

Prob on combinations using generating fns :-

① How many ways are there to place an order of 12 scoops of icecreams if there are 5 flavours & atmost 4 scoops of each flavour is allowed.

Soln

select<sup>n</sup> of 12 scoops st each flavour can be selected atmost 4 times

coeff of  $x^{12}$  from the gf  $f(x)$

$$f(x) = (1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4)^5$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1-x^5}{1-x} \right]^5$$

$$= (1-x^5)^5 (1-x)^{-5}$$

$$= \sum 5C_r (-x^5)^r \sum 5+r-1 C_r x^r$$

$$f(x) = \left( \sum (-1)^r 5C_r x^{5r} \right) \left( \sum 5+r-1 C_r x^r \right)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{terms of } 5}$

coeff of  $x^{12}$  :  $a_0 b_{12} + a_1 b_{11} + a_2 b_{10} + \dots + a_{12} b_0$   
 $a_i \rightarrow$  coeff  $x^i$   
 $b_i \rightarrow$  coeff of  $x^i$

$\therefore$  the coeff is  $\rightarrow a_0 b_{12} + a_5 b_7 + a_{10} b_2$

$a_0 \rightarrow$  coeff of  $x^0$

$a_5 \rightarrow$  coeff of  $x^5$

Diagram showing the mapping of terms to coefficients:  
 $a_0 \rightarrow x^0$  (green arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $r=0$  (blue arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $5C_0$  (blue arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $5+12-1$  (blue arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $C_{12}$  (blue arrow)  
 $a_5 \rightarrow x^5$  (green arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $r=1$  (blue arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $5C_1$  (blue arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $5+7-1$  (blue arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $C_7$  (blue arrow)  
 $a_{10} \rightarrow x^{10}$  (green arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $r=2$  (blue arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $5C_2$  (blue arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $5+2-1$  (blue arrow)  $\rightarrow$   $C_2$  (blue arrow)

$$\text{Ans} : \left( 5C_0 {}^{5+12-1}C_{12} \right) + \left( (-1)^5 5C_1 {}^{5+7-1}C_7 \right) + \left( 5C_2 {}^{5+2-1}C_2 \right)$$

$$\text{Ans} \Rightarrow 5C_0 {}^{16}C_{12} - 5C_1 {}^{11}C_7 + 5C_2 {}^6C_2$$



2) A man buys 12 oranges for his kids Grace, Mary & Frank. In how many ways can he distribute the oranges s.t. Grace gets at least 4, Mary & Frank get at least 2, but Frank gets not more than 5?

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Soln

Dist 12 oranges to 3 kids

Pick the coeff of  $x^{12}$  from the gf  $f(x)$ ,

$$f(x) = (x^4 + x^5 + \dots)(x^2 + x^3 + \dots)(x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5)$$

$$= x^4(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)x^2(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)x^2(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)$$

$$= x^8(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)\left((1-x)^{-1}\right)^2$$

$$= x^8(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)(1-x)^{-2}$$

coeff of  $x^4$

$$= x^8 \left[ 1(1-x)^{-2} + x(1-x)^{-2} + x^2(1-x)^{-2} + x^3(1-x)^{-2} \right]$$

$$= x^8 \left[ \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r-1}{r} x^r + x \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r-1}{r} x^r + x^2 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r-1}{r} x^r + x^3 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{2+r-1}{r} x^r \right]$$

coeff of  $x^4$

$$\text{Ans} = \binom{2+4-1}{4} + \binom{2+3-1}{3} + \binom{2+2-1}{2} + \binom{2+1-1}{1}$$



③ Find the no of ways to collect \$15 from 20 ppl if each of the first 19 ppl can give one dollar & nothing. And the 20th person can give one dollar & 5 dollars & nothing

Soln

coeff of  $x^{15}$  from the gf  $f(x)$

$$f(x) = (1+x)^{19}(1+x+x^5)$$

$$= (1+x)^{19} + x(1+x)^{19} + x^5(1+x)^{19}$$

$$= \sum_{r=0}^{19} {}^{19}C_r x^r + x \sum_{r=0}^{19} {}^{19}C_r x^r + x^5 \sum_{r=0}^{19} {}^{19}C_r x^r$$

coeff of  $x^{15}$  is :-

$$\underline{{}^{19}C_{15} + {}^{19}C_{14} + {}^{19}C_{10}}$$



## Generating functions for permutations

w.k.t  $(1+x)^n = 1 + {}^nC_1 x + {}^nC_2 x^2 + {}^nC_3 x^3 + \dots + {}^nC_n x^n$

$$= \sum {}^nC_r x^r \quad \left( \text{ie } \{ {}^nC_r \} \text{ is generated by the fn } (1+x)^n \right)$$

## Permutations with no rept<sup>n</sup>

I want to generate  $\{ {}^nP_n \}$

w.k.t  $(1+x)^n = \sum {}^nC_r x^r$  ,  ${}^nC_r = \frac{{}^nP_r}{r!}$

$$\therefore (1+x)^n = \sum \frac{{}^nP_n}{n!} x^n$$
$$= \sum {}^nP_n \left( \frac{x^n}{n!} \right)$$

coeff  $\frac{x^n}{n!} = {}^nP_n$  ie

$\therefore (1+x)^n$  is the exponential generating function for  ${}^nP_n$ .

## Gf for permutations with rept<sup>n</sup>

Fd one obj :-  $1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots = e^x$

if there are 'n' obj's :-  $(e^x)^n$

$\therefore e^{nx}$  is the exponential gf for permutations with unlimited rept<sup>n</sup>



combn — with no rep<sup>n</sup> →  $(1+x)^n$  is the gf  
 $\binom{n}{r}$

(enumerations)

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coeff of  $x^n$   
is picked

with unlimited rep →  $(1-x)^{-n}$  is the gf  
 $\binom{n+r-1}{r}$

permutations

with no rep<sup>n</sup> →  $(1+x)^n$  is exponential gf  
 $\binom{n}{r}$

coeff  $\frac{x^n}{n!}$  is  
picked

with unlimited rep<sup>n</sup> →  $e^{nx}$  is the exponential gf  
 $(n^n)$



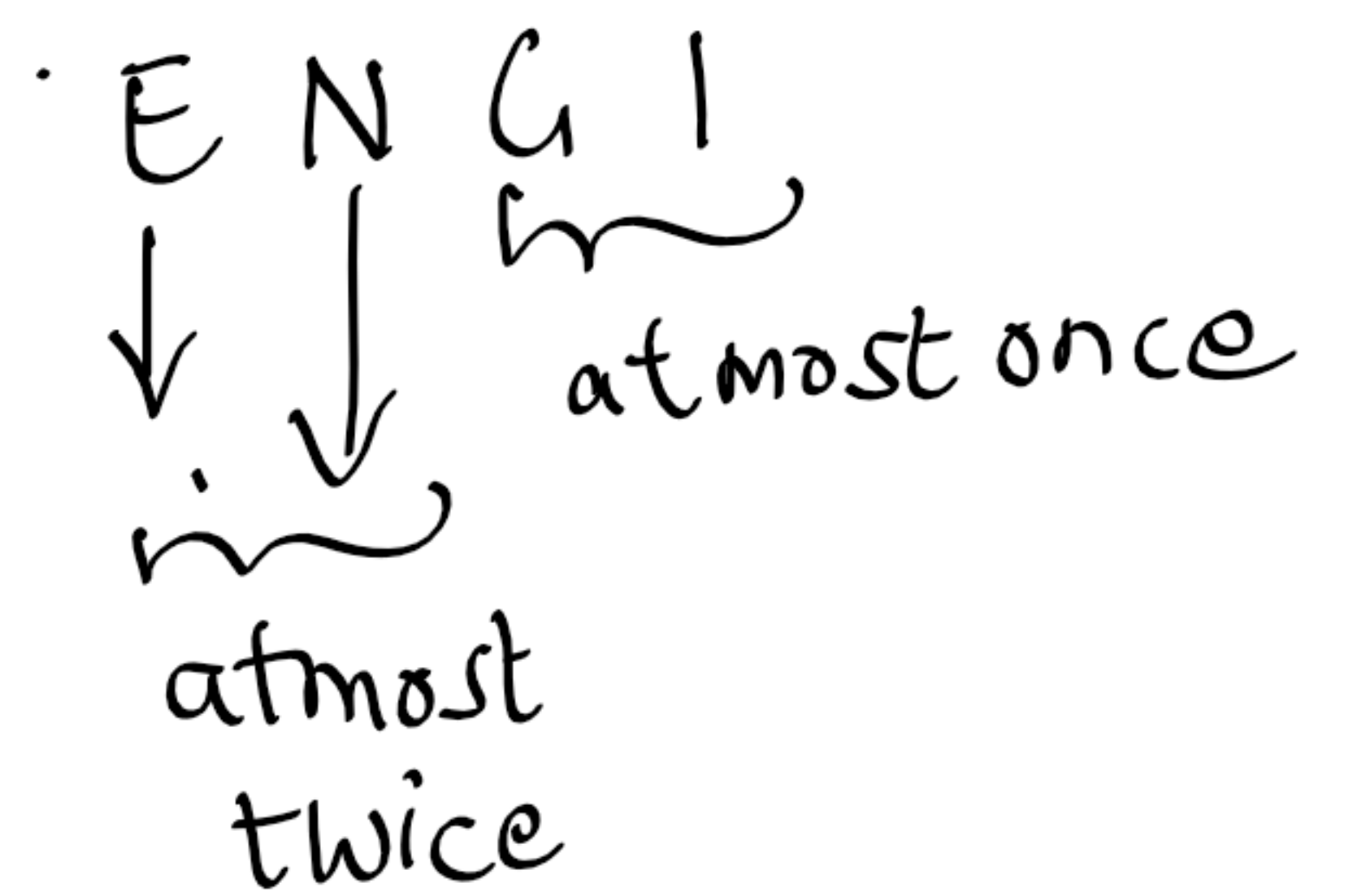
① In how many ways can 4 letters of the word "ENGINE" be arranged? Use gf & solve.

Soln

coeff of  $\frac{x^4}{4!}$

$$\left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!}\right)^2 (1+x)^2$$

Ans = 102 (manually)



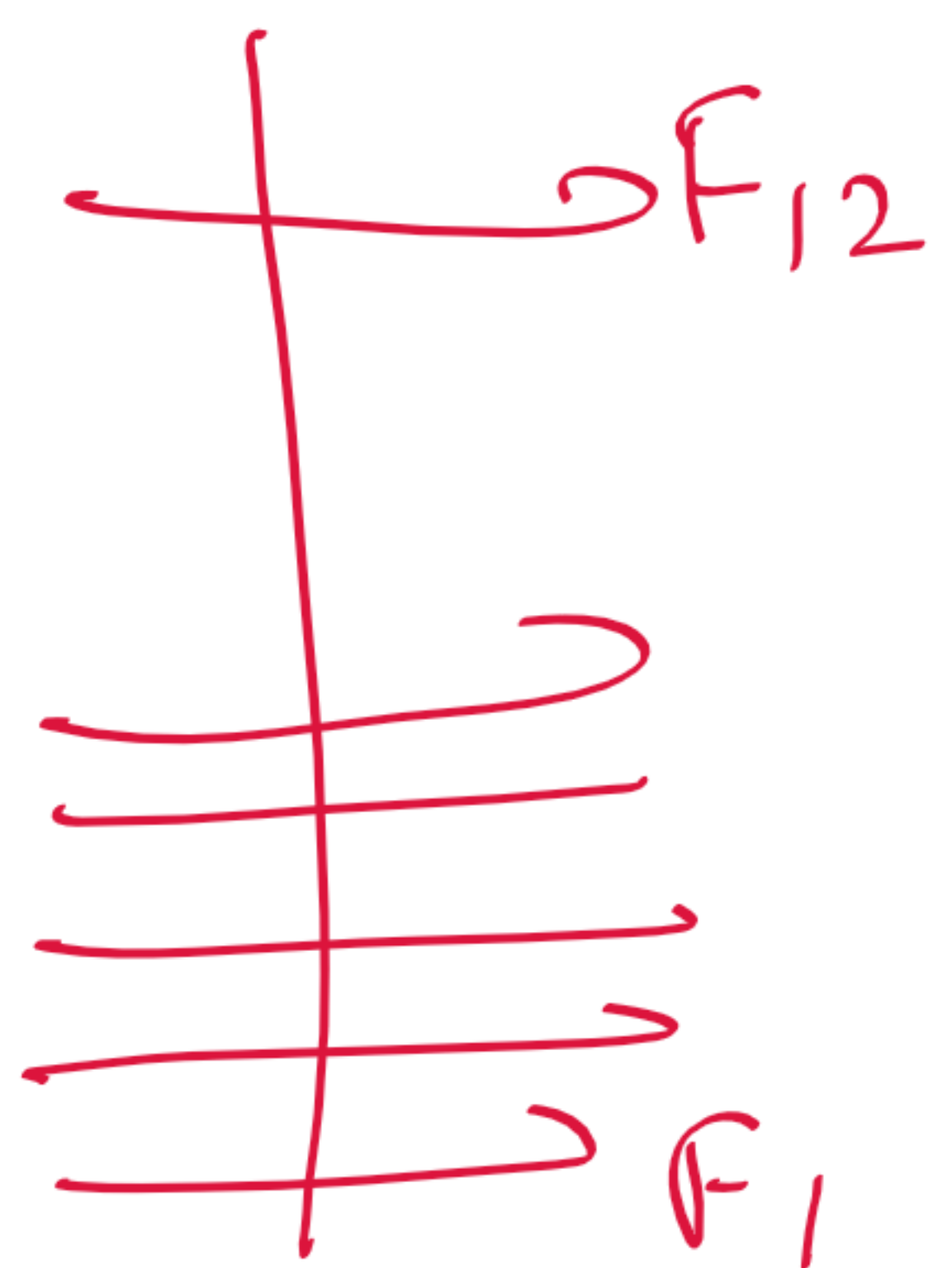
② A ship carries 48 flags, 12 each of the colors white, red, blue & black. 12 of these flags are placed on a vertical pole in order to communicate a signal with other ships.

a) How many of these signals use an even no of blue flags & odd no of black flags

b) How many of them use at least 3 white flags or no white flags at all

Soln

Arrange 12 flags out of 48 flags  
 W, Blue, Black, Red





a) Even no of Blue & odd no of Black  
no rest<sup>n</sup> on white & Red

$$\text{F\& white, Red} \longrightarrow \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right)$$

$$\text{F\& blue} \longrightarrow \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots\right)$$

$$\text{Black} \longrightarrow \left(x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots\right)$$

The gf is

$$f(x) = \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots\right) \left(x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots\right)$$

$$f(x) = (e^x)^2 \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}\right)$$

co eff of  $\frac{x^{12}}{12!}$

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{4} (e^{2x} - e^{-2x})$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4} [e^{4x} - e^0] = \frac{1}{4} [e^{4x} - 1]$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \sum \frac{(4x)^n}{n!} - 1 \right]$$

$$\therefore \text{co eff of } \frac{x^{12}}{12!} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{4} (4^{12}) = \underline{\underline{4^{11}}}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots &= \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \\ x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots &= \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \end{aligned}}$$



ii) Either at least 3 white flags & no white flags.

$$\underbrace{\left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right)}_{\text{Blue, Black, Red}}^3 \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots\right)}_{\text{white}}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = e^{3x} \left( e^x - x - \frac{x^2}{2!} \right)$$

$$= e^{4x} - x e^{3x} - \frac{x^2}{2} e^{3x}$$

$$= \sum \frac{(4x)^n}{n!} - x \sum \frac{(3x)^n}{n!} - \frac{x^2}{2} \sum \frac{(3x)^n}{n!}$$

coeff of  $\frac{x^{12}}{12!}$

$$x \frac{(3x)^{11} \times 12!}{11! \cdot 12!}$$

$$\frac{(3x)^{10}}{10!} \times \frac{12!}{12!}$$

$$\text{Ans} = 4^{12} - \frac{12!}{11!} 3^{11} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3^{10} \frac{12!}{10!}$$

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