

COUNTING



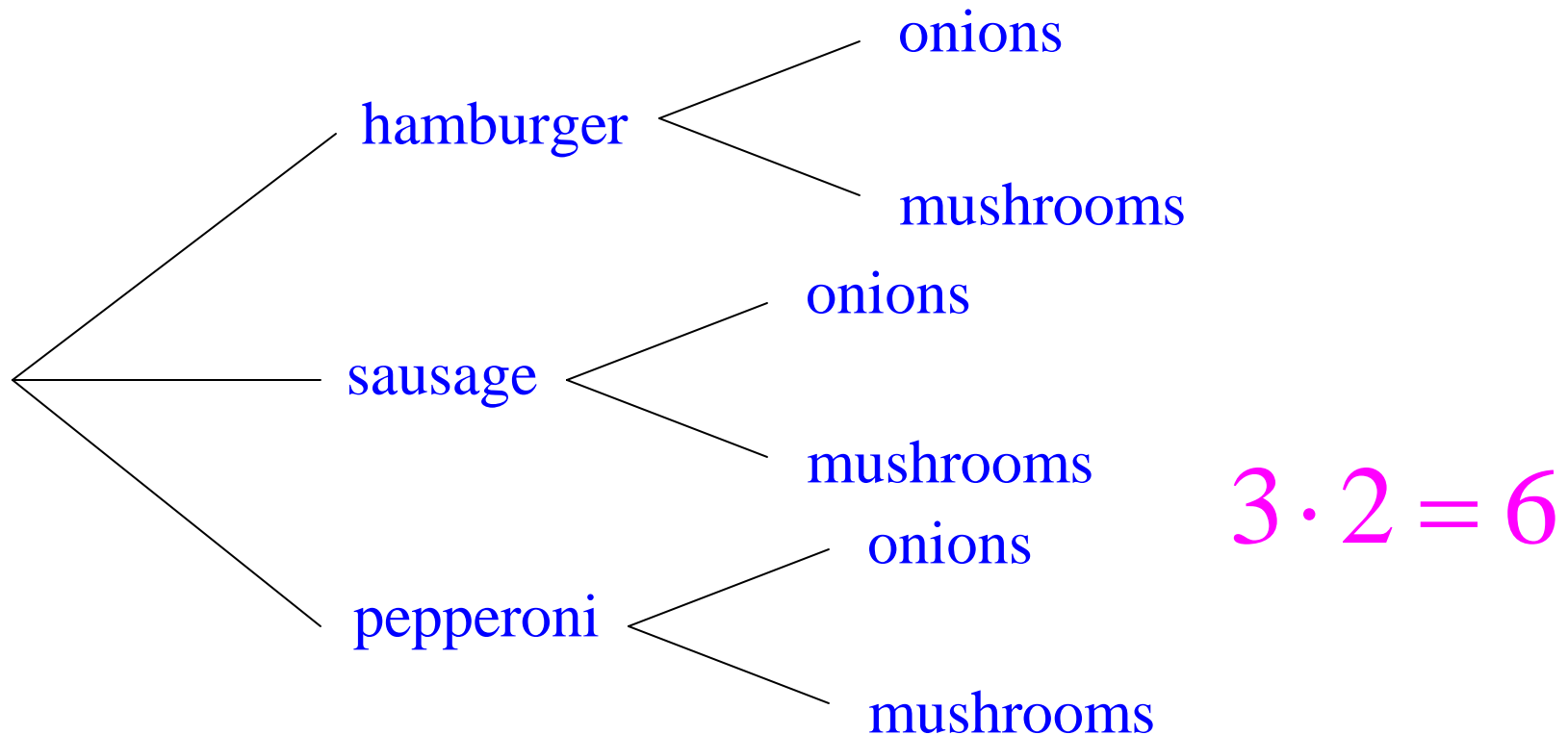
FUNDAMENTAL COUNTING RULE:

For a sequence of two events, if the first event can happen in m ways and the second event can happen in n ways, then together the events can happen in $m \times n$ ways.

Example:

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$$3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 6$$

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Only one!

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$$5! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 120$$

$$\frac{5!}{3!} = \frac{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 5 \cdot 4 = 20$$

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$${}_{20}C_5 = \frac{20!}{15!5!} = 15,504$$

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$${}_{15}P_5 = \frac{15!}{10!} = 360,360$$

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$$5 \cdot 10 = 50$$

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$$\binom{5}{2} \binom{10}{2} = 10 \cdot 45 = 450$$

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$${}_{52}C_5 = 2,598,960$$

How many different five-card hands are possible if we draw
with replacement?
(and count permutations instead of combinations)

$$52 \cdot 52 \cdot 52 \cdot 52 \cdot 52 = 52^5 = 380,204,032$$

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$$4! = 24$$

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$$\frac{4!}{2!} = \frac{24}{2} = 12$$