

# Discrete Mathematics Summary

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## Advanced pigeonhole principle:

$p$  pigeons,  $h$  holes,  $p \geq (t-1)h$  then exists at least 1 hole with at least  $t$  pigeons.

## Inclusion & exclusion theorem:

$V_1, \dots, V_k$  finite sets,  $|V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_k| = \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^{r+1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq k} |V_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap V_{i_r}|$

Or  $V$  finite,  $V_1, \dots, V_k \subseteq V$  then  $|V \setminus (V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_k)| = |V| + \sum_{r=1}^k (-1)^r \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_r \leq k} |V_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap V_{i_r}|$

Alphabet  $A$  with size  $|A| = r$ , then if we write  $n$  symbols

- WORD:  $x_1, \dots, x_n = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in [r]^n$  and
- SHIFT  $x_1, \dots, x_n \rightarrow x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1$ .
- PERIOD OF WORD: least number of shifts that gives original word back.
- A-PERIODIC period of word is  $n$ .
- CIRCULAR WORD/NECKLACE equiv. class of shift maps, i.e.  $w = v$  if  $v$  can be obtained from  $w$  by some number of shifts.
- $N(n, r) = |\text{necklaces length } n, n \text{ alphabet size } r|$  and  $A(n, r) = |\text{A-periodic necklaces length } n, |A||$
- $r^n = \#\text{all words} = \dots = \sum_{D|n} d \cdot A(d, r)$

$$\text{MÖBIUS FUNCTION: } \mu(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } e_i > 1 \text{ for some } i \\ (-1)^k & \text{if } e_1 = \dots = e_k = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{oth.} \end{cases}$$

**Möbius inversion formula:**

$$F, G : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ satisfy } F(n) = \sum_{d|n} G(d) \Rightarrow G(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)F\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

After some equivalences:  $A(n, r) = \sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} \left( \sum_{x|d} \mu(x)r^{d/x} \right)$

**Euler's Totient function:**  $\phi(n) := \#\{1 \leq i \leq n : \gcd(i, n) = 1\}$ .

**Thm**  $\phi(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(n/d)d = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)\frac{n}{d}$

**Thm**  $N(n, r) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{d|n} \phi(n/d)r^d$  &  $N(n, r) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n r^{\gcd(i, n)}$

SHIFT MAP  $\sigma$  s.t.  $\sigma(w_1, \dots, w_n) = w_2, \dots, w_n, w_1$  and REVERSION MAP:  $\tau$  s.t.  $\tau(w_1, \dots, w_n) = w_n, \dots, w_1$ .

Therefore we get  $w \equiv_{NL} v$  iff  $v = (\sigma \circ \dots \circ \sigma)(w)$

$w \equiv_{Br} v$  iff  $v$  obtained from  $w$  by some seq. of applications of  $\sigma$  &  $\tau$ .

Note:  $(\tau \circ \sigma)(w) = (\sigma^{-1} \circ \tau)(w) \Rightarrow v \equiv_{Br} w$  if  $v = (\sigma^{(i)} \circ \tau^{(j)})(w)$ .

$B(n, r) = \#\text{bracelets}$   $S(n, r) = |\mathcal{S}(n, r)| = \#\{[w]_{NL} \text{ s.t. } [\tau(w)]_{NL} = [w]_{nl}\}$

Therefore  $N(n, r) = 2B(n, r) - S(n, r)$

After this, there follows a lot of equivalence with  $S(n, r)$  but do not think those are really important.

**Cayley theorem:**  $\#\text{ trees on } [n] = n^{n-2}$

$G, H$  graphs, then  $G \cong H$  if exists bijection  $\phi : V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$  s.t.  $uv \in E(G) \Leftrightarrow \phi(u)\phi(v) \in E(H)$ .

**Theorem:**

$H, H'$  both s.t.  $V(H') = V(H) = [n]$  then  $\exists \pi \in S_n$  that is isomorphism  $H \rightarrow H'$ .

**Pólya theorem:**  $u_n = (1 + o_n(1)) \cdot \frac{2 \binom{n}{2}}{n!}$  where  $o_n(1) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

$\mathcal{C}(G) = \{H \text{ Graph on } [n] : H \cong G\}$  then  $|\mathcal{C}(G)| = \frac{n!}{\text{aut}(G)}$  here  $\text{aut}(G) = |\text{Aut}(G)| = |\phi : G \rightarrow G \text{ isom.}|$

$p \in S$  not id.  $\Rightarrow \exists k \geq 2, i_1, \dots, i_k$  s.t.  $\pi(i_1) = i_2, \dots, \pi(i_k) = i_1$ .

RECURRENCE:  $a_n = f(a_{n-1}, \dots, a_{n-m}, N)$  then  $\mathcal{S} = \{(a_n)_{n \geq 0} \text{ solves recurrence}\}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  is lin. vec. space.

CHAR. POL  $p(z) = z^m + c_1 z^{m-1} + \dots + c_{m-1} z + c_m$  and FUND. THM OF ALG.  $p(z) = (z - r_1) \cdot \dots \cdot (z - r_m)$

**Lemm:**  $r \neq 0$  root of  $p(z)$  of mult. at least  $i$  iff  $a_n = n^i r^n$  is sol. of recur.

**Thm**  $r_1, \dots, r_k$  roots with mult.  $m_1, \dots, m_k \Rightarrow \mathcal{S} = \text{span}(\{r_1^n, \dots, n^{m_1-1} r_1^n, \dots, r_k^n \dots n^{m_k-1} r_k^n\})$

Any solution  $a_n = \sum_{ij} n^i r_j^n$ . Find  $\lambda_{ij}$  via in. cond.  $\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = M \underline{\lambda}$  with  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ .

If roots distinct  $\Rightarrow$  i'th column of  $M$  would like  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ r_i \\ \vdots \\ r_i^{m-1} \end{pmatrix}$  called Vandermonde matrix.

$$\text{deg}(M) = \prod_{i \neq j} (r_j - r_i)$$

Inhom. recurrence:  $a_n + c_1 a_{n-1} + \dots + c_m a_{n-m} = f(n)$ .

**Cor:**  $a_n, b_n$  solves inhom. recurrence  $\Rightarrow a_n - b_n$  solves hom. version, i.e.,  $f(n) = 0$ .

**Cor:**  $a_n^{(p)}$  solves inhom. recur  $\Rightarrow$  all solutions of the form  $a_n = a_n^{(p)} + p_1(n)r_1^n + \dots + p_k(n)r_k^n$ .

**Thm:**  $a_n + c_1 a_{n-1} + \dots + c_m a_{n-m} = Q(n) \cdot r^n$  then exists sol  $a_n^{(p)} = R(n) \cdot r^n$  where  $\text{deg}(R) = \text{deg}(Q) + \text{mult}(r = \text{in } P)$  and  $P$  is char. pol of hom version.

**Generalized binomial coeff.**  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \Rightarrow \binom{\alpha}{k} = \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\dots(\alpha-k+1)}{k!}$

$\binom{1/2}{n} \cdot (-1)^{n-1} \cdot (1/4)^{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

$\binom{-k}{n} = \binom{n+k-1}{k-1} \cdot (-1)^n$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . **gen. Newton's binom**  $(1+z)^\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{k} z^k$  if  $|z| < 1$ .

DYCK WORD:  $w \in \{0, 1\}^n$  s.t.  $\#1's = \#0's$

DYCK PATH:  $n \times n$  grid, path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(n, n)$  stays on/above same height/above diagonal.

Let  $C$  be event that  $A$  has more as  $B$  after  $t$  votes counted, then

$$\mathbb{P}(C) = \frac{\#\text{walks that stay non-negative}}{\#\text{All walks}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}}{\binom{2n}{n}} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

CATALAN NUMBER:  $c_n = \#\{\text{triangulations of a } n+2 \text{ gon for } n \geq 1\} = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$

$\pi \in S_n$  of  $[n]$  CONTAINS THE PATTERN  $\sigma \in S_k$ , if there exists  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$  s.t.  $\forall 1 \leq a, b \leq k$ , we have  $\pi(i_a) < \pi(i_b)$ , iff  $\sigma(a) < \sigma(b)$

$\pi$  AVOIDS  $\sigma$  if  $\pi$  does not contain  $\sigma$ .

$\text{Av}(n, \sigma) := \{\pi \in S_n : \pi \text{ avoids } \sigma\} \Rightarrow \text{av}(n, \sigma) = |\text{Av}(n, \sigma)|$

$r_n : [n] \rightarrow [n]$  REVERSE MAP:  $r_n(i) = n + 1 - i$ .

**Thm**  $\pi \in S_n$  avoids  $\sigma \in S_k$  iff  $r_n \circ \pi$  avoids  $r_k \circ \sigma$  iff  $\pi \circ r_n$  avoids  $\sigma \circ r_k$ .

$\text{av}(n, 231) = \text{av}(n, 312) = \text{av}(n, 213) = \text{av}(n, 132) = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$  and  $\text{av}(n, 123) = \text{av}(n, 321)$

If we have a sequence,  $a_0, a_1, \dots$ , then we have

- ORDINARY GENERATING FUNCTION  $A(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ , note that

$$A'(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)a_{n+1}z^n, \int_0^x A(x)dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} a_n z^{n+1}$$

We see that  $[z^n]A(z) = a_n$ , and  $A^{(n)}(0) = n!a_n$ .

CONVOLUTION FORMULA:  $A \cdot B = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} \right)$

**Radius of convergence of  $A$ :**  $\rho = \sup\{r : A(z) \text{ conv. abs. } \forall |z| < r\}$  with  $A(z)$  def. on  $(-\rho, \rho)$  and smooth.

- $\rho > 0$  then  $A', \int A$  have positive rad. of conv.
- $A, B$  positive rad. of conv  $\Rightarrow A + B, A \cdot B$  positive rad. of conv.
- $|a_n| < K^n$  for some  $K \in [0, \infty) \Rightarrow \rho > 0$

Examples:

- $1, 1, 1, 1, \dots \Rightarrow A(z) = 1 + z + z^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-z}$  (if  $|z| < 1$ )
- $1, 2, 3, \dots \Rightarrow A(z) = 1 + 2z + 3z^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{(1-z)^2}$
- $0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \dots \Rightarrow A(z) = z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \dots = -\ln(1-z)$
- Right shift,  $zA(z)$  and left shift  $\frac{A(z)-a_0}{z}$
- [A lot of examples](#)

- EXPONENTIAL GENERATING FUNCTION  $\hat{A}(z) := \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n \cdot \frac{z^n}{n!}$

$$\hat{A}'(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n+1} \frac{z^n}{n!} \text{ i.e. left shift, } \int_0^z \hat{A}(x)dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n-1} \cdot \frac{z^n}{n!} \text{ i.e. right shift.}$$

BINOMIAL CONVOLUTION FORMULA:  $\hat{A}(z) \cdot \hat{B}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_{n-i} \right) \frac{z^n}{n!}$

MULTINOMIAL COEF:  $\binom{n}{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k} = \frac{n!}{n_1! \dots n_k!}$  if  $n_1 + \dots + n_k = n$ , oth. 0

$$o_{n,k} := \#\{\text{ordered part. of } [n] \text{ into precisely } k \text{ non-empty sets}\} = \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} o_{n-j,k-1} \cdot o_{j,1}$$

$$\hat{O}_k(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} o_{n,k} \frac{z^n}{n!} = \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} \cdot \left( \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} j^n (-1)^{k-j} \right) \text{ so new formula for } o_{n,k}$$

$$u_{n,k} = \frac{1}{k!} \cdot o_{n,k} = \frac{1}{k!} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} j^n (-1)^{k-j} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \text{ STIRLING NUMBER OF 2ND KIND}$$

$$\hat{U}_k(z) = \frac{1}{k!} (e^z - 1)^k \text{ and BELL NUMBER } b_n := \sum_{k=1}^n u_{n,k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_{n,k}. \text{ Therefore } \hat{B}(z) = e^{e^z - 1}$$

**Thm**  $b_n = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^n}{k!}$

RECURSION BERNOULLI:  $b_0 = 1, \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k+1}{j} \cdot b_j = 0, \text{ for } k \geq 1.$

**Thm:**  $s_{n,k} = \frac{1}{k+1} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k+1}{i} \cdot b_i \cdot n^{k+1-i}$

We see that  $\hat{S}_n(z) = \hat{B}(z) \cdot \left(\frac{e^{nz}-1}{z}\right)$  and  $\hat{S}_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_{n,k} \frac{z^k}{k!}$ . If we work this out, we

get  $s_{n,k} = \frac{1}{k+1} \cdot \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{k+1}{l} b_l n^{k+1-l}$  i.e., bernoulli's formula

$\left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] = s_k = \#\pi \in S_n \text{ with exactly } k \text{ cycles}$  STIRLING NUMBER OF FIRST KIND

$$(z)_n = z(z-1)\dots(z-n+1) \Rightarrow (z)_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] z^k \text{ since } \left[ \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k-1 \end{matrix} \right] + n \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right]$$

Note:  $\left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{n-k} \leq n} i_1 \dots i_{n-k}$

**Stirling inversion**  $(a_n)_n, (b_n)_n, \text{ with } b_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} a_k, \forall n \Leftrightarrow a_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] b_k$

$t_n$  tree on  $[n], r_n$  rooted tree  $(T, \rho) \in V(T)$ , we see that  $r_n = n \cdot t_n$ . Let  $r_{k,n} = \#\text{rooted trees with } \deg(\rho) = k.$

After a lot of computations, we get that  $r_i = i^{i-1}$

RAMSEY NUMBER  $R(s, t) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \forall \text{ red, blue colouring of } E(R_n), \exists a \text{ red } K_t \text{ or blue } K_s\}$

**Thm**  $R(s, t) < \infty, \forall s, t.$  and **Prob meth.**  $(\sqrt{2})^t \leq R(t, t) \leq 4^t$

**Erd. thm**  $\binom{n}{t} 2^{1-\binom{t}{2}} < 1 \Rightarrow R(t, t) > n.$  **cor**  $R(t, t) \geq \sqrt{2}^t$

**Erd-szek thm**  $R(s+1, t+1) \leq R(s, t+1) + R(s+1, t).$  **Cor**  $R(s, t) \leq 2^{s+t}$

$\chi(G) =$  CHROMATIC NUMBER OF  $G$ , smallest  $k$  for which a  $k$  colouring exists.

$A \subseteq V(G)$  is STABLE SET if  $ab \notin E(G)$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ .

STABILITY NUMBER/INDEPENDENCE NUMBER OF  $G$ ,  $\alpha(G) = |\text{largest stable set}|$ .

Therefore  $\chi(G) \geq \frac{v(G)}{\alpha(G)}$

GIRTH  $(G) := \text{length of shortest cycle in } G$ .

**Thm**  $\forall k, l, \exists G$  with  $\chi(G) > k$  and  $\text{girth}(G) > l$

$a_n = O(b_n) \Rightarrow \exists c; a_n \leq cb_n$  and  $a_n = \Omega(b_n) \Rightarrow \exists c : a_n \geq cb_n$

$a_n = o(b_n) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow 0$  and  $a_n = \omega(b_n) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow \infty$

CROSSING NUMBER  $\text{cr}(G) = \text{least number of crossings in a drawing of } G$ .  $\text{cr}(G) = 0 \Leftrightarrow G$  planar.

**Conj.**  $\text{cr}(K_{n,m}) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \cdot \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor \cdot \dots \cdot \lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$ .

**Euler's formula:**  $2 = v(G) - e(G) + f(G)$  if  $G$  conn and planar.

**Lemma:**  $G$  Planar  $\Rightarrow e(G) \leq 3v(G)$ . If  $G$  planar and  $v(G) \geq 3 \Rightarrow e(G) \leq 3v(G) - 6$

**Cors. num. ineq.**  $\text{cr}(G) \geq \frac{e(G)^3}{64v(G)^2}$  prov.  $e(G) \geq 4v(G)$ . **Cor:**  $\text{cr}(K_n) \geq \frac{\binom{n}{2}^3}{62n^2} = \Omega(n^4)$

$\text{rcr}(G) = \text{min number of crossings in drawing with all edges line segments}$ .

**Thm**  $\text{cr}(G) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{rcr}(G) = 0$ .

**B& D thm 1**  $\text{cr}(G) \leq 3 \Rightarrow \text{rcr}(G) = \text{cr}(G) \cdot 2 \forall k, \exists G$  s.t.  $\text{cr}(G) = 4, \text{rcr}(G) > k$ .

$I(P, L) = |\{(p, l), p \in P, l \in L\}|$  so number of pairs (point, line) s.t. point on line.

$u(n) = \max_{\substack{P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \\ |P|=n}} |\{(p, q) \in \binom{P}{2} : |p - q| = 1\}|$

**Thm**  $I(P, L) \leq 4(|P||L|)^{2/3} + |L| + 4|P|$ , **Thm**  $\exists c : u(n) > n^{1 + \frac{c}{\ln \ln(n)}}$  **thm**  $u(n) = O(n^{4/3})$

INTERSECTING FAMILY  $F \subseteq 2^V$  with  $V$  finite, s.t.  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset, \forall A, B \in F$ .

Is  $k$ -uniform, if  $|A| = k, \forall A \in F$ .

$F_v := \{A \in \binom{V}{k} : v \in A\}$ .

**Thm:**  $n := |V|, k \leq n/2, F \subseteq \binom{V}{k}$  intersecting, then  $|F| \leq \binom{n-1}{k-1}$

$$u_{n,k} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{o_{n,k}}{k!} \Leftarrow \# \text{ unordered partition with } k \text{ parts on } [n] \Leftarrow \text{Stirl. second kind}$$

$$\hat{U}_k(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_{n,k} \frac{z^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{k!} (e^z - 1)^k$$

$$o_{n,k} = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} j^n (-1)^{k-j}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^n}{n!} \Leftarrow \text{Bell number}$$

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{n-k} \leq n} i_1 \dots i_{n-k} \Leftarrow \{ \# \pi \in S_n \text{ with exactly } k \text{ cycles} \} \Leftarrow \text{Stir. first kind}$$

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right] = \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k-1 \end{matrix} \right] + n \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right]$$

$$S_{n,k} = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{l=0}^k b_l n^{k+1-l}$$

$$\hat{S}_k(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] \frac{z^n}{n!} = \ln \left( \frac{1}{1+z} \right)^k$$

$$b_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \Leftrightarrow a_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^{n-k} \left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] b_k$$

$$A(z) \cdot B(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n a_i b_{n-i} \right) \frac{z^n}{n!} \Leftrightarrow \hat{A}(z) \cdot \hat{B}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a_i b_{n-i} \right)$$

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a_{n-k} b_k$$