

How many permutations are needed to represent a given bistochastic matrix?

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} \frac{1}{n} & \dots & \frac{1}{n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{n} & \dots & \frac{1}{n} \end{array} \right) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum \text{all permutations}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum n \text{ permutations.}$$

Exercise: find a tight universal upper bound for this (in terms of n) hint: vicinity of n^2

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \{I, P, P^2, \dots, P^{n-1}\} \text{ is a cyclic group.}$$

Ex. give all examples of groups w/ no nontrivial subgroups

$$\det((a_{ij}))_{i,j=1}^n = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \epsilon(\sigma) \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\sigma(i)}.$$

Permanent: $\text{per}((a_{ij}))_{i,j=1}^n = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\sigma(i)}$ no sign of σ

Remember this one:

↳ Van Der Waerden's Permanent Conjecture: The minimum permanent of a bistochastic matrix is $\frac{n!}{n^n}$. in 20s or 30s.

Answer: yes. Falikman & Egorychev 1970s. check in Proofs from THE BOOK

$$p_n \sim n \log n, \quad \pi(n) \sim \frac{n}{\log n}$$

Ex. find order of magnitude of $\pi(n)$, assuming $p_n \sim n \log n$

$$a_n \sim n^2. \quad \#\{a_n : a_n \leq m\} \stackrel{??}{\sim} \sqrt{m}$$

Check proof of stirling's formula

Check Wikipedia article for Double-Counting and theorem for inclusion-exclusion

ex: geometric proof of $1^3 + 2^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$

ex: prove $(\frac{n}{e})^n < n! < e(\frac{n}{e})^n$

ex: Prove $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}$

ex: Prove $\sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} = n2^{n-1}$

ex: Prove any permutation is a product of disjoint cycles.

Defn: order of $x \in G$.

ex: how many cyclic permutations are there in S_n .

ex: what is the order of a product of disjoint cycles

eigenvalues of $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are n^{th} roots of unity.

Ex: $\exists T$ s.t. $T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \end{pmatrix} T^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \lambda_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$ (show it is normal \Rightarrow diagonalizable).

Ex: what is the proportion in \mathbb{N} of those n which can be written as sums of distinct powers of 3.