

Combinatorics

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Compositions by 1 and 2

of compositions of n
with summands from
 $\{1,2\}$

of (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)
for some $k \leq n$
 $x_1 + \dots + x_k = n$
 $x_i \in \{1, 2\}$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \quad a_0 = 1 \quad a_1 = 1$$

Case.1 $x_k = 1 \quad x_1 + \dots + x_{k-1} = n - 1$

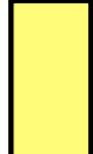
Case.2 $x_k = 2 \quad x_1 + \dots + x_{k-1} = n - 2$

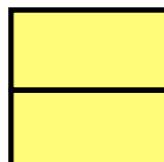
Dominos

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Case.2  ... $2 \times (n-2)$

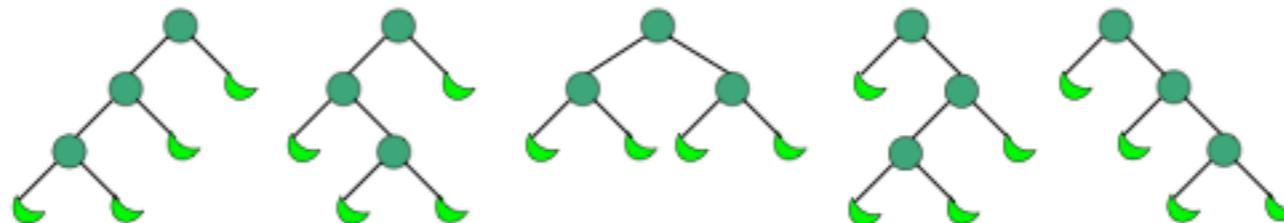
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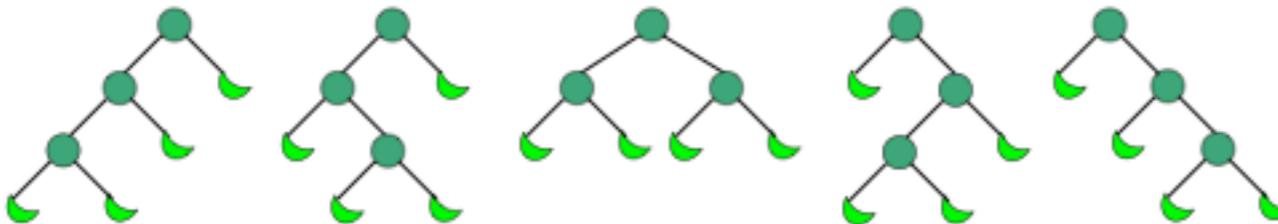
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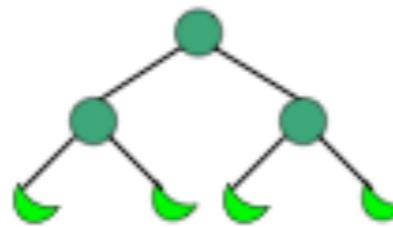


Catalan Number

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Recursion:



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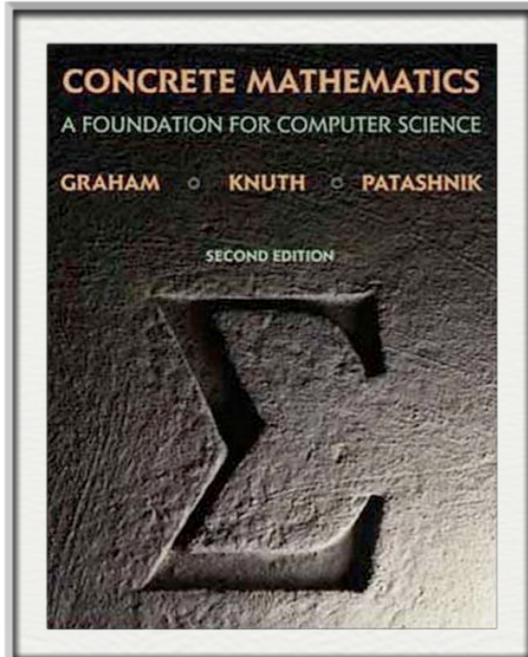
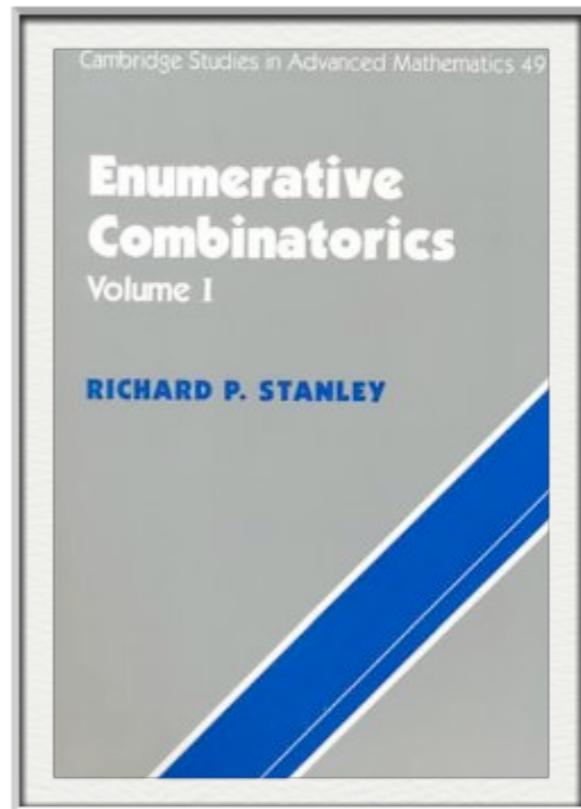
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Generating Functions

Generating Functions:

“the most *useful* but most
difficult to understand method
(for counting)”



“the *most powerful* way to deal
with sequences of numbers, as
far as anybody knows,”

generate

~~enumerate~~ all subsets of

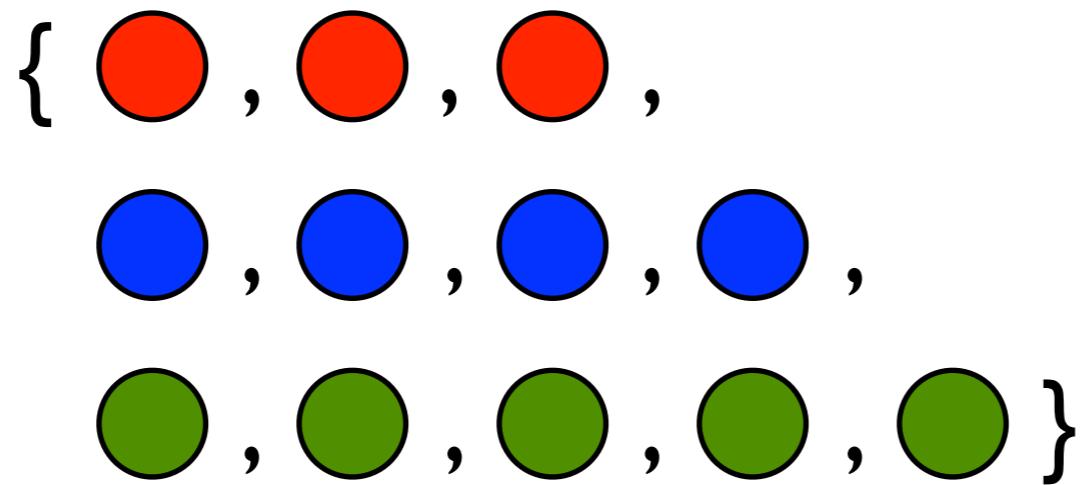
$$\{ \textcolor{red}{\circ}, \textcolor{blue}{\circ}, \textcolor{green}{\circ} \}$$

$$(x^0 + x^1)(x^0 + x^1)(x^0 + x^1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} = & x^0 x^0 x^0 + x^0 x^0 x^1 + x^0 x^1 x^0 + x^0 x^1 x^1 \\ & + x^1 x^0 x^0 + x^1 x^0 x^1 + x^1 x^1 x^0 + x^1 x^1 x^1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(1 + x)^3 = 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3$$

coefficient of x^k : # of k -subsets



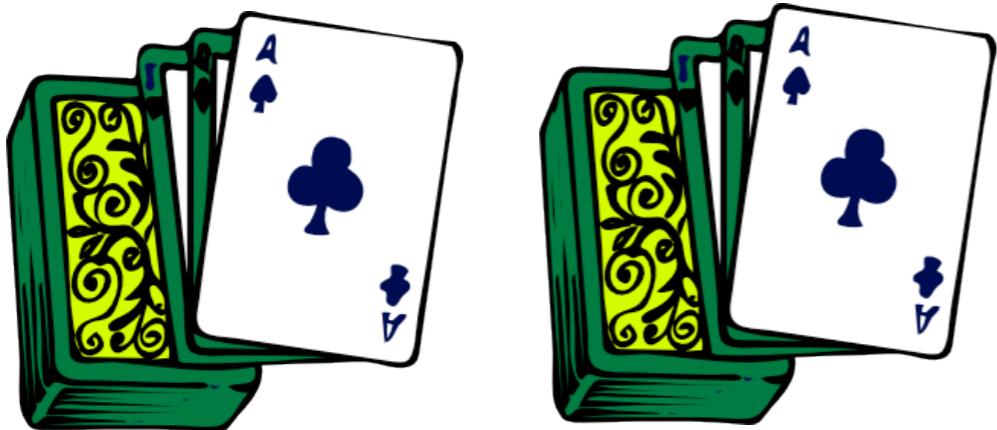
$$(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)$$

$$(1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4)$$

$$(1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5)$$

$$= 1 + 3x + 6x^2 + 10x^3 + 14x^4 + 17x^5 + 18x^6 + 17x^7 + 14x^8 + 10x^9 + 6x^{10} + 3x^{11} + x^{12}$$

Double Decks



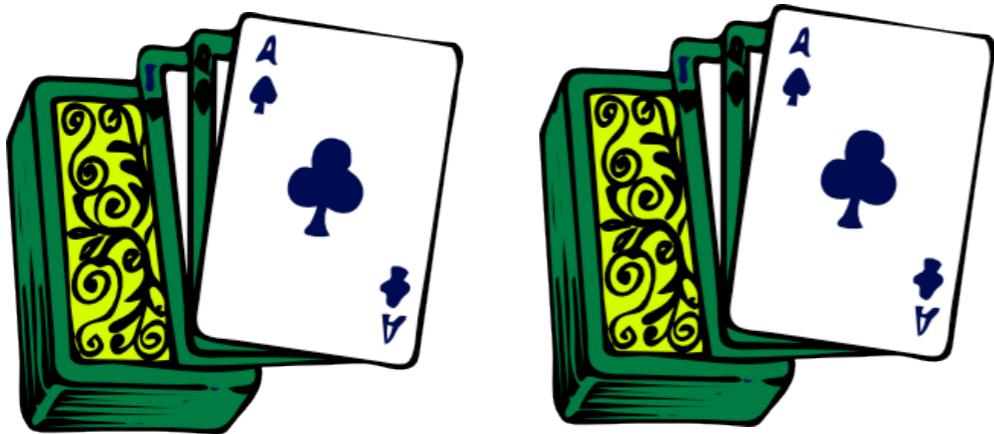
choose m cards from
2 decks of n cards

$$(x_1^0 + x_1^1 + x_1^2) (x_2^0 + x_2^1 + x_2^2) \cdots (x_n^0 + x_n^1 + x_n^2)$$

of m -order terms

coefficient of x^m in $(1 + x + x^2)^n$

Double Decks



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$$\begin{aligned}(1 + (x + x^2))^n &= \sum_k \binom{n}{k} (x + x^2)^k \\&= \sum_k \binom{n}{k} x^k \sum_{\ell \leq k} \binom{k}{\ell} x^\ell = \sum_k \sum_{\ell \leq k} \binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{\ell} x^{k+\ell} \\&= \sum_m \left(\sum_\ell \binom{n}{m-\ell} \binom{m-\ell}{\ell} \right) x^m\end{aligned}$$

Multisets

multisets on $S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$$(1 + x_1 + x_1^2 + \dots)(1 + x_2 + x_2^2 + \dots) \cdots (1 + x_n + x_n^2 + \dots)$$

$$= \sum_{m:S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}} \prod_{x_i \in S} x_i^{m(x_i)}$$

$$(1 + x + x^2 + \dots)^n = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}^n} x^{m_1 + \dots + m_n} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n}{k} x^k$$

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$$(1 - x)^{-n} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{(-n)(-n - 1) \cdots (-n - k + 1)(-1)^k}{k!} x^k$$

Taylor

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$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n+k-1}{k}$$

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generating function:

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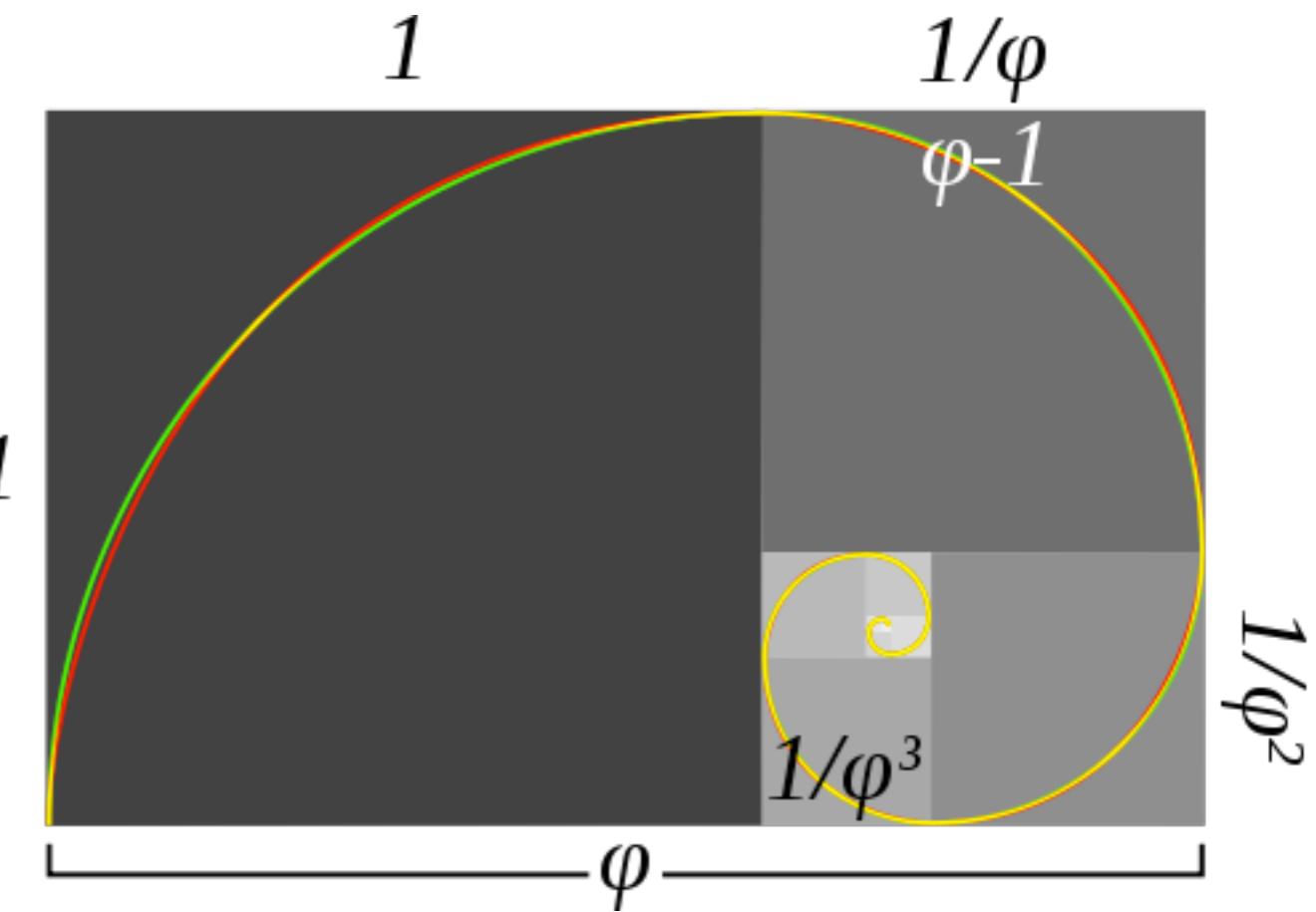
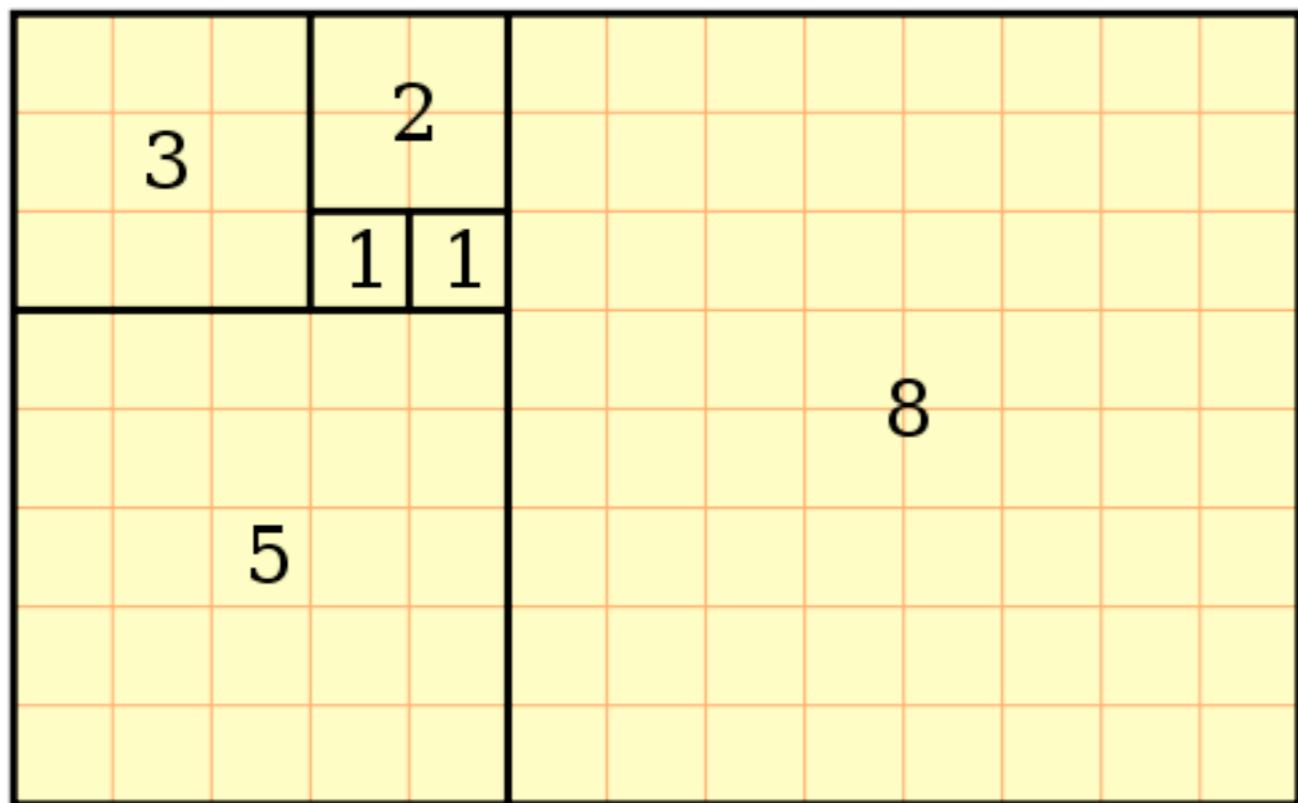
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$$\sum_{n \geq 2} F_{n-1} x^n = \sum_{n \geq 1} F_{n-1} x^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} F_n x^{n+1} = x G(x)$$

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denote $\phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ $\hat{\phi} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$

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Formal Power Series

formal power series: $G(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$

$\mathbb{C}[[x]]$: ring of formal power series
with complex coefficient

inverse

$$F(x)G(x) = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad F(x) = G(x)^{-1} = \frac{1}{G(x)}$$

$$(1 - \alpha x) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^n x^n \right) = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{1 - \alpha x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^n x^n$$

“Generatingfunctionology”

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Taylor's expansion:

$$G(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{G^{(n)}(0)}{n!} x^n$$

Geometric sequence:

$$\frac{a}{1 - bx} = a \sum_{n \geq 0} (bx)^n$$

$$G(x) = \frac{a_1}{1 - b_1 x} + \frac{a_2}{1 - b_2 x} + \cdots + \frac{a_k}{1 - b_k x}$$

$$[x^n]G(x) = a_1 b_1^n + a_2 b_2^n + \cdots + a_k b_k^n$$

Expanding generating functions

Binomial theorem: **Newton's formula**

$$(1 + x)^\alpha = \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{\alpha}{n} x^n$$

$$((1 + x)^\alpha)^{(n)} = \alpha(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2) \cdots (\alpha - n + 1)(1 + x)^{\alpha - n}$$

generalized binomial coefficient:

$$\binom{\alpha}{n} = \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2) \cdots (\alpha - n + 1)}{n!}$$

Changing Money

$$(\text{壹}, \text{伍})_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \text{壹}_k \text{伍}_{n-k}$$



壹_n : # of ways to change n yuan using 壹圆

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \text{壹}_n x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1 - x}$$

伍_n : # of ways to change n yuan using 伍圆

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \text{伍}_n x^n = 1 + x^5 + x^{10} + \cdots = \frac{1}{1 - x^5}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 0} (\text{壹}, \text{伍})_n x^n &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^n \text{壹}_k \text{伍}_{n-k} x^n \\ \text{convolution!} &= \frac{1}{(1-x)(1-x^5)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= (1+x+x^2+x^3+\cdots+x^{99}) \cdot (1+x^5+x^{10}+x^{15}+\cdots+x^{95})$$

$$\cdot (1+x^{10}+x^{20}+x^{30}+\cdots+x^{90}) \cdot (1+x^{20}+x^{40}+x^{60}+x^{80})$$

$$\cdot (1+x^{50}) \cdot \boxed{\frac{1}{(1-x^{100})^6}}$$

Newton's formula

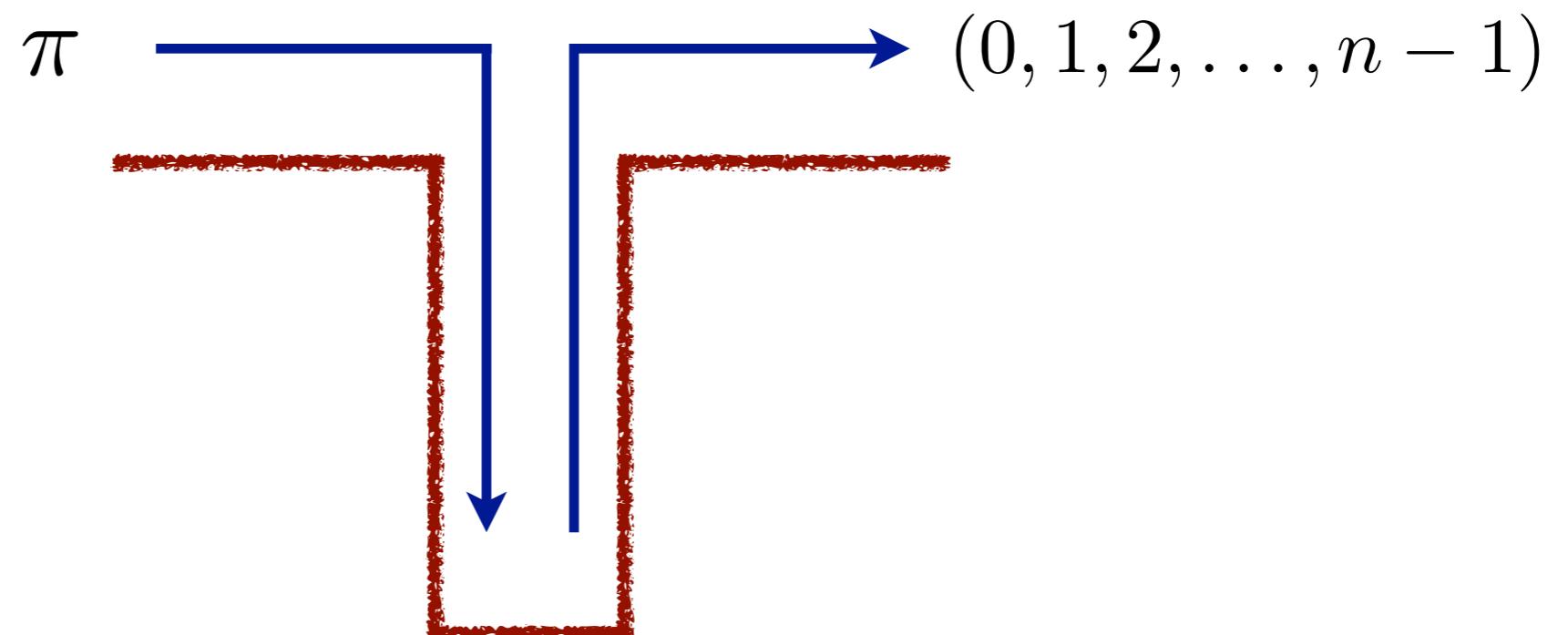
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$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{-6}{n} (-x^{100})^n$$

n pairs of matching parenthesis

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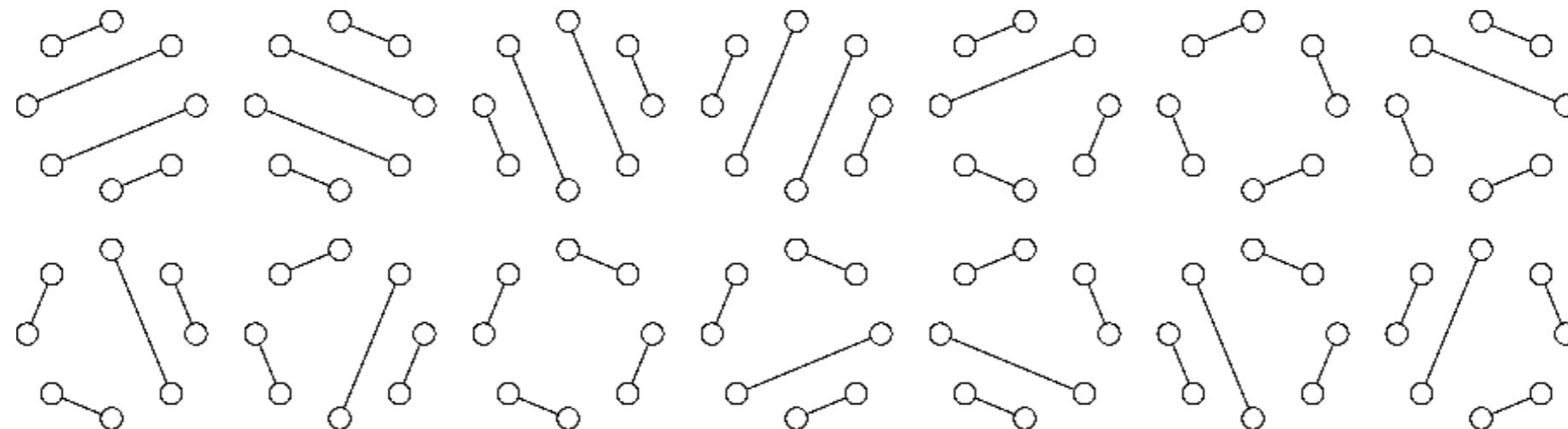
stack-sortable permutations of $[n]$



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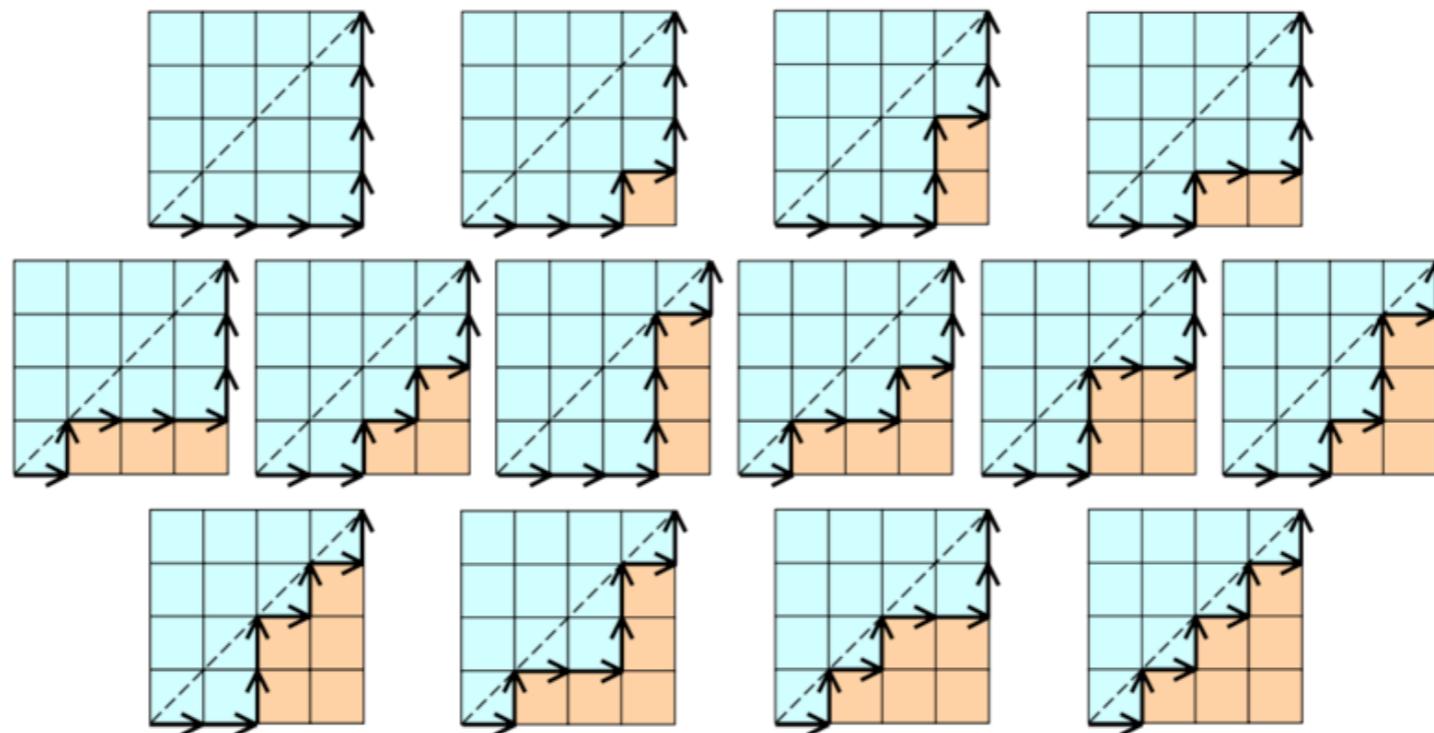
$2n$ people around a circular table shake hands,
no arms cross each other



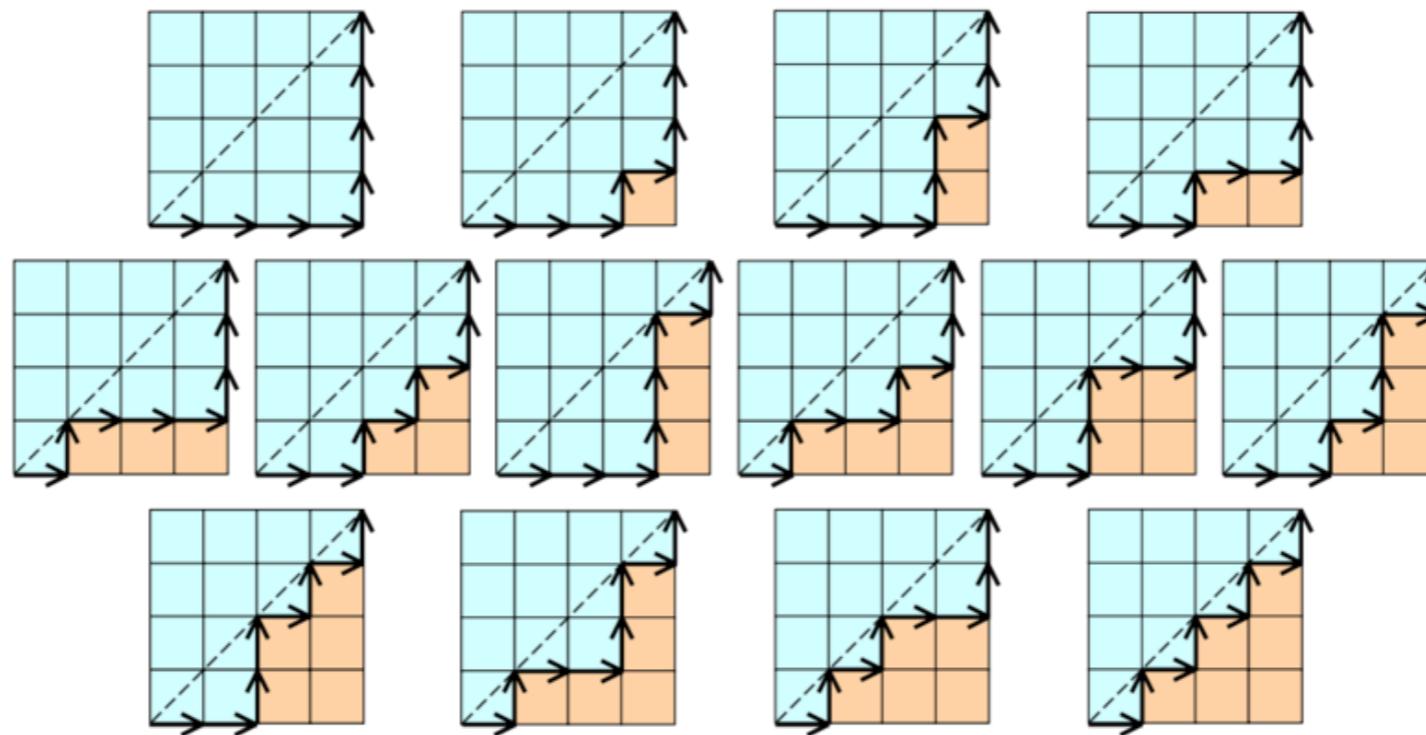
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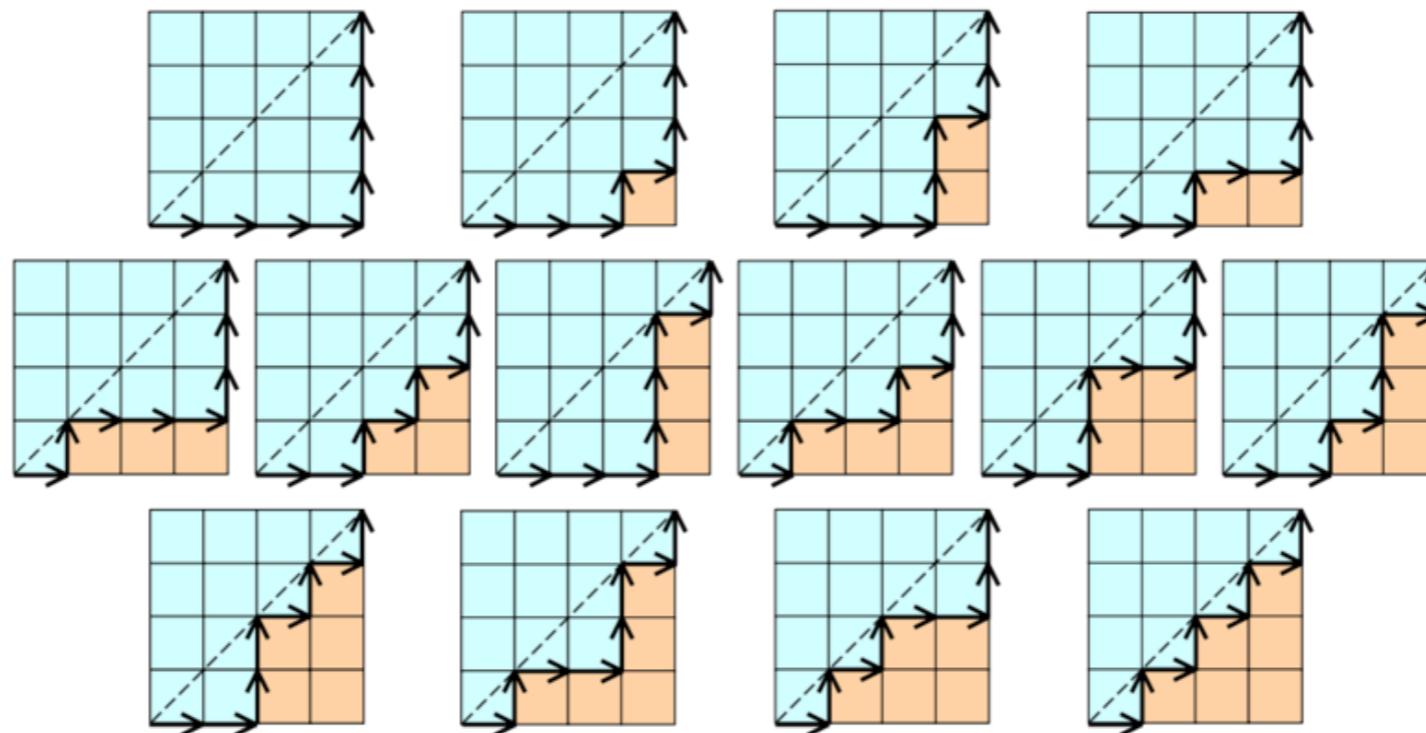


monotonically **non-decreasing** function:

$$f : [n] \rightarrow [n]$$

satisfying $f(i) \leq i$ for all $i \in [n]$

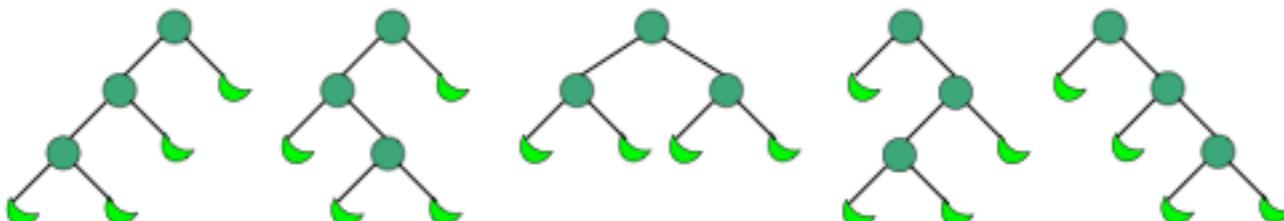
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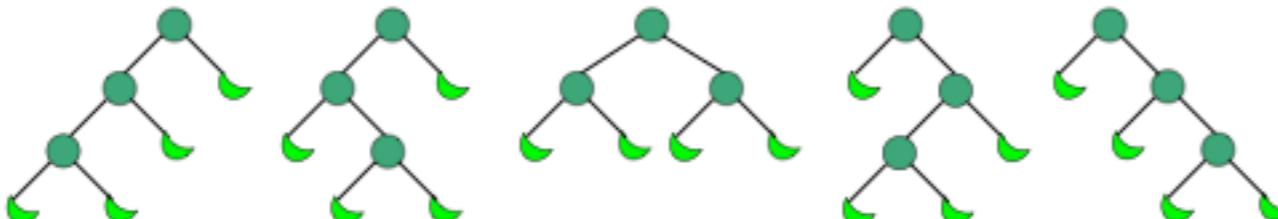
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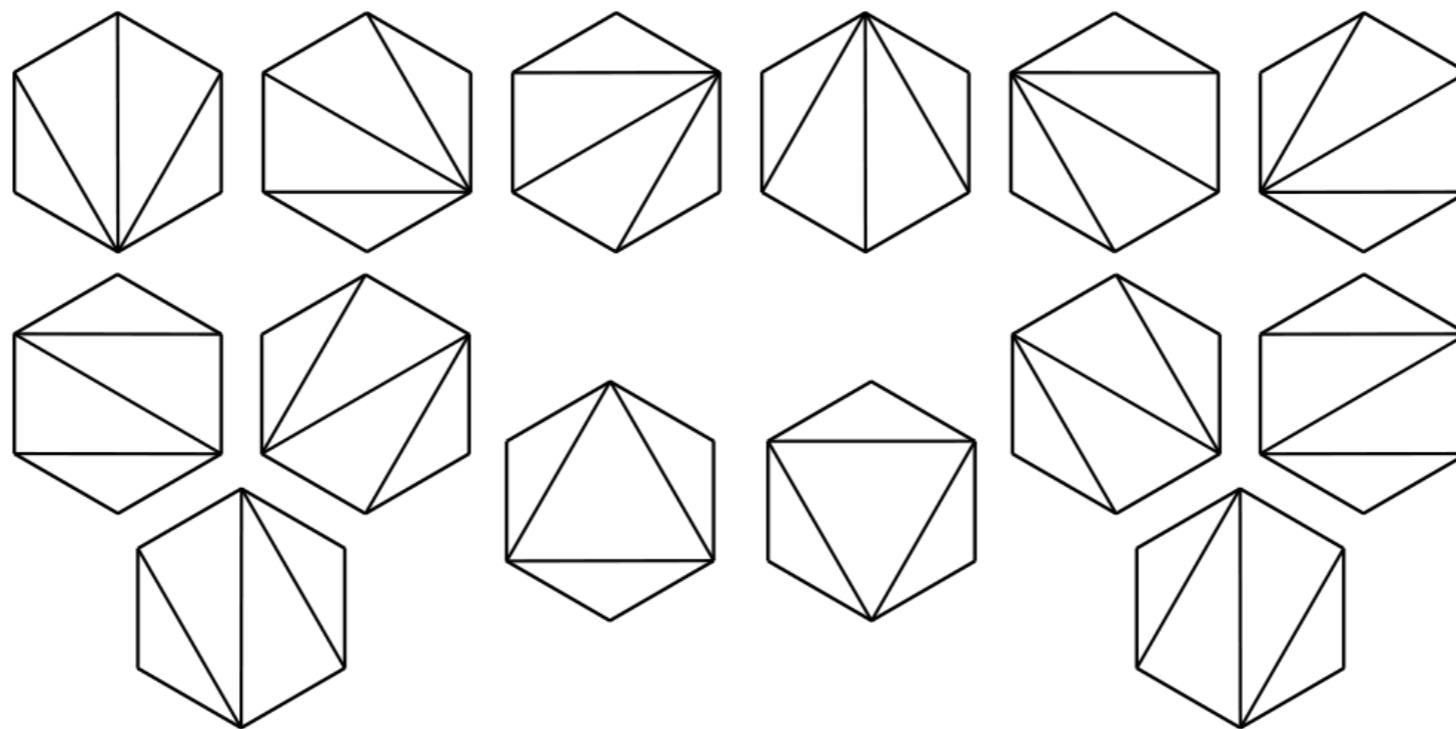
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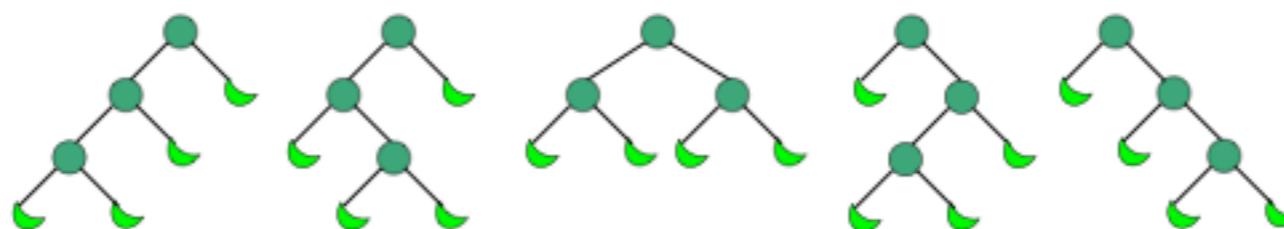
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triangulations of a convex $(n+2)$ -gon:

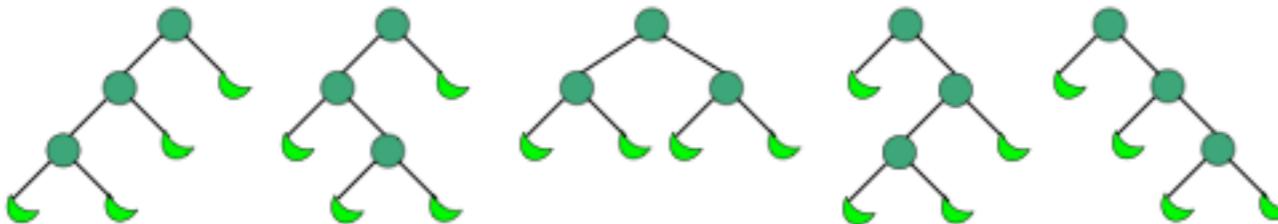


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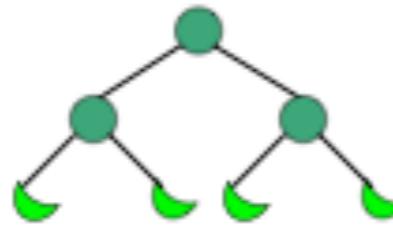


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$$\begin{aligned} G(x)^2 &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^n C_k C_{n-k} x^n \\ xG(x)^2 &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^n C_k C_{n-k} x^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k C_{n-1-k} x^n \end{aligned}$$

Manipulation:

$$G(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} C_n x^n = C_0 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k C_{n-1-k} x^n = 1 + xG(x)^2$$

Recursion:

$$C_0 = 1$$

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k C_{n-1-k}$$

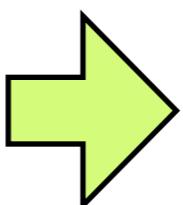
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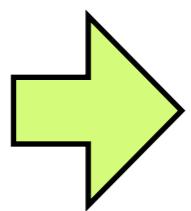
Solving:

$$G(x) = \frac{1 \pm (1 - 4x)^{1/2}}{2x}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} G(x) = C_0 = 1$$



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$$G(x) = \frac{1 - (1 - 4x)^{1/2}}{2x}$$

Expanding:

Newton's formula

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - 4x)^{1/2} &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{1/2}{n} (-4x)^n = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \binom{1/2}{n} (-4x)^n \\&= 1 + \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{1/2}{n+1} (-4x)^{n+1} = 1 - 4x \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{1/2}{n+1} (-4x)^n\end{aligned}$$

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$$C_0 = 1$$

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Manipulation:

$$G(x) = 1 + xG(x)^2$$

Solving:

$$G(x) = \frac{1 - (1 - 4x)^{1/2}}{2x}$$

Expanding:

$$(1 - 4x)^{1/2} = 1 - 4x \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{1/2}{n+1} (-4x)^n$$

$$G(x) = \frac{1 - (1 - 4x)^{1/2}}{2x} = 2 \sum_{n \geq 0} \binom{1/2}{n+1} (-4x)^n$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} 2 \binom{1/2}{n+1} (-4)^n x^n$$

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$$C_n = 2 \binom{1/2}{n+1} (-4)^n$$

$$= 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-1}{2} \cdot \frac{-3}{2} \cdots \frac{-(2n-1)}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \cdot (-4)^n$$

$$= \frac{2^n}{(n+1)!} \prod_{k=1}^n (2k-1) = \frac{2^n}{(n+1)!} \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{(2k-1)2k}{2k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!(n+1)!} \prod_{k=1}^n (2k-1)2k = \frac{(2n)!}{n!(n+1)!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

Catalan number

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

Quicksort

input: an array A of n numbers

Qsort(A):

choose a **pivot** $x = A[1]$;
partition A into L with all $L[i] < x$,
 R with all $R[i] > x$;
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Complexity: number of comparisons

worst-case: $\Theta(n^2)$

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T_n :

average # of comparisons
used by Qsort
taken over all $n!$
total orders of A

pivot: the k -th smallest number in A

$$|L| = k-1 \quad |R| = n-k$$

Recursion:

$$T_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n (n - 1 + T_{k-1} + T_{n-k})$$

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$$\sum_{n \geq 0} nT_n x^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n (n-1 + T_{k-1} + T_{n-k}) \right) x^n$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} n(n-1)x^n + 2 \sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T_k \right) x^n$$

Recursion:

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Manipulation:

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$$\textcolor{blue}{\square} = x^2 \sum_{n \geq 0} n(n-1) x^{n-2} = \frac{2x^2}{(1-x)^3}$$

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Generating function manipulations

$$G(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n \quad F(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n x^n$$

shift:

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$$F(x) + G(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} (f_n + g_n) x^n$$

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$$F(x)G(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{k=0}^n f_k g_{n-k} x^n$$

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Manipulation:

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$$xG'(x) = \frac{2x^2}{(1-x)^3} + \frac{2x}{1-x} G(x)$$

$$G'(x) = \frac{2x}{(1-x)^3} + \frac{2}{1-x} G(x)$$

Recursion:

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Manipulation:

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Solving: first-order linear differential equation

$$y' + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{u(x)} \int u(x)Q(x) dx \quad \text{with} \quad u(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx}$$

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Solving: first-order linear differential equation

$$G(x) = e^{\int \frac{2}{1-x} dx} \int \frac{2x}{(1-x)^3} e^{-\int \frac{2}{1-x} dx} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{(1-x)^2} \ln \frac{1}{1-x}$$

Recursion:

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Manipulation:

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Solving: $G(x) = \frac{2}{(1-x)^2} \ln \frac{1}{1-x}$

Expanding: $\frac{2}{(1-x)^2} = 2 \sum_{n \geq 0} (n+1)x^n \quad \ln \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x^n}{n}$

Taylor

$$G(x) = 2 \sum_{n \geq 0} (n+1)x^n \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{x^n}{n} = 2 \sum_{n \geq 1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n (n-k+1) \frac{1}{k} \right) x^n$$

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$$T_n = 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (n-k+1) \frac{1}{k} = 2(n+1) \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot \frac{1}{k}$$

$$= 2(n+1)H(n) - 2n = 2n \ln n + O(n)$$