \text{ but } x \overset{\text{not in}}{\downarrow} A\}$$

example:  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$$A = \{1, 4\}$$

$$\bar{A} = \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$$

Note:  $|\bar{A}| = |S| - |A|$

$$S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$X =$  all subsets of size  $k$   
in  $S$

$X' =$  all subsets of size  $n-k$   
in  $S$

Note:  $|X| = \binom{n}{k} \quad |X'| = \binom{n}{n-k}$

Let  $A \subseteq S$ . Define  $f(A) = \bar{A}$

Claim:  $f: X \rightarrow X'$   
is a bijection

Then

$$\binom{n}{k} = |X| = |X'| = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

Example:  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$   
 $k=2$

sets of size 2

sets of size  $n-2$

$$\{1, 2\} \xrightarrow{f} \{3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\{1, 3\} \xrightarrow{f} \{2, 4, 5\}$$

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$$\{4, 5\} \xrightarrow{f} \{1, 2, 3\}$$