Combinatorics Cheat Sheet

#### Useful formulas

 $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$  — number of ways to choose k objects out of n  $\binom{n+k-1}{k-1}$  — number of ways to choose k objects out of n with repetitions

permutations of n elements with k cycles — Stirling numbers of the first kind; number of

$${n+1 \brack m} = n {n \brack m} + {n \brack m-1}$$

$$(x)_n = x(x-1)\dots x - n + 1 = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} {n\brack k} x^k$$

of partitions of set 1,...,n into k disjoint subsets.  ${n+1 \brace m} = k \begin{Bmatrix} n \\ k \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} n \\ k-1 \end{Bmatrix}$  $\binom{m}{m}$  — Stirling numbers of the second kind; number

$${n+1 \choose m} = k{n \choose k} + {n \choose k-1}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \brace k}(x)_k = x^n$$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} {2n \choose n} - \text{Catalan numbers}$$

$$C(x) = \frac{1-\sqrt{1-4x}}{2x}$$

#### Binomial transform

If 
$$a_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} {n \choose k} b_k$$
, then  $b_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^{n-k} {n \choose k} a_k$ 

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$$a = (1, x, x^2, ...), b = (1, (x+1), (x+1)^2, ...)$$

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$$a_i = i^k, b_i = \binom{n}{i} i!$$

#### Burnside's lemma

shifts of array, rotations and symmetries of  $n \times n$ Let G be a group of action on set X (Ex.: cyclic

action f that transforms x to y: f(x) = y. Call two objects x and y equivalent if there is an

calculated as follows: CThe number of equivalence classes then can be lculated as follows:  $C = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{f \in G} |X^f|$ , where  $X^f$ 

is the set of fixed points of  $f: X^f = \{x | f(x) = x\}$ 

### Generating functions

Ordinary generating function (o.g.f.) for sequence

$$a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n, \dots \text{ is } A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$$

Exponential generating function (e.g.f.)

sequence  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n, \dots$  is  $A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i$  $B(x) = A'(x), b_{n-1} = n \cdot a_n$ 

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$$c_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} a_k b_{n-k}$$
 (o.g.f. convolution)
$$c_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} a_k b_{n-k} \text{ (e.g.f. convolution, compute}$$
with FFT using  $\widetilde{a_n} = \frac{a_n}{n!}$ )

## General linear recurrences

algorithm in  $O(n \log^2 n)$ . also can compute all  $a_n$  with Divide-and-Conquer If  $a_n =$  $\sum_{k=1}^{n} b_k a_{n-k}, \text{ then } A(x)$ 

# Inverse polynomial modulo x'

Given A(x), find B(x) s  $A(x)B(x) = 1 + x^{l} \cdot Q(x) \text{ for some } Q(x)$ 

- 1. Start with  $B_0(x) = \frac{1}{a_0}$
- $B_{k+1}(x) = (-B_k(x)^2 A(x) + 2B_k(x)) \mod x^{2^{k+1}}$

## Fast subset convolution

Given array  $a_i$  of size  $2^k$ , calculate  $b_i =$ 

### Hadamard transform

size  $2 \times 2 \times \ldots \times 2$ , calculate FFT of that array: Treat array a of size  $2^k$  as k-dimentional array