



Fill in this table of the nine derangements of **1 2 3 4**, using the one derangement of **1 2**, and the two derangements of **1 2 3**.

This illustrates the recurrence  $f(4) = 3 (f(2) + f(3))$  where  $f(n)$  is the number of derangements of  $n$  elements. The general case is  $f(n) = (n-1) (f(n-2) + f(n-1))$ .

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1

2	1		
2	1		

3	1		
3	1		

4		1	
4		1	

5			1
5			1

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1	2		
1	2		
1	2		

3	1		
3	1		
3	1		

4		1	
4		1	
4		1	

5			1
5			1
5			1

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1	2	
1	2	
1	2	

	1	3
	1	3
	1	3

	4	1
	4	1
	4	1

		5	1
		5	1
		5	1

		1
		1
		1

1		2
1		2
1		2

	1	3
	1	3
	1	3

		1	4
		1	4
		1	4

			5	1
			5	1
			5	1

Fill in this table of the 44 derangments of 1 2 3 4 5, using the two derangements of 1 2 3, and the nine derangements of 1 2 3 4.

This illustrates the recurrence  $f(5) = 4(f(3) + f(4))$  where  $f(n)$  is the number of derangements of  $n$  elements. The general case is  $f(n) = (n-1)(f(n-2) + f(n-1))$ .

