

k Heads in n tosses

Binomial Prob Distribution

p : prob of getting heads
 $(1-p)$: " " " tails

$$P(n, k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$O(n)$
 ~~$O(n^2)$~~

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$\binom{5}{3}$ ways of
getting 3
heads out
of 5 tosses

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Sub-problem definition & Recurrence

→ n Coins
 → Each has head prob. $p_i : p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$
 $(1-p_1), (1-p_2), \dots, (1-p_n)$

$$\binom{n}{k} \leq \binom{n}{n/2} \approx n^{n/2}$$

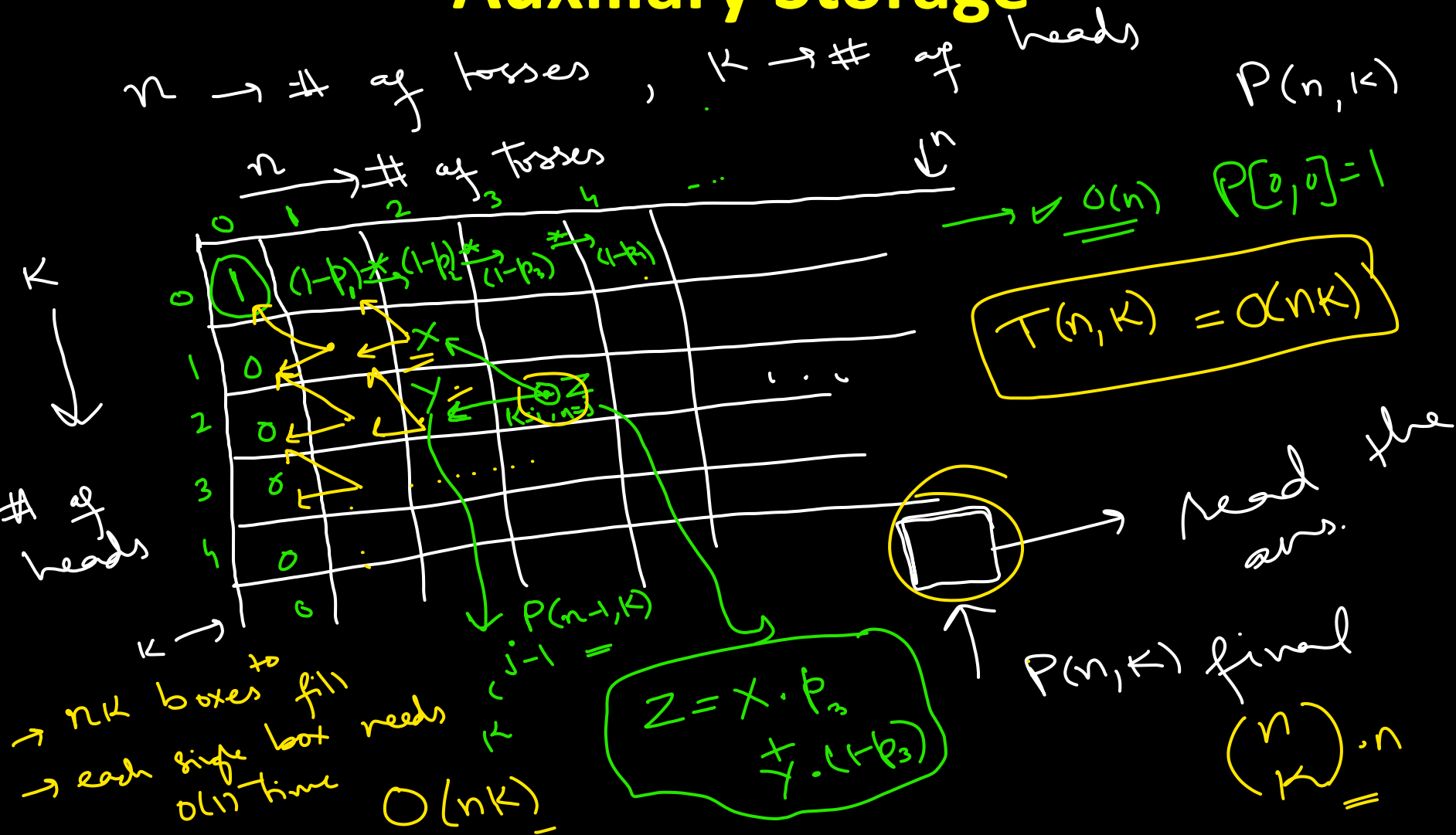
$P[n, k]$

each of the $\binom{4}{3}$ combinations of getting 3 heads in 4 tosses has a diff. prob.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{cccc} \underline{H} & \underline{H} & \underline{H} & \underline{T} \\ p_1 p_2 p_3 (1-p_4) \end{array}}{\begin{array}{cccc} \underline{H} & \underline{T} & \underline{H} & \underline{H} \\ p_1 (1-p_2) p_3 p_4 \end{array}}$$

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Auxiliary Storage



Recurrence.

↳ $P[n, k] := \text{prob of } k \text{ heads in } n \text{ tosses.}$

$P[n, k-1] \swarrow$

$P[n-1, k]$

$P[n-1, k-1]$

\vdots

How many
sub-problems-

$\{n \times k\}$

$$P[10, 5] = \underbrace{P[9, 5] * (1 - p_5)}_{\text{1 head}} + \underbrace{P[9, 4] * p_5}_{\text{0 heads}}$$

4 heads
9 tosses

$\frac{1}{10^{\text{th}} \text{ toss}}$

5 heads
9 tosses

$\frac{0}{10^{\text{th}} \text{ toss}}$

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 $\frac{P[10, 5]}{P[10, 4]}$

$P[9, 4]$

$P[9, 3]$

\vdots
 $\frac{P[n]}{h[i]} \left| \begin{array}{l} m[i] \\ k[i] \end{array} \right.$

$$\underline{\underline{P(n, k) = \frac{P(n-1, k-1) * p_n}{+ P(n-1, k) * (1-p_n)}}}$$

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$$P(0, 0) = 1$$

$$P(1, 1) = p_1$$

n k

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$$P(n, k) = 0$$

$$k > n$$