

1 Equations and Formulas

$$x^{\overline{n}} = x(x+1) \dots (x+n-1) = \sum_{k=0}^n S(n, k)x^k$$

1.1 Catalan Numbers, Convolution and Super

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

$$C_0 = 1, \quad C_1 = 1, \quad C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k C_{n-1-k}$$

The number of ways to completely parenthesize $n + 1$ factors.

The number of triangulations of a convex polygon with $n + 2$ sides.

The number of ways to connect the $2n$ points on a circle to form n disjoint non-intersecting chords.

The number of permutations of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ that avoid the pattern 123.

1.3 Stirling Numbers (Second Kind)

Stirling number of the second kind counts ways to partition a set of n objects into k non-empty subsets.

$$S(n, k) = kS(n-1, k) + S(n-1, k-1)$$

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

$S(n, k) \cdot k!$ = number of ways to color n nodes using k colors (each at least once)

1.4 Combinatorial Identities

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n}{k} \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n+i}{i} = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n+i}{n} = \binom{n+k+1}{k}$$

1.5 Pick's Theorem

$$C_n^{(k)} = \frac{k+1}{n+k+1} \binom{2n+k}{n}$$

$$A = i + \frac{b}{2} - 1$$

$$S(m, n) = \frac{(2m)!(2n)!}{m!n!(m+n)!}$$

1.6 Derangements

$$C_n^{(k)} = \frac{(2n+k-1)(2n+k)}{n(n+k+1)} C_{n-1}^{(k)}$$

1.7 GCD and LCM

$$\gcd(a + mb, b) = \gcd(a, b)$$

$$\gcd(a_1 a_2, b) = \gcd(a_1, b) \cdot \gcd(a_2, b)$$

$$\gcd(a, \text{lcm}(b, c)) = \text{lcm}(\gcd(a, b), \gcd(a, c))$$

$$\text{lcm}(a, \gcd(b, c)) = \gcd(\text{lcm}(a, b), \text{lcm}(a, c))$$

$$\gcd(n^a - 1, n^b - 1) = n^{\gcd(a, b)} - 1$$

1.2 Stirling Numbers (First Kind)

Stirling numbers of the first kind count permutations by cycle count.

$$S(n, k) = (n-1) \cdot S(n-1, k) + S(n-1, k-1)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n S(n, k) = n!$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x^{\gcd(k, n)} = \sum_{d|n} x^d \phi\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$