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- The principle is widely used in problems involving arrangements and selections.

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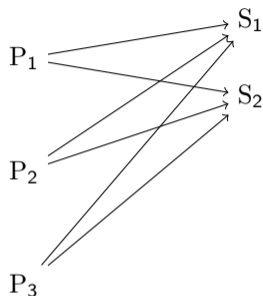
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- The combinations are:

$$P_1S_1, P_1S_2, P_2S_1, P_2S_2, P_3S_1, P_3S_2$$

Diagram for Pants and Shirts



- Each pant (P_1, P_2, P_3) is connected to both shirts (S_1, S_2).
- The arrows represent the possible pairings between pants and shirts.
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