

# Relation between Permutation and Combination

Mathematical Relation:  $nCr = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!} \mid nPr = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$

① So,  $nPr = nCr \times r!$

② Total count of characters in power set: power set =  $(1+1)^n = 2^n$

$$2^n = nC_0 + nC_1 + nC_2 + nC_3 + \dots + nC_{n-3} + nC_{n-2} + nC_{n-1} + nC_n$$

Diagram showing groupings of terms in the binomial expansion:

- Group 1:  $nC_0 + nC_n$  (labeled  $n\text{-char}$ )
- Group 2:  $nC_1 + nC_{n-1}$  (labeled  $n\text{-char}$ )
- Group 3:  $nC_2 + nC_{n-2}$  (labeled  $n\text{-char}$ )
- Group 4:  $nC_3 + nC_{n-3}$  (labeled  $n\text{-char}$ )

Since there are  $2^n$  terms, and 2 terms together gives 'n' char.

So, total number of chars in power set =  $((2^n)/2) * n = 2^{n-1} * n$

Permutation and combination in terms of arrangement :

**Permutation:** Arranging 'r' distinct items at 'n' positions. Eg. Arranging 2 distinct items(a,b) at 3 positions.  $3P_2 = 6$

**Combination:** Arranging 'r' identical items at 'n' positions. Eg. Arranging 2 (i,i) at 3 positions  $\rightarrow 3C_2 = 3$

permutation of 2 identical items at 3 positions  $nCr$

$$3C_2 = \begin{array}{ccc} i & i & \\ \underline{i} & \underline{\quad} & \underline{i} \\ \underline{\quad} & \underline{i} & \underline{i} \end{array}$$

permutation of 2 distinct items at 3 positions  $nPr$

$$\left. \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & - & 2 & 1 & - \\ 1 & - & 2 & 2 & - & 1 \\ - & 1 & 2 & - & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right\} 3P_2 = 6$$

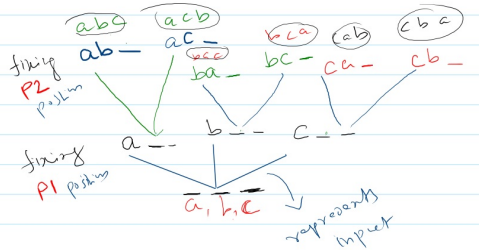
Since  $r=2$ , it means against each combination there will be  $r!$  copies( $2!=2$ ) of permutation.

$$2^2 \times -$$

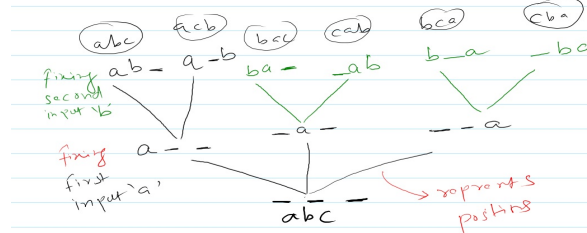
## Approach for permutation tree formation:

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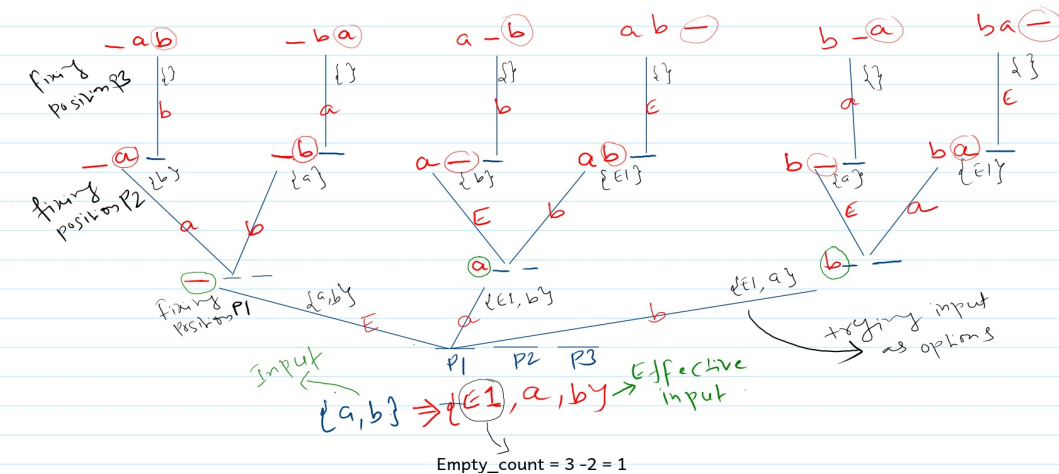
1A. By fixing the position and taking input elements as options where  $\text{input\_count} == \text{position\_count}$



2. By fixing the input element and taking positions as options where  $\text{input\_count} \leq \text{position\_count}$



1B. By fixing the position and taking input elements as options where  $\text{input\_count} < \text{position\_count}$



Note: since  $\text{input\_count}$  is smaller than  $\text{position\_count}$  so, input options to try at level will get exhausted before reaching to leaf level. This is why 'empty' need to be treated as special input.

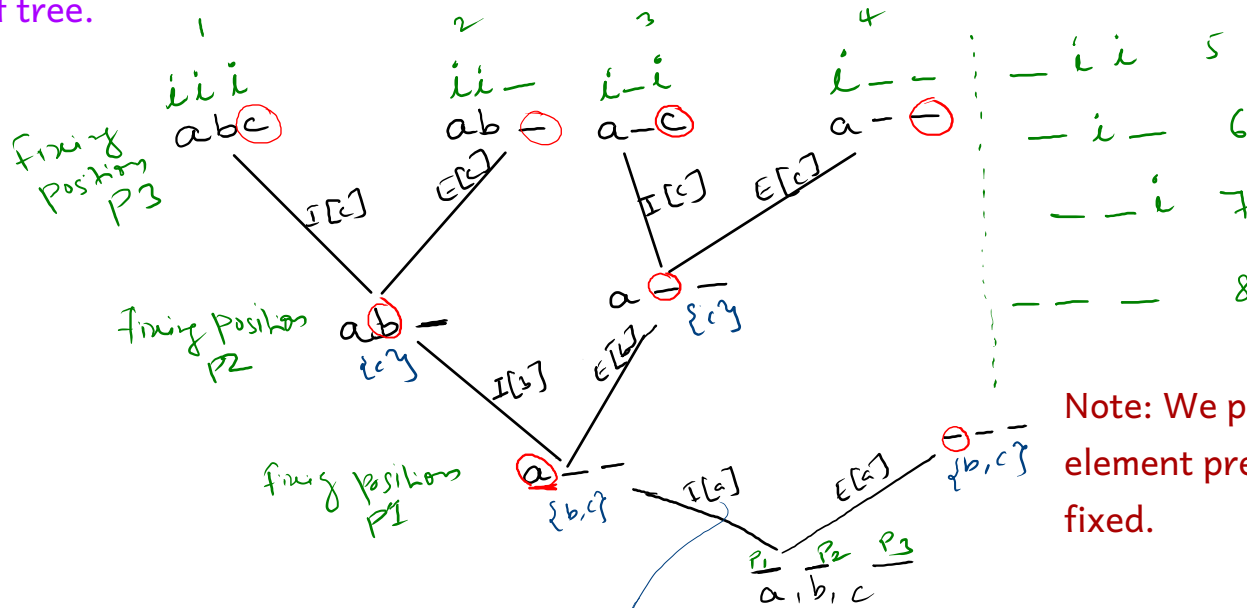
$$\text{EMPTY\_COUNT} = \text{POSITION\_COUNT} - \text{INPUT\_COUNT}$$

## Approaches for Combination tree formation:

1. Pascal\_Identity based Include\_Exclude\_Tree tree by fixing position
2. Pascal\_Identity\_Expansion based Include\_Tree by fixing position

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 $\text{input\_count} \leq \text{postion\_count}$

Note: Position is fixed at each level, and include(i) & exclude(i) are taken as options i.e. branches of tree.



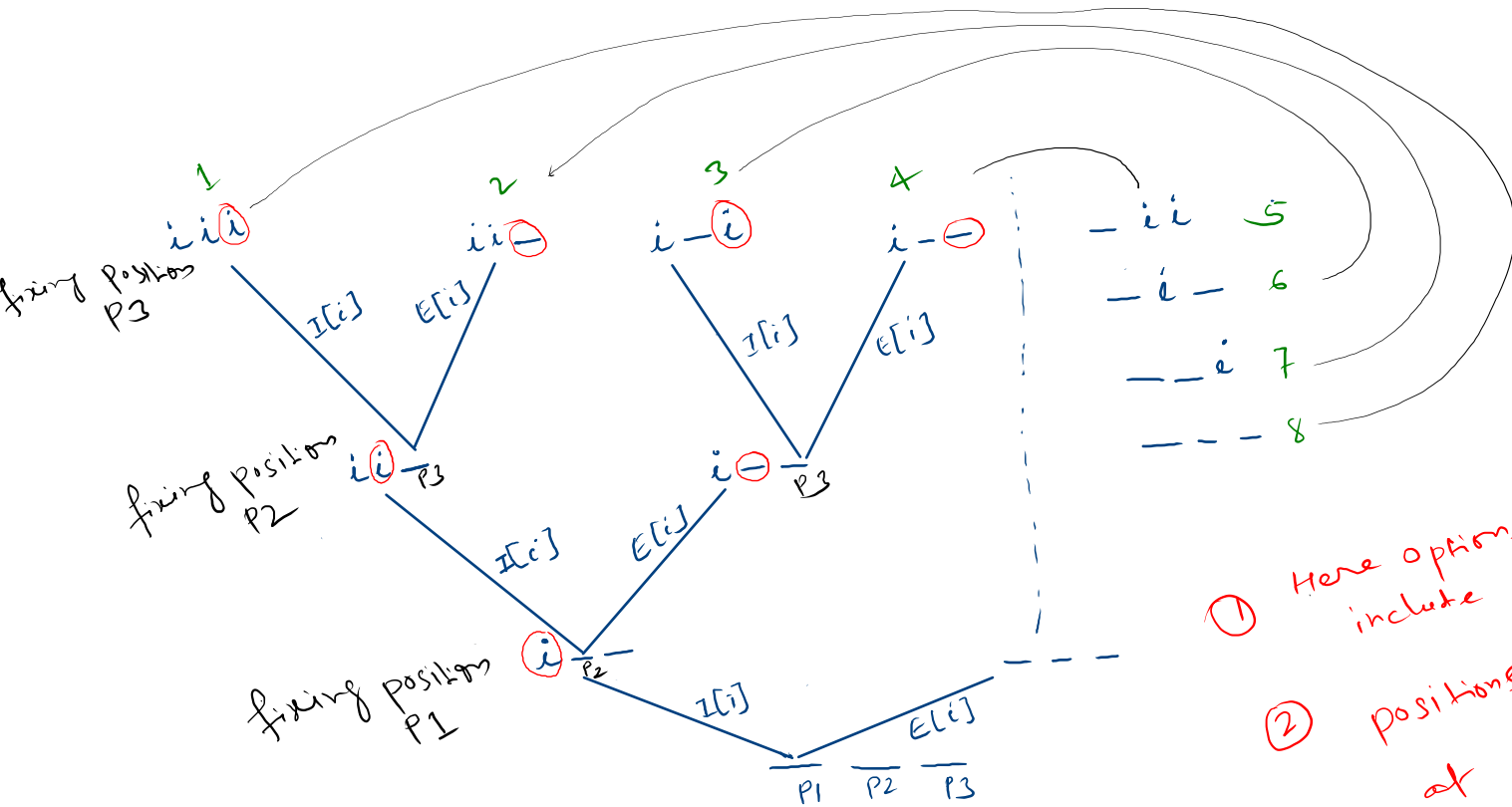
Note: We perform include exclude on element present at the position to be fixed.

performing operation include and exclude on input element present at position 'p1' i.e. position to be fixed.

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power set by placing 'i' on n given position

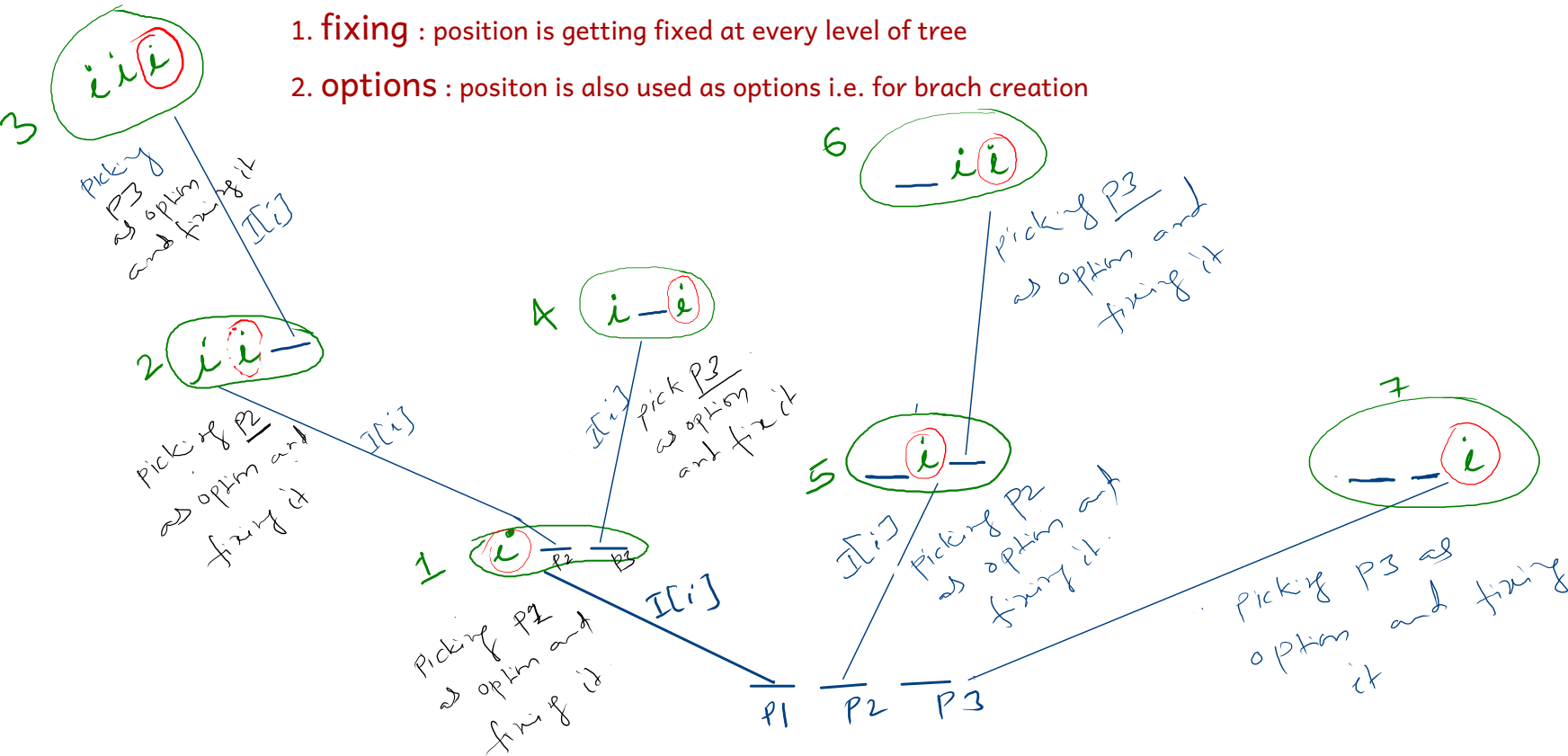


## 2. Pascal\_Identity\_Expansion based Include\_Tree by fixing position where $\text{input\_count} \leq \text{position\_count}$

## Power set by placing 'i' at 'n' given positions

In pascal identity Expansion strategy position is used for both :

1. **fixing** : position is getting fixed at every level of tree
2. **options** : position is also used as options i.e. for branch creation



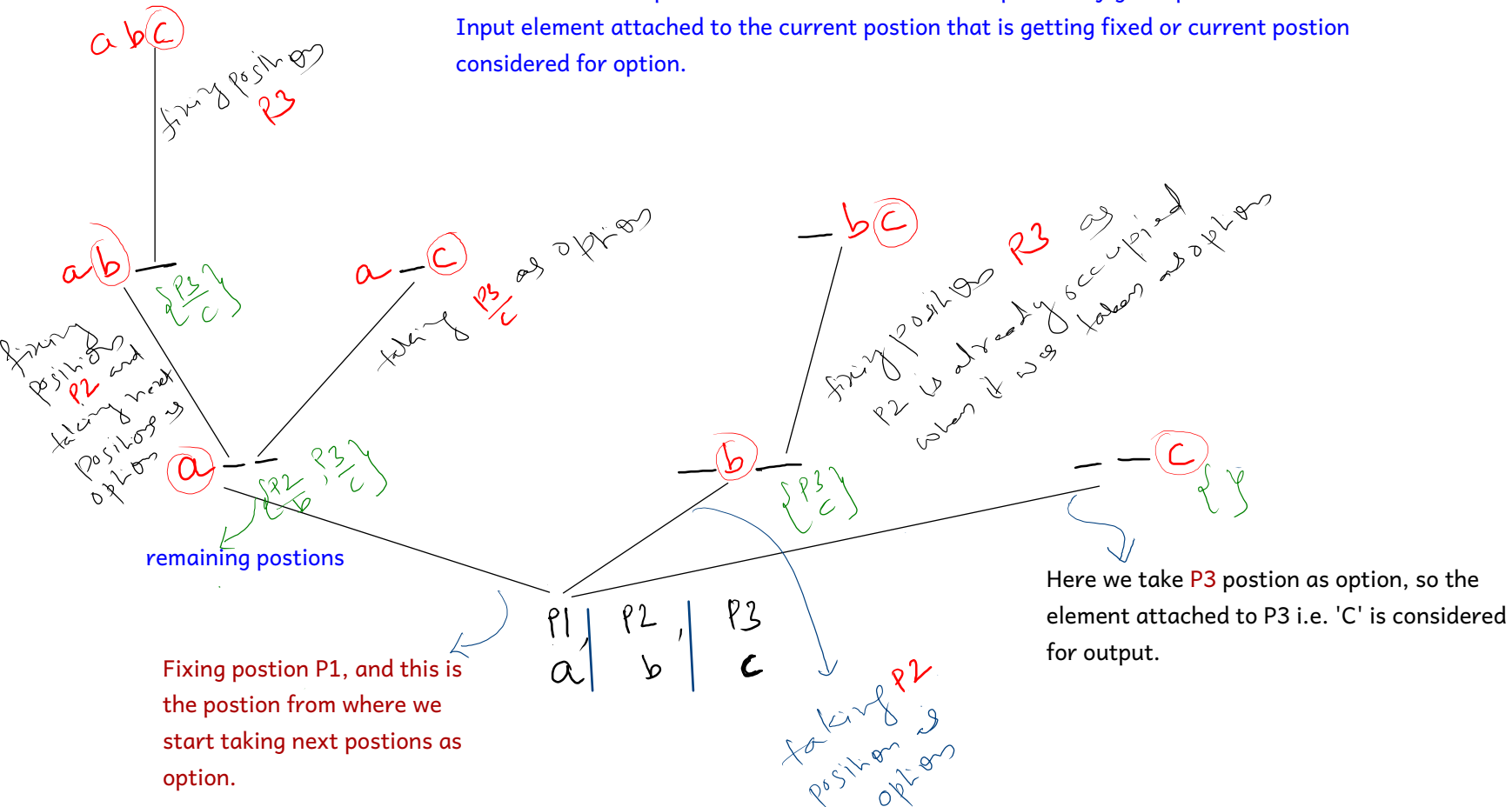
## 2. Pascal\_Identity\_Expansion based Include\_Tree by fixing position where input\_count

### Power set by placing 'abc' at '3' given positions

Note : Input elements are hard-attached with respective positions.

Question: Which input element is considered for output at any given position ?

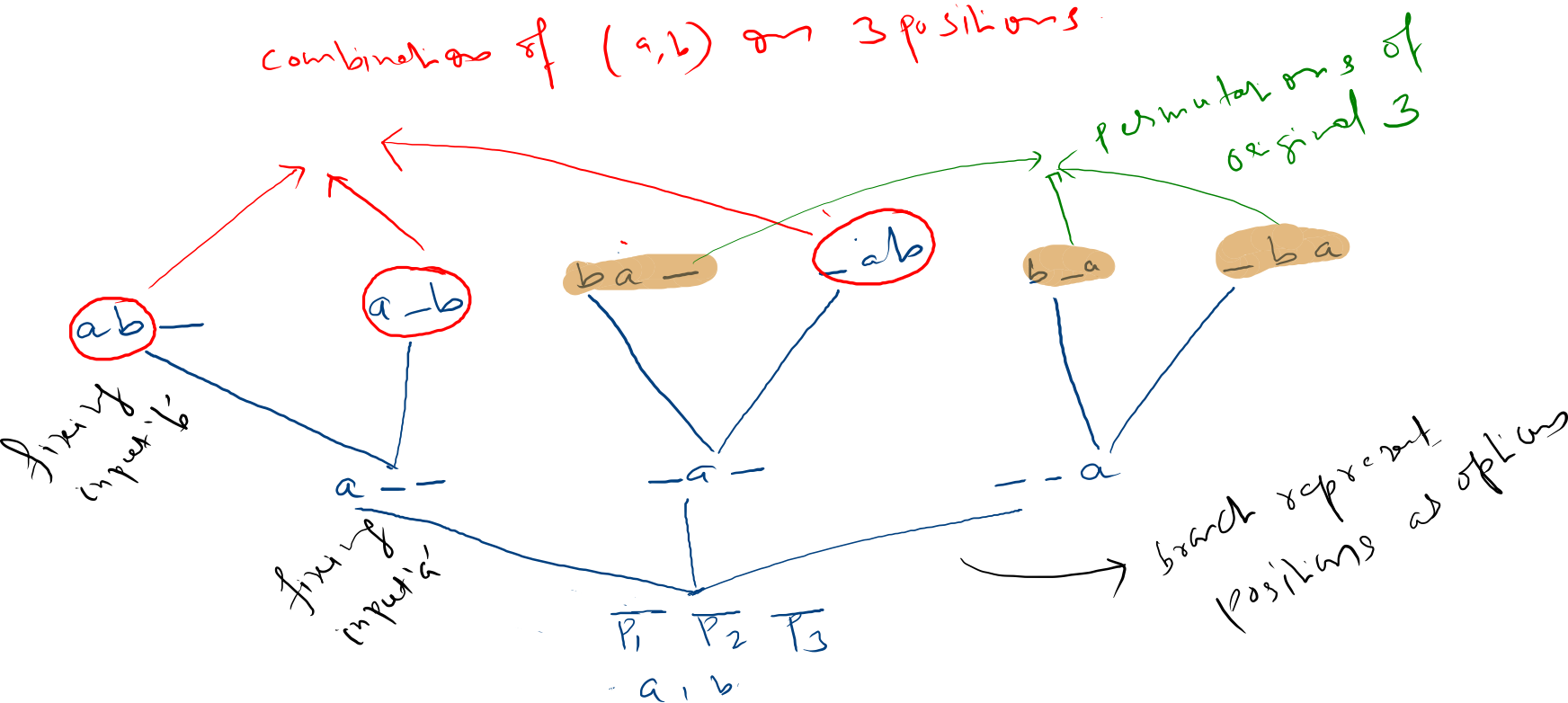
Input element attached to the current position that is getting fixed or current position considered for option.



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Question : Print combination using prermuation strategy of fixing input and taking position as options

Note: If we allow only to place the input in lexicographic order, then we will get combinations from permutation strategy.



Rule of thumb for picking what to be fixed and what to be taken as options in recursion tree

Observation:

1. For case where options to try at level get exhausted before leaf level:
  - We have to cover lots of corner cases with lots of if and buts.
2. For case where options to try at level get exhausted at leaf level or remain unexhausted:
  - Solution remain simple and straight-forward.

Rule of Thumb to pick the approach to tackle the recursive problem:

The parameter whose count is smaller than the other need to be picked as fixing at levels.

Example: `input : {a,b}; positions: {_,_,_,_} ;`

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Here, inputs count are 2 and positions count are 4 and since `input_count` is smaller than the `position_count` so we will pick 'input' as to fix at levels.