

# Homework 10

- a) Let "R" represent traveling right and "U" represent traveling down. Clearly, the shortest path consists of  $n=9$  "U"s and  $n=9$  "R"s — each path is just a  $2n=18$  length string. All the shortest paths are just the number of  $2n$  strings choosing  $n$  positions. In general, for an  $n \times n$ , there are  $\binom{2n}{n}$  shortest paths.

$$\boxed{\binom{18}{9} = 48620}$$

- b) Label the grid like a normal  $(x,y)$  graph, so Tom is at  $(0,0)$  and Jerry is at  $(9,9)$ .

Through  $X'$ :

ways to get to  $(3,3) = \binom{6}{3}$

ways to get from  $(3,3)$  to  $(9,9) = \binom{12}{6}$

ways from  $(3,3)$  to  $(9,9)$  through  $X'$ :  $\binom{12}{6} \frac{1}{2}$

since  $x$  is traversed for all paths that initially go right, but none that go up first

$$\Rightarrow \binom{6}{3} \binom{12}{6} \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{9240}$$

through  $y'$ :

$\binom{9}{5}$  ways to get to  $(5,4)$

$\binom{8}{4}$  ways to get from  $(5,5) \rightarrow (9,9)$

$$\Rightarrow \binom{9}{5} \binom{8}{4} = \boxed{8820}$$

through  $X \& Y'$ :

$\binom{6}{3}$  ways to get to  $(3,3)$

$\binom{2}{1}$  ways to get from  $(4,3)$  to  $(5,4)$

$\binom{8}{4}$  ways from  $(5,5)$  to  $(9,9)$

$$\Rightarrow \binom{6}{3} \cdot \binom{2}{1} \cdot \binom{8}{4} = \boxed{2800}$$



Neither X nor Y:  $48620 - 2800 = \boxed{45820}$

c) through Z:  $\binom{11}{4} \cdot \binom{7}{2} = \boxed{6930}$

through W:  $\binom{15}{7} \cdot \binom{3}{1} = \boxed{19305}$

through Z & W:  $\binom{11}{4} \binom{4}{1} \binom{3}{1} = \boxed{3960}$

Neither:  $48620 - 3960 = \boxed{44660}$

d) 
$$\frac{\binom{6}{3} \binom{2}{1} \binom{5}{2} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{18}{9}} = \boxed{.02468}$$

**Problem 2**  $n=10$   $k=4 \rightarrow 14$  packets

a) All:  $(.9)^{14} \approx \boxed{.2288}$

All but 1:  $\binom{14}{1} (.1) (.9)^{13} = \boxed{.3558}$

All but 2:  $\binom{14}{2} (.1)^2 (.9)^{12} \approx \boxed{.257}$

b) She can only tolerate  $k=4$  errors:  
 $\binom{14}{4} (.9)^{10} (.1)^4 \neq \binom{14}{3} (.9)^{11} (.1)^3 + \binom{14}{2} (.1)^2 (.9)^{12}$   
 $+ \binom{14}{1} (.9)^{13} (.1) + .9^{14} = \boxed{.99077}$

c) IF no packets are erased, there

are  $\binom{14}{0} = 1$  such ways, each with  $P = .1^0 (.9^{14}) \approx .228$

For 1 pair erased, there are  $\binom{13}{1}$  ways to do that (each choose 1 is really picking 2 packets, so  $12+2=14$ ), each with  $P = .1 (.9)^{12} \rightarrow \binom{13}{1} (.1^1) (.9^{12}) \approx .367$

For 2 pairs erased, there are  $\binom{12}{2}$  ways with  $P = (.1)^2 (.9)^{10} \rightarrow \binom{12}{2} (.1^2) (.9^{10}) \approx .23$

Adding these all together, we get  $\boxed{.82605}$



### Problem 3

a)  $n$  pairs  $\rightarrow 2n$  total socks

$\binom{2n}{k}$  distinct subsets

b)  $k$  socks, no pair.

For  $n$  pairs, there are  $\binom{n}{k}$  ways to pick  $k$  socks from  $n$  pairs. For

example, let  $n=3$  and  $k=2$ . So

we have socks  $a, a', b, b', c, c'$ .  $\binom{3}{2}=6$

ways to choose 2 pairs. Suppose we

have chosen from the  $a$  pair and

$b$  pair  $\rightarrow$  so we could have  $a$  or  $a'$  and

$b$  or  $b'$ . If we think of a primed sock

as a 1 bit and an unprimed as 0,

clearly there are  $2^k = 2^2 = 4$  binary

strings  $ab, a'b, b'a, b'a'$ . So for

each  $\binom{n}{k}$  way we have  $2^k$  strings

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\binom{n}{k} 2^k} = \# \text{ of subsets without pairs}$$

$$c) \frac{\boxed{\binom{2n}{k} - \binom{n}{k} 2^k}}{\binom{2n}{k}} = \frac{\text{total} - \text{without pairs}}{\text{total}}$$

if  $k > n$ ,  $P = 1$

d)  $n$  socks  $\rightarrow n^k$  strings total.

$(n P k) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$  ways to pick  $k$  socks without repeat

$$= (n)(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)$$

If  $k > n$ , then the probability is  $\boxed{1}$

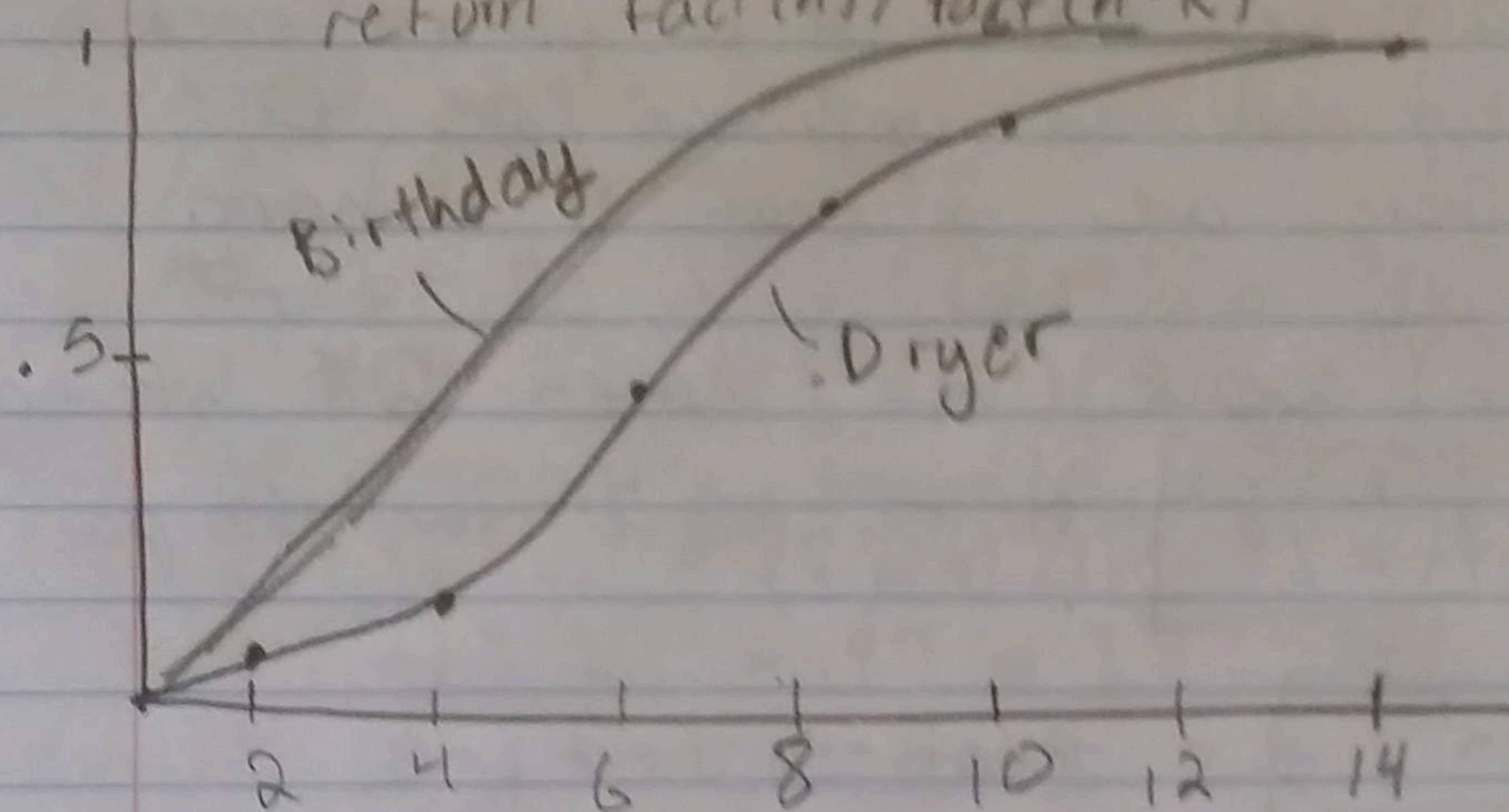
if  $k \leq n$ :

$$\boxed{\frac{n^k - (n P k)}{n^k}}$$



c)  $n=15$ . Using the python skeleton code, I defined the following functions:

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def dryer(n, k):
    return (comb(2n, k) - comb(n, k) * 2k) / comb(2n, k)
def birthday(n, k):
    return (math.pow(n, k) - permute(n, k)) / math.pow(n, k)
def fact(x):
    if x == 0 || x == 1:
        return 1
    else return x * fact(x-1)
def permute(n, k):
    return fact(n) / fact(n-k)
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Both experiments have 3 curves, but overall part d) had higher probabilities since we had replacements. It makes sense that both go to 1 since both have certain probability after  $k > n$ .



# Problem 4

a)  $t=0 \rightarrow x=0$

$t=1 \rightarrow x=-1, 0, 1$

$t=2 \rightarrow x=-2, -1, 0, 1, 2$

he can be at  $x \in [-t, t], x \in \mathbb{N}$

b)  $t=1$

$P(-1) = .3$

$P(0) = .2$

$P(1) = .5$

c)  $t=2$

$P(-2) = (.3)^2 = .09$

$P(-1) = (.2)(.3) + (.3)(.2) = (.2)(.3)\binom{2}{1} = .12$

$P(0) = .2^2 + (.5)(.3)\binom{2}{1} = .34$

$P(1) = \binom{2}{1}(.2)(.5) = .2 \rightarrow 2 \text{ ways } +1-1, \text{ or } -1+1$

$P(2) = .5^2 = .25$

$\sum P = 1 \checkmark$

d)  $t=3$

$P(-3) = .3^3 = .027$

$P(-2) = (.3)^2(.2)\binom{3}{1} = .054$

$P(-1) = (.3^2)(.5)\binom{3}{1} + (.3)(.2^2)\binom{3}{1} = .171$

$P(0) = (.2)(.3)(.5)\binom{3}{3} + .2^3 = .188$

$P(1) = (.5)(.2^2)\binom{3}{1} + (.5^2)(.3)\binom{3}{1} = .285$

$P(2) = (.5)^2(.2)\binom{3}{1} = .15$

$P(3) = .5^3 = .125$

$\sum P = 1 \checkmark$

e) Let  $P(x, t)$  be the probability that at  $t$  the man is at  $x$ .

$P(-(t+1), t+1) = P(-t, t)(.3)$

$P(t+1, t+1) = P(t, t)(.5)$

$P(t, t+1) = P(t, t)(.2)$

$P(-t, t+1) = P(-t, t)(.2)$

In general:

$P(x_0, t+1) = P(x_0, t)(.2) + P(-x_0+1, t)(.3)$

$P(x_0, t+1) = P(x_0, t)(.2) + P(x_0-1, t)(.5)$



### Problem 5

a)  $n=1$ :  $P(1) = \{ \{ (1,1) \} \}$

$$\sum_{p \in P(1)} \prod_{(x,r) \in p} \frac{1}{r! x^r} = \frac{1}{1! 1^1} = \boxed{1} \checkmark$$

$n=2$   $P(2) = \{ \{ (2,1) \}, \{ (1,2) \} \}$

$$\sum_{p \in P(2)} \prod_{(x,r) \in p} \frac{1}{r! x^r} = \frac{1}{1! 2^1} + \frac{1}{2! 1^2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{1} \checkmark$$

$n=3$   $P(3) = \{ \{ (3,1) \}, \{ (2,1), (1,1) \}, \{ (1,3) \} \}$

$$\sum_{p \in P(3)} \prod_{(x,r) \in p} \frac{1}{r! x^r} = \frac{1}{1! 3^1} + \left( \frac{1}{1! 2^1} \times \frac{1}{1! 1^1} \right) + \frac{1}{3! 1^3} = \boxed{1} \checkmark$$

$n=4$   $P(4) = \{ \{ (4,1) \}, \{ (3,1), (1,1) \}, \{ (2,2) \}, \{ (2,1), (1,2) \} \}$

$$\sum \prod = \frac{1}{4} + \left( \frac{1}{3} \times 1 \right) + \frac{1}{2! 2^2} + \left( \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4! 1^4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{24} = \boxed{1} \checkmark$$

$n=5$   $P(5) = \{ \{ (5,1) \}, \{ (4,1), (1,1) \}, \{ (3,1), (2,1) \}, \{ (3,1), (1,2) \}, \{ (2,2), (1,1) \}, \{ (2,1), (1,3) \}, \{ (1,5) \} \}$

$$\sum \prod = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{120} = \boxed{1} \checkmark$$

b) In  $\sigma_n$ , there are elements  $[1, \dots, n]$ .

If we choose  $l$  of them, how many cycles? Suppose  $l=3$  and we choose  $1, 2, 3$ . Clearly, there are  $2 P(2)$  cycles since unique cycles can be made by keeping the 1 in front and counting the permutations of 2 and 3. In general there are  $(l-1) P(l-1)$  permutations of  $l-1$  elements after the first. So in total,

$$\boxed{\binom{n}{l} \cdot [(l-1) P(l-1)] \text{ cycles}}$$



$$c) \frac{n! (l_1-1)!}{(n-l_1)! l_1!} \times \frac{(n-l_1)! (l_2-1)!}{(n-l_1-l_2)! l_2!} \dots \frac{(n-l_1-l_2)!}{r_k! r_{k+1}!} \dots r_k!$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{(n-l_i)! (l_i-1)!}{r_i! (n-l_i)! l_i!} = \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{(l_i-1)!}{r_i! l_i!}$$

the  $(n-l_i)!$  term and like terms will cancel, as will the factorials  $\frac{(l_i-1)!}{l_i!} = \frac{1}{l_i}$

$$\Rightarrow = n! \left( \frac{1}{l_1 r_1! \dots l_k r_k!} \right)$$

but  $l_i = x_i r_i$

$$\Rightarrow = \boxed{n! \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{x_i r_i r_i!}}$$

d) To recount all elements in  $\sigma_n$ , we can just add up for all  $m \leq n$  the number of permutations with  $m$  cycles.

$$|\sigma_n| = n! = \sum_{m \leq n} \left( n! \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{x_i r_i r_i!} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow n! = n! \sum_{p \in P(n)} \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{x_i r_i r_i!}$$

divide both sides by  $n!$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{1 = \sum_{p \in P(n)} \prod_{(x_i, r_i) \in p} \frac{1}{r_i! x_i r_i} = 1}$$

since every  $(x_i, r_i)$  corresponds to one partition of  $n$  cycles in  $\sigma_n$ .



### Problem 7

A binary tree is full if every node has either 2 children or no children. How many distinct full trees are there for  $n$  leaves?

For a polygon with  $n$  sides, how many different triangulations are there?

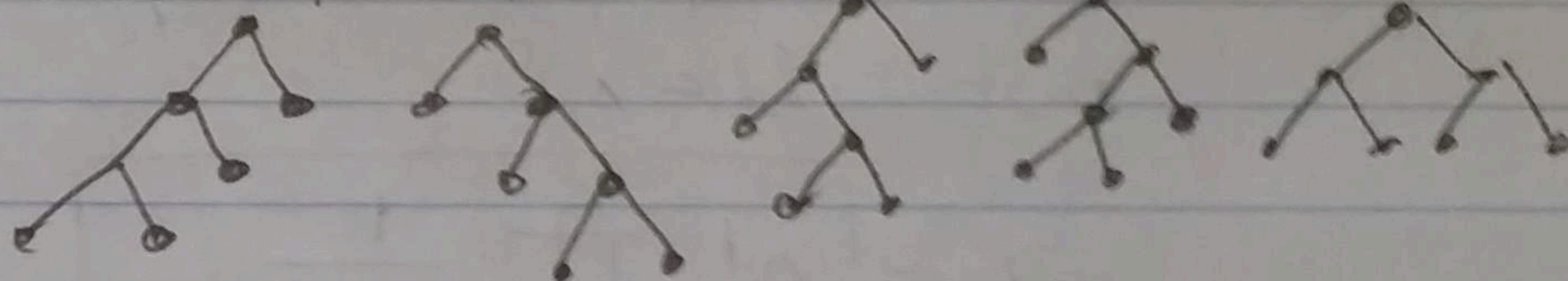
Is there a relation? Draw a figure that represents the relation for  $n=6$  if you can.

#### Binary trees:

$$n=2 \rightarrow 1$$



$$n=4 \rightarrow 5$$



Full trees only make sense for even  $n$ . For  $n$  leaves, there are  $C_{n-1}$  distinct trees, where

$C_n = \binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{n+1}$  is the  $n$ th catalan number.

$$n=2 \rightarrow C_1 = 1$$

$$n=4 \rightarrow C_3 = 5$$

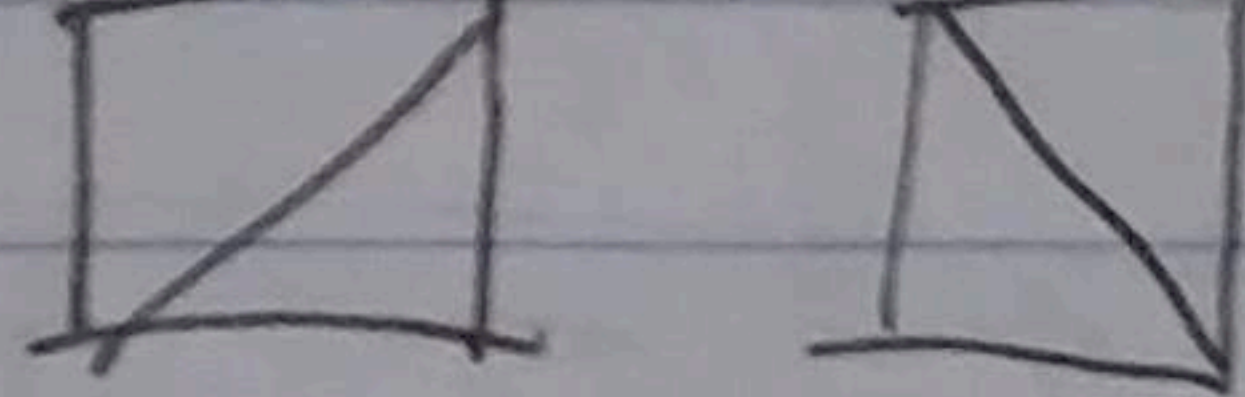
$$n=6 \rightarrow C_5 = 42$$

#### Triangulation:

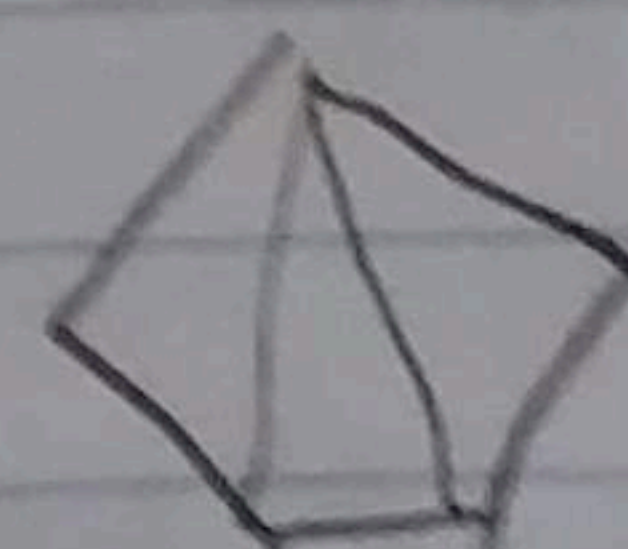
$$n=3 \rightarrow 1$$



$$n=4 \rightarrow 2$$



$$n=5 \rightarrow 5$$



Again these are given by the catalan number  $C_{n-2}$

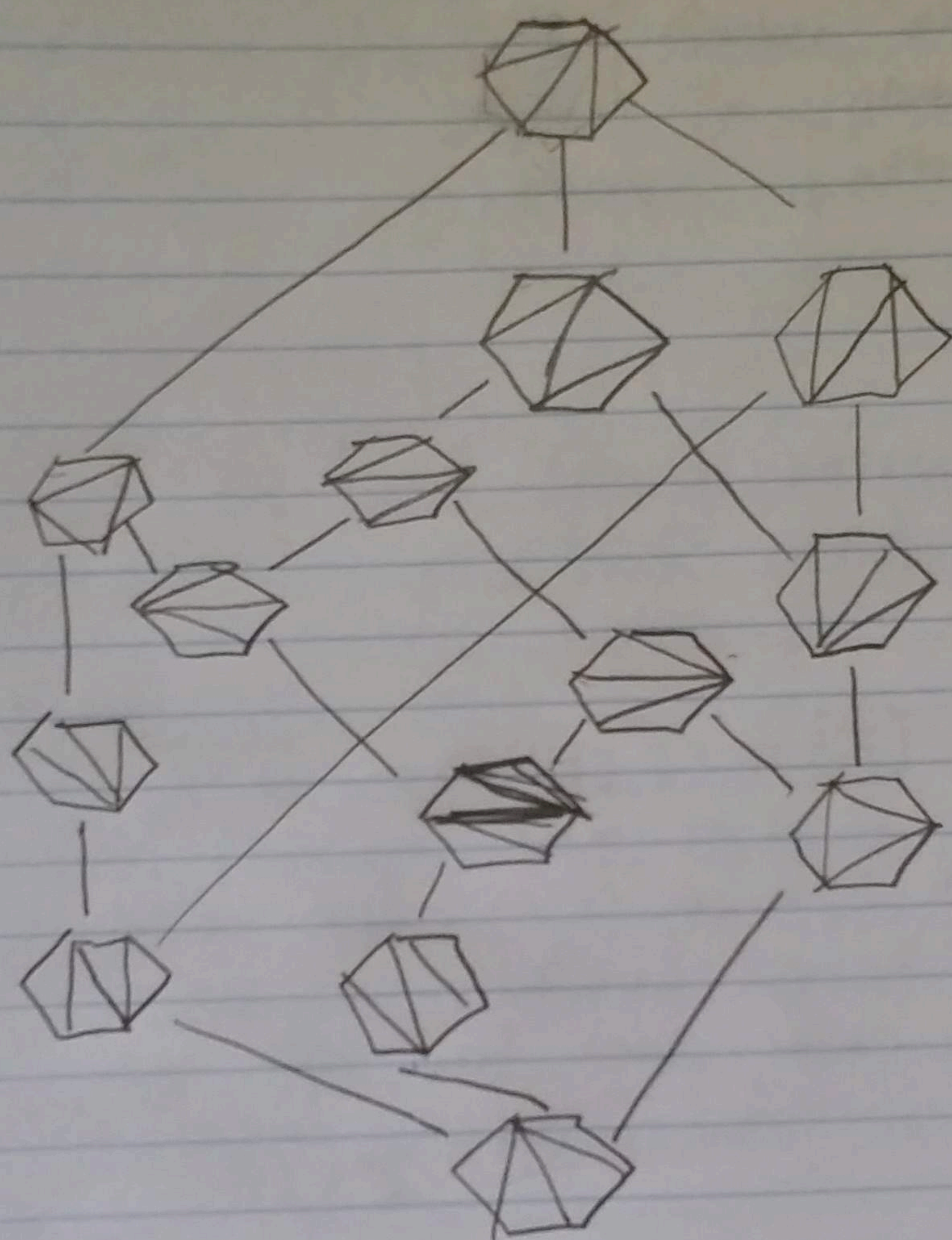
$$n=3 \rightarrow C_1 = 1$$

$$n=4 \rightarrow C_2 = 2$$

$$n=5 \rightarrow C_3 = 5$$



The two problems count the same set, so in a way they are combinatorial proofs of each other, with the catalan numbers being the answer. Here's the tamari lattice for  $n=6$





### Problem 6

a)  $F(x) = \ln x$

