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$$T_n = n^{n-2}$$

Cayley's theorem

<u>Theorem (Cayley)</u> There are n^{n-2} labeled trees on n vertices.

<u>1. Induction</u>

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$$F(A,n) \leftrightarrow \{F(A',n-1), A' = (A \setminus \{n\}) \cup \{i \ chosen \ vertices\}\}$$

$$T_{n,k} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-k} \binom{(n-1)-(k-1)}{i} T_{n-1,k+i-1}$$

$$T_{n,k} = kn^{n-k-1}$$



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 $M = \{1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9\}$ $f \mid_M$ is a bijection

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 $(7,9,1,5,8,4) \rightarrow (1,5,7,8,4,9)$ $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & &$

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Reversing the correspondence

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-the number of trees in which vertex n has degree k

Polya's approach

$$T(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n t_n \, \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

T(x) is the generating function for the number of rooted trees with n vertices

Let c_n be the number of connected graphs on n vertices enjoying a certain property P.

$$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{n-1}\binom{n}{k} \cdot c_k \cdot c_{n-k} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot n! \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{c_k}{k!} \cdot \frac{c_{n-k}}{(n-k)!}$$
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$$T(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nt_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

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Lagrange inversion formula

$$\varphi(s) = x \psi(\varphi(s))$$
$$\frac{d^n}{ds^n} \varphi(s)|_{s=0} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \psi^n(t)|_{t=0}$$

$$nt_{n} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{d^{n}}{dt^{n}} e^{nt} |_{t=0} = n^{n-1}$$

The number of spanning trees of a directed graph

<u>Def.</u> A spanning tree of a graph G is its subgraph T that includes all the vertices of G and is a tree

<u>Def.</u> A directed tree rooted at vertex n is a tree, all arcs of which are directed towards the root



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Def. A function f is called a tree function of a directed tree T iff f(i)=j when j is the first vertex on the way from i to the root.

Let c(H) denote the number of spanning trees of the graph H



Theorem (Knuth)
$$c(H) = \sum_{f=1}^{h-1} |\Gamma(S_i)|^{|S_i|-1} |f(S_i)|$$



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 $s_2^{s_1-1} \cdot s_1^{s_2-1}$ is the number of r by s bipartite graphs

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} k^{n-k-1} (n-k-1)^{k-1} = 2n^{n-2}$$

Def. Let G be a directed graph without loops. Let $\{v_1, ..., v_n\}$ denote the vertices of G, and $\{e_1, ..., e_m\}$ denote the edges of G.

The incidence matrix of G is the n x m matrix A, such that

$$a_{i,j} = 1$$
, if v_i is the head of e_j
 $a_{i,j} = -1$, if v_i is the tail of e_j
 $a_{i,j} = 0$ otherwise



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Let A_0 be the reduced incidence matrix of the graph G.

Theorem (Binet-Cauchy)

If R and S are matrices of size p by q and q by p, where $p \le q$, then $det(RS) = \sum det(B) \cdot det(C)$

Theorem (Matrix-Tree Theorem)

If A is a reduced incidence matrix of the graph G, then the number of spanning trees equals $det(A \cdot A^T)$

$$\det A \ A^T = \sum (\det B)^2$$

 $e_1,...e_b$ – variables identified with edges of G $M(e) = [m_{ij}]$

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$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & n & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & n \end{vmatrix} = n^{n-2}$$

Theorem (Matrix-Tree Theorem for directed graphs)

Let be variables representing the arcs of the graph. Let $C = [c_{ij}]$ denote the n by n matrix in which $-c_{ij}$ equals the sum of arcs directed from node i to node j if $i \neq j$, and c_{ii} equals the sum of all arcs directed from node i to all other nodes.

Then

$$C_n = \Sigma \Pi(T),$$

where the summation is over all spanning subtrees of G rooted at node n .

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 3 \end{array}$$

$$C_n = \left(\begin{array}{c} e_1 & -e_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -e_2 & e_2 & 0 \\ -e_4 & -e_5 & -e_3 & e_3 + e_4 + e_5 \end{array} \right)$$

