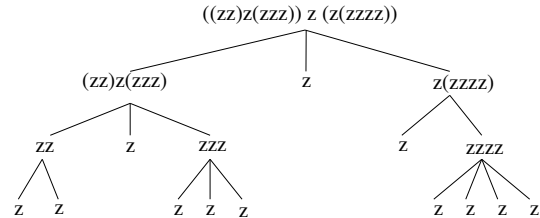


1. [See Lecture 6] Here is a combinatorial class that you have not yet seen. Informally, a *bracketing* is any “legal” way to place parentheses on a non-empty sequence of symbols. For example, there are exactly 11 bracketings of the sequence  $zzzz$ .

$$zzzz, (zz)zz, (zzz)z, z(zz)z, z(zzz), zz(zz), ((zz)z)z, (z(zz))z, z((zz)z), z(z(zz)), (zz)(zz).$$

More formally, the atomic symbol  $z$  is itself a bracketing; and any sequence of two or more consecutive bracketings enclosed by a pair of parentheses is a bracketing. To simplify notation, we have written  $z$  instead of  $(z)$  and we have also removed the outermost parentheses. For example, the bracketing  $zz(zz)$  should be interpreted to be  $((z)(z)((z)(z)))$ . The construction tree for the bracketing  $((zz)z(zzz))z(z(zzzz))$  is shown on the right.



Let  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \cup \mathcal{B}_2 \cup \dots$  be the combinatorial class where  $\mathcal{B}_n$  is the set of bracketings of the sequence  $\underbrace{zz \dots z}_n$ , for  $n \geq 1$ .

- (a) Find a recursive specification for  $\mathcal{B}$  in terms of the atomic class  $\mathcal{Z} = \{z\}$ , the neutral class  $\mathcal{E}$ , and the operators ‘+’, ‘ $\times$ ’ and ‘Seq’.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B} &= \mathcal{Z} + \text{Seq}_{\geq 2}(\mathcal{B}) \\ &= \mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B} \times \text{Seq}(\mathcal{B}).\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Use your specification to show the the OGF for  $\mathcal{B}$  is  $B(z) = \frac{1}{4} (1 + z - \sqrt{1 - 6z + z^2})$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}B(z) &= z + \frac{B(z)^2}{1 - B(z)} \\ B(z)(1 - B(z)) &= z(1 - B(z)) + B(z)^2 \\ B(z) - B(z)^2 &= z - zB(z) + B(z)^2 \\ 0 &= 2B(z)^2 - (z + 1)B(z) + z \\ B(z) &= \frac{z + 1 \pm \sqrt{(z^2 + 2z + 1) - 8z}}{4} \\ &= \frac{z + 1 - \sqrt{1 - 6z + z^2}}{4}\end{aligned}$$

We discarded the the plus sign, since there are no bracketings of size zero, so the 1’s must cancel in the series expansion of the square root.

- (c) Use the formula from part (b) and the following table to find  $B_5$ , the number of bracketings of  $zzzz$ . You may leave your answer in a “basic-calculator ready” form, such as  $B_5 = \frac{3}{8}$ .

$$\left(\frac{13}{35} - \frac{13 \cdot 7}{8} + \frac{17 \cdot 4}{3}\right).$$

$k$	$\binom{1/2}{k}$	$(z^2 - 6z)^k$
1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$z^2 - 6z$
2	$-\frac{1}{8}$	$z^4 - 12z^3 + 36z^2$
3	$\frac{1}{16}$	$z^6 - 18z^5 + 108z^4 - 216z^3$
4	$-\frac{5}{128}$	$z^8 - 24z^7 + 216z^6 - 864z^5 + 1296z^4$
5	$\frac{7}{256}$	$z^{10} - 30z^9 + 360z^8 - 2160z^7 + 6480z^6 - 7776z^5$
6	$-\frac{21}{1024}$	$z^{12} - 36z^{11} + 540z^{10} - 4320z^9 + 19440z^8 - 46656z^7 + 46656z^6$

**Solution:**

(This question is similar to, but harder than #4 above. Probably it is too long for an exam.) We must extract the coefficient of  $z^5$  in  $B(z) = \frac{1}{4}(1 + z - \sqrt{1 - 6z + z^2})$ . Using the extended binomial theorem, we find

$$\begin{aligned} B_5 &= [z^5] \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + z - \sqrt{1 - 6z + z^2}\right) \\ &= 0 + 0 - \frac{1}{4} [z^5] \sqrt{1 - 6z + z^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} [z^5] (1 + (z^2 - 6z))^{1/2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} [z^5] \left( \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{1/2}{k} (z^2 - 6z)^k \right). \end{aligned}$$

From the table provided, we see that the term  $z^5$  only appears in the expansion of  $(z^2 - 6z)^k$  when  $3 \leq k \leq 5$ . Using this table, we find that the number of bracketings of  $zzzzz$  is

$$\begin{aligned} B_5 &= -\frac{1}{4} \left[ \binom{1/2}{3} [z^5] (z^2 - 6z)^3 + \binom{1/2}{4} [z^5] (z^2 - 6z)^4 + \binom{1/2}{5} [z^5] (z^2 - 6z)^5 \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{16} (-18) + \frac{-5}{128} (-864) + \frac{7}{256} (-7776) \right] \quad (\text{for full grade}). \end{aligned}$$

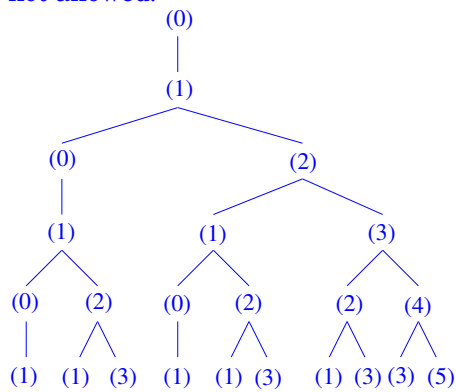
We may optionally simplify this expression by hand.

$$\begin{aligned} B_5 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{9}{8} - \frac{5 \cdot 27}{4} + \frac{7 \cdot 243}{8} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{32} [9 - 270 + 1701] \\ &= \frac{1440}{32} \\ &= 45. \end{aligned}$$

2. [See Lecture 17] Draw the first six levels of the generating tree specified by the rule  $[(0); \{(k) \rightarrow (k-1)(k+1)\}]$ .

**Solution:**

The rule for the root node is actually  $(0) \rightarrow (1)$ , not  $(0) \rightarrow (-1)(1)$ , since negative labels are not allowed.



3. [Lecture 16] The Johnson-Trotter minimal change order for the permutations of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  are the successive rows of the matrix shown at right. Write down the **four** permutations of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  that come immediately after the permutation  $\pi = [3 \ 1 \ 4 \ 2]$  in the Johnson-Trotter order.

1	2	3
1	3	2
3	1	2
3	2	1
2	3	1
2	1	3

**Solution:**

The permutation  $\pi$  belongs to either the block  $\sigma^{\rightarrow}$  or the block  $\sigma^{\leftarrow}$  where  $\sigma = [3 \ 1 \ 2]$ . Since  $\sigma$  is the third row of the matrix shown,  $\pi$  appears in the block  $\sigma^{\leftarrow}$ , so the “4” is shifting to the left on successive steps until it can not move farther, then we continue by listing the elements of  $\sigma'^{\rightarrow}$  where  $\sigma' = [3 \ 2 \ 1]$  is the successor of  $\sigma$ . This gives the next four permutations

3	1	4	2
3	4	1	2
4	3	1	2
4	3	2	1
3	4	2	1

4. [Lecture 7] Write a recursive specification for  $\mathcal{T}$ , the set of plane trees with red and blue nodes, where

- every blue node has no blue children and even number of red children, and
- every red node has either no children or it has exactly one blue child and exactly one red child, in either order.

- (a) Use the notation  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_r + \mathcal{T}_b$  where  $\mathcal{T}_r$  are those trees with a red root. Your specification should be three equations which involve  $\mathcal{T}_b$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_r$  and  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**Solution:**

Since the trees are plane trees, there are two ways to arrange the red and black children of a red node. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}_b &= \mathcal{Z} \times \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{T}_r^2) \\ \mathcal{T}_r &= \mathcal{Z} \times (\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{T}_r \times \mathcal{T}_b + \mathcal{T}_b \times \mathcal{T}_r). \\ \mathcal{T} &= \mathcal{T}_b \cup \mathcal{T}_r\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find a set of equations which, if solved, give the generating function  $T(z)$  for  $\mathcal{T}$ . Do not solve the equations!

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}T_b(z) &= z \frac{1}{1 - T_r(z)^2} \\ T_r(z) &= z(1 + 2T_r(z)T_b(z)). \\ T(z) &= T_b(z) + T_r(z)\end{aligned}$$

5. [Lecture 6] Let  $\mathcal{W}^{(k)}$  be the class of binary strings counted by length, which have no more than  $k$  consecutive 0s. Show that the generating function for  $\mathcal{W}^{(k)}$  is

$$W^{(k)}(z) = \frac{1 - z^{k+1}}{1 - 2z + z^{k+2}}.$$

**Solution:**

We start from a specification for this family. If we break a string from  $\mathcal{W}^{(k)}$  right after each block of zeros, then all blocks except possibly the first and last belong to the class  $\mathcal{B}$  of words consisting of a positive number of ones followed by between 1 and  $k$  zeros.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B} &= 1(1)^* (0 + 00 + 000 + \cdots + \overbrace{00 \dots 0}^k) \\ &= 1(1)^* 0(\epsilon + 0 + 00 + \cdots + \overbrace{00 \dots 0}^{k-1}). \end{aligned}$$

The first block is a sequence of zeros whose length belongs to  $\{0, 1, \dots, k\}$ . The last block is a block of ones of any length (possibly empty).

$$\mathcal{W}^{(k)} = (\epsilon + 0 + 00 + \cdots + \overbrace{00 \dots 0}^k) \mathcal{B}^* 1^*.$$

The generating function for  $(\epsilon + 0 + 00 + \cdots + \overbrace{00 \dots 0}^k)$  is  $1 + z + z^2 + \cdots + z^k = \frac{1 - z^{k+1}}{1 - z}$  (this is a partial geometric series). Another way to see this is to notice that

$$(\epsilon + 0 + 00 + \cdots + \overbrace{00 \dots 0}^k) = 0^* - 0^{k+1} 0^*.$$

Therefore the generating function for  $\mathcal{B}$  is

$$B(z) = z \cdot \frac{1}{1 - z} \cdot z \cdot \frac{1 - z^k}{1 - z} = \frac{z^2 - z^{k+2}}{(1 - z)^2}.$$

So the generating function for  $\mathcal{W}^{(k)}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} W^{(k)}(z) &= \frac{1 - z^{k+1}}{1 - z} \frac{1}{1 - B(z)} \frac{1}{1 - z} \\ &= \frac{1 - z^{k+1}}{(1 - z)^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z^2 - z^{k+2}}{(1 - z)^2}} \quad \text{(There is no need to go beyond here in your solution.)} \\ &= \frac{1 - z^{k+1}}{(1 - z)^2 - (z^2 - z^{k+2})} \\ &= \frac{1 - z^{k+1}}{1 - 2z + z^2 - z^2 + z^{k+2}} \\ &= \frac{1 - z^{k+1}}{1 - 2z + z^{k+2}}. \end{aligned}$$

6. [Lecture 6] Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the set of non-empty rooted planar trees where the number of children that each node has belongs to the set  $\Omega = \{0, 2, 4, 6, \dots\}$  (any even number). The size of a tree in  $\mathcal{T}$  is the number of nodes in the tree. Use Lagrange inversion to compute  $T_n$ , the number of trees in  $\mathcal{T}$  with size  $n$ .

**Solution:**

The recursive combinatorial specification  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{Z} \times \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{T}^2)$  implies that the OGF satisfies

$$T(z) = \frac{z}{1 - (T(z))^2}.$$

We use Lagrange Inversion as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} T(z) &= z \phi(T(z)), \quad \text{where} \quad \phi(u) = \frac{1}{1 - u^2} \\ \phi(u)^n &= \frac{1}{(1 - u^2)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{n-1} u^{2k} \quad (\text{extended binomial theorem}) \\ [u^t] \phi(u)^n &= \begin{cases} \binom{n+k-1}{n-1} = \binom{n+t/2-1}{n-1} & \text{if } t = 2k, \text{ for some integer } k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

By Lagrange inversion we have

$$T_n = \frac{1}{n} [u^{n-1}] \phi(u)^n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \binom{n+(n-1)/2-1}{n-1} & \text{if } n-1 \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

7. [Lecture 14] Find the rank of the word  $s = 101101$  in the reflected binary code  $000000, 000001, 000011, \dots$ .

**Solution:**

The rank, when written in base 2 is the binary sequence  $b$  whose  $i$ th element is the mod 2 sum of the first  $i$  digits of the sequence  $s$ .

$$\begin{aligned} s &= 101101 \\ b &= 110110 \end{aligned}$$

We convert this to decimal, to find that the rank of  $s$  is

$$32 + 16 + 4 + 2 = 54.$$

8. [Lecture 9] Let  $\mathcal{P}_{2n}(x, y)$  be the set of lattice paths that start at  $(x, y)$  and end at  $(2n, 0)$  using *up-steps*  $\nearrow = (1, 1)$  and *down-steps*  $\searrow = (1, -1)$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_{2n}(x, y)$  be the set of paths in  $\mathcal{P}_{2n}(x, y)$  which at some point steps down to the line  $y = -1$ .

- (a) Show that  $|\mathcal{B}_{2n}(0, 0)| = |\mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, -2)|$ .

**Solution:**

We define a function  $\phi : \mathcal{B}_{2n}(0, 0) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, -2)$  and show that  $\phi$  is a bijection. For any path  $P$  in  $\mathcal{B}_{2n}(0, 0)$  we reflect about the line  $y = -1$  the part of  $P$  that precedes the first time that  $P$  touches the line  $y = -1$ . The resulting path belongs to  $\mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, -2)$ . Applying the same construction to any path  $P' \in \mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, -2)$  results in a path in  $P \in \mathcal{B}_{2n}(0, 0)$  for which  $\phi(P) = P'$ . Therefore  $\phi$  is reversible and onto, so  $\phi$  is a bijection and  $|\mathcal{B}_{2n}(0, 0)| = |\mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, -2)|$ .

- (b) Recall that a *Dyck path* of length  $2n$  is any lattice path in  $\mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, 0)$  that does not touch the line  $y = -1$ . Use part (a) and the formula  $|\mathcal{P}_{2n}(x, y)| = \binom{2n}{n - \frac{x+y}{2}}$  and perhaps a bit of algebra to show that the number of Dyck paths of length  $2n$  equals the  $n$ th Catalan number  $\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ .

**Solution:**

The Dyck paths are precisely the paths in  $\mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, 0)$  which are not in  $\mathcal{B}_{2n}(0, 0)$ . The number of such Dyck paths is

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, 0)| - |\mathcal{B}_{2n}(0, 0)| &= |\mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, 0)| - |\mathcal{P}_{2n}(0, -2)| \\ &= \binom{2n}{n} - \binom{2n}{n - \frac{0-2}{2}} \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{n! n!} - \frac{(2n)!}{(n-1)! (n+1)!} \\ &= \frac{(2n)!}{n! n!} - \frac{(2n)!}{n! n!} \frac{n}{n+1} \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{n}{n+1}\right) \frac{(2n)!}{n! n!} \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Recall that a *totally balanced word* of length  $2n$  is any binary sequence  $W = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{2n})$  which can be obtained from a Dyck path of length  $2n$  by writing “0” for each up-step and “1” for each down-step. In other words a binary word  $W$  is totally balanced if

**P1**  $W$  has exactly  $n$  zeros and  $n$  ones,

**P2** no prefix  $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_i)$  of  $W$  has more ones than zeros.

- i. [1 point] What is the last totally balanced word of length  $2n$  in the lexicographic order?

**Solution:**

We want to move each “1” as far to the left as possible in the last word  $W$ . We must not violate condition **P1**, so  $W$  must begin  $(0, 1, \dots)$ . For the same reason,  $W$  must continue as  $(0, 1, 0, 1, \dots)$ , and then as  $(0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots)$ , and so on. Therefore, the last totally balanced word is  $0101 \dots 10$ .

- ii. [2 points] Find the totally balanced word that is the lexicographic successor of  $(0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1)$ .

**Solution:**

We seek the rightmost “0” that can be changed to a “1” without violating condition **P2**. The fifth “0” fails, since changing it results in a word with the prefix  $(0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, \mathbf{1})$ , with four 0s and five 1s. However the fourth “0” can be changed to “1”, without violating **P2**, giving a word of the form  $(0, 1, 0, 0, \mathbf{1}, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ . After this change, by **P1**, the last five digits must have two 0s and three 1s, where as many 0s as possible appear before the first “1”. That is, the successor ends with  $(\dots, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$ . Therefore the successor of  $(0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1)$  is  $(0, 1, 0, 0, \mathbf{1}, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)$ .

9. [See Lecture 8 notes] Let  $\mathcal{L}_{n,k}$  be the listing of the  $k$ -element subsets of  $[n]$  in *reverse lexicographic order*. That is, we represent each  $k$  subset by a decreasing list  $M = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$ ,  $m_1 > m_2 > \dots > m_k$ , and these decreasing lists are sorted lexicographically. The corank of  $M$  is the number of subsets that precede  $M$  in the reverse lexicographic order. For example

$$\mathcal{L}_{5,3} = (3, 2, 1), (4, 2, 1), (4, 3, 1), (4, 3, 2), (5, 2, 1), (5, 3, 1), (5, 3, 2), (5, 4, 1), (5, 4, 2), (5, 4, 3)$$

so  $\text{corank}((5, 3, 2)) = 6$ .

Let  $M = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$  be a list in  $\mathcal{L}_{n,k}$ . For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , let  $c_i(M)$  be the number of lists in  $\mathcal{L}_{n,k}$  which begin with  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{i-1}$  and have all of its remaining elements less than  $m_i$ . For example  $c_1((5, 3, 2)) = 4$ , and  $c_2((5, 3, 2)) = 1$ , and  $c_3((5, 3, 2)) = 1$ .

- (a) Find a formula for  $c_i(M)$  that depends only on the numbers  $k, i$  and  $m_i$ .

**Solution:**

We want to count the lists  $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{i-1}, \ell_i, \ell_{i+1}, \dots, \ell_k)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_{n,k}$  which satisfy

$$m_i > \ell_i > \ell_{i+1} > \dots > \ell_k \geq 1.$$

Here  $\{\ell_i, \ell_{i+1}, \dots, \ell_k\}$  can be any  $(k - i + 1)$ -subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m_i - 1\}$ . So  $c_i = \binom{m_i - 1}{k - i + 1}$ .

- (b) Use your solution to part (a) to find a formula for  $\text{corank}(M)$ , for any  $M = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_{n,k}$ .

**Solution:**

Each predecessor of  $M$  has a smallest index  $i$ , with  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , where its  $i$ th entry is less than  $m_i$ . This predecessor is counted by  $c_i(M)$ , so the number of predecessors of  $M$  equals

$$\text{corank}(M) = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i = \sum_{i=1}^k \binom{m_i - 1}{k - i + 1}.$$

- (c) Let  $(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k) \subseteq [n]$  with  $\ell_1 < \ell_2 < \dots < \ell_k$ . Let  $L = (\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_k)$  and let the *reflection* of  $L$  be the list

$$\tilde{L} = (n + 1 - \ell_1, n + 1 - \ell_2, \dots, n + 1 - \ell_k).$$

Then the elements of  $\tilde{L}$  are listed in decreasing order. Write a formula (that we learned in class) that relates  $\text{rank}(L)$  (in the lexicographic order) and  $\text{corank}(\tilde{L})$ . You do not have to prove the formula.

**Solution:**

$$\text{rank}(L) + \text{corank}(\tilde{L}) = \binom{n}{k} - 1.$$

- (d) State an advantage that the formula from part (c) has, compared to the naïve ranking formula

$$\text{rank}(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{a=\ell_{i-1}+1}^{\ell_i-1} \binom{n-a}{k-i}, \quad \text{where } \ell_1 < \ell_2 < \dots < \ell_k.$$

**Solution:**

Using (b) and (c) together to compute  $\text{rank}(L) = \text{corank}(\tilde{L}) = \binom{n}{k} - 1 - \text{corank}(\tilde{L})$  results in a ranking algorithm which is  $O(k)$ -time, whereas the naïve summation is  $O(n)$ -time (the intervals  $[\ell_{i-1} + 1, \ell_i - 1]$  are disjoint, so the inner sum is executed at most  $n - k$  times). This is a big improvement if  $k$  is substantially smaller than  $n$ .



10. [See Lecture 10] Find and draw the spanning tree with vertex set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ , for some  $n$ , whose Prüfer sequence is  $L = (4, 6, 1, 4)$ .

**Solution:**

The sequence has length  $n - 2 = 4$ , so the vertex set is  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . We write a table listing the degrees of each vertex  $i$  (which equals one plus the number of times  $i$  appears in  $L$ ), finding the highest degree leaf  $x$ , and adding an edge  $x, y$  where  $y$  is the first entry of  $L$ . We decrement the two degrees, delete the first entry from  $L$  and repeat until  $L$  is empty. Then add a final edge joining the last two leaves. We can put the data in a table initialized with  $L$  appearing under column  $y$ .

$d =$							$E$			$d =$							$E$		
$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$		$x$	$y$		$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$		$x$	$y$	
								4		2	1	1	3	1	2			4	
								6	→									6	→
								1										1	
								4										4	

$d =$							$E$			$d =$							$E$		
$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$		$x$	$y$		$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$		$x$	$y$	
2	1	1	3	1	2		5	4		2	1	1	3	1	2		5	4	
								6	→	2	1	1	2	0	2		3	6	→
								1										1	
								4										4	

$d =$							$E$			$d =$							$E$		
$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$		$x$	$y$		$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$		$x$	$y$	
2	1	1	3	1	2		5	4		2	1	1	3	1	2		5	4	
2	1	1	2	0	2		3	6	→	2	1	1	2	0	2		3	6	→
2	1	0	2	0	1		6	1		2	1	0	2	0	1		6	1	
								4		1	1	0	2	0	0		2	4	

$d =$							$E$			$d =$							$E$		
$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$		$x$	$y$		$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$		$x$	$y$	
2	1	1	3	1	2		5	4		2	1	1	3	1	2		5	4	
2	1	1	2	0	2		3	6	→	2	1	1	2	0	2		3	6	
2	1	0	2	0	1		6	1		2	1	0	2	0	1		6	1	
1	1	0	2	0	0		2	4		1	1	0	2	0	0		2	4	
1	0	0	1	0	0					1	0	0	1	0	0		1	4	

Output:

$E = \{\{5, 4\}, \{3, 6\}, \{6, 1\}, \{2, 4\}, \{1, 4\}\}$ .

On the exam, you only have to write out the final table.

11. Find the rank of the permutation  $[p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4 p_5] = [4 \ 2 \ 5 \ 1 \ 3] \in S_5$  when  $S_5$  is listed in lexicographic order. You can leave your answer unsimplified if you wish.

**Solution:**

There are  $3 \cdot 4!$  permutations which begin  $[a \quad \quad \quad]$  with  $a < p_1 = 4$  (here  $a \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ).

There are  $1 \cdot 3!$  permutations which begin  $[4 \ a \quad \quad]$  with  $a < p_2 = 2$  (here  $a \in \{1\}$ ).

There are  $2 \cdot 2!$  permutations which begin  $[4 \ 2 \ a \quad \quad]$  with  $a < p_3 = 5$  (here  $a \in \{1, 3\}$ ).

There are  $0 \cdot 1!$  permutations which begin  $[4 \ 2 \ 5 \ a \quad \quad]$  with  $a < p_4 = 1$  (here  $a \in \emptyset$ ).

There are  $0 \cdot 0!$  permutations which begin  $[4 \ 2 \ 5 \ 1 \ a \quad \quad]$  with  $a < p_5 = 3$  (again  $a \in \emptyset$ ). This counts every permutation which is listed before  $[4 \ 2 \ 5 \ 1 \ 3]$  exactly once, so the rank is

$$3 \cdot 4! + 3! + 2 \cdot 2! = 110.$$