

## Chapter 2

### Labelled structures and Exponential Generating Functions

Def: A labelled object has atoms that bear distinct integer labels (canonically taken on interval  $[1..n]$  if there are  $n$  atoms).

UNLABELLED

VERSUS LABELLED OBJECTS

unlabelled "anonymous" atoms ● ●

labelled distinguished atoms ①, ②, ③, ④, ... ("colours")

How many graphs on a set of  $n$  distinguishable vertices, say  $[1..n]$ ?

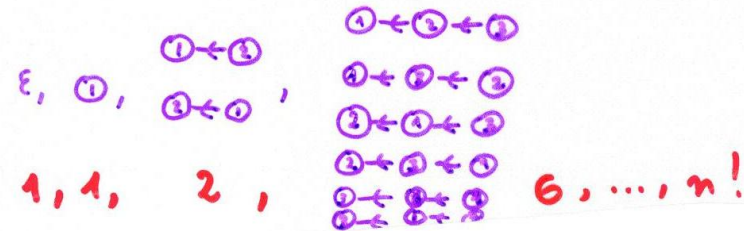
$$G_n = 2^{n(n-1)/2}$$

(Unlabelled problem is harder)

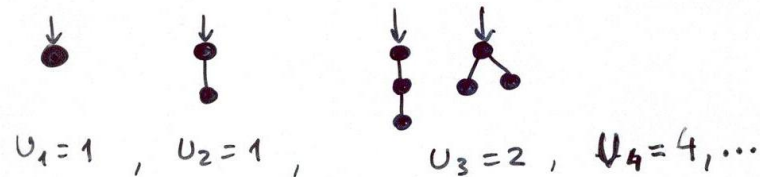
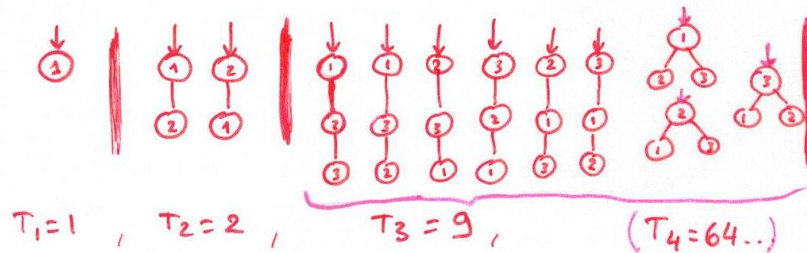
PERMUTATIONS are typical labelled objects

write  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 & \dots & \sigma_n \end{pmatrix}$  as  $\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_n$

and view as a linear digraph that is labelled



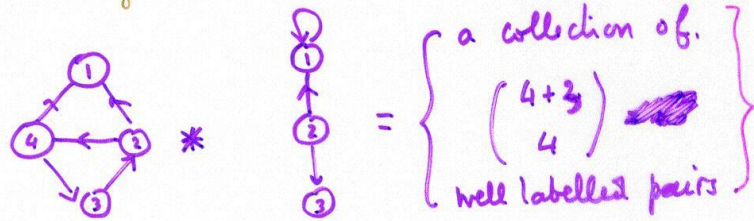
Rooted trees (graph theoretical) "non-plane"



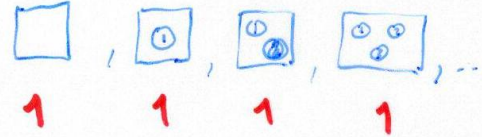
Let  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  be *labelled classes*.

Then the Cartesian product  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{C}$  is *not* a labelled class [WHY?]

Given a pair  $(\beta, \gamma)$  with  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  well labelled, form all possible relabellings that preserve the order structure within  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  while giving rise to a well labelled object.



Example:  $\mathcal{U}$  = class of all *totally disconnected* graphs



$\mathcal{U} * \mathcal{U} * \dots * \mathcal{U}$  = Allocations of  $n$  elements into  $m$  cells; functions from  $[1..n] \rightarrow [1..m]$   
*m times*

$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U} \setminus \{\epsilon\}$   $0, 1, 1, 1, \dots$

$\mathcal{V} * \mathcal{V} * \dots * \mathcal{V}$  = allocations with no empty cell  
 = surjections from  $[1..n]$  to  $[1..m]$

Labelled product of 2 objects

$$(\alpha * \beta) = \{ \gamma \mid \gamma = (\alpha', \beta'); \alpha' \stackrel{\text{order}}{=} \alpha; \beta' \stackrel{\text{order}}{=} \beta; \gamma \text{ is well labelled} \}$$

Labelled product of two classes  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{A} * \mathcal{B}$

$$\mathcal{C} = \bigcup_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \\ \beta \in \mathcal{B}}} (\alpha * \beta)$$

Define | Labelled Sequences |  
 | labelled Sets |  
 | labelled Cycles |

$\mathcal{S} = \text{Set}(\mathcal{V})$  = partitions of elements  $[1..n]$  into non-empty classes  
**→ Set partitions**

$\mathcal{K} = \text{seq}(\mathcal{V})$  = ordered partitions / surjections

Dictionary  $\mathcal{U}$  = Theorem 2.4

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &\mapsto A(z) + B(z) \\ A * B &\mapsto A(z) \times B(z) \\ \text{Seq } A &\mapsto \frac{1}{1 - A(z)} \\ \text{Set } A &\mapsto \exp(A(z)) \\ \text{Cyc } A &\mapsto \log \frac{1}{1 - A(z)} \end{aligned}$$

$$C = A * B$$

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} A_k B_{n-k}$$

$$\frac{C_n}{n!} = \sum_k \frac{A_k}{k!} \cdot \frac{B_{n-k}}{(n-k)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\tilde{C}(z) = \hat{A}(z) \cdot \hat{B}(z)} \leftarrow \text{EGF}$$



To a (labelled) class, associate its exponential generating function  $\equiv$  EGF

$$(f_n) \rightarrow f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

$$\mathcal{C} \rightarrow (C_n) \rightarrow C(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

(also written  $\hat{C}(z)$  when we want to stress exponential GF)

Exercise: what is the EGF of all permutations?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of all binary words?

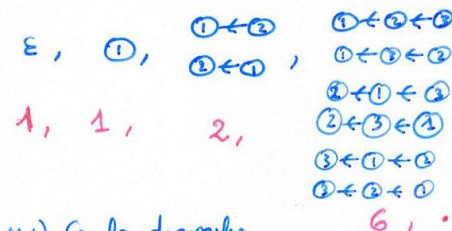
$$\text{Seq}(A): 1 + A + A^2 + A^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-A}$$

$$\text{Set}(A): 1 + \frac{A}{1!} + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3}{3!} + \dots = \exp(A)$$

$$\text{Cyc}(A): 1 + \frac{A}{1} + \frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{A^3}{3} + \dots = \log \frac{1}{1-A}$$

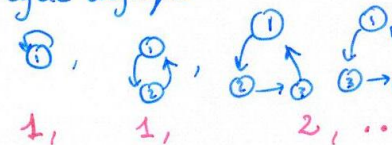
EXAMPLE 0: Basic building blocks.

• (Labelled) linear digraphs



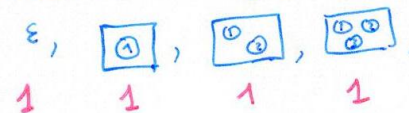
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P} = \text{Seq}(Z) \\ P(z) = \frac{1}{1-z} \\ P_n = n! \end{array} \right.$$

• (Labelled) Cycle digraphs



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{K} = \text{Cyc}(Z) \\ K(z) = \log \frac{1}{1-z} \\ K_n = (n-1)! \end{array} \right.$$

• (Labelled) Disconnected graphs



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{U} = \text{Set}(Z) \\ U(z) = e^z \\ U_n = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

EXAMPLE 1 Perm = Set(Cycle(Z))  
atom (labelled)

$$P(z) = \exp\left(\log \frac{1}{1-z}\right) = \frac{1}{1-z} \quad \boxed{P_n = n!}$$

Derangements (no fixed point)

$$\mathcal{D} = \text{Set}(\text{Cycle}(Z) \setminus Z)$$

$$D(z) = \exp\left(\log \frac{1}{1-z} - z\right) = \frac{e^{-z}}{1-z}$$

$$\frac{D_n}{n!} = 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \sim e^{-1}$$

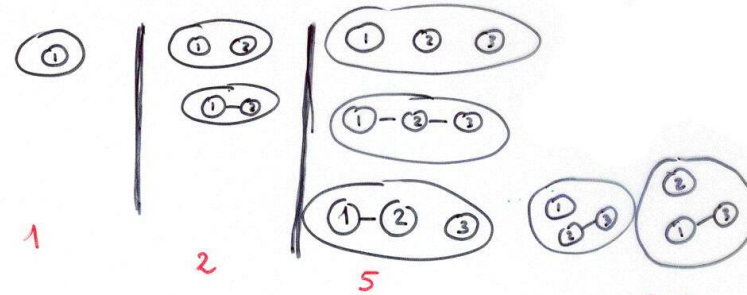
EXAMPLE 2 Labelled trees

$$\mathcal{T} = Z * \text{Set}(\mathcal{T})$$

$$T(z) = ze^{T(z)} \quad \boxed{T_n = n^{n-1}}$$

(via Lagrange inversion formula)

Set Partitions



$$B_n = n! [z^n] e^{e^z - 1} \quad \mathcal{B} = \text{Set}(\text{Set}_>(Z))$$

$$= e^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^n}{k!}$$

Allocations

$\mathcal{F}_n^{<m>}: [1..n] \rightarrow [1..m]$  ← same as words over m-ary alphabet

all:  $\mathcal{U}_{(1)} * \mathcal{U}_{(2)} * \dots * \mathcal{U}_{(m)}$

$$\boxed{e^{mz}} \Rightarrow m^n$$

surjective

$$\boxed{(e^z - 1)^m} \Rightarrow \text{Stirling numbers}$$

$$m! \left\{ \begin{matrix} m \\ n \end{matrix} \right\} = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} (-1)^{m-k} k^n$$

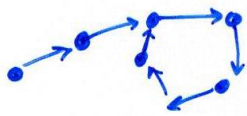
injective

$$\boxed{(1+z)^m} \Rightarrow \binom{m}{n} \cdot n! \text{ (arrangements)}$$

Ex: doubly surjective; max occupancy...



EXAMPLE 3 Mappings = fno  $[1..n] \rightarrow [1..n]$



$$\begin{cases} m = \text{Set}(K) \\ K = \text{Cycle}(T) \\ T = Z * \text{Set}(T) \end{cases}$$

$$M_n = n^n$$

$$K(z) = \log \frac{1}{1-T(z)} \Rightarrow \text{proba. connectedness} = O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

Exercise: A binary functional graph is the graph of a finite function [mapping] such that each value  $x$  has either 0 or 2 inverse images (a quadratic polynomial over  $\text{GF}_p$ ).

Q: Find a description of the graphs and a construction.  
Compute EGF.

Determine number of such beasts!

Exercise: Find the EGF of the labelled connected graphs, call it  $K(z)$ .

Hint: All graphs:  $G(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{z^n}{n!}$

Relate  $K(z)$  and  $G(z)$ .

## CHAPTER 3

### Combinatorial Parameters and Multivariate Generating Functions

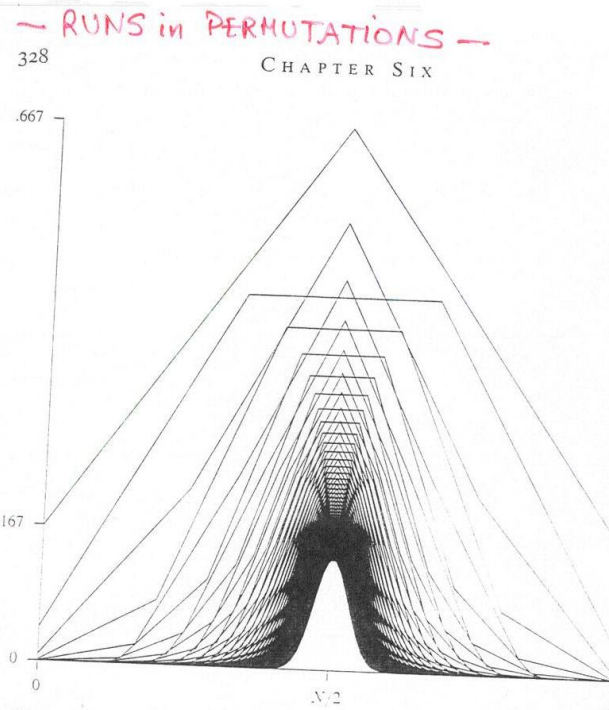
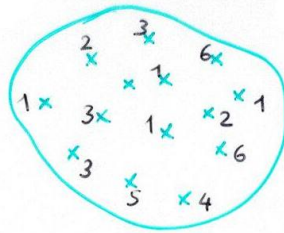
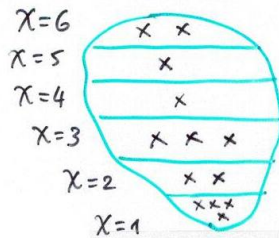


Figure 6.5 Distribution of runs.  $3 \leq N \leq 60$  ( $k$ -axes scaled to  $N$ ) (Eulerian numbers)

## Discrete Probabilistic Model

 $E_N$  with  $X$ (eg.  $Trees_N$  with path length.) $\{E_{N,k}\}$ 

Given a class,  $C(z, u)$  a bivariate generating function  
 corresp. to parameter  $X$

Proposition (A).  $C(z, 1) \equiv C(z)$  the usual counting GF

$$(B) [z^n] \frac{\partial}{\partial u} C(z, u) \Big|_{u=1} = \sum_{\gamma \in E_n} X[\gamma] \quad (= \sum_k k C_{n,k})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{E_n}(X) = \frac{\text{coeff}[z^n] C'_u(z, 1)}{\text{coeff}[z^n] C(z, 1)}$$

(C) Higher moments correspond to higher derivatives w.r.t.  $u$  @  $u=1$ .

access to  
CONCENTRATION

→ Enumeration / Counting

$$\Pr\{X=k\} = \frac{E_{N,k}}{E_N}$$

$$E[X] = \sum k \cdot \frac{E_{N,k}}{E_N}$$

+ variance, etc.

$\mathcal{C}$ : class of comb. structures;

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_n : \# \text{ objects of size } n \\ C_{n,k} : \text{param.} = k \end{array} \right.$

(counting)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C(z) := \sum C_n z^n \\ \hat{C}(z) := \sum C_n \frac{z^n}{n!} \end{array} \right.$

(params)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C(z, u) := \sum C_{n,k} z^n u^k \\ \hat{C}(z, u) := \sum C_{n,k} u^k \frac{z^n}{n!} \end{array} \right.$

Ordinary GF's for unlabelled structures. Exponential GF's for labelled structures.

Also: combinatorial forms. eg. for ordinary GF's

$$C(z, u) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{B}} u^{|\tau|} z^{|\tau|}.$$

Example 2:

How many cycles does a random permutation of size  $n$  have? On average; in distribution?

$$\mathcal{P} = \text{Set}(\blacktriangle \text{Cycle}(z))$$

$$P(z) = \exp\left(\log \frac{1}{1-z}\right) \Rightarrow P(z) = \frac{1}{1-z}, P_n = n!$$

$$P(z, u) = (1-z)^{-u} = \sum_{n,k} \binom{n}{k} u^k \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

$$= \sum_{n!} z^n u(u+1)\dots(u+n-1) \rightsquigarrow \text{Stirling's triangle}$$

mean is  $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \sim \log n$



Definition: A parameter is **inherited** if

- (i). it "passes through" disjoint unions  $B = A \cup B$   
 (ii). it is additive over products  $B = A \times B$   
 (hence also sequences, sets, cycles).

For inherited parameters:

**PSEUDO-THEOREM**: The previous translation mechanisms still work verbatim!

DICTIONARIES

CONSTRUCTIONS  $\longrightarrow$  Generating functions

Example 1: Number of summands in compositions (OGF)

$$B = \text{Seq}(N); \quad N = Z \times \text{Seq}(Z)$$

$$C(z) = \frac{1}{1-N(z)}; \quad N(z) = \frac{z}{1-z}$$

$\rightarrow \chi \equiv 1$  on an individual summand

$$C(z,u) = ?; \quad N(z,u) = \frac{zu}{1-z}$$

$$C(z,u) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{zu}{1-z}} = \frac{1-z}{1-z(u+1)} \leftarrow \Downarrow \text{Pseudo-Theorem.}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_{n,k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

Idea of proof:  $B = A \times B$  (OGF)

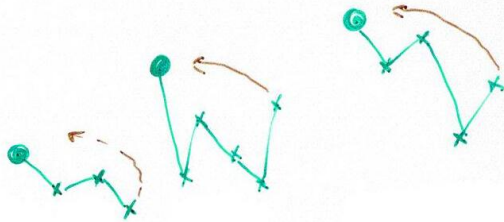
$$\gamma = (\alpha, \beta) \quad \chi[\gamma] = \chi[\alpha] + \chi[\beta]$$

$$\begin{aligned} C(z,u) &= \sum_{\gamma} z^{|\gamma|} u^{\chi[\gamma]} \\ &= \sum_{(\alpha, \beta)} z^{|\alpha|} u^{\chi[\alpha]} z^{|\beta|} u^{\chi[\beta]} = A(z,u) \times B(z,u) \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: A record in a permutation  $\sigma = \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  is an <sup>(OPT)</sup> element  $\sigma_j$  which is larger than all preceding  $\sigma_k$  ( $k < j$ )

Q1: Explain why the distribution of the number of records is the same as the distribution of the number of cycles (on  $\mathcal{P}_n$ ).

Hint:



Example 3: Number of leaves on a general plane tree

$$G = Z \times \text{Seq}(G) = Z + Z \times G \times \text{Seq}(G)$$

$\text{Seq}_{\geq 1}(G)$

$$\Rightarrow G(z) = \frac{z}{1-G(z)} \Rightarrow G_n = \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1}$$

$$G(z, u) = z[u + \frac{G(z, u)}{1-G(z, u)}]$$

$\Rightarrow$  quadratic equation  $\Rightarrow$  explicit  
(also Lagrange).

Exercise: Throw  $n$  balls into  $m$  <sup>(OPT)</sup> {cells} at random. = allocation  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_n^{(m)}$ .

Q1: Justify  $A^{(m)}(z) = (e^z)^m \Rightarrow A_n^{(m)} = m^n$ .

Q2: Statistics of empty cells? Justify

$$A^{(m)}(z, u) = (e^z - 1 + u)^m$$

and find mean number of empty cells.

Q3: How to generalize to cells containing  $\geq k$  elements? Mean? Variance??