

# Discrete Mathematics Lecture Note

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Mobius Inversion

Let  $D_n$  = all divisor set of positive integer  $n$ .

$a, b \in D_n, a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a|b$

Define  $\mu : D_n \times D_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mu(a, b) = \begin{cases} (-1)^r & \text{if } a|b \text{ and } \frac{b}{a} \text{ is the product of } k \text{ distinct primes} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mu(b) = \mu(1, b) = \begin{cases} (-1)^r & \text{square free} \\ 0 & \text{not square free} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 1.** For  $m > 1$ ,

$$\sum_{d \in D_m} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & (m = 1) \\ 0 & (m \neq 1) \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{a \leq c \leq b} \mu(a, c) = \begin{cases} 1 & (a = b) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_d \mu(d) = \sum_{i=0}^r \binom{r}{i} (-1)^i = 0$$

**Theorem 1.** For function  $f, g : D_m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$g(n) = \sum_{d \in D_n} f(d) \Leftrightarrow f(n) = \sum_{d \in D_n} \mu(d, n) g(n) = \sum \mu(d) g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{d \in D_n} \mu(d, n) \sum_{e \in D_d} f(e) \\ &= \sum_{e \in D_n} \sum_{e \leq d \leq d_n} \mu(d, n) f(e) \\ &= \sum_{e \in D_n} f(e) \sum_{e \leq d \leq D_n} \mu(d, n) = f(n) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 1.**

$$\phi(n) = n \prod_{i=1}^r \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right) \Leftrightarrow n = \sum_{d \in D_n} \phi(d)$$

show that

$$\phi(n) = \sum_{d \in D_n} \mu(d) \frac{n}{d}$$

## 1.2 Generating Functions

Define power series ring  $\mathbb{C}[[x]] = \left\{ \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n x^n \mid a_n \in \mathbb{C} \forall n \right\}$ . ‘Formal’ means evaluation or radius of convergence is ignored. We call  $x^n$  is a ‘placeholder’ of  $a_n$ .  
 $a_n$  = coefficient of  $x^n$

For a sequence  $f : N_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  ( $f \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]$ )

The ordinary generating function is

$$\sum f(n) x^n$$

The exponential generating function is

$$\sum f(n) \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Let  $A(x), B(x)$  ordinary. Then  $AB = C$  is ordinary, where  $c_n = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_{n-i}$  convolution.

Notation. Define  $e^x = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  e.g.f for  $(1, 1, 1, \dots)$   
 Define  $e^{-x} = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{n!}$   
 Show that  $e^x e^{-x} = \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} \right) \frac{x^n}{n!}$   
 $= 1$ .  
 Define  $\log 1 + x = \sum_{n \geq 1} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$

**Example 1.** Generating function for  $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$  with  $H_0 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} H_n x^n &= \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} x^n \right) \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} x^n \right) \\ &= -\log(1-x) \cdot (1-x)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-x} \log \frac{1}{1-x} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.3 Infinite Sums and Products in $\mathbb{C}[[x]]$

**Example 2.**  $p(n) = \#$  of partitions of  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} p(n) x^n &= \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{1-x^i} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-x} \cdot \frac{1}{1-x^2} \cdots \\ &= (1+x+x^2+\cdots)(1+x^2+x^4+\cdots) \cdots \end{aligned}$$

Note that the coefficient of  $x^n$  in 첫번째줄 requires finite number of factors.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{coefficient of } x^n \\ &= \# \text{ of solutions } (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \text{ to } n_1 + 2n_2 + \dots = n \\ &= p(n) \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.** Let  $A_0, A_1, \dots \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]$

$A \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]$ ,  $\deg(A)$  = first power with nonzero coefficient.

The sum  $\sum_{i \geq 0} A_i$  exists iff  $\deg A_i \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= (a_{10}, a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, \dots) \\ A_2 &= (0, a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}, \dots) \\ A_3 &= (9, 0, a_{32}, a_{33}, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

We can make each row sum is finite.

**Example 3.**  $e^{1+x}$  is not well-defined.

$$e^{1+x} = 1 + (1+x) + \frac{(1+x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(1+x)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{e^x - 1} &= \sum_{n \geq 0} B(n) \frac{x^n}{n!} \\ &= 1 + \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) + \frac{\left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right)^2}{2!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Assume the constant term of each  $A_i = 1$ .  $\prod_{i \geq 1} A_i$  exists iff  $\deg(A_i - 1) \rightarrow \infty$

**Example 4.**  $(1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^3) \dots$  is well defined.  $= \sum_{n \geq 0} p_d(n) x^n$

Propositions

(1)  $\prod_{i \geq 0} A_i$  and  $\prod_{i \geq 0} B_i$  are well-defined  $\Rightarrow \prod_{i \geq 0} A_i B_i = \left( \prod_{i \geq 0} A_i \right) \left( \prod_{i \geq 0} B_i \right)$

**Proof.**  $\deg(AB - 1) \geq \min\{\deg(A - 1), \deg(B - 1)\}$  The factors that contribute to  $x^n$  are the same on both sides  $\square$

$$(2) \left( \prod_{i \geq 0} A_i \right)^{-1} = \prod_{i \geq 0} A_i^{-1}$$

**Proof.** dhotldqkfs

$$\deg(A_i - 1) = \deg(A_i^{-1} - 1)$$

example

$$A = \prod_{i \geq 0} (i - x^i) \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \prod_{i \geq 0} \frac{1}{1 - x^i}$$

□

$$(3) \frac{\prod_{i \geq 0} A_i}{\prod_{i \geq 0} B_i} = \prod_{i \geq 0} \frac{A_i}{B_i}$$

**Example 5.**  $\frac{\prod_{i \geq 1} (1 - x^{2^i})}{\prod_{i \geq 1} (1 - z^{2^i})} = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1 - x^{2^i}}{1 - z^{2^i}} = \prod_{i \geq 1} (1 + z^{2^i}) = \sum_{n \geq 0} p_d(n) x^n = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - z^{2^i - 1}} = \sum_{n \geq 0} p_0(n) x^n$

$p_0(n)$  is number of partitions of  $n$  where parts are odd.

## 1.4 Compositions in $\mathbb{C}[[x]]$

$$A(x), B(x) \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]$$

$A(B(x))$  is well-defined if either (1)  $A(x)$  is a polynomial or (2) the constant term in  $B(x) = 0$

**Example 6.**

$$A(x) = e^x$$

$$B(x) = e^x - 1$$

$$A(B(x)) = e^{e^x - 1}.$$

When  $C(x) = x + 1$ ,  $A(C(x)) = e^{x+1}$  is not well defined.

## 1.5 General Powers

Propositions. Given any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , define  $\binom{\lambda}{n} = \frac{\lambda(\lambda-1)\cdots(\lambda-n+1)}{n!}$  with  $\binom{\lambda}{0} = 1$

Define  $(1+x)^\lambda = \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{\lambda}{n} x^n \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]$

If  $\lambda$  is a positive integer, this is just the binomial theorem.

If  $A(x) \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]$  with  $A(0) = 0$ , then  $(1 + A(x))^\lambda = \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{\lambda}{n} A(x)^n$ .

**Example 7.**

$$(1-x)^{-k} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{(1-x)^k}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{-k}{n} &= \frac{-k(-k-1)(-k-2)\cdots(-k-n+1)}{n!} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n(n+k-1)_n}{n!} \\ &= (-1)^n \binom{n+k-1}{n} = (-1)^n \binom{n+k-1}{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1-x)^{-k} &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{-k}{n} (-1)^n x^n \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{n+k-1}{k-1} x^n = \frac{1}{(1-x)^k} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition.  $(1+x)^\lambda(1+x)^\mu = (1+x)^{\lambda+\mu}$

**Example 8.**

$$(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}}(1+x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1+x$$

**Proof.** Need to show

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{\lambda}{i} \binom{\mu}{n-i} = \binom{\lambda+\mu}{n} \text{ for all } n \geq 0$$

We can prove it in algebra. Otherwise, we can show it by proving coefficient of  $x^n$  for LHS = coefficient of  $x^n$  for RHS.

Check that

$$\binom{x+y}{n} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{x}{i} \binom{y}{n-i} \text{ for all positive integers } x, y$$

Let LHS =  $f(x, y)$  and RHS =  $g(x, y)$ .

$f(x, y) = g(x, y)$  for infinitely many  $x, y$

$f = g$  as polynomials. □

## 1.6 Catalan Numbers

$$c_0 = 0, c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1, c_3 = 2, c_4 = 5$$

$$c_5 = c_1 c_4 + c_2 c_3 + c_3 c_2 + c_4 c_1$$

$$c_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} c_i c_{n-i}$$

Let  $C(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n x^n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} C(x) &= C(x)^2 + x \\ \Rightarrow C(x)^2 - C(x) &= -x \\ \Rightarrow C(x)^2 - C(x) + \frac{1}{4} &= \frac{1}{4} - x \\ \Rightarrow \left(C(x) - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 &= \frac{1}{4} - x \\ \Rightarrow C(x) - \frac{1}{2} &= \pm \frac{1}{2}(1 - 4x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $C(x) = c_0 = 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} C(x) - \frac{1}{2} &= -\frac{1}{2}(1 - 4x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \therefore C(x) &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(1 - 4x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - 4x)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{n} (-1)^n 4^n x^n \\ &= 1 - 2 \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1} x^n \end{aligned}$$

Check that

$$\binom{1\frac{1}{2}}{n} = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2^{2n-1}} \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1}$$

Thus

$$c_n = \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1}$$

## 1.7 Other interpretations of Catalan Number

$c_n$  = number of ways to parenthesize a product  $x_1x_2\cdots x_n$

**Example 9.** For  $x_1x_2x_3x_4$ , there are 5 ways.

Key observation is the outermost parenthesis multiplies two terms. The first is a product involving  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r \rightarrow a_r$  ways to do this. The second is a product involving  $x_{r+1}, x_{r+2}, \dots, x_n \rightarrow a_{n-r}$  ways.

number of binary trees with  $n$  leaves and 1 root. A tree is binary if every vertex has degree 1 or 3.

A bijections among these sets (triangulations of  $n+1$ -gon, parenthesized prod-

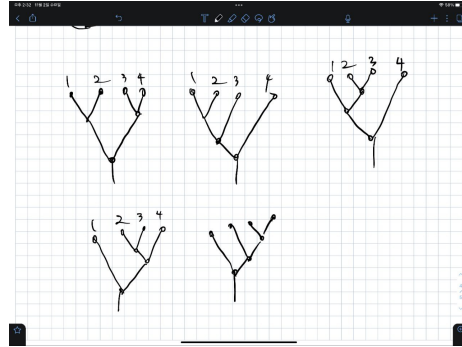


Figure 1: binary tree

ucts of  $n$  variables, binary trees with  $n$  leaves)

**Example 10.** Figure 2 is the bijection between the sets.

## 1.8 Product of exponential generating functions

$$A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$B(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$$



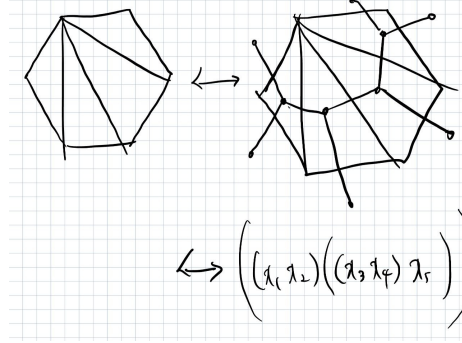


Figure 2: bijections

$$A(x)B(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \text{ where } c_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a_i b_{n-i}$$

It means number of ways to partition on  $n$ -set into two ordered blocks and create structure “A” in the first block and structure “B” in the second block.

**Remark** If “A” = “B”, then  $\frac{A(x)^2}{2!}$  = e.g.f for the number of ways to create two unordered blocks in an  $n$ -set and create structure “A” in each block.

**Remark** If both blocks of an  $n$ -set has to be non-empty then let  $a_0 = b_0 = 0$

**Example 11.**  $c_n$  = number of ways to color  $n$  labeled balls with red and blue so that an even number of balls are colored red and an odd number of balls are colored blue.

$c_n = 0$  if  $n$  is even.  $c_n = 2^{n-1}$  if  $n$  is odd.

$$R(x) = \text{e.g.f for } (1, 0, 1, 0, \dots) = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$B(x) = \text{e.g.f for } (0, 1, 0, 1, \dots) = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n \frac{x^n}{n!} &= C(x) = R(x) \cdot B(x) \\ &= \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \left( 1 + 2x + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) - \left( 1 - 2x + \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} - \dots \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0, n \text{ odd}} 2^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n!} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 12.** Dearangement (revisited)

$$P(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} n! \frac{x^n}{n!} = \sum_{n \geq 0} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x} = \text{e.g.f for } \{|S_n| = n!\}$$

$$I(X) = \sum_{n \geq 0} 1 \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x$$

= e.g.f for the number of identity permutations on an  $n$ -set

= e.g.f for the sequence  $(1, 1, 1, \dots)$

$$D(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} d_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \text{ where } d_n = \text{number of dearangements on an } n\text{-set}$$

$P(x) = I(x)D(x)$  because a permutations on an  $n$ -set is obtained by

1. partitioning the  $n$ -set into two ordered blocks.
2. create the identity permutations on the first block and create a dearangement on the second block.

$$\therefore D(x) = P(x)I(x)^{-1} = \frac{e^{-x}}{1-x}$$

### PS3 #7

number of involutions in  $S_n$  = number of partial matchings with  $n$  verticies =  $a_n$

partial matching = degree 1 graphs = collection of disjoint edges and vertices.

$\sigma \in S_n$  is an involution if  $\sigma = id$ , i.e.,  $\sigma$  is a product of disjoint transpositions cycles of length 2.

partial matchings is

1. Split  $[n]$  into two blocks.
2. Create a perfect matching in the first block and leave the second block untouched.

For PS3 #7 (a), check that  $a_n = a_{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-2}$  with  $a_0 = a_1 = 1$ .  
(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^{x + \frac{x^2}{2}} \\
 &= 1 + \left(x + \frac{x^2}{2}\right) + \frac{\left(x + \frac{x^2}{2}\right)^2}{2!} + \dots \\
 &= 1 + x + \sum_{n \geq 2} (a_{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-2}) \frac{x^n}{n!}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= 1 + \sum_{n \geq 2} a_{n-1} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} + \sum_{n \geq 2} a_{n-2} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-2)!} \\
 &= 1 + (f(x) - 1) + x f(x) \\
 &\Rightarrow f'(x) = (1+x)f(x) \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = 1+x \\
 &\Rightarrow f(x) = e^{x + \frac{x^2}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g(x) = e^{x + \frac{x^2}{2}} = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$ .

Since  $g'(x) = (1+x)g(x)$ .

We can check that  $b_n = b_{n-1} + (n-1)b_{n-2}$  with  $b_0 = b_1 = 1$ .

Then  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  satisfies the same recurrence relations

$$\therefore \forall n \quad a_n = b_n$$

Review:  $S(n, k)$  = Stirling numbers of the second kind.

$k!S(n, k)$  = number of all surjective functions  $f : [n] \rightarrow k$  ( $k$  fixed)

$= \sum_{(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)} \binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k}$  where the sum is over all compositions  $(n_1, \dots, n_k)$

of  $n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow S(n, k) &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{(n_1, \dots, n_k)} \binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k} \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \times \left( \text{coefficient of } \frac{x^n}{n!} \text{ in } (e^x - 1)^k \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{(n_1, \dots, n_k)} \binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k} \overbrace{1 \cdot 1 \cdots 1}^{k \text{ times}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} S(n, k) \frac{x^n}{n!} = \frac{(e^x - 1)^k}{k!}$$

**Corollary 2.**

$f_n =$  number of surjections  $[n] \rightarrow [k]$

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} f_n \frac{x^n}{n!} = (e^x - 1)^k$$

Exercise. Let  $g_n =$  number of surjections with  $|f^{-1}(i)| \geq 3 \ \forall i \in [k]$ . Find  $\sum_{n \geq 0} g_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let  $A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$  where  $a_n =$  number of ways to create structure “ $A$ ” on an  $n$ -set.

Then

$$\frac{A(x)^k}{k!} = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

where  $b_n =$  number of ways to

1. partition an  $n$ -set into unordered  $k$  blocks
2. create structure “ $A$ ” in each block.

*Proof.* clear. □

**Example 13.**  $c(n, k) =$  number of ways to create  $k$  cycles on  $[n]$ .

Let  $A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} (n-1)! \frac{x^n}{n!} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x^n}{n} = -\log(1-x) = \log\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)$ .

$(n-1)!$  is the number of ways to create one cycle of length  $n$

$$\therefore \sum_{n \geq 0} c(n, k) \frac{x^n}{n!} = \frac{\log \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right)^k}{k!}$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$  ( $n \geq 1$ )

$$e^{A(x)} = \exp \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad (b_0 = 1)$$

where  $b_n$  = number of ways to partition an  $n$ -set into unordered non-empty blocks and create structure “ $A$ ” in each block.

**Proof.**

$$e^{A(x)} = 1 + A(x) + \frac{A(x)^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{A(x)^k}{k!} + \cdots$$

coefficient of  $\frac{x^n}{n!}$  in  $e^{A(x)} = \sum_{k \geq 1}$  coefficient of  $\frac{x^n}{n!}$  in  $\frac{A(x)^k}{k!}$

which means the number of ways to partition an  $n$ -set into unordered non-empty blocks and create structure “ $A$ ” in each block.  $\square$

**Example 14.**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} B(n) \frac{x^n}{n!} &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \left( \sum_{k \geq 0} S(n, k) \right) \frac{x^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} S(n, k) \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{(e^x - 1)^k}{k!} = e^{e^x - 1} \end{aligned}$$

where  $B(n)$  is Bell number.

**Example 15.**

$$A(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x^n}{n!} = \log \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{1-x} &= \sum n! \frac{x^n}{n!} \\
&= \sum_{n \geq 0} |S_n| \frac{x^n}{n!} \\
&= e^{A(x)} = e^{\log(\frac{1}{1-x})} = \frac{1}{1-x}
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 16.** number of simple graphs on the vertex set  $[n] = 2^{\binom{n}{2}}$ . Simple graph is a compound structure given by connected graphs.

graph figure

Let  $f(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} d_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$  where  $d_n$  = number of connected graphs on an  $n$ -vertex set.

We know that  $2^{\binom{n}{2}}$  = number of simple graphs on  $n$ -vertices.

$$\begin{aligned}
e^{f(x)} &= \sum_{n \geq 0} 2^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \left( \binom{0}{2} = \binom{1}{2} = 0 \right) \\
f(x) &= \log \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} 2^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) \\
\stackrel{diff}{\Rightarrow} f'(x) &= \frac{aaa'}{aaa}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \sum_{n \geq 1} n d_n \frac{x^{n-1}}{n!} \right) \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} 2^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{x^{n-1}}{n!} \right) = \sum_{n \geq 0} n 2^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

By comparing the coefficient of  $\frac{x^n}{n!}$  on both sides.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{i} i \cdot d_i 2^{\binom{n-i}{2}} = n 2^{\binom{n}{2}}$$

$$n = 1 : d_1 = 1$$

$$n = 2 : \binom{2}{1} d_1 + \binom{2}{2} d_2 = 2 \cdot 2$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 = 1, d_3 = 4$$

**Definition 2.** Tree = a connected acyclic group

Cayley: number of spanning trees in  $K_n = n^{n-2}$

**Example 17.**  $n = 3 : 3^1 = 3$

3 spanning tree grim

$n = 4 : 4^2 = 16$

4 spanning tree grim

**Definition 3.** Forest = a disjoint union of trees

**Example 18.** For  $n = 3$ ,

forest grim

Define tree generating function.

$$T(x) = \sum_{n \geq 1} n^{n-2} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$e^{T(x)} = \sum_{n \geq 0} r_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

where  $r_n$  is the number of spanning forests in  $K_n$

$$e^{T(x)} = 1 + T(x) + \frac{T(x)^2}{2!} + \dots$$

We can think coefficient of  $\frac{x^n}{n!}$  in  $\frac{T(x)^k}{k!}$  ( $k \geq 0$ )

coef pyo

Define  $f$ -vector of  $K_n$

$$f_{K_n} = (f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{n-1})$$

$$f_{K_4} = (1, 6, 15, 16) \quad (15^2 \geq 6 \cdot 16)$$

$$f_{K_5} = (1, 10, 45, 110, 123) \quad (45^2 \geq 10 \cdot 110)$$

$$f_{K_6} = (1, 15, 105, 435, 1080, 1296)$$

Log-cocavity of  $f_{K_n}$  (proved by Heo)

Define an alternating sum

$$\alpha(K_n) = f_{n-1} - f_{n-2} + f_{n-3} - \dots \pm f_0$$

$n$	2	3	4	5	6
$\alpha(K_n)$	0	1	6	61	560

$$-e^{-T(x)} = 1 - T(x) + \frac{T(x)^2}{2!} - \cdots = \sum_{n \geq 0} \alpha(K_n) \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

### 1.9 Generating Functions for Number Partitons

We know  $p(n)$  = number of partitons  $\lambda = \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots$  of  $n$  = number of weak solutions to  $a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 + \cdots + na_n = n$

**Theorem 3.**

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p(n)x^n = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{1-x^i}$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{1-x^i} &= \frac{1}{1-x} \cdot \frac{1}{1-x^2} \cdots \\ &= (1+x+x^2+\cdots)(1+x^2+x^4+\cdots)\cdots \end{aligned}$$

coefficient of  $x^n$  = number of sequence  $(a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_n)$  satisfying  $a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + na_n = n$  is  $p(n)$  □

$p_d(n)$  = number of partitions of  $n$  with distinct part.

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p_d(n)x^n = \prod_{i \geq 1} (1+x^i)$$

$p_o(n)$  = number of partitions of  $n$  with parts that are odd only.

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p_o(n)x^n = \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{1-x^{2i-1}}$$

Euler.  $p_d(n) = p_o(n)$



**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod_{i \geq 1} (1 + x^i) &= (1 + x)(1 + x^2)(1 + x^3) \cdots \\
&= \frac{1 - x^2}{1 - x} \frac{1 - x^4}{1 - x^2} \frac{1 - x^6}{1 - x^3} \cdots \\
&= \prod_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - x^{2i-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Combinatorial proof of  $p_d(n) = p_o(n)$

**Lemma 2.**  $t_n$  = number of partitions of  $n$  into distinct powers of 2 = 1  $\forall n$

**Proof.**

$$(1 + x)(1 + x^2)(1 + x^4)(1 + x^8) \cdots = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots$$

□