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$$|\text{PATHS}_{>}(a,b)| =$$

$$|\text{PATHS}[(0,1) \rightarrow (a,b)]| - |\text{PATHS}[(1,0) \rightarrow (a,b)]|$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a+b-1 \\ a \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} a+b-1 \\ a-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} a+b \\ a \end{pmatrix} \cdot \frac{b}{a+b} - \begin{pmatrix} a+b \\ a \end{pmatrix} \frac{a}{a+b}$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{a+b} \begin{pmatrix} a+b \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$| \text{PATHS}_{\geq} (a, b) |$$

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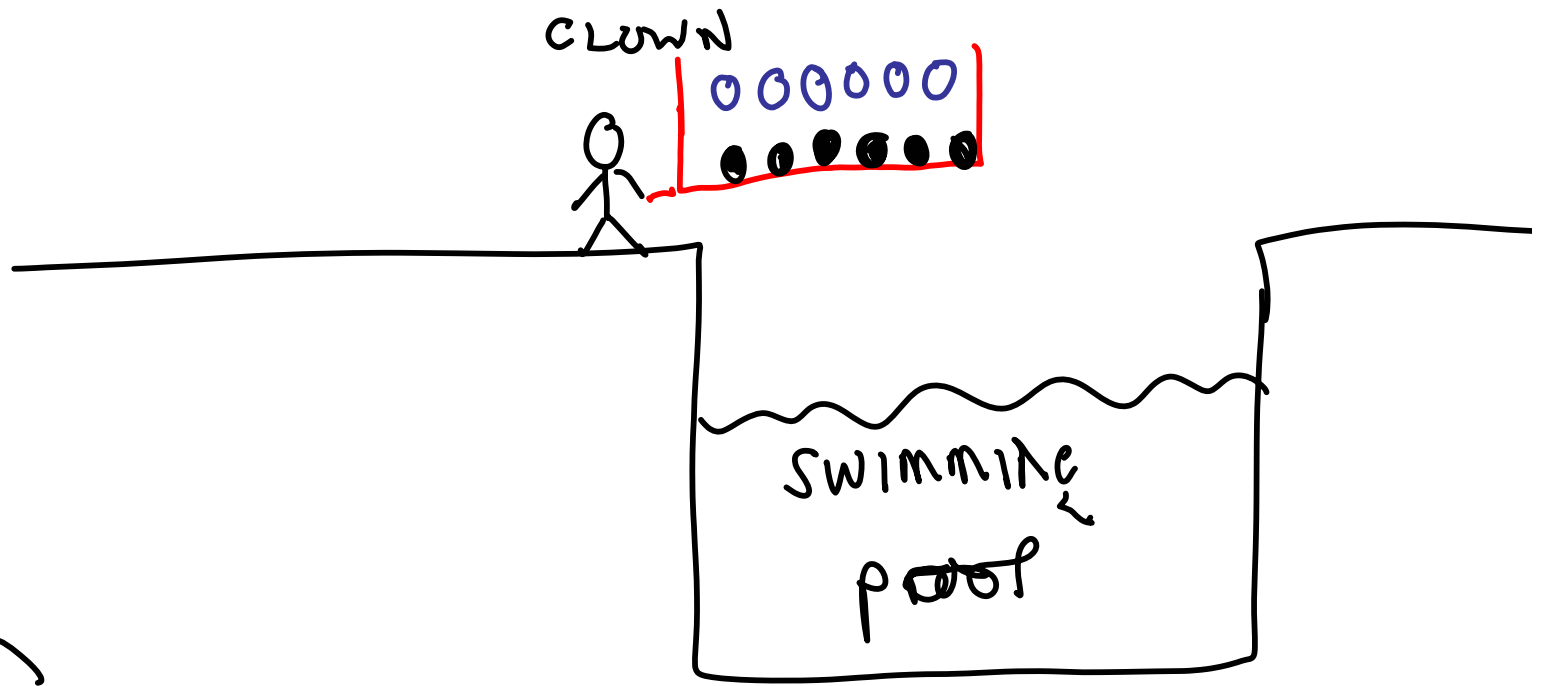
$$| \text{PATHS}_{\geq} (a, b+1) |$$

$$| \text{PATHS}_{\geq} (a, b) | = \frac{b-a+1}{a+b+1} \binom{a+b+1}{a}$$

Ex:  $a=b$

$$\frac{1}{a+1} \binom{2a}{a}$$

CATALAN  
NUMBER



~~n~~

BLACK BALLS

n

WHITE BALLS

At each step: Pick a ball, throw away.

Black: ← U

White: → R

What is probability the clown stays dry.  
ANSWER  $\frac{1}{n+1}$

# Multi-Sets

$\{ a, a, b, b, c, d, d, d \}$

$\{ 2 \times a, 2 \times b, 1 \times c, 3 \times d \}$

Question: How many permutations

of  $\{ a_1 \times 1, a_2 \times 2, \dots, a_n \times n \}$  are

there?

$$A = \{a, a, b, b\}$$

a	a	b	b
a	b	a	b
a	b	b	a
b	b	a	a
b	a	b	a
b	a	a	b

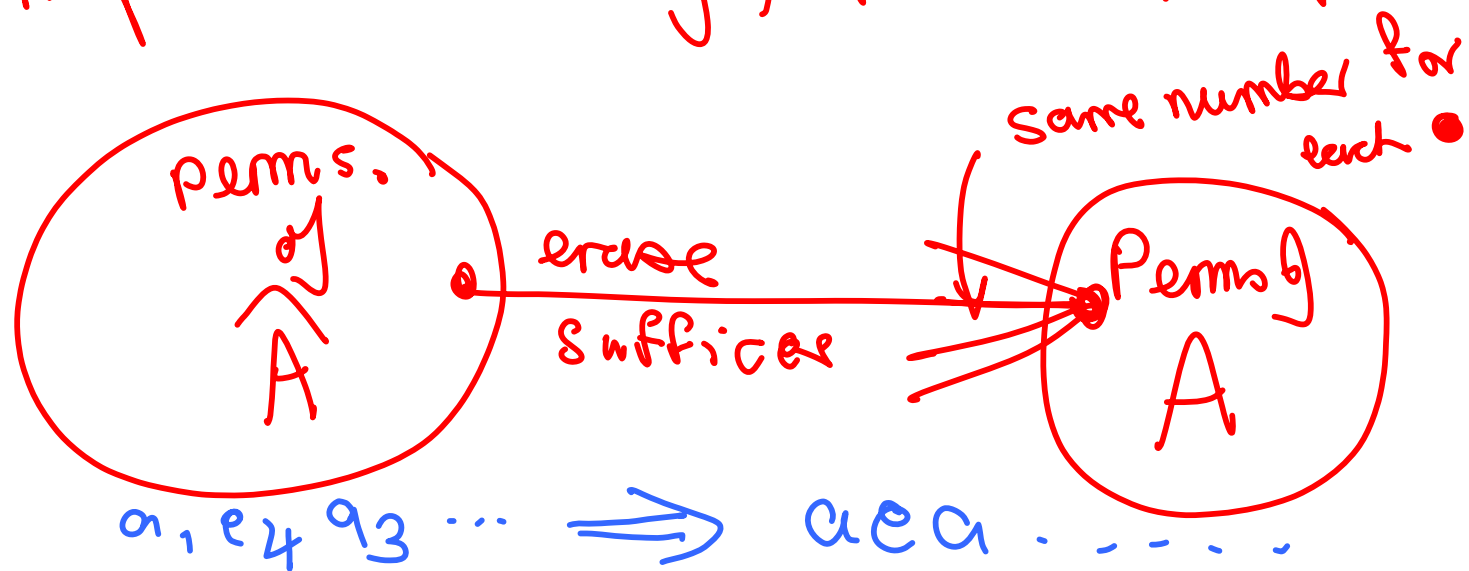
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$$A = \{ 3 \times a, 4 \times b, 5 \times c, 2 \times d, 4 \times e \}$$

$$\hat{A} = \{ a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, \dots, e_4 \}$$

$$|\hat{A}| = 18$$

# permutations of  $\hat{A}$  is 18!



acabbcdacdbceacebce

Put suffixes back

a  
1  
1  
2  
2  
3  
3

a  
2  
3  
1  
3  
1  
2

a  
3  
2  
3  
1  
2  
1

# permutations of

18!

3! 4! 5! 2! 4!

# permutations of  $\{a_1 \times 1, a_2 \times 2, \dots, a_n \times n\}$

=  $m!$

$m = a_1 + \dots + a_n$

$a_1! a_2! \dots a_n!$

$\binom{m}{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n}$   
multinomial coefficient



$$(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n)^m =$$

$$\sum_{\substack{a_1 + \dots + a_n = m \\ a_1 \geq 0, \dots, a_n \geq 0}}$$

$$\binom{m}{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n} \alpha_1^{a_1} \alpha_2^{a_2} \dots \alpha_n^{a_n}$$

# permutations of  
 $\{a_1 \times \alpha_1, a_2 \times \alpha_2, \dots, a_n \times \alpha_n\}$

$$\binom{m}{a_1} \binom{m-a_1}{a_2} \dots \binom{m-a_1-a_2-\dots-a_{n-1}}{a_n}$$

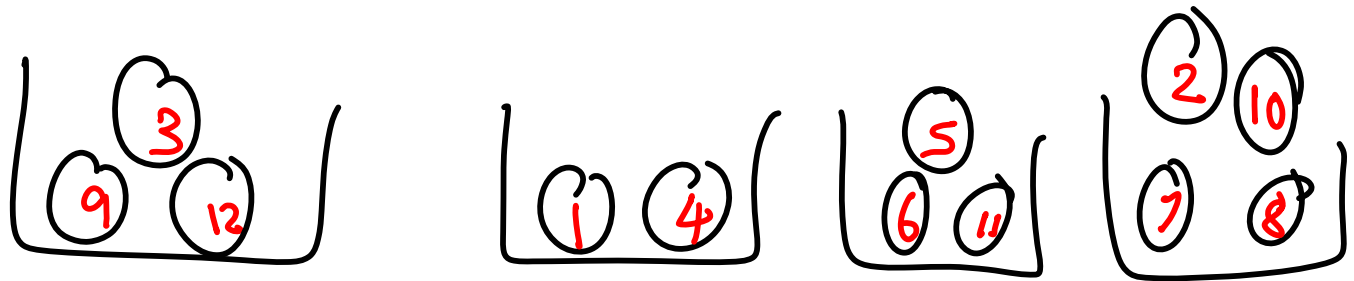
# Balls in boxes

$m$  distinguishable  
balls

$n$  boxes.

# ways of placing balls so

that Box  $i$  gets  $b_i$   
balls is  $\binom{m}{b_1, \dots, b_n}$



boxes



permutation

2 4 1 2 3 3 4 4 1 4 3 1.

Permutation

{1x3, 2x2, 3x3, 4x4}