Fascicle 6 Satisfiability

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Chapter 1

4.2.2.2 Satisfiability

1.1 MPR-105

(Random walk on an n-cycle.) Given integers a and n, with $0 \le a \le n$, let N be minimum such that $(a+(-1)^{X_1}+(-1)^{X_2}+\cdots+(-1)^{X_N}) \mod n=0$, where $X_1,\,X_2,\,\ldots$ is a sequence of independent random bits. Find the generating function $g_a=\sum_{k=0}^\infty \Pr(N=k)z^k$. What are the mean and variance of N?

Proof. If a=0 or a=n, then the sum is already zero and we need no bits at all. In those cases, N=0 and therefore $g_0=1$ and $g_n=1$. If a is between 0 and n, then one extra random bit added will reduce the problem to either a+1 or a-1 with equal probability. Therefore, $g_a=z\left(g_{a-1}/2+g_{a+1}/2\right)$. Also, if N is a solution for a, then N is also a solution for n-a (just complement the X_i bits). Therefore, $g_a=g_{n-a}$.

Let's break the problem in two cases. First suppose N=2m. In this case $g_{m-1}=g_{2m-(m-1)}=g_{m+1}$. We also have $g_m=z/2(g_{m+1}+g_{m-1})=zg_{m-1}$. Now let's define $G_a=g_{m-a}/g_m$. From this definition:

$$G_{0} = \frac{g_{m}}{g_{m}} = 1$$

$$G_{1} = \frac{g_{m-1}}{g_{m}} = \frac{g_{m}}{z} \times \frac{1}{g_{m}} = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$G_{a} = \frac{g_{m-a}}{g_{m}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{g_{m}} \times \left(\frac{2g_{m-(a-1)}}{z} - g_{m-(a-2)}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{z}G_{a-1} - G_{a-2}$$

If we set x=1/z, then it's clear that $G_a(x)$ has exactly the same definition of $T_a(x)$, the Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind. We can find out a closed form for g_a if we set a=m and remember that $g_0=1$:

$$G_a(1/z) = T_a(1/z)$$

$$\frac{g_{m-a}}{g_m} = T_a(1/z)$$

$$\frac{g_{m-m}}{g_m} = T_m(1/z)$$

$$g_m = \frac{1}{T_m(1/z)}$$

$$g_{m-a} = \frac{T_a(1/z)}{T_m(1/z)}$$

$$g_a = \frac{T_{m-a}(1/z)}{T_m(1/z)}$$

The mean of N is given by $g'_a(1)$. We start with the generating function for Chebyshev polynomials. We also define TZ(z) = T(1/z) for simplicity.

$$T(w) = \sum_{n\geq 0} T_n(z)w^n = \frac{1 - wz}{1 - 2wz + w^2}$$

$$TZ(z) = T(1/z) = \frac{z - w}{z - 2w + zw^2}$$

$$TZ'(z) = \frac{w(w^2 - 1)}{(z + w(wz - 2))^2}$$

$$TZ'(1) = \frac{w(w^2 - 1)}{(1 + w(w - 2))^2} = \frac{w(1 + w)}{(w - 1)^3}$$

$$E[T_n(1/z)] = [w^n]TZ'(1) = -n^2$$

Probability generating functions have the property that ${\cal E}[F/G]={\cal E}[F]-{\cal E}[G],$ therefore:

$$E[g_a] = E[T_{m-a}(1/z)] - E[T_m(1/z)] =$$

$$= (m-a)^2 - m^2$$

$$= 2ma - a^2$$

$$= a(n-a)$$

The variance of N is given by $g''_a(1) + g'_a(1) - g'a(1)^2$:

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$$TZ''(z) = \frac{-2w(w^4 - 1)}{(z + w(wz - 2))^3}$$

$$TZ''(1) = \frac{-2w(w^4 - 1)}{(1 + w(w - 2))^3}$$

$$T''_n(1) = [w^n]TZ''(1) = \frac{n^2(5 + n^2)}{3}$$

$$V[T_n(1/z)] = \frac{n^2(5 + n^2)}{3} - n^2 - n^4 = \frac{2(n^2 - n^4)}{3}$$

$$V[g_a] = V[T_{m-a}(1/z)] - V[T_m(1/z)]$$

$$= \frac{2((m - a)^2 - (m - a)^4 - m^2 + m^4)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{a(n - a)(n^2 - 2a(n - a) - 2)}{3}$$

Now the second case. Suppose N=2m-1, in this case $g_{2m-1-m}=g_{m-1}=g_m$. Defining $G_a=g_{m-a}/g_m$ we have $G_0=G_1=1$, which is not readily a Chebyshev polynomial. However, since the recursion is the same, we can rewrite it as a linear combination of Chebyshev polynomials:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ z & 2z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 - \frac{1}{z} \\ \frac{1}{z} - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We conclude that $G_a = (2-1/z)T_a(z) + (1/z-1)U_a(z)$. This linear combination can be applied to the generating functions as well, since z is just a constant in relation to w:

$$G(w) = \left(2 - \frac{1}{z}\right) \sum_{n \ge 0} T_n w^n + \left(\frac{1}{z} - 1\right) \sum_{n \ge 0} U_n w^n$$

$$= \left(2 - \frac{1}{z}\right) \left(\frac{1 - wz}{1 - 2wz + w^2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{z} - 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{1 - 2wz + w^2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1 + w - 2wz}{1 + w^2 - 2wz}$$

$$GZ(z) = G(1/z) = \frac{w(z - 2) + z}{z + w(wz - 2)}$$

$$GZ'(z) = \frac{2(w - 1)w^2}{(z + w(wz - 2))^2}$$

$$GZ'(1) = \frac{2w^2}{(w - 1)^3}$$

$$E[G_n] = [w^n]GZ'(1) = n(1 - n)$$

$$E[g_a] = E[g_{m-a}] - E[g_m]$$

$$= (m - a)(1 - m + a) - m(1 - m)$$

$$= a(2m - 1 - a)$$

$$= a(n - a)$$

The mean of N turns out to have the same value as in the previous case. Now for the variance:

$$GZ''(z) = \frac{4(w-1)w^2(1+w^2)}{(z+w(wz-2))^3}$$

$$GZ''(1) = -\frac{4(w^2+w^4)}{(w-1)^5}$$

$$G''_n(1) = [w^n]GZ''(1) = \frac{n(n^3-2n^2+5n-4)}{3}$$

$$V[G_n] = \frac{n(n^3-2n^2+5n-4)}{3} + n(1-n) - (n(1-n))^2$$

$$= -\frac{n(1+n(1+2n(n-2)))}{3}$$

$$V[g_a] = V[g_{m-a}] - V[g_a]$$

$$= \frac{a(2m-1-a)(2a^2-1+a(2-4m)+4(m-1)m)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{a(n-a)(n^2-2a(n-a)-2)}{3}$$

The variance also has the same value as the previous case.

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Consider the 2SAT problem with n(n-1) clauses $(\bar{x}_j \vee x_k)$ for all $j \neq k$. Find the generating function for the number of flips taken by Algorithms P and W.

Proof. Suppose the vector x_i has exactly a bits one. In this case, for each bit one, there are n-a clauses violated, one for each bit zero. The total of violated clauses is a(n-a) and this value is zero only for a=0 and a=n, which are the two solutions for the problem.

Algorithm P will pick the first violated clause and flip a random literal on it. The violated clauses are always of the form $(\bar{x}_i \vee x_j)$ so it will change the state to a+1 or a-1 with equal probabilities. The generating function for the number of flips, thus, is exactly the same as studied in exercise MPR-105, whose mean is $g'_a(1) = a(n-a)$.

However, the a in this algorithm are not uniform, in fact there are $\binom{n}{a}$ vectors whose sum is a. The generating function for the entire algorithm is $g(z) = 2^{-n} \sum_{0 \le a \le n} \binom{n}{a} g_a$ and the mean is:

$$g'(1) = 2^{-n} \sum_{0 \le a \le n} a(n-a) \binom{n}{a}$$

$$= 2^{-n} \sum_{0 \le a \le n} an \binom{n-1}{a}$$

$$= n2^{-n} \sum_{0 \le a \le n} (n-1) \binom{n-2}{a-1}$$

$$= n(n-1)2^{-n} \sum_{0 \le a \le n-2} \binom{n-2}{a}$$

$$= n(n-1)2^{-n}(2^{n-2})$$

$$= \frac{n(n-1)}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{2}$$

For Algorithm W, notice that the cost for all bits one is the same, a-1, and the cost for every bit zero is n-a-1. For the analysis we can assume $a \le n/2$, since the problem is symmetric (just flip all bits). In this case, the greedy choice is always to flip a bit one to zero.

The greedy choice is only taken with certainty when a=1, since the cost is zero, in this case the generating function is $g_1=z$. For all other cases, let p' be the greedy parameter of Algorithm W, we'll have the greedy choice taken with probability 1-p', and the random choice with probability p', in which case it goes to zero or to one with equal probability. Let p=p'/2 and q=1-p, the generating function in those cases will be $g_a=z(qg_{a-1}+pg_{a+1})$.

Let's break into some cases now. When p'=0, all choices are greedy, and we have $g_a=z^a$ for $a\leq n/2$, and $g_a=z^{n-a}$ otherwise. We can remove the

conditional by writing $g_a = z^{n/2-|a-n/2|}$. The overall generating function is $g = \sum_a 2^{-n} \binom{n}{a} z^{n/2-|a-n/2|}$ and the mean is:

$$g'(1) = \sum_{a} 2^{-n} \binom{n}{a} (n/2 - |a - n/2|)$$

$$= n2^{-1-n} \sum_{a} \binom{n}{a} - 2^{-n} \sum_{a} \binom{n}{a} |a - n/2|$$

$$= n2^{-1-n}2^{n} - 2^{-n} \sum_{a} \binom{n}{a} |a - n/2|$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} - 2^{-n} \sum_{a} \binom{n}{a} |a - n/2|$$

The remaining summation can be solved with the following identity from 1.2.7-68, using its p = 1/2:

$$\sum_{k} \binom{n}{k} p^{k} (1-p)^{n-k} |k-np| = 2\lceil np \rceil \binom{n}{\lceil np \rceil} p^{\lceil np \rceil} (1-p)^{n+1-\lceil np \rceil}$$

$$\sum_{a} \binom{n}{a} 2^{-n} |a - \frac{n}{2}| = 2\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \binom{n}{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} 2^{-n-1}$$

$$2^{-n} \sum_{a} \binom{n}{a} |a - \frac{n}{2}| = 2^{-n} \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \binom{n}{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}$$

Substituting back in g'(1):

$$g'(1) = \frac{n}{2} - 2^{-n} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \binom{n}{\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil}$$

The binomial is either $\binom{n}{n/2}$ or $\binom{n}{n/2+1}$. Since $\binom{n}{n/2+1} = \binom{n}{n/2}(1+2/n)$, then $\binom{n}{\lceil n/2 \rceil} = \binom{n}{n/2}(1+O(1/n))$. We can expand an asymptotic now:

$$g'(1) = \frac{n}{2} - 2^{-n} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \binom{n}{\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} - 2^{-n} \left(\frac{n}{2} + O(1) \right) \binom{n}{n/2} (1 + O(1/n))$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} - 2^{-n} \left(\frac{n}{2} + O(1) \right) \frac{2^n}{\sqrt{n\pi/2}} (1 + O(1/n)) (1 + O(1/n))$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{n\pi}} \left(\frac{n}{2} + O(1) \right) (1 + O(1/n))$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{n\pi}} \left(\frac{n}{2} + O(1) \right)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi}} + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi}} + O(1)$$

When p'=1, then p=q=1/2, and we have almost the same case as Algorithm P, except that for a=1 and a=n-1 the choice is always greedy. We can use the same formulas if we use n-2 as the length of the vector. The mean becomes:

$$g'(1) = 2^{-n} \sum_{1 \le a \le n-1} \binom{n}{a} (1 + (a-1)((n-2) - (a-1)))$$

$$= 2^{-n} \sum_{1 \le a \le n-1} \binom{n}{a} (2 - a^2 + n(a-1))$$

$$= \frac{2n-4}{2^n} + 2^{-n} \sum_{0 \le a \le n} \binom{n}{a} (2 - a^2 + n(a-1))$$

$$= \frac{2n-4}{2^n} + 2 + 2^{-n} \sum_{0 \le a \le n} \binom{n}{a} (-a^2 + n(a-1))$$

$$= \frac{2n-4}{2^n} + 2 - n + 2^{-n} \sum_{0 \le a \le n} \binom{n}{a} (-a^2 + na)$$

We now need two simple summations:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{0 \leq a \leq n} a \binom{n}{a} &= \sum_{a} n \binom{n-1}{a-1} = n \sum_{a} \binom{n-1}{a} = n 2^{n-1} \\ \sum_{0 \leq a \leq n} a^2 \binom{n}{a} &= \sum_{a} a n \binom{n-1}{a-1} \\ &= \sum_{a} (a+1) n \binom{n-1}{a} \\ &= \sum_{a} a n \binom{n-1}{a} + \sum_{a} n \binom{n-1}{a} \\ &= \sum_{a} n (n-1) \binom{n-2}{a-1} + (n 2^{n-1}) \\ &= n (n-1) 2^{n-2} + n 2^{n-1} \\ &= n (n+1) 2^{n-2} \end{split}$$

The total mean is:

$$g'(1) = \frac{2n-4}{2^n} + 2 - n + 2^{-n} \left(-n(n+1)2^{n-2} + n^2 2^{n-1} \right)$$
$$= \frac{2n-4}{2^n} + 2 - n + \frac{n(n-1)}{4}$$
$$= \frac{2n-4}{2^n} + 2 + \frac{n(n-5)}{4}$$

Let's consider now the case $0 \le p' \le 1$. Again we can consider the size to be n-2 to account for the forcibly greedy choice when a=0 or a=n. The same reasoning used in MPR-105 also applies here. We have $g_0=1$, $g_{n-a}=g_a$, $g_a=z(qg_{a-1}+pg_{a+1})$.

We need to break into two subcases. When n=2m, this implies $g_{m-1}=g_{m+1}$ and $zg_{m-1}=g_m$. Again we define $G_a=g_{m-a}/g_m$, which implies $G_0=1$ and $G_1=1/z$, and apply this definition to the recursion:

$$g_{a} = z(qg_{a-1} + pg_{a+1})$$

$$g_{m-a} = z(qg_{m-a-1} + pg_{m-a+1})$$

$$g_{m-a} = z(qg_{m-(a+1)} + pg_{m-(a-1)})$$

$$G_{a} = z(qG_{a+1} + pG_{a-1})$$

$$G_{a-1} = z(qG_{a} + pG_{a-2})$$

$$zqG_{a} = G_{a-1} - zpG_{a-2}$$

$$G_{a} = \frac{1}{zq}G_{a-1} - \frac{p}{q}G_{a-2}$$

We can add the initial conditions to this recursion and find the generating function. For a=0:

$$G_0 = 1$$

 $1 = \frac{1}{zq} \times 0 - \frac{p}{q} \times 0 + k_0[a = 0]$
 $k_0 = 1$

For a = 1:

$$G_1 = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{zq} \times 1 - \frac{p}{q} \times 0 + k_1[a = 1]$$

$$k_1 = \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{zq} = \frac{1 - q}{zq} = -\frac{p}{zq}$$

In the general case:

$$G_a = \frac{1}{zq}G_{a-1} - \frac{p}{q}G_{a-2} - \frac{p}{zq}[a=1] + [a=0]$$

$$G = \frac{w}{zq}G - \frac{pw^2}{q}G - \frac{pw}{zq} + 1$$

$$G\left(\frac{zq - w + pzw^2}{zq}\right) = \frac{zq - pw}{zq}$$

$$G = \frac{zq - pw}{zq - w + pzw^2}$$

We can find the mean for G now:

$$\begin{split} \left. \frac{dG}{dz} \right|_{z=1} &= \frac{w(p^2w^2 - q^2)}{(q + pw^2 - w)^2} \\ &= \frac{w(pw - q)(pw + q)}{(w - 1)^2(pw - q)^2} \\ &= \frac{w(pw + q)}{(w - 1)^2(pw - q)} \end{split}$$

This generating function can be opened in parts:

$$\begin{split} \frac{w(pw+q)}{pw-q} &= \frac{\frac{p}{q}w^2 + w}{\frac{p}{q}w - 1} \\ &= -\frac{p}{q}w^2 \frac{1}{1 - \frac{p}{q}w} - w \frac{1}{1 - \frac{p}{q}w} \\ &= -\frac{p}{q}w^2 \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^n w^n\right) - w \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^n w^n\right) \\ &= -\sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n+1} w^{n+2} - \sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^n w^{n+1} \\ &= -\sum_{n \geq 2} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n-1} w^n - \sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n-1} w^n \\ &= -\sum_{n \geq 2} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n-1} w^n - w - \sum_{n \geq 2} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n-1} w^n \\ &= -w - \sum_{n \geq 2} 2 \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n-1} w^n \\ &[w^n] \left(\frac{w(pw+q)}{pw-q}\right) = -2 \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n-1} [n \geq 2] - [n = 1] \end{split}$$

At this point we can use the accumulation property:

$$[w^{a}] \left(\frac{w(pw+q)}{(w-1)^{2}(pw-q)}\right) = \sum_{0 \le b \le a} \sum_{0 \le n \le b} -2\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n-1} [n \ge 2] - [n = 1]$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le b \le a} -1 - 2\sum_{2 \le n \le b} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le b \le a} -1 - 2\sum_{1 \le n \le b-1} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{n}$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le b \le a} -1 - 2\frac{\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{b-1+1} - \frac{p}{q}}{\frac{p}{q} - 1}$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le b \le a} -1 - 2\frac{q\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{b} - p}{p - q}$$

$$= \sum_{0 \le b \le a} \frac{p+q}{p-q} - \frac{2q}{p-q}\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{b}$$

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Continuing:

$$[w^{a}] \left(\frac{w(pw+q)}{(w-1)^{2}(pw-q)} \right) = \sum_{0 \le b \le a} \frac{p+q}{p-q} - \frac{2q}{p-q} \left(\frac{p}{q} \right)^{b}$$

$$= (a+1) \frac{p+q}{p-q} - \frac{2q}{p-q} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{p}{q} \right)^{a+1} - 1}{\frac{p}{q} - 1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{a+1}{p-q} - \frac{2q}{p-q} \left(\frac{p\left(\frac{p}{q} \right)^{a} - q}{p-q} \right)$$

$$= \frac{a}{p-q} + \frac{p-q+2pq\left(\frac{p}{q} \right)^{a} + 2q^{2}}{(p-q)^{2}}$$

$$= \frac{a}{p-q} + \frac{p-q+2q^{2}}{(p-q)^{2}} - \frac{2pq\left(\frac{p}{q} \right)^{a}}{(p-q)^{2}}$$

Since $G_a(1)=1$, the mean of the original recurrence is given by the formula below, when $0 \le a \le m$:

$$\begin{split} g_a'(1) &= G_{m-a}'(1) - G_m'(1) \\ &= \frac{m-a}{p-q} - \frac{2pq \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{m-a}}{(p-q)^2} - \frac{m}{p-q} + \frac{2pq \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^m}{(p-q)^2} \\ &= \frac{a}{q-p} - \frac{2pq \left(\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{m-a} - \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^m\right)}{(q-p)^2} \\ &= \frac{a}{q-p} - \frac{2pq \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^m \left(\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^a - 1\right)}{(q-p)^2} \end{split}$$

The final mean over all a must take into account the forced greedy move when a=1 and a=n, and also the binomial distribution of the a:

$$\begin{split} g'(1) &= \frac{1}{2^{2m+2}} \sum_{0 \le a \le 2m} \binom{2m+2}{a+1} (1+g'_a(1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{2m+2}} \left(\sum_{0 \le a \le m} \binom{2m+2}{a+1} (1+g'_a(1)) + \sum_{0 \le a \le m-1} \binom{2m+2}{a+1} (1+g'_a(1)) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{2m+2}} \left(\binom{2m+2}{m+1} (1+g'_m(1)) + \sum_{0 \le a \le m-1} 2 \binom{2m+2}{a+1} (1+g'_a(1)) \right) \end{split}$$

There is no evident closed form for this expression; we can calculate it numerically though. For p' in (.001, .01, .1, .5, .9, .99, .999), the means are:

$$g'(1) \sim (487.9, 492.3, 541.4, 973.7, 4853.4, 44688.2, 183063.4)$$

The last subcase is when n=2m-1, which implies $g_{m-1}=g_m$. Defining once again $G_a=g_{m-a}/g_m$, we have $G_0=1$ and $G_1=1$. The recursion is the same as the previous case, $G_a=(1/zq)G_{a-1}-(p/q)G_{a-2}$, from which we can calculate the mean g'(1):

$$G = \frac{-w + zq(1+w)}{qz + w(pwz - 1)}$$

$$\frac{dG}{dz}\Big|_{z=1} = \frac{w^2(pw - q)}{(q + w(pw - 1))^2}$$

$$[w^a] \frac{dG}{dz}\Big|_{z=1} = \frac{a}{p - q} + \frac{q\left(1 - \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^a\right)}{(p - q)^2}$$

$$g'_a(1) = \frac{a}{q - p} - \frac{q\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^m\left(\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^a - 1\right)}{(q - p)^2}$$

$$g'(1) = \frac{1}{2^{2m+1}} \sum_{0 \le a \le m-1} 2\binom{2m+1}{a+1}(1 + g'_a(1))$$