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## 9. Words and Mappings

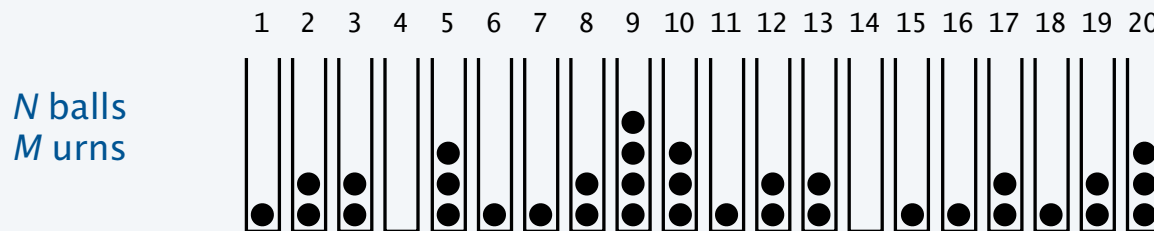
- Words
- Birthday problem
- Coupon collector problem
- Hash tables
- Mappings

## Balls and urns

$N$  rolls of an  $M$ -sided die, count number of occurrences of each value.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34  
 9 12 19 3 5 20 10 17 16 20 13 8 2 13 9 2 15 17 3 9 11 7 18 2 10 1 20 12 10 8 19 5 5 9



Classical *occupancy* problems for an  $M$ -word of length  $N$ :

- Q. Probability that no urn has more than one ball?
- Q. Probability that no urn is empty?
- Q. How many empty urns?
- Q. How many urns with  $k$  balls?

## Occupancy distribution (classical)

$N$  balls,  $M$  urns  
 $\Pr \{\text{given urn has } k \text{ balls}\}$

**Theorem.** The probability that a value occurs  $k$  times in a random  $M$ -word of length  $N$  is

$$\binom{N}{k} \left(\frac{1}{M}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right)^{N-k} \quad \text{Binomial distribution}$$

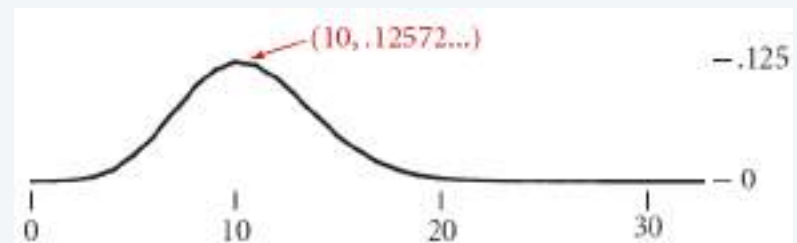
For  $\alpha = N/M$  fixed and  $k = O(1)$ , this is

$$\frac{\alpha^k e^{-\alpha}}{k!} + o(1) \quad \text{Poisson approximation}$$

*Proof.* [See Lecture 4.]



Binomial distribution for  $N = 10^4$  and  $M = 10^3$  ( $\alpha = 10$ ).



Poisson approximation for  $N = 10^4$  and  $M = 10^3$  ( $\alpha = 10$ ).

## Application: Hashing algorithms

### Goal: Provide efficient ways to

- *Insert* key-value pairs in a *symbol table*.
- *Search* the table for the pair corresponding to a given key.



### Strategy

- Develop a *hash function* that maps each key into value between 0 and  $M-1$ .
- Develop a *collision strategy* to handle keys that hash to the same value.

### Basic algorithms (stay tuned)

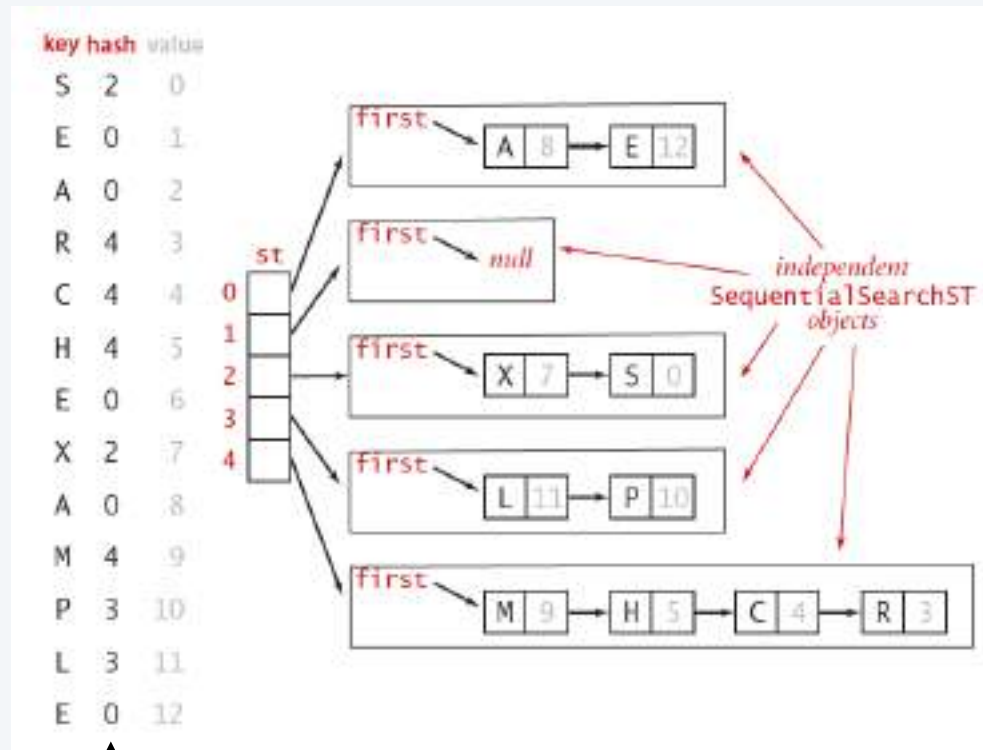
- *Separate chaining*—keep  $M$  linked lists, one for each hash value.
- *Linear probing*—use an array and scan for empty spots on collision.

### Model

- *Uniform hashing assumption*—hash function maps each key in to a *random* value.

## Application: Hashing with separate chaining

Keep M linked lists, one for each hash value.



a random word!



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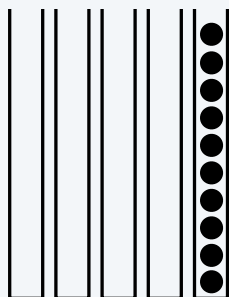
## Application: Hashing with separate chaining

Throw  $N$  balls into  $M$  urns, one at a time.

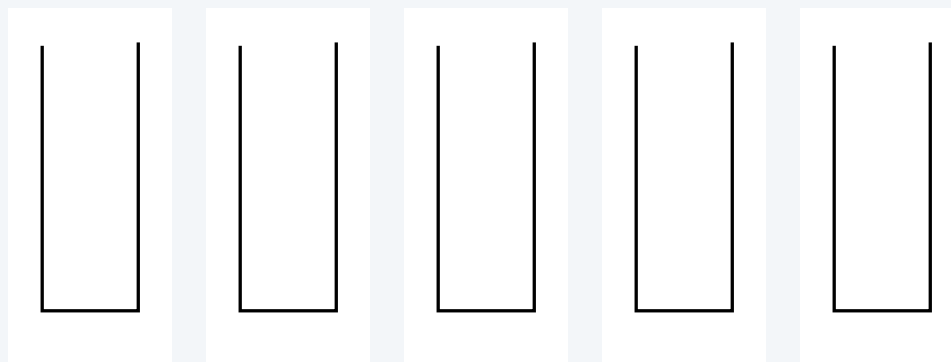


Q. Average number of balls in each urn ?

A. Obvious:  $N/M$



Not much help.



Q. Probability that a given urn has  $k$  balls ?

A.  $\sim \frac{\alpha^k e^{-\alpha}}{k!}$  where  $\alpha = N/M$



But what are the chances they're distributed *evenly*?

## Application: Hashing with separate chaining

Q. If I make sure that  $N/M < \alpha$ , then the average number of probes for a search is  $< \alpha$ .  
What is the chance that a search will use more than  $5\alpha$  probes (under the UHA) ?

A. 
$$\sum_{k>5\alpha} \frac{\alpha^k e^{-\alpha}}{k!} = e^{-\alpha} \sum_{k>5\alpha} \frac{\alpha^k}{k!} < e^{-\alpha} \sum_{k>5\alpha} \frac{\alpha^k}{(k/e)^k} < e^{-\alpha} \sum_{k>5\alpha} \frac{(e\alpha)^k}{(5\alpha)^k}$$
$$< 2e^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{e}{5}\right)^{5\alpha}$$

Stirling's formula



```
% bc - l
scale = 20
2*e(-10)*e(50)/5^50
.000000000000000000530
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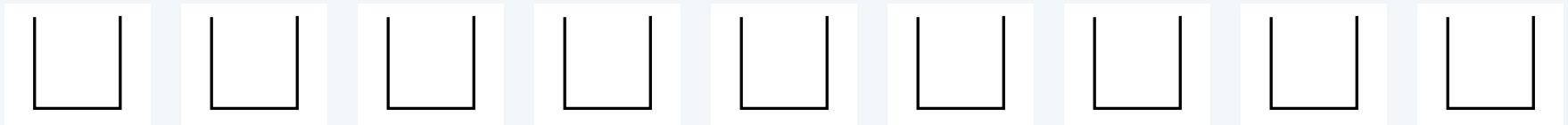
A. For  $\alpha=10$ , less than .00000000000000000054



## Application: Hashing with linear probing

Throw  $N$  balls into  $M$  urns, one at a time.

Resolve collisions by moving right one urn.



Q. Average number of collisions ?



## Application: Hashing with linear probing

Goal: Provide efficient ways to

- *Insert* key-value pairs in a *symbol table*.
- *Search* the table for a given key.

Strategy

- Use a *hash function* as with separate chaining.
- Maintain a table size  $M$  that holds  $N < M$  pairs.
- Probe the next position in the table on collision.

Q. Average number of probes to find one of  $N$  keys?

A. 
$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{N}{M} \frac{N-1}{M} \cdots \frac{N-k+1}{M} \quad (\text{Knuth, 1962})$$

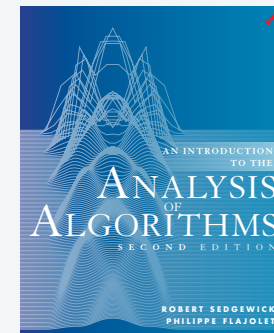
Difficult proof  
Landmark result

$$= Q(M) \sim \sqrt{\pi M/2} \quad \text{when table is full } (N = M-1)$$

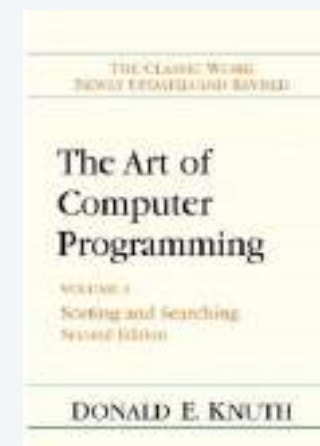
$$\sim \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \quad \text{when table is reasonably sparse } (N/M \text{ is not close to } 1)$$



Section 3.4



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## A footnote

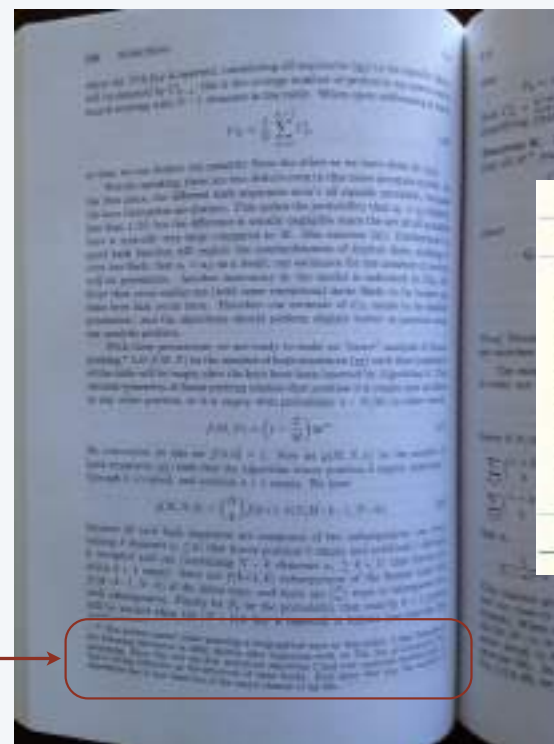
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The only footnote in Knuth's books (p. 529 vol. 3):

"The author cannot resist inserting a biographical note at this point: I first formulated the following derivation in 1962 ... Since this was the first nontrivial algorithm I had ever analyzed satisfactorily, it had a strong influence on the structure of these books."

The origin of the analysis of algorithms



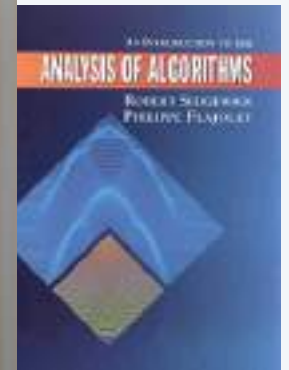
## Another footnote

**Exercise 8.39** Use the symbolic method to analyze linear probing\*.

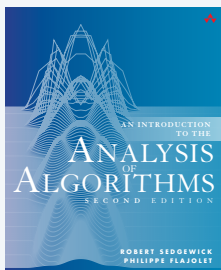
The only footnote in Sedgewick-Flajolet (p. 452):

“The temptation to include one footnote at this point can’t be resisted: *We don’t know the answer to this exercise!*”

A challenge to students and researchers



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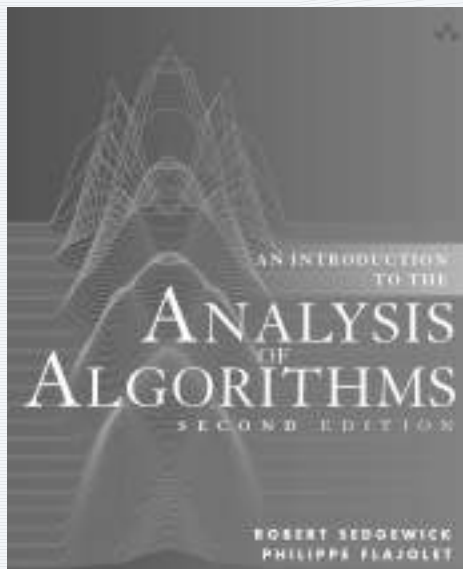


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A. Deep connections to properties of random graphs, tree inversions, gambler’s ruin, path length in trees, properties of mappings, and other classic problems. Explained by an Airy law.

*Linear probing and graphs* (Knuth, 1997)

*On the analysis of linear probing hashing* (Flajolet, Viola, and Poblete, 1997)



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# Mappings

Q. How many *N*-words of length *N*?

1  
 $M_1 = 1$

1 1  
1 2  
2 1  
2 2  
 $M_2 = 4$

|       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 1 1 | 2 1 1 | 3 1 1 |
| 1 1 2 | 2 1 2 | 3 1 2 |
| 1 1 3 | 2 1 3 | 3 1 3 |
| 1 2 1 | 2 2 1 | 3 2 1 |
| 1 2 2 | 2 2 2 | 3 2 2 |
| 1 2 3 | 2 2 3 | 3 2 3 |
| 1 3 1 | 2 3 1 | 3 3 1 |
| 1 3 2 | 2 3 2 | 3 3 2 |
| 1 3 3 | 2 3 3 | 3 3 3 |

$M_3 = 27$

A.  $N^N$

|         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 1 1 1 | 2 1 1 1 | 3 1 1 1 | 4 1 1 1 |
| 1 1 1 2 | 2 1 1 2 | 3 1 1 2 | 4 1 1 2 |
| 1 1 1 3 | 2 1 1 3 | 3 1 1 3 | 4 1 1 3 |
| 1 1 1 4 | 2 1 1 4 | 3 1 1 4 | 4 1 1 4 |
| 1 1 2 1 | 2 1 2 1 | 3 1 2 1 | 4 1 2 1 |
| 1 1 2 2 | 2 1 2 2 | 3 1 2 2 | 4 1 2 2 |
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| 1 1 3 2 | 2 1 3 2 | 3 1 3 2 | 4 1 3 2 |
| 1 1 3 3 | 2 1 3 3 | 3 1 3 3 | 4 1 3 3 |
| 1 1 3 4 | 2 1 3 4 | 3 1 3 4 | 4 1 3 4 |
| 1 1 4 1 | 2 1 4 1 | 3 1 4 1 | 4 1 4 1 |
| 1 1 4 2 | 2 1 4 2 | 3 1 4 2 | 4 1 4 2 |
| 1 1 4 3 | 2 1 4 3 | 3 1 4 3 | 4 1 4 3 |
| 1 1 4 4 | 2 1 4 4 | 3 1 4 4 | 4 1 4 4 |
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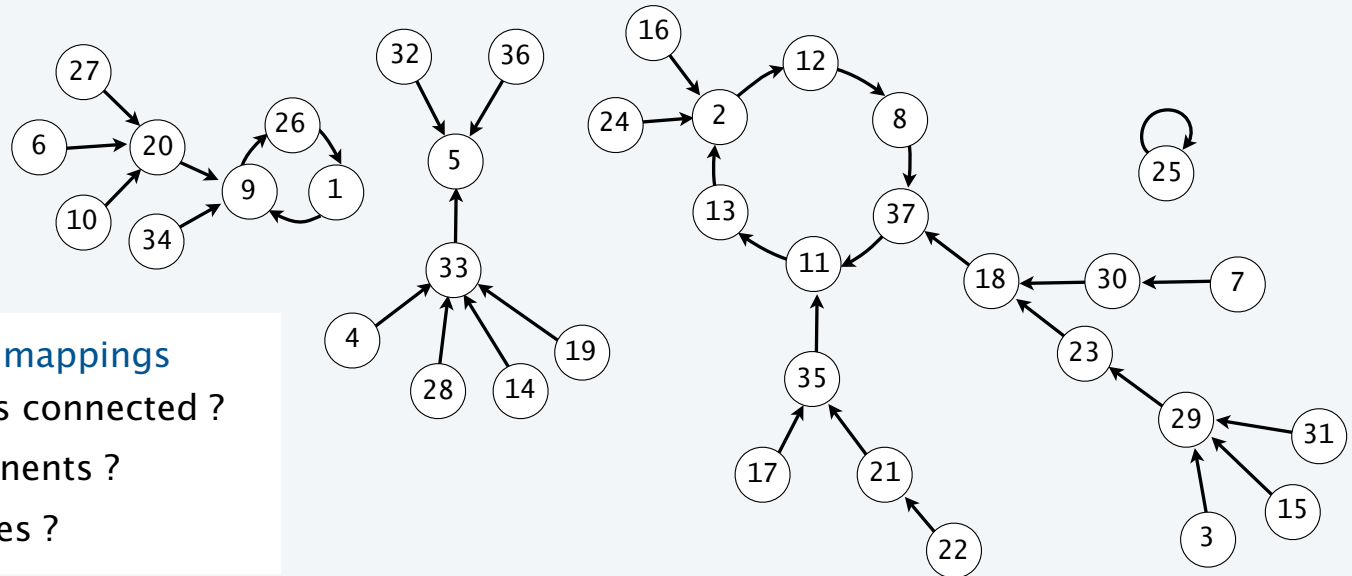
$M_4 = 64$

## Digraph model for mappings

Every mapping corresponds to a **digraph**.

- $N$  vertices,  $N$  edges.
- Every node has outdegree 1.
- Every node has indegree between 0 and  $N$ .

```
1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37
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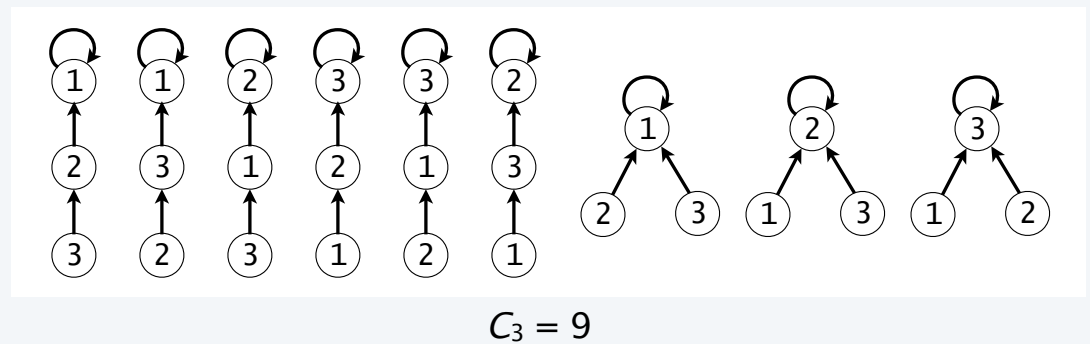
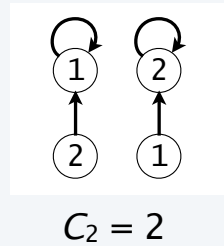
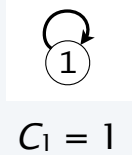


Natural questions about random mappings

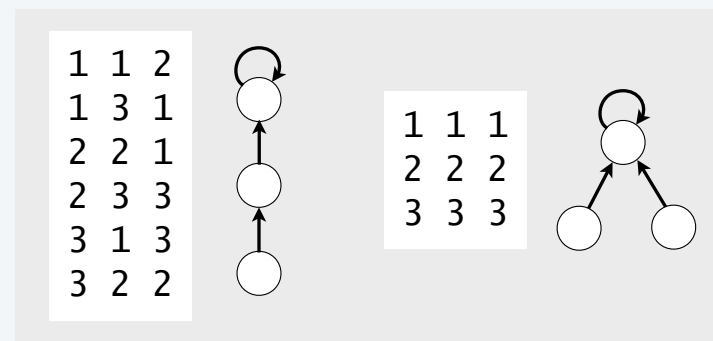
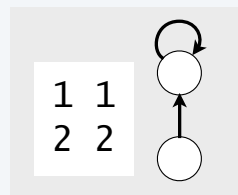
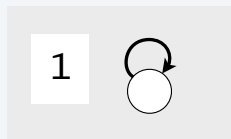
- Probability that the digraph is connected ?
- How many connected components ?
- How many nodes are on cycles ?

# Cayley trees

Q. How many different **labeled rooted unordered trees** of size  $N$ ?



Short form:  $N$ -words grouped with unlabeled trees



A.  $N^{N-1}$  via *Lagrange inversion* (see next slide)

## Lagrange inversion

is a classic method for computing a *functional inverse*.

**Def.** The *inverse* of a function  $f(u) = z$  is the function  $u = g(z)$ .

Ex.  $f(u) = \frac{u}{1-u} \quad g(z) = \frac{z}{1+z}$

### Lagrange Inversion Theorem.

If a GF  $g(z) = \sum_{n \geq 1} g_n z^n$  satisfies the equation  $z = f(g(z))$   
with  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) \neq 0$  then  $g_n = \frac{1}{n} [u^{n-1}] \left( \frac{u}{f(u)} \right)^n$ .

**Proof.** Omitted (best understood via complex analysis).

Ex.  $f(u) = \frac{u}{1-u} \quad g_n = \frac{1}{n} [u^{n-1}] (1-u)^n = (-1)^{n-1}$

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} (-1)^n z^n = \frac{z}{1+z} \quad \checkmark$$

Analytic combinatorics context: A widely applicable analytic transfer theorem



## Lagrange-Bürmann inversion

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A more general (and more useful) formulation:

Lagrange Inversion Theorem (Bürmann form).

If a GF  $g(z) = \sum_{n \geq 1} g_n z^n$  satisfies the equation  $z = f(g(z))$

with  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) \neq 0$  then, for any function  $H(u)$ ,   $H(u) = u$  gives the basic theorem

$$[z^n]H(g(z)) = \frac{1}{n}[u^{n-1}]H'(u)\left(\frac{u}{f(u)}\right)^n$$

Stay tuned for applications.

## Lagrange inversion: classic application

How many binary trees with  $N$  external nodes?

|       |                                     |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Class | $T$ , the class of all binary trees |
| Size  | The number of external nodes        |

Construction

$$T = Z + T \times T$$

OGF equation

$$T(z) = z + T(z)^2$$

$$z = T(z) - T(z)^2$$

Extract coefficients  
by Lagrange inversion  
with  $f(u) = u - u^2$

$$[z^N]T(z) = \frac{1}{N}[u^{N-1}]\left(\frac{1}{1-u}\right)^N$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \binom{2N-2}{N-1} \checkmark$$

Lagrange Inversion Theorem.

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Take  $M = N$  and  $k = N - 1$  in

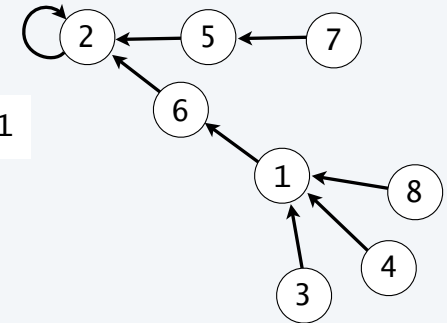
$$\frac{1}{(1-z)^M} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{k+M-1}{M-1} z^k$$

## Cayley trees

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| Class | $\mathcal{C}$ , the class of labeled rooted unordered trees                                      |
| EGF   | $C(z) = \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \frac{z^{ c }}{ c !} \equiv \sum_{N \geq 0} C_N \frac{z^N}{N!}$ |

Example

6 2 1 1 2 2 5 1



Construction

$$C = Z \star (\text{SET}(C)) \quad \leftarrow \text{"a tree is a root connected to a set of trees"}$$

EGF equation

$$C(z) = ze^{C(z)}$$

Extract coefficients  
by Lagrange inversion  
with  $f(u) = u/e^u$

$$\begin{aligned} [z^N]C(z) &= \frac{1}{N} [u^{N-1}] \left( \frac{u}{u/e^u} \right)^N \\ &= \frac{1}{N} [u^{N-1}] e^{uN} = \frac{N^{N-1}}{N!} \end{aligned}$$

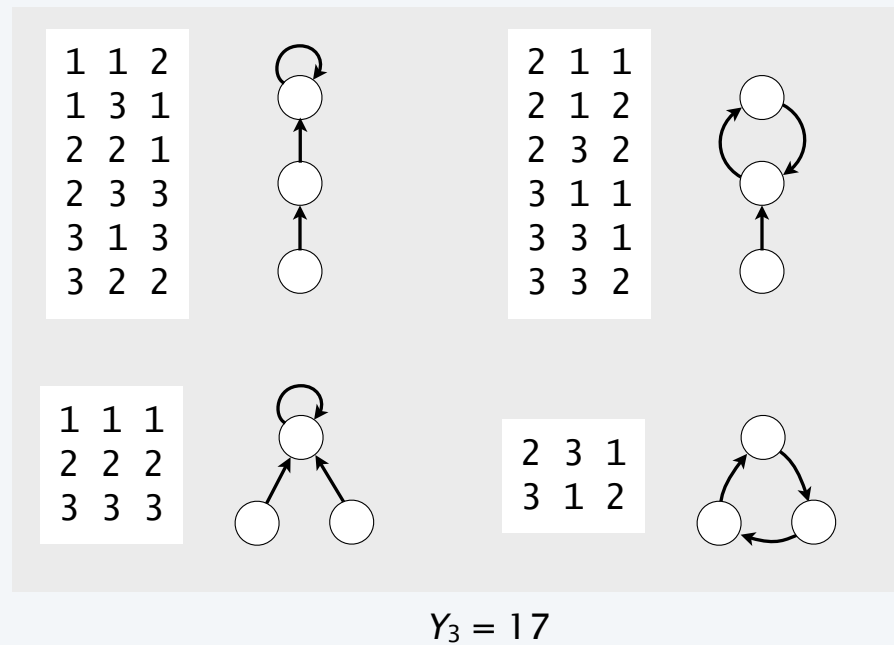
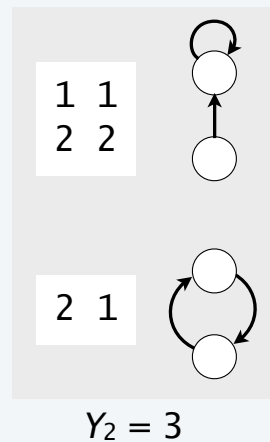
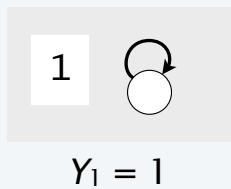
$$C_N = N! [z^N]C(z) = N^{N-1} \checkmark$$

Lagrange Inversion Theorem.

If a CF  $g(z) = \sum_{n \geq 1} g_n z^n$  satisfies the equation  $z = f(g(z))$  with  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) \neq 0$  then  $g_n = \frac{1}{n} [u^{n-1}] \left( \frac{u}{f(u)} \right)^n$ .

## Connected components in mappings

Q. How many different **cycles of Cayley trees** of size  $N$ ?

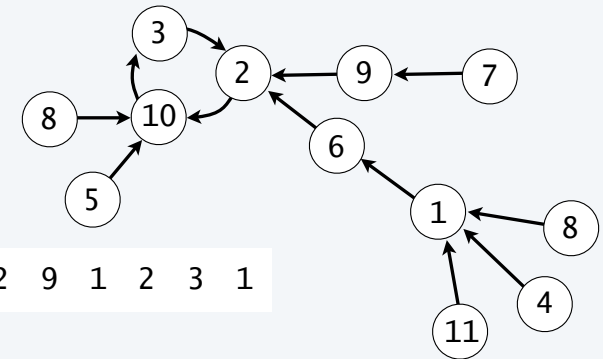


A.  $\sim \frac{N^N \sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2N}}$  (see next slide)

# Connected components in mappings

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| <i>Class</i> | $\mathcal{Y}$ , the class of cycles of Cayley trees  |
| <i>EGF</i>   | $Y(z) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \frac{z^{ y }}{ y !} \equiv \sum_{N \geq 0} Y_N \frac{z^N}{N!}$ |

### Example



## Construction

$$Y = CYC(C)$$

- "a component is a cycle of trees"

## EGF equation

$$Y(z) = \ln \frac{1}{1 - C(z)}$$

Extract coefficients  
by Lagrange inversion  
with  $f(u) = u/e^u$   
and  $H(u) = \ln(1/(1-u))$

$$[z^N]Y(z) = \frac{1}{N}[u^{N-1}]\frac{1}{1-u}e^{uN}$$

$$= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq N} \frac{N^{k-1}}{k!} = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq N} \frac{N^{N-k-1}}{(N-k)!}$$

$$Y_N = N![z^N]Y(z) = N^{N-1} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq N} \frac{N!}{N^k(N-k)!} = N^{N-1}Q(N) \sim \frac{N^N \sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2N}}$$

Lagrange Inversion Theorem (Bürmann form),

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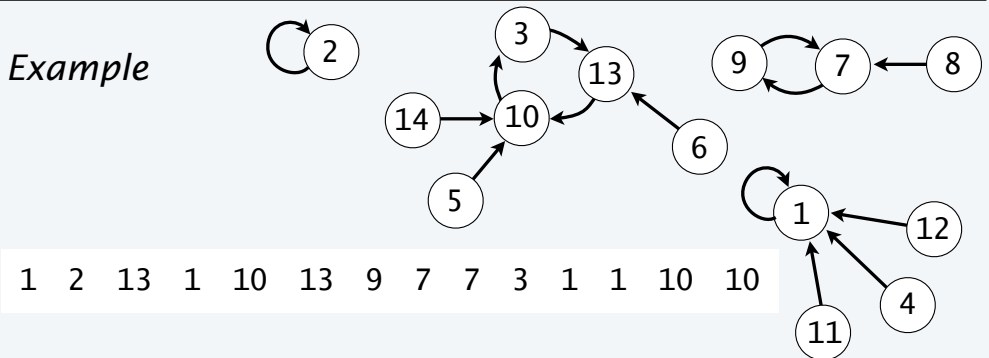
with  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) \neq 0$  then, for any function  $H(u)$ ,

$$[z^n]H(g(z)) = \frac{1}{n}[u^{n-1}]H'(u)\left(\frac{u}{f(u)}\right)^n$$

# Mappings

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| Class | $M$ , the class of mappings  |
| EGF   | $M(z) = \sum_{m \in M} \frac{z^{ m }}{ m !} \equiv \sum_{N \geq 0} M_N \frac{z^N}{N!}$ |

Example



Construction

$$M = SET(CYC(C))$$

← "a mapping is a set of cycles of trees"

EGF equation

$$M(z) = \exp\left(\ln \frac{1}{1 - C(z)}\right) = \frac{1}{1 - C(z)}$$

Extract coefficients  
by Lagrange-Bürmann  
with  $f(u) = u/e^u$   
and  $H(u) = 1/(1-u)$

$$[z^N]M(z) = \frac{1}{N} [u^{N-1}] \frac{1}{(1-u)^2} e^{uN}$$

$$= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq N} (N-k) \frac{N^{k-1}}{k!} = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq N} \frac{N^k}{k!} - \sum_{1 \leq k \leq N} \frac{N^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} = \frac{N^N}{N!}$$

$$M_N = \boxed{N^N} \checkmark$$

Lagrange Inversion Theorem (Bürmann form).

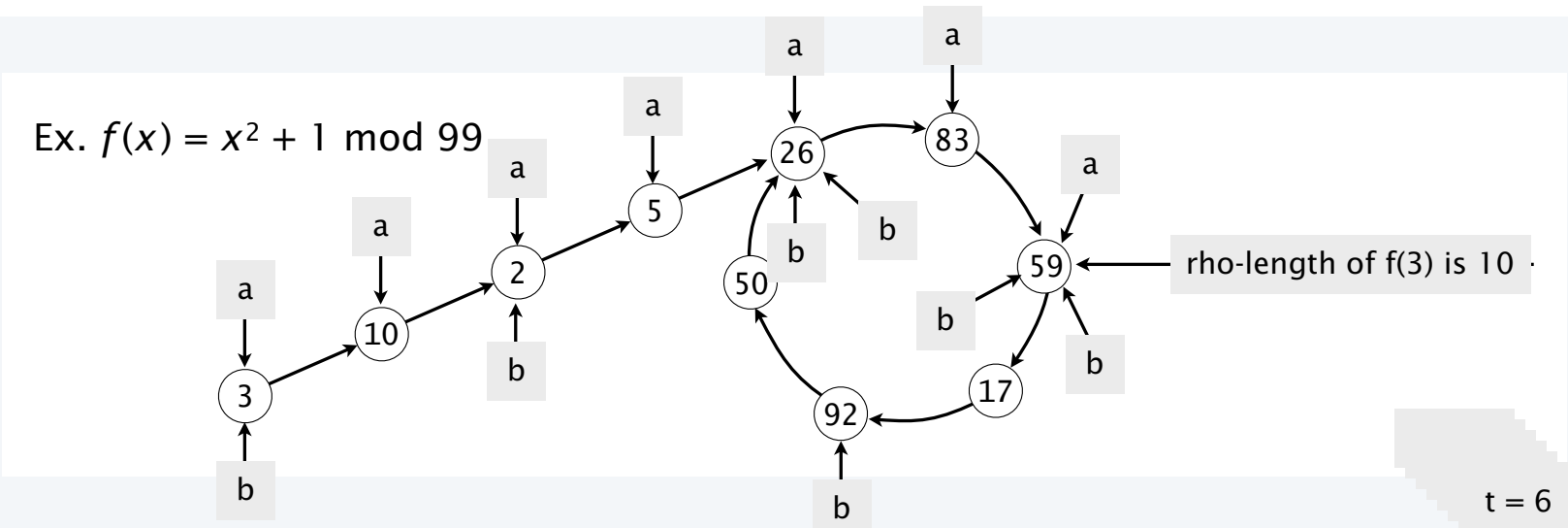
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$$[z^n]H(g(z)) = \frac{1}{n} [u^{n-1}] H'(u) \left( \frac{u}{f(u)} \right)^n$$

## Rho length

**Def.** The *rho-length* of a function at a given point is the number of iterates until it repeats.



**Q.** Algorithm to compute rho length ?

**A.** Symbol table? NO, rho length may be huge.

**A.** Floyd's "*tortoise-and-hare*" algorithm

**Floyd's algorithm**

```
int a = x, b = f(x), t = 0;
while (a != b)
{ a = f(a); b = f(f(b)); t++; }
// rho-length of f(a) is between t and 2t
```

## Mapping parameters

are available via EBGFs based on the same constructions

### Ex 1. Number of components

**Construction**  $M = SET(uCYC(C))$

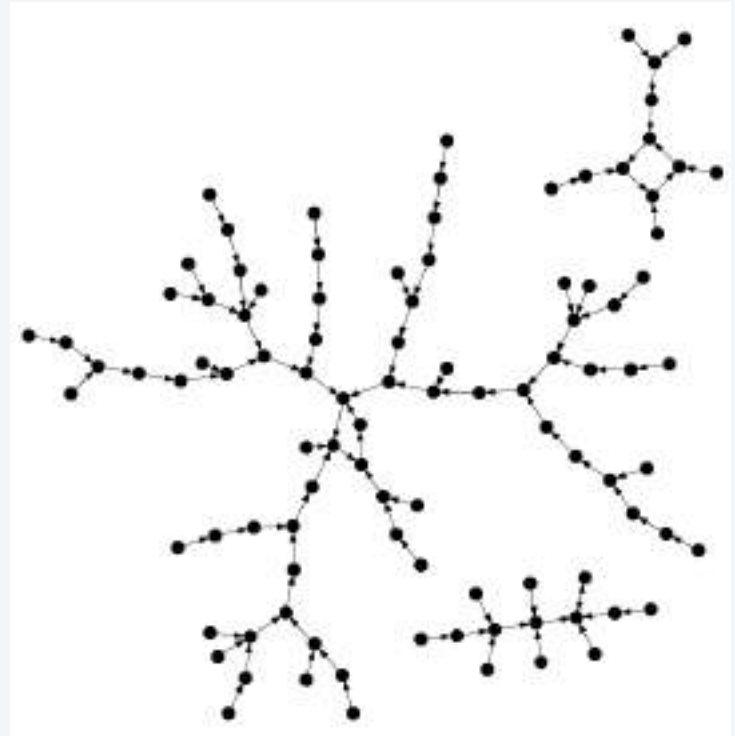
**EGF equation**  $M(z) = \exp\left(u \ln \frac{1}{1 - C(z)}\right) = \frac{1}{(1 - C(z))^u}$

### Ex 2. Number of trees (nodes on cycles)

**Construction**  $M = SET(CYC(uC))$

**EGF equation**  $M(z) = \exp\left(\ln \frac{1}{1 - uC(z)}\right) = \frac{1}{1 - uC(z)}$

Stay tuned to Part II for asymptotics.



Q. # of components?

A.  $\ln \sqrt{N}$

Q. # of trees?

A.  $\sqrt{\pi N}$

Q. Tail length?

A.  $\sqrt{\pi N/8}$

Q. Rho length?

A.  $\sim \sqrt{\pi N/2}$



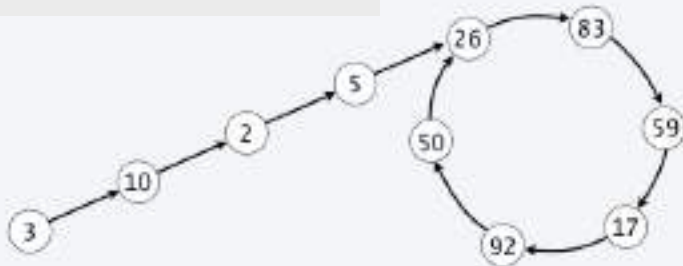
## Application: Pollard's rho-method for factoring

factors an integer  $N$  by iterating a random quadratic function to find a cycle.

Q. How does it work ?

A. Iterate  $f(x) = x^2 + c$  until finding a cycle ala Floyd's algorithm.  
Use a random value of  $c$  and start at a random point.

Ex.  $N = 99$  (with  $c = 1$ )



### Pollard's algorithm

```
long a = (long) (Math.random()*N), b = a;
long c = (long) (Math.random()*N), d = 1;
while (d == 1)
{
    a = (a*a + c) % N;
    b = (b*b + c)*(b*b + c) + c % N;
    if (a > b) d = gcd((a - b) % N, N);
    else      d = gcd((b - a) % N, N);
}
// d is a factor of N.
```

|   |   |    |    |    |
|---|---|----|----|----|
| a | 3 | 10 | 2  | 5  |
| b | 3 | 2  | 26 | 59 |
| d | 1 | 1  | 1  | 3  |

✓

need arbitrary-precision  
integer arithmetic  
package in real life

## Application: Pollard's rho-method for factoring

factors an integer  $N$  by iterating a random quadratic function to find a cycle.

Q. How does it work ?

A. Iterate  $f(x) = x^2 + c$  until finding a cycle ala Floyd's algorithm.  
Use a random value of  $c$  and start at a random point.

Q. Why does it work ?

A. Easy if you know number theory.

Q. How many iterations ?

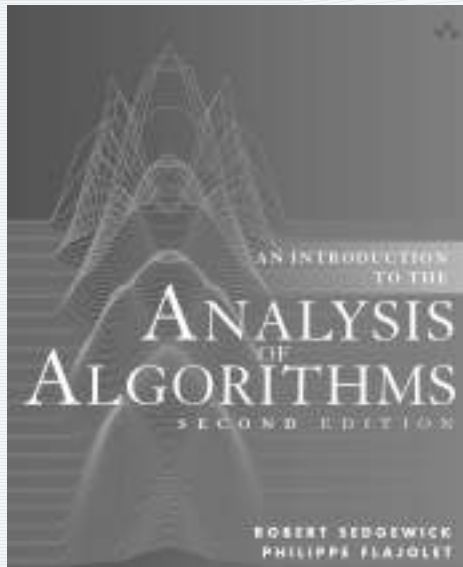
A.  $\sim \sqrt{\pi N/2}$  if random quadratic functions are asymptotically equivalent to random mappings.

### Pollard's algorithm

```
long a = (long) (Math.random()*N), b = a;
long c = (long) (Math.random()*N), d = 1;
while (d == 1)
{
    a = (a*a + c) % N;
    b = (b*b + c)*(b*b + c) + c % N;
    if (a > b) d = gcd((a - b) % N, N);
    else      d = gcd((b - a) % N, N);
}
// d is a factor of N.
```

"magic" if you don't

conjectured to be true  
but still open



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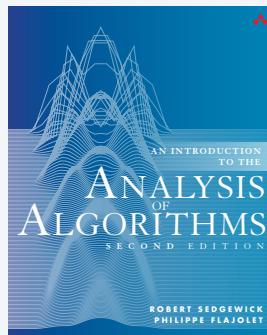
## 9. Words and Mappings

- Words
- Birthday problem
- Coupon collector problem
- Hash tables
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## Exercise 9.5

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Being *really* sure that the birthday trick will work.

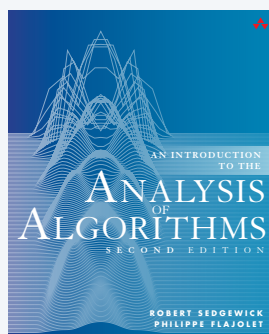


**Exercise 9.5** For  $M = 365$ , how many people are needed to be 99% sure that two have the same birthday?

## Exercise 9.38

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Abel's binomial theorem (easier than it looks).



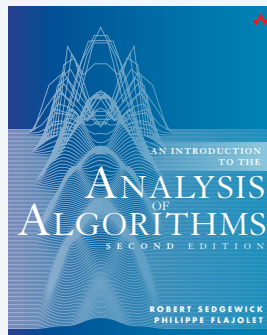
**Exercise 9.38** (“Abel’s binomial theorem.”) Use the result of the previous exercise and the identity  $e^{(\alpha+\beta)C(z)} = e^{\alpha C(z)} e^{\beta C(z)}$  to prove that

$$(\alpha + \beta)(n + \alpha + \beta)^{n-1} = \alpha\beta \sum_k \binom{n}{k} (k + \alpha)^{k-1} (n - k + \beta)^{n-k-1}.$$

## Exercise 9.99

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[Not in the book, but should be there.]



**Exercise 9.99** Show that the probability that a random mapping of size  $N$  has no singleton cycles is  $\sim N/e$ , the same as for permutations (!).

## Assignments

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1. Read pages 473-542 in text.



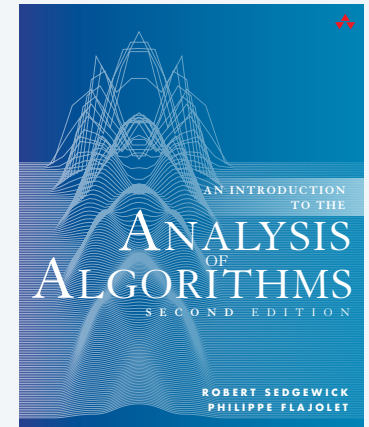
2. Run experiments to validate mathematical results.

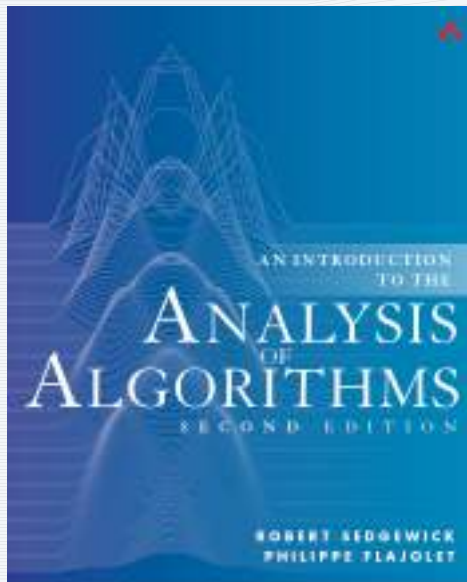


**Experiment 9.1.** Implement linear probing hashing and run experiments for  $N = 1$  million and  $M = 900,000$  to validate the prediction from Knuth's analysis that about 5.5 probes should be needed, on average, for a successful search.

**Experiment 9.2.** [Exercise 9.51] Write a program to find the rho length and tree path length of a random mapping. Generate 1000 random mappings for  $N$  as large as you can and compute the average number of cycles, rho length, and tree path length.

3. Write up solutions to Exercises 9.5, 9.38, and 9.99.





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