Final Project Documentation

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1 Recurrence Relations/Dynamic Programming

1.1 Bell numbers

The Bell numbers represent the number of ways to count partitions of (or equivalently equivalence relations on) an n element set. The n-th bell number is given by the recurrence

$$B_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} B_{n-k}$$

for $n \geq 0$.

1.2 Catalan numbers

The Catalan numbers form a sequence of natural numbers that occur in various counting problems, often involving recursively-defined objects. They can be expressed by the recurrence relation

$$C_{n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} C_i C_{n-1}$$

for $n \geq 0$.

Their closed form is given by

$$\binom{2n}{n} - \binom{2n}{n+1}$$

1.3 Fibonacci numbers

The Fibonacci numbers, commonly denoted F_n , form a sequence such that each number is the sum of the two preceding ones, with $F_0 = 0$, $F_1 = 1$, and the recurrence given by

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

for n > 1.

- 1.4 Stirling numbers of the first kind
- 1.5 Stirling numbers of the second kind

2 Permutations and Combinations

- 2.1 n choose k
- 2.2 n pick k
- 2.3 n choose k, repetition allowed
- 2.4 n pick k, repetition allowed
- 2.5 Generate permutations of a string
- 2.6 Generate all bit strings of length n

3 Relations

- 3.1 # of relations
- 3.2 # of transitive relations

There is no known closed formula for counting the number of transitive relations. The (perhaps inefficient) approach taken in this algorithm is as follows

- (1) Generate all possible relations for an n element set (given by the power set of the cartesian product of the set $\{1, 2, 3, \ldots, n\}$)
- (2) For each relation generated in (1), check that for each (a,b), if there is a point of the form (b,c), then (a,c) must be in the relation
- 3.3 # of (ir) reflexive relations
- 3.4 # of symmetric relations
- 3.5 # of antisymmetric relations
- 3.6 # of equivalence relations
- 4 Sets
- 4.1 Generate power set
- 4.2 Generate cartesian product

5 Isomorphisms

maybe total orders?

6 Default

No documentation provided.