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Quiz #2

1. At the end of the day, a bakery gives everything that is unsold to food banks for the needy. If it has 12 apple pies left at the end of a given day, in how many different ways can it distribute these pies among six food banks for the needy if each of the six food banks is to receive at least one pie? You do not have to give explicit numbers for the solution, i.e. you can leave the solution as a product and/or sum of numbers and you do not have to expand out terms with a factorial or binomial coefficients.

We have to distribute six pies amongst 6 food banks. Let b_1, \dots, b_5 denote separations between banks. Then, we are looking for arrangements of the form

$$p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4 p_5 p_6 b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4 b_5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{11!}{6!5!}$$

Since order of pies and bars does not matter.