

4. Since the start and end are in the same city, we can regard the trip as the circular permutation of  $2n$  items. We arrange  $2n$  cities into  $2n$  blocks injectively with each block being numbered. The number 1 block is the start and end of the trip. Then, number the blocks in clockwise order. The city in the number  $i$  block is the  $i$ -th city that she visited in the trip. Number the countries from 1 to  $n$  and name the city as  $C_{i,j}$ , where  $i \in [n]$  representing that  $C_{i,j}$  is in the country  $i$  and  $j=1,2$ . Let  $S$  be the set of permutations without the restriction that the two cities from each country should not be visited consecutively. We have  $|S| = (2n)!$ .

Define  $A_i = \{P \in S : C_{i,1} \text{ and } C_{i,2} \text{ are consecutively in } P\}$ .

Our goal is to compute  $|S \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i|$ .

$$\begin{aligned}|S \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i| &= |S| - |\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i| = (2n)! - \sum_{m=1}^n \sum_{I \in \binom{[n]}{m}} (-1)^{m+1} |\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i| \\ &= (2n)! + \sum_{m=1}^n (-1)^m \sum_{I \in \binom{[n]}{m}} |\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i|.\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\sum_{I \in \binom{[n]}{m}} |\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i|$  is computing there has at least  $m$  countries s.t. cities in these countries are visited consecutively.

We can first choose  $m$  countries from  $n$  countries, and define  $I$  to be the set of these  $m$  countries ( $\binom{n}{m}$  ways). Then, we regard  $C_{i,1}$  and  $C_{i,2}$  as one item  $C_i$  no matter the order is  $C_{i,1}C_{i,2}$  or  $C_{i,2}C_{i,1}$  in the permutation, so now there has  $2n-m$  items, and we have  $(2n-m)!$  ways to arrange them.

Note that  $C_{i,1}C_{i,2}$  and  $C_{i,2}C_{i,1}$  are actually 2 different order, so by product rule,  $\sum_{I \in \binom{[n]}{m}} |\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i| = \binom{n}{m} 2^m (2n-m)!$   
 $\Rightarrow |S \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i| = (2n)! + \sum_{m=1}^n (-1)^m \binom{n}{m} 2^m (2n-m)! = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} 2^i (2n-i)!$

5. Let  $m(x) = |\{i : x \in A_i\}|$ .

We know that every element  $x \in \bigcup_{i=1}^r A_i$  will be counted exactly once in  $|\bigcup_{i=1}^r A_i|$ . However,  $x$  will be counted  $\binom{m(x)}{k}$  times in  $\sum_{k \in \binom{[r]}{k}} |\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i|$ , so it will be counted  $\sum_{k=1}^{k_0} (-1)^{k+1} \binom{m(x)}{k}$  times in  $\sum_{k=1}^{k_0} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{k \in \binom{[r]}{k}} |\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i|$ .

Recall that we have proven that  $\sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \binom{n}{j} = (-1)^k \binom{n-1}{k}$  in HW1.

Now we consider that

$$1 - \sum_{k=1}^{k_0} (-1)^{k+1} \binom{m(x)}{k} = (-1)^0 \binom{m(x)}{0} + \sum_{k=1}^{k_0} (-1)^k \binom{m(x)}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{k_0} (-1)^k \binom{m(x)}{k} = (-1)^{k_0} \binom{m(x)-1}{k_0}.$$

Hence, if  $k_0$  is even, then  $(-1)^{k_0} \binom{m(x)-1}{k_0} \geq 0$ , which means that the number of times  $x$  counted in  $|\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i|$  will not less than that in  $\sum_{k=1}^{k_0} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{k \in \binom{[r]}{k}} |\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i|$ . Hence,

$$|\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i| \geq \sum_{k=1}^{k_0} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{k \in \binom{[r]}{k}} |\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i| \quad \text{for } k_0 \text{ even.}$$

Similarly,

$$|\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{k_0} (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{k \in \binom{[r]}{k}} |\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i| \quad \text{for } k_0 \text{ odd.}$$