

# Discrete Mathematics

number of T-Routes, parenthesization

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# Summary of Lecture 10

infinite

**Countable:**  $A$  is **countable** if  $|A| < \infty$  or  $|A| = |\mathbb{Z}^+|$

- $A$  is countably infinite  $\Leftrightarrow A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$
- $A$  is countably infinite  $\Rightarrow$  so is any infinite subset of  $A$
- $A$  is uncountable  $\Rightarrow$  so is any super set of  $A$
- $A, B$  are countably infinite  $\Rightarrow$  so are  $A \cup B$  and  $A \times B$

uncountable

$$|A| = |B|$$

$f: A \rightarrow B$   
bijection

**Schröder-Bernstein:**  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A| \Rightarrow |A| = |B|$

- $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)| = |[0,1)|$
- $|\mathbb{Z}^+| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)| = |[0,1)| = |(0,1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$

Cantor

$\Rightarrow$  injection

$\Rightarrow$  injection

$\Rightarrow$  bijection

**Basic Rules of Counting:** Sum, Product, Bijection

**Permutation of Set:**  $r$ -permutation (w/o repetition)

**Permutation of Multiset:**  $r$ -permutation

- $A = \{n_1 \cdot a_1, n_2 \cdot a_2, \dots, n_k \cdot a_k\}$  has  $\frac{(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k)!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!}$  permutations.

$\{r$  permutation

$\{r$  permutation with rep

$r \in \mathbb{N}$

$r$ 子集: 元素数为 $r$

集合 $V$ 子集 $U$

$r$ 子集 $U$ 的集合

$\{2a, 3b, 1c\}$

全排列

finite

-- not in box

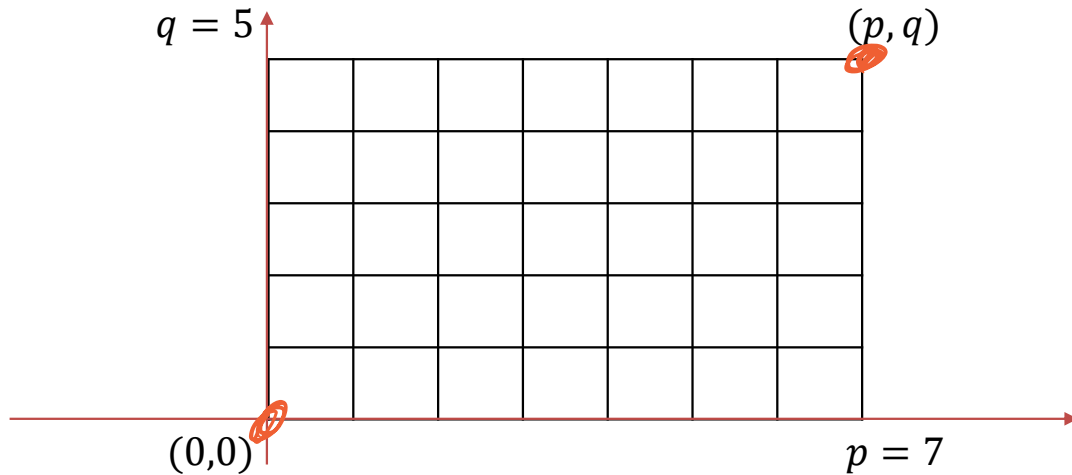
$\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} < \mathbb{N}$

$$|A| = |A_1| \times |A_2| \dots$$

$U$  is number

# Shortest Path

**DEFINITION:** A  $p \times q$ -**grid** is a collection of  $pq$  squares of side length 1, organized as a rectangle of side length  $p$  and  $q$ .



全排列

**THEOREM:** # of shortest paths from  $(0,0)$  to  $(p,q)$  is  $\frac{(p+q)!}{p!q!}$ .

- Let  $A = \{p \rightarrow, q \uparrow\}$  be a  $(p+q)$ -multiset.
- # of shortest paths = # of permutations of  $A$ .

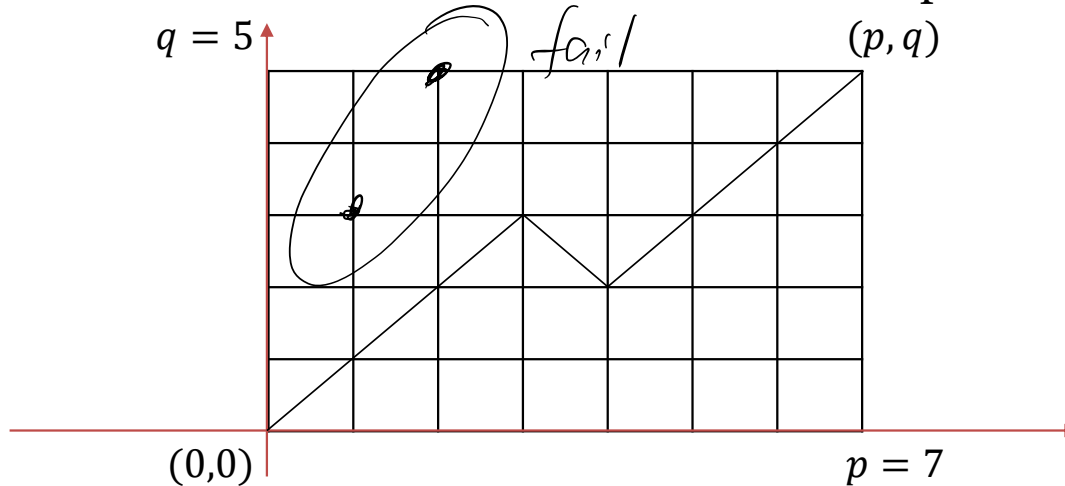
# T-Route

type 2

type 1

**DEFINITION:** Let  $A = (x, y), B \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . // **integral points** 整点

- A **T-Step** at  $A$  is a segment from  $A$  to  $(x + 1, y + 1)$  or  $(x + 1, y - 1)$ .
- A **T-Route** from  $A$  to  $B$  is a route where each step is a T-step.



# T-Route

**THEOREM:** There is a T-route from  $A = (a, \alpha)$  to  $B = (b, \beta)$  only if (1)  $b > a$ ; (2)  $b - a \geq |\beta - \alpha|$ ; and (3)  $2 \mid (b + \beta - a - \alpha)$ .

- Let  $A = P_0, P_1, \dots, P_k = B$  be a T-route from  $A$  to  $B$ , where  $P_i = (x_i, y_i)$ .
  - $x_0 = a, y_0 = \alpha; x_k = b, y_k = \beta$ ;
  - $x_i - x_{i-1} = 1; y_i - y_{i-1} \in \{\pm 1\}$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$
- $b - a = x_k - x_0 = (x_k - x_{k-1}) + (x_{k-1} - x_{k-2}) + \dots + (x_1 - x_0) = k > 0$
- $\beta - \alpha = y_k - y_0 = (y_k - y_{k-1}) + (y_{k-1} - y_{k-2}) + \dots + (y_1 - y_0)$ 
  - $|\beta - \alpha| \leq |y_k - y_{k-1}| + |y_{k-1} - y_{k-2}| + \dots + |y_1 - y_0| = k = b - a$
- $b + \beta - a - \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^k (y_i - y_{i-1} + x_i - x_{i-1})$ 
  - $y_i - y_{i-1} + x_i - x_{i-1} \in \{0, 2\}$
  - $2 \mid (b + \beta - a - \alpha)$

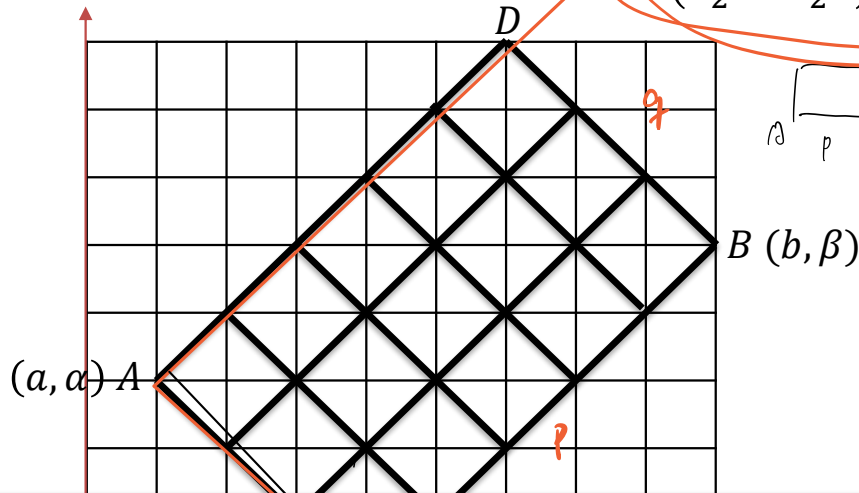
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**REMARK:** The T-condition (1)+(2)+(3) is also sufficient for the existence of a T-route.

# Number of T-Routes

**THEOREM:** If  $A = (a, \alpha), B = (b, \beta)$  satisfy the T-condition. Then

the number of T-routes from  $A$  to  $B$  is  $\frac{(b-a)!}{\left(\frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{b-a}{2} - \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}\right)!}$ .



$$\frac{(b-a)!}{\left(\frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{b-a}{2} - \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}\right)!}$$

The number of T routes from  $A$  to  $B$  = the number of shortest paths from  $A$  to  $B$  on the  $p \times q$ -grid.

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- $AC: y - \alpha = -(x - a); AD: y - \alpha = x - a;$
- $BC: y - \beta = x - b; BD: y - \beta = -(x - b).$
- $p = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (a + b - \alpha + \beta) - a = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (b - a) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\beta - \alpha)$
- $q = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\alpha - \beta + a + b) - a = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (b - a) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\beta - \alpha)$

Diagram illustrating a lattice structure on a grid. The lattice is a diamond shape, labeled  $B(b, \beta)$ . The starting point is labeled  $A(a, a)$  and the ending point is labeled  $D$ . A path is highlighted in blue, labeled  $p$  (steps).

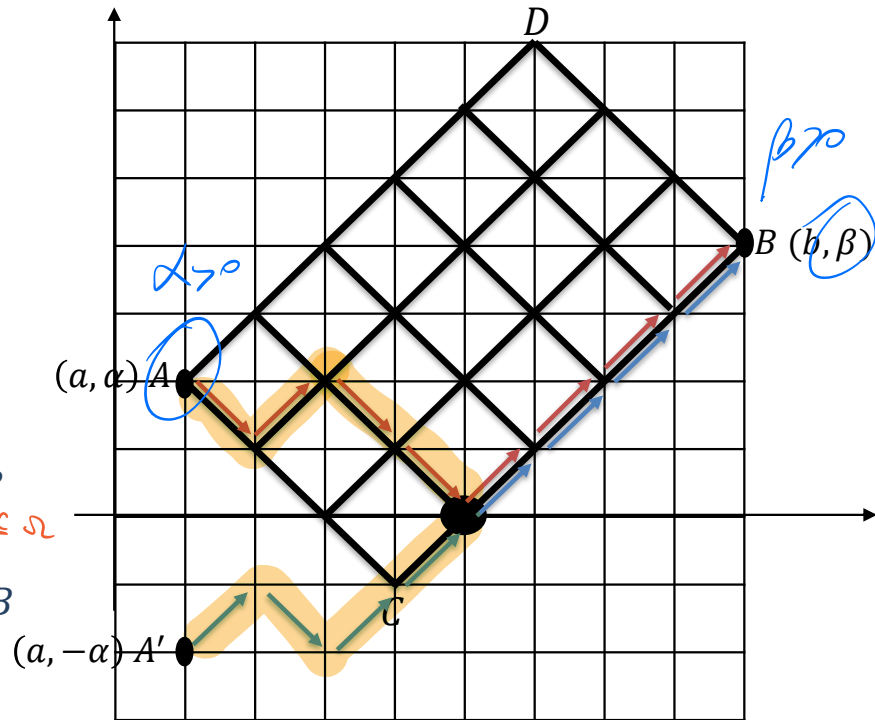
The number of T routes from  $A$  to  $B$  = the number of shortest paths from  $A$  to  $B$  on the  $p \times q$ -grid. This number is  $\frac{(p+q)!}{p!q!} = \frac{(b-a)!}{\left(\frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{b-a}{2} - \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}\right)!}$

# Number of T-Routes

**THEOREM:** Let  $A = (a, \alpha)$ ,  $B = (b, \beta)$  satisfy the T-condition, where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Then # of T-routes from  $A$  to  $B$  that intersect the x-axis = # of T routes from  $A'(a, -\alpha)$  to  $B$ . And this number is  $\frac{(b-a)!}{\left(\frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{\beta+\alpha}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{b-a}{2} - \frac{\beta+\alpha}{2}\right)!}$ .

- $\Omega$ : the set of T-routes from  $A$  to  $B$
- $U = \{\omega \in \Omega: \omega \text{ intersects } y=0\}$  相交  $v \in \Omega$
- $V$ : the set of T-routes from  $A'$  to  $B$
- $f: U \rightarrow V \quad u \mapsto f(u)$ 
  - $u$ : the brown T route
  - $f(u)$ : the blue T route
  - $f$  is a bijection

bijection



$$|U| = |V| = \frac{(b-a)!}{\left(\frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{\beta+\alpha}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{b-a}{2} - \frac{\beta+\alpha}{2}\right)!}$$





# Number of T Routes

**THEOREM:** Let  $A = (a, \alpha), B = (b, \beta) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  satisfy the T-condition, where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Then # of T routes from  $A$  to  $B$  that do not intersect the x-axis is

$$\frac{(b-a)!}{\left(\frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{b-a}{2} - \frac{\beta-\alpha}{2}\right)!}$$

$$\frac{(b-a)!}{\left(\frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{\beta+\alpha}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{b-a}{2} - \frac{\beta+\alpha}{2}\right)!}$$

$A' (a, -\alpha)$

T-route us age

# Parenthesization ( )

**PROBLEM:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, a_{n+1}$  be  $n + 1$  numbers. Let  $*$  be any binary operator. Let  $C_n$  be the number of different ways of parenthesizing  $a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n * a_{n+1}$  such that the calculation is not ambiguous. What is  $C_n$ ?

- $n = 3$ : there are 5 different ways of parenthesizing the expression

$((a_1 * a_2) * a_3) * a_4$	$a_1 \downarrow a_2 \downarrow * a_3 \downarrow * a_4 \downarrow *$	$\downarrow \downarrow * \downarrow * \downarrow *$	0010101
$(a_1 * a_2) * (a_3 * a_4)$	$a_1 \downarrow a_2 \downarrow * a_3 \downarrow a_4 \downarrow **$	$\downarrow \downarrow * \downarrow \downarrow **$	0010011
$(a_1 * (a_2 * a_3)) * a_4$	$a_1 \downarrow a_2 \downarrow a_3 \downarrow * * a_4 \downarrow *$	$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow * * \downarrow *$	0001101
$a_1 * ((a_2 * a_3) * a_4)$	$a_1 \downarrow a_2 \downarrow a_3 \downarrow * a_4 \downarrow **$	$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow * \downarrow **$	0001011
$a_1 * (a_2 * (a_3 * a_4))$	$a_1 \downarrow a_2 \downarrow a_3 \downarrow a_4 \downarrow ***$	$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow ***$	0000111

- $\mathcal{A}_3$ : the set of all different parenthesizations of  $a_1 * a_2 * a_3 * a_4$
- $\mathcal{C}_3$ : the set of all  $x = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 x_6 x_7 \in \{0, 1\}^7$  such that
  - There are exactly three 1's in  $x$
  - In any prefix of  $x$ , the number of 1's  $<$  the number of 0's

0001 前缀:  $\begin{cases} 01 \\ 001 \\ 0010 \end{cases}$

# Parenthesization

**THEOREM:**  $C_n$  is the number of solutions of the equation system

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_{2n+1} = n \\ x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_i < i/2, i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n+1 \\ x_i \in \{0, 1\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n+1 \end{cases}$$

那个数等于一半  
方程组解

In particular,  $C_n = \frac{(2n)!}{n!(n+1)!}$

- $\mathcal{A}_n$ : the set of all different parenthesizations of  $a_1 * a_2 * \cdots * a_n * a_{n+1}$
  - $\mathcal{C}_n$ : the set of all  $x = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_{2n+1} \in \{0, 1\}^{2n+1}$  such that
    - The number of 1's in  $x$  is exactly equal to  $n$
    - In any prefix of  $x$ , the number of 1's  $<$  the number of 0's
  - There is a bijection  $f: \mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_n$
  - $C_n = |\mathcal{A}_n| = |\mathcal{C}_n|$
  - $\mathcal{C}_n$  is the set of all solutions of the equation system
  - $T_n$ : the set of all T-routes from  $(1, 1)$  to  $(2n+1, 1)$  above the x-axis
- equation set

$$P_2 = (2, 1-2x_1 + 1-2x_2)$$

# Parenthesization

- From  $\mathcal{C}_n$  to  $\mathcal{T}_n$ : Given a solution  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n+1})$  of the equation system

bijection  
prove

- Let  $P_i = (i, 1 - 2x_1 + \dots + 1 - 2x_i)$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1$

- $1 - 2x_1 + \dots + 1 - 2x_i > 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1$

- $P_1 = (1, 1 - 2x_1) = (1, 1)$ ;  $P_{2n+1} = (2n + 1, 1)$

- $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{2n+1}$  is a T-route above the x-axis

- From  $\mathcal{T}_n$  to  $\mathcal{C}_n$ : Let  $\{P_i = (u_i, v_i): 1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1\}$  be the points on a T-Route from  $P_1 = (1, 1)$  to  $P_{2n+1} = (2n + 1, 1)$ , where the T-Route is above the x-axis

- $x_1 = (1 - v_1)/2 = 0$

- $x_i = (1 - (v_i - v_{i-1}))/2 \in \{0, 1\}, i = 2, \dots, 2n + 1$

- $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{2n+1} = (2n + 1 - v_{2n+1})/2 = n$

- $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_i = (i - v_i)/2 < i/2, i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1$

- $A = P_1 = (1, 1): a = 1, \alpha = 1; B = P_{2n+1} = (2n + 1, 1): b = 2n + 1, \beta = 1$

- $|\mathcal{C}_n| = \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!} - \frac{(2n)!}{(n+1)!(n-1)!} = \frac{(2n)!}{n!(n+1)!}$

Catalan  
number

T route number

$$P_{i-1} = (i-1, 1-2x_1 + \dots + 1-2x_{i-1})$$

$$P_i = (i, 1-2x_1 + \dots + 1-2x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0 \rightarrow / \\ &= 1 \rightarrow - \end{aligned}$$