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$$\begin{aligned} \binom{52}{13} \binom{39}{13} \binom{26}{13} \binom{13}{13} &= \frac{52!}{13!^4} \\ &= 53,644,737,765,488,792,839,237,440,000 \end{aligned}$$