

## Random Walks

There are two properties that could potentially be helpful in working through how to compute results after a random walk: functions that are constant under reordering or functions that are constant under the action of the diagonal subgroup (since this is a whole family of functions).

If we focus on an initial distribution  $d$ , a random walk  $w$ , and statistic  $s$ , then after  $t$  steps, the distribution that we want to be able to say something about is  $(d * w^{*t}) \cdot s$ . Note that if we focus on the expected value of the statistic on that distribution, this can be written as  $\frac{1}{n^m} \langle d * w^{*t}, s \rangle$  (where the inner product doesn't include division by the order of the group).

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Now, the same logic that Ian's thesis and Hultman uses for studying functions which are constant on conjugacy classes can also be helpful in this case. Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a partition of  $G$ . For a statistic  $s \in \mathbb{C}G$ , let  $\bar{s}^{\mathcal{O}}$  be the result of averaging  $s$  over each of the parts in  $\mathcal{O}$ . So

$$\bar{s}^{\mathcal{O}}(g) = \frac{1}{|O_g|} \sum_{h \in O_g} s(h) \quad \text{Where } g \in O_g \text{ and } O_g \in \mathcal{O}$$

Then in general, you can use the same argument that Hultman uses to show that for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}G$   $\langle \bar{a}^{\mathcal{O}}, b \rangle = \langle \bar{a}^{\mathcal{O}}, \bar{b}^{\mathcal{O}} \rangle$ . For chain of equality see pg25 of Ian's thesis - same argument.

By slight abuse of notation, in the context of preference lists let  $\bar{a}^{S_m}$  be the result of averaging over orbits of  $S_m$ . By similar (but different) abuse of notation, let  $\bar{a}^D$  be the result of averaging over cosets of the diagonal subgroup.

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Now in the context of the random walks that we care about, let us take  $d$  to be a starting distribution which is invariant under reordering,  $w$  to be a random walk that uses the same distribution for each component, and  $s$  to be a statistic that is constant under the action of the diagonal subgroup.

Since  $d$  and  $w$  are both constant under reordering, their fourier coefficients are indexed by group elements which are constant under reordering, so convolution will maintain this property, so  $d * w^{*t}$  is constant under reordering. In other words  $d * w^{*t} = \overline{d * w^{*t}}^{S_m}$ .

Similarly  $s = \bar{s}^D$

This means that we can apply the property above to rewrite the inner product as follows:

$$\langle d * w^{*t}, s \rangle = \langle d * w^{*t}, \bar{s}^{S_m} \rangle = \langle \overline{d * w^{*t}}^D, \bar{s}^{S_m} \rangle$$

Averaging a function which is constant on orbits of  $S_m$  over cosets of  $D$  will remain constant on orbits of  $S_m$ . This hinges on the fact that the action of  $S_m$  commutes with the action of  $D$ . This means that we can take a second step using the property about averages and inner products to get the following:

$$\langle d * w^{*t}, s \rangle = \langle \overline{d * w^{*t}}^D, \bar{s}^{S_m} \rangle$$

Looking at  $\bar{s}^{S_m}$

I was wondering if you could easily calculate  $\bar{s}^{S_m}$  in the Fourier domain by averaging over orbits of  $S_m$  acting on the subscripts. First I checked this experimentally with some computations, and it was true. Here's one example

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In [141]: stats = IterateStats(3,3, True) #3 spots, 3 cars, Linear probing
. . . loading from file . . .

In [142]: stat = CnmStat(3,3, stats.disp_i[0]) #This is the lucky function

In [143]: stat.print_by_value() #Prints fourier coefficients by their values
6
-9.+0.j      : (2, 1, 0)(1, 2, 0)
-4.5-2.598076j : (1, 0, 2)(0, 1, 2)
-4.5+2.598076j : (2, 0, 1)(0, 2, 1)
4.5-2.598076j : (2, 2, 2)
4.5+2.598076j : (1, 1, 1)
54.+0.j      : (0, 0, 0)
9

In [144]: stat.average_Sm()

In [145]: stat.print_by_value() #Prints fourier coefficients by their values
4
-6.+0.j      : (2, 1, 0)(1, 2, 0)(2, 0, 1)(0, 2, 1)(1, 0, 2)(0, 1, 2)
4.5-2.598076j : (2, 2, 2)
4.5+2.598076j : (1, 1, 1)
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So here's a proof outline.

One way that you could achieve averaging over orbits of  $S_m$  is the following

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{s}^{S_m} &= \frac{1}{|S_m|} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \sum_{g \in G} s(g)(\sigma \cdot g) && \text{Averaging over } S_m \\
 &= \frac{1}{|S_m|} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \sigma \cdot s && \text{Averaging over } S_m \\
 &= \frac{1}{|S_m|} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \sigma \cdot \sum_{g \in G} \hat{s}(g) \chi_g \\
 &= \frac{1}{|S_m|} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \left( \sum_{g \in G} \hat{s}(g) (\sigma \cdot \chi_g) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{|S_m|} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \left( \sum_{g \in G} \hat{s}(g) \chi_{\sigma \cdot g} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

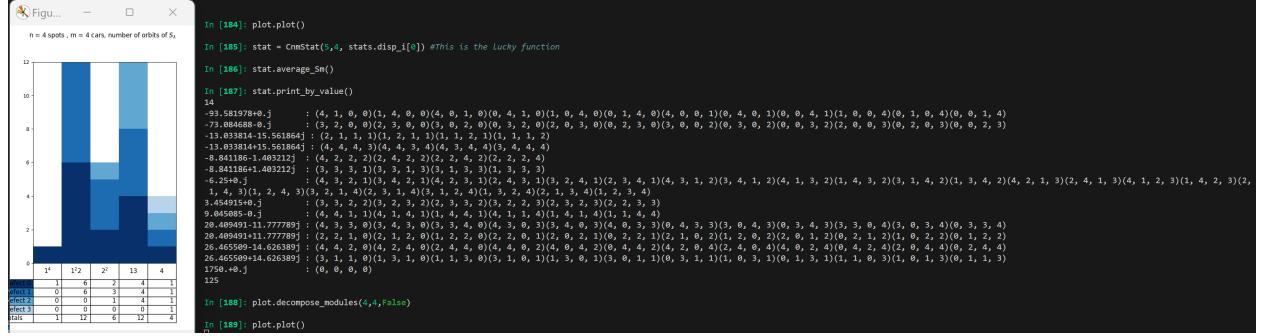
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Given that the averaging over the orbits of  $S_m$  gives the same result in both the Fourier domain and not, this gives an interesting connection for functions which are constant on cosets of  $D$ : The number of orbits of  $S_m$  corresponding to characters indexed by elements summing to  $n$  is the same as the number of orbits of  $S_m D$  for preference lists.

This is interesting because orbits of  $D$  for preference lists with  $n = m + 1$  have one representative which is a parking function for  $m$  cars in  $m$  spots. So this means that the number of

irreducible modules in the  $S_m$  module decomposition of these parking functions is the same as the number of orbits of  $S_m$  for elements of  $C_n^m$  where the sum of the elements is  $0 \bmod n$ .

This relates  $\sum_{\lambda \vdash m} N_0(\lambda)$  to the number of distinct non-zero values in the Fourier domain for a statistic which is constant on cosets of  $S_m D$  for  $n = m + 1$ . The partition types  $\lambda$  in the module decomposition also correspond to the partition types of the corresponding to the cosets of  $S_m D$  (see computational evidence - this works because the circular relation between the two objects doesn't change the partition type)



This leaves me with a couple of questions. If  $n \neq m + 1$ , can this be related to a different module decomposition in a similar way? Or with a twist?

Can you compute the values of these coefficients with a nice expression?

Given information about  $\bar{s}^{S_m}$ , how does this help with computing random walks? Is convolution in the fourier domain (ie pointwise multiplication) with  $\overline{d * w^*}^D$  easier? What about convolution in the fourier domain with  $d * w^*t^D$ ?

Assorted notes on my handwritten notes

I also noticed that you can use prime components to break apart some statistics to make computing them for averages of orbits of  $S_m D$  easier

I was also trying to organize the coset representatives for  $S_m D$  by their corresponding sums to see if that structure would provide a way to work with a tensor product of sin distributions and computing inner products. This path wasn't super fruitful, but there were many lattices, and some familiar counts.

# Random walks

d - distribution

w - random walk

s - statistic of interest

$$(d * w^{**}) \cdot s$$

Using d: starting at  $0^n$  w/prob 1  $\Rightarrow d = \sum_{g \in \mathbb{Z}^n} x_g$

w:  $\cos(\frac{2\pi i}{n})$  for each component. Specifically for  $k=1$

s: total displacement  $|g| \rightarrow \# \text{ nonzero entries}$ .

$$\hat{w} = (\frac{1}{2}x_{n-1} + x_0 + \frac{1}{2}x_1)^{\otimes n} = \sum_{g \in \{n-1, 0, 1\}^n} \frac{1}{2}^{1|g|} x_g$$

$$\text{so... } \hat{w}^{**} = \sum_{g \in \{n-1, 0, 1\}^n} \frac{1}{2}^{1|g|} x_g$$

note: these functions are constant under reordering  
since the random walk doesn't pick out any particular car.

Let

$$\hat{s} = \sum_{g \in [n]^n} \langle s, x_g \rangle x_g$$

right now, I know  $\langle s, x_g \rangle = 0$  for all  $g$  where  $\sum g_i \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$   
and  $\langle s, x_g \rangle$  is constant under the action of  $S_n$ . ie for  $\sigma \in S_n$   $\langle s, x_g \rangle = \langle s, x_{\sigma(g)} \rangle$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{(d * w^{**}) \cdot s} &= \left( \sum_{g \in \{n-1, 0, 1\}^n} \frac{1}{2}^{1|g|} x_g \right) * \sum_{g \in [n]^n} \langle s, x_g \rangle x_g \\ &= \sum_{g \in [n]^n} c(g) x_g \end{aligned}$$

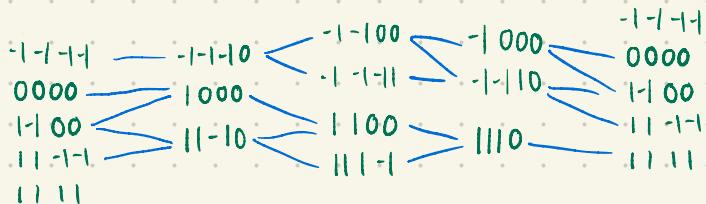
Since both  $(d * w^{**})$  and  $s$  are constant under reordering, the resulting function is also constant under reordering

Additionally note that  $d * w^{**}$  takes on  $\min(2^n, n)$  distinct values for  $\sum g_i \leq n$ , so there will be  $\min(2^n, n) \cdot n^{m-1}$  non-zero coefficients.

Entertain this possibility for a moment.

Let  $\hat{d * w^{**}}|_G$  be a restricted version of  $\hat{d * w^{**}}$  to only the characters  $x_g$  where  $\sum g_i = 0$ . Let us call this subgroup  $G$ .

Question: Is there a good way of writing  $\hat{d * w^{**}}$  in terms of  $\hat{d * w^{**}}|_G$  in this case? not really



## Similar logic to Hultman

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  partition  $G$ , so  $\bigcup_{O \in \mathcal{O}} O = G$  and if  $O_1, O_2 \in \mathcal{O}$ , then they are disjoint. Let  $d, s \in \mathbb{C}G$ .

Let  $\overline{d}^{\mathcal{O}}$  be the average, so  $\overline{d}^{\mathcal{O}}(g) = \frac{1}{|O_g|} \sum_{h \in O_g} d(h)$  where  $g \in O_g$  and  $O_g \in \mathcal{O}$

Then  $\langle d, s \rangle = \langle \overline{d}^{\mathcal{O}}, s \rangle$  (same argument as pg 25 of Janis thesis)

For  $d, s$  as a distribution & statistic on preference lists,

$s$  constant under action of  $D$

$d$  constant on orbits of  $S_m$

Then

$$\langle d, s \rangle = \langle \overline{d}^D, s \rangle = \langle d, \overline{s}^{S_m} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \overline{d}^D, \overline{s}^{S_m} \rangle$$

since  $\overline{s}^{S_m}$  still constant on cosets of  $D$   
or similarly  $\overline{d}^D$  still constant on cosets of  $S_m$

ex stat:  $\overline{s}^{S_m}$

$\backslash S$	total disp	Tuckey $S_m$	disp. 1 $S_m$	disp 2 $S_m$	disp 3 $S_m$	maxdisp $S_m$	what if:
$S_m D \cdot 000$	3	1	1	1		2	
100	2	$1\frac{1}{3}$	$2\frac{1}{3}$	$2\frac{1}{3}$		$1\frac{2}{3}$	
200	1	2	1	0		1	
210	0	3	0	0		0	
all parking func. b/c coset repn D							fourier domain?
$S_m D \cdot 0000$	6	1	1	1	1	3	
1000	5	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	1	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$(n-1)\cdot 1_n = 2\frac{3}{4}$	
2000	4	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$5\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$3\frac{1}{4}$	$(n-1)\cdot 3_n = 2\frac{1}{2}$	
3000	3	1	1	1	0	2	
1100	4	$1\frac{5}{6}$	$5\frac{1}{6}$	$5\frac{1}{6}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
2100	3	$2\frac{5}{12}$	$8\frac{1}{12}$		$1\frac{1}{2}$		
3100	2	$2\frac{2}{3}$	$4\frac{1}{3}$	$4\frac{1}{3}$	0	$1\frac{1}{3}$ max of prime components	
2200	2	2	2	0	0	1	
3200	1	3	1	0	0	1	
32110	0	4	0	0	0	0	

②	1000	2011	2101	0011	121
	0100	2011	2101	0101	202
	0010	1201	2101	0110	2101
	0001	1120	1210	1010	2101
	0122			1001	202
				1100	2101
				020	3001 · 6
				0102	2110 · 2
				0012	1300
				0021	211 · 3
				0201	
				2001	

Question: is average over  $S_m$  same in fourier domain?

for walk:  
fourier

# coset reps for prime  
parking functions  
 $n=m$

1 1  
2 1  
3 3  
4 5  
5 14

Conversation w/ Prof O

permutations  
get function, probing  
def of  $d$ ?  
p prime & it's car lucky

# Coset reps. for $S_m D$ by sum

To understand functions constant on 2-sided cosets  $S_m D \cdot X \cdot S_m$  in  $C_n wr S_m$   
earlier looked at nonzero characters, how const rep.

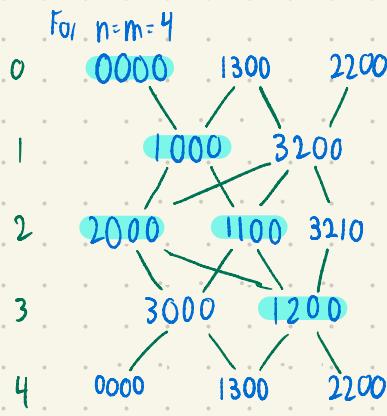
For  $n=m=3$  representations are reps of  $(g+D) \cdot S_m$

0	000	012
1	100	
2	200	

so 000: 000, 111, 222  
100: 100, 010, 001, 211, 121, 112, 022, 202, 220

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How does this relate to decomposition  
into irreducibles for action of  $C_n wr S_m$ ?



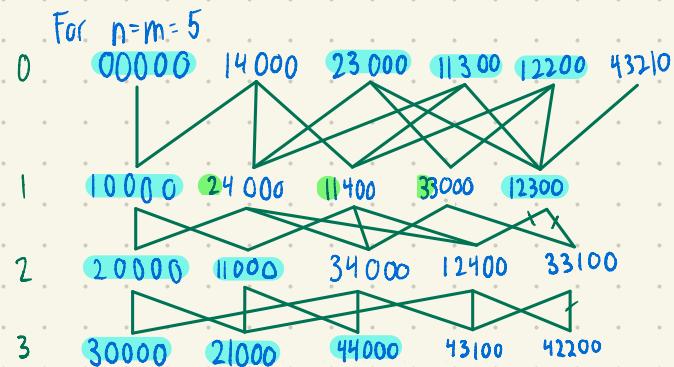
$$\begin{array}{ll} 4+2+4=10 & 4+1+2+6+4+12=64 \\ 4+4=8 & 4+4+4+12=64 \\ 4+4+1=9 & 4+4+4+6+1+24=64 \\ 4+4=8 & 4+4+4+12=64 \end{array}$$

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recall:  
# distinct values of  
constant on  
 $S_m D \times S_m$

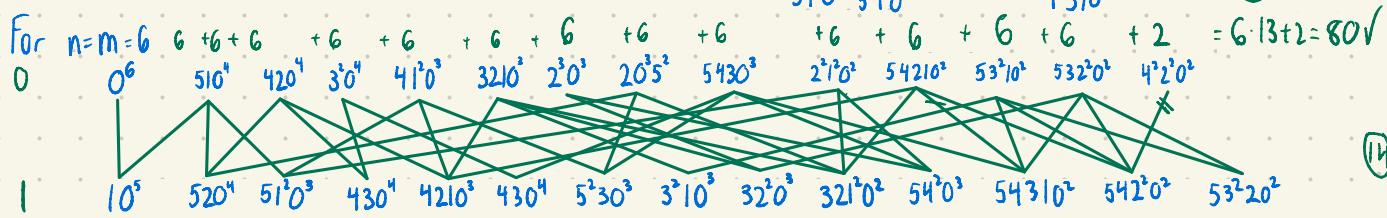
1
1
2
121
4
1441
10
16126
26
1, 10, 29
80
1, 14, 61, 94
246
21, 120, 163,
810
1, 29, 222, 615, 910
2704

0 is related to 0003239  
related to root of tree



$$5+5+5+5+1=26$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} 3^1 0^2 + 5^1 0^2 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 6 + 2 = 13 + 2 = 80 \end{array}$$

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## To Do

- Given the way that my code is implemented right now, I think I could extend the structure I have now to generate the nice bases from earlier in the summer. It would be interesting to be able to look at these bases
- Would be helpful to implement  $S_m$  and  $C_n^m$  acting on CnmStat object.
- Given the ability to sample randomly from defect 1 parking functions (and the ability to iterate through them), what can you say about statistics of interest?
- Speaking of iterating - write an iterator for defect d parking functions. There's a whole class for that wow!
- Think on if connection to  $N_d(\lambda)$  works more broadly or only when  $n = m + 1$