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(a) Show that the lexicographic order extends the dominance order in the sense that if we have partitions $\lambda, \mu \vdash n$ with $\mu \leq \lambda$ and $\mu \neq \lambda$ then $\Rightarrow \mu < \lambda$.

Suppose that $\mu \neq \lambda$. Let i be smallest number

s.t. $\mu_i \neq \lambda_i$. then $\lambda_i = \mu_i + z < j$

so μ_j has $< \lambda_j$ i's

$\Rightarrow \mu < \lambda$

(b) Give an example of partitions $\lambda, \mu \vdash n$ with $\mu < \lambda$ but $\mu \leq \lambda$.

$$(3, 2, 2, 1) > (3, 2, 1, 1, 1)$$

Text

Not quite, since these *are* comparable in dominance order. [-2pts]

Answer of Q2:

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to show $e_\lambda = \sum_{\mu \leq \lambda^t} B_\mu^A m_\mu$

Assume $M_{\lambda\mu} \neq 0$ then $\exists (0,1)$ -matrix A

with $\text{row}(A) = \lambda$ and $\text{col}(A) = \mu$.

Now let A' be obtained from A by left-justifying all of the 1's in each row (i.e. move all of the 1's in row i to the 1st λ_i positions).

Note that $\text{col}(A') = \lambda^t$. Also, the number of 1's in the 1st i columns of A' is at least as many as the number of 1's in the first i columns of A , so $\lambda_1^t + \dots + \lambda_i^t \geq \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_i$, i.e. $\lambda^t \geq \mu$. Moreover, if $\mu = \lambda^t$, A' is the only $(0,1)$ -matrix with $\text{row}(A') = \lambda$ and $\text{col}(A') = \lambda^t$.

So via the transpose $\Rightarrow e_\lambda = (x_1 x_2 \dots x_{\lambda_1} \dots) (x_1 x_2 \dots x_{\lambda_2} \dots) \dots (x_1 x_2 \dots x_{\lambda_n} \dots)$

to make the biggest monomial, we should take all terms of the form $x_1 \dots x_{\lambda_i}$ that product

gives $x_1^{A_1^t} x_2^{A_2^t} \dots$

$$\Rightarrow e_\lambda = \sum_{\mu \leq \lambda^t} B_\mu^A m_\mu \quad \text{w/} \quad B_{\lambda^t}^A m_{\lambda^t} = 1$$

Nice argument.

* to show $P_\lambda = \sum_{\mu \in M} d_{\lambda\mu}^\lambda m_\mu$

Every monomial in P_λ is of the form

$x_{i_1}^{\lambda_1} \dots x_{i_k}^{\lambda_k}$ for some choice of $i_1 \dots i_k$.

Suppose this is equal to x^μ for a partition μ .

So we get μ by reordering the i_j and merging together equal indices. In other words, there is

a decomposition $B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_r = \{1, \dots, k\}$ so

$M_j = \sum_{i \in B_j} \lambda_i \Rightarrow$ we use this to show that

$M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_r \geq \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k$ for each i .

So fix a value of i . It's immediate from the def of the B_j that $\sum_{s \in S} M_s \geq \sum_{s \in S} \lambda_s$, where

$S = B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_i$. If $j \leq i$ and $j \notin B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_i$

Good.

then $j \in B_{i'}$ for some $i' > i$, and then

$M_j \geq M_{i'} \geq \lambda_j$. Add all of these inequalities up to

get $M_1 + \dots + M_i \geq \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_i$.

Expanding $P_\lambda = (x_1^{\lambda_1} + x_2^{\lambda_1} + \dots)(x_1^{\lambda_2} + x_2^{\lambda_2} + \dots)(x_1^{\lambda_k} + x_2^{\lambda_k} + \dots)$

So to find the smallest m_μ that appears in P_λ , we

need to find the smallest monomial of the form

$x_1^{m_1} x_2^{m_2} \dots x_k^{m_k}$, so we show the matrix w/ rows of

coefficients expressing P_λ in the basis m_μ is the

transpose of the upper triangular w/ nonzero entries on diagonal.

thus, M is invertible.

so we can write m_n as a sum of the P_λ

and a basis so

$$P_\lambda = \sum_{n \in M} \alpha_n^\lambda m_n, \text{ w/ } \alpha_\lambda^\lambda m_\lambda = 1$$

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$$\det N = \sum_P \text{sign } P \cdot w(P) \quad (*)$$

• Rewrite (*) in terms of permutations of matrix elements

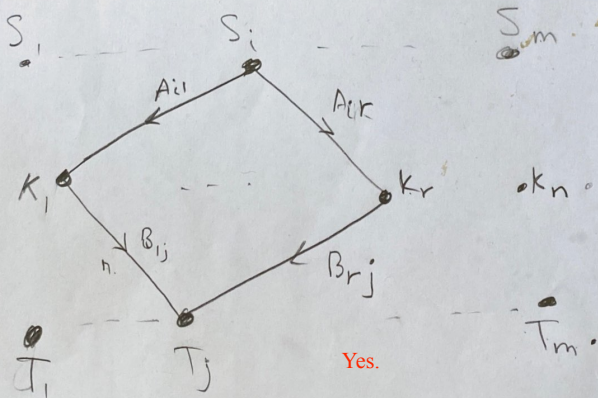
$$\det N = \sum_{\sigma} \text{sign } \sigma \cdot n_{1\sigma(1)} \cdot n_{2\sigma(2)} \cdots n_{m\sigma(m)}$$

• Now, let's set $N = AB$, where $A = (A_{ij})$ is an $m \times n$ path matrix

of the bipartite graph on S and K , relating to a path sys A .
with source vertices $\{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$ and target vertices $\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}$

And $B = (B_{ij})$ is an $n \times m$ path matrix of the bipartite graph
on K and T , relating to path sys B .
source vertices $\{k_1, \dots, k_n\}$ and target vertices $\{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$

• Now, linking these together to create a new graph
between S and T



$$\det N = \sum_{\text{vertex-disjoint path system}} \text{sign } P w(P)$$

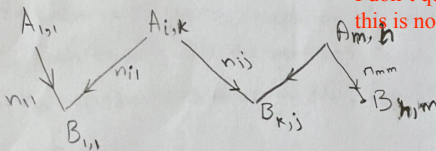
N is an $m \times m$ matrix, $N = (n_{ij})$ and writing the $\det N$ in terms of the permutations of the matrix elements.

$$\text{So we have } \det N = \sum_{\sigma} \text{sign } \sigma \cdot n_{1, \sigma(1)} \cdots n_{m, \sigma(m)}$$

where the sign can be -1 or 1 depending on the number of the transpositions of it, even or odd.

Let the vertices $A_{1,1}, \dots, A_{m,n}$ represent rows of N , and $B_{1,1}, \dots, B_{m,n}$ represent columns of N .

For some $A_{i,k} \rightarrow B_{k,j}$ the weight will be n_{ij}



I don't quite understand this picture:

this is not part of the graph you defined earlier.

Let $A = \{A_{1,1}, \dots, A_{m,n}\}$ and $B = \{B_{1,1}, \dots, B_{n,m}\}$. Let's assume that

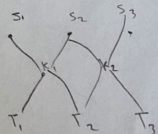
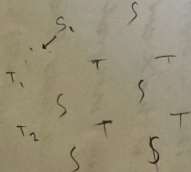
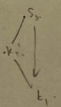
For a given system, P_{σ} , the weighted (signed) sum over all vertex-disjoint path systems $A \rightarrow B$ is given by paths

$$(A_{1,1} \rightarrow B_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, A_{m,n} \rightarrow B_{\sigma(n)})$$

$$(S_1 \rightarrow K_{\sigma(1)}) \rightarrow K_1 \rightarrow L_{\sigma(1)} \quad (S_m \rightarrow K_{\sigma(n)}) \rightarrow K_n \rightarrow L_{\sigma(n)}$$

$$A_{1,1} \rightarrow B_{1,1}$$

S_1, S_2, S_3



$$S_1 \rightarrow K_{\sigma(1)} \quad K_1 \rightarrow L_{\sigma(1)}$$

Answer of Q4: bipartite graph on S and K .

The question asked to deduce the Cauchy-Binet Formula From Lindstrom-Gessel-viennot Formula.

Fig. 10, the Lindstrom-Gessel-viennot Formula (*)

Let M be the path matrix from A to B . Then

$$\det N = \sum_{P \text{ vertex-disjoint path system}} \text{sign } P \cdot w(P)$$

Now, we will deduce the Cauchy-Binet Formula. From (*).

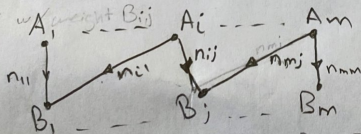
First, we start with the $m \times n$ matrix $N = (n_{ij})$, and the determinant of N given in terms of the permutations of the matrix elements.

So, we have $\det N = \sum_{\sigma} \text{Sign } \sigma \cdot n_{1\sigma(1)} n_{2\sigma(2)} \dots n_{m\sigma(m)}.$

and that the sign of σ is -1 or 1 , depending on whether the number of transpositions is even or odd.

We will consider a weighted directed (bipartite) graph. Let the vertices A_1, \dots, A_m represent rows of N , and B_1, \dots, B_m represent columns of N .

For some $A_i \rightarrow B_j$, the weight will be represented by n_{ij} . weight A_{ij} and $k \rightarrow j$ is w_{ij} .



Let $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$ and $B = \{B_1, \dots, B_m\}$. For a given system P_σ , the weighted (signed) sum over all vertex-disjoint path systems $A \rightarrow B$ is given by paths

$$A_1 \rightarrow B_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_{\sigma(m)}$$

The product of each individual weight represents the weight on the system. So we have

$$w(P_\sigma) = w(A_1 \rightarrow B_{\sigma(1)}) \dots w(A_m \rightarrow B_{\sigma(m)})$$

Thus we find, for the matrix N

$$\det N = \sum_{\sigma} \text{sign } \sigma \cdot w(P_\sigma)$$

You seem to be missing one key thing: the subset I of $[n]$ which appears in the Cauchy-Binet formula corresponds to the subset of the " k " vertices in your network (the "middle" ones) which a given tuple of non-intersecting lattice paths goes through. This is the key connection between the Cauchy-Binet and LGV formulas. [-3pts]