Week 3 Exercises

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Lecture 4

Note IV.28

Supernecklaces.

A "supernecklace" of the 3rd type is a labelled cycle of cycles (see page 125). Draw all the supernecklaces of the 3rd type of size n for n = 1, 2, 3, and 4. Then develop an asymptotic estimate of the number of supernecklaces of size n by showing that

$$[z^n] \ln \Bigl(rac{1}{1-\lnrac{1}{1-z}}\Bigr) \sim rac{1}{n} (1-e^{-1})^{-n}$$

Hint: Take derivatives.

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