

Mm5023 Lecture 5

Generating functions II

Plan:

- Exponential generating functions
- Summation operator
- Examples

Exponential generating series & functions

Motivation: to solve problems in which the order matters

Def Given a sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ its exponential generating series is the (formal) power series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n$$

$$a_n \rightsquigarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

McLaurin exp of

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

If $\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n$ has a positive radius of absolute
convergence then we say that

$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n$ is the generating function

of $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$.

Examples

• $a_n = 1 \quad \leadsto$

$\implies e^x$

Exp

Generating series is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} x^n$

generating function

$$a_n = 2^n$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} x^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (2x)^n \implies e^{2x}$$

this is the generating function of

$$a_n = 2^n$$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n = 0, 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } n \neq 0, 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} x^n &= \frac{a_0}{0!} x^0 + \frac{a_1}{1!} x^1 = a_0 + a_1 x \\ &= 1 + x \end{aligned}$$

the generating function

Fix n $a_k = P(n, k)$

↳ Permutations of k objects / n letters

$$P(n, k) = \binom{n}{k} k!$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\binom{n}{k} k!}{k!} x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} x^k$$

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if $k > n$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k$$

$$= (1+x)^n$$

generating
function.

48 flags of 4 colors (12 in each color)
Blue Purple Yellow Black.

12 flag poles.

You send different messages by placing flags of different color in the flag poles

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How many messages.



How many signal with even number of blue and an odd number of black.

Count using generating functions

→ Find the exponential generating function of the problem.

→ Compute the coefficient of deg 12.

→ multiply it by $12!$

purple & yellow

$$\rightarrow \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^{12}}{12!} \right)$$

blue

$$\rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \frac{x^{10}}{10!} + \frac{x^{12}}{12!} \right)$$

black

$$\rightarrow \left(x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \frac{x^{11}}{11!} \right)$$

the number we are looking for is the coefficient of degree 12 of

$$\left(\sum_{k=0}^{12} \frac{x^k}{k!} \right)^2 \quad \left(\sum_{k=0}^6 \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} \right) \quad \left(\sum_{k=0}^5 \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \right)$$

P & Y B Black.

this is the same as the coefficient of degree 12 of

$$\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} \right)^2 \quad \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} \right) \quad \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} \right)$$

P & Y B Black.

$$\implies (e^x)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \right)$$

cosh(x) sinh(x)

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

Go back to power series

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(4x)^k}{k!} - 1 \right) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^k x^k}{k!} \quad a_{12}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^{k-1}}{k!} x^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^k}{k!} x^k$$

coefficient of deg 22

$$\frac{4^{22}}{22!}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{4^n}{n!} \cdot 22! = 4^{22}$$

3) How many signals have at least 3 purple or no purple at all.

Yellow black blue $\rightarrow e^x$

purple: 0 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

$$1 + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \frac{x^{10}}{10!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^{12}}{12!} - x - \frac{x^2}{2!}$$

$$\leadsto e^x - x - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Generating function of the problem is

$$\underbrace{(e^x)^3}_{Y B B} \cdot \left(e^x - x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) = e^{3x} \left(e^x - x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)$$

I want the coefficient of degree 12.

$$e^{4x} - xe^{3x} - \frac{x^2}{2} e^{3x}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4^k x^k}{k!} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^k}{k!} x^{k+1} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^k}{2 \cdot k!} x^{k+2}$$

$$\text{deg } 12 = \frac{4^{12}}{12!} - \frac{3^{11}}{11!} - \frac{3^{10}}{2 \cdot 10!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} x^k$$

$$= \frac{4^{12} - 3^{11} \cdot 12 - 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 6}{12!} = \frac{a_{12}}{12!}$$

$$a_{12} = 4^{12} - 3 \cdot 12 - 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 6$$
$$= 10,754,218$$

SUMMARY

Generating function

- 1) Find the gf of your problem.
- 2) Describe it as a power series.
- 3) Find the right coeffs

ANSWER
(no order)

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Exponential Gen. function

- 1) Find the EGF of the problem.
- 2) Describe it as a power series.
- 3) Find the right coeffs

multiply it by day!

ANSWER

(order)

(find the coefficient you are looking for)

The summation operation (usual gf)

Problem Given the generating function of $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, what is the generating function of

$$\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \quad =: b_n \quad ?$$

Proof

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

$$\left(f(x) \cdot \frac{1}{1-x} \right) = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$$

$$c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}$$

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$$= \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \rightarrow \text{sum of the first } n \text{ terms of } (a_n)$$

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Prop

If $f(x)$ is the generating function
of $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ then $\frac{f(x)}{1-x}$ is

the generating function of $\left(\sum_{n=0}^k a_n\right)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$

we call $\frac{1}{1-x}$ the SUMMATION OPERATOR.

Examples:

$$a_k = 1 \quad \forall k \quad \text{first } n+1 \text{ terms}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k = n+1$$

$$a_k \rightsquigarrow f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

the generating function of $a_n = n+1$

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-x} \right)^2$$

$$a_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 1, 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$a_k = x + x^2$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k = b_n$$

$$b_0 = 0$$

$$b_1 = 1$$

$$b_2 = 2$$

$$b_n = 2 \quad \forall n \geq 2.$$

the generating function of b_n

$$\frac{x+x^2}{1-x}$$

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^n b_k$$

$$C_0 = b_0 = 0$$

$$C_1 = b_1 = 1$$

$$C_2 = b_1 + b_2 = 3$$

$$C_3 = b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 5$$

$$C_4 = 7$$

$$C_5 = 9$$

$$C_k = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k=0 \\ 2(k-1)+1 & k \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$C_k \rightarrow k\text{th odd number} \\ = 2(k-1)+1$$

the generating function of odd number

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

$$(2(k-1)+1)_{k=1, \dots}$$

What if we want to know a formula for computing the sum of the first n odd numbers

(dn)

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

$$\Downarrow$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^n C_k + \textcircled{2}$$

↓
 C_0

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

generating function.

$$\frac{1}{(1-x)^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{n} x^k$$

$$\frac{x+x^2}{(1-x)^3} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+k-1}{k} x^{k+1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{3+k-1}{k} x^{k+2}$$

coeff of x^k

$$= \binom{k+1}{k-2} + \binom{3+k-2-1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)!}{(k-2)! \cdot 3!} + \frac{k!}{(k-3)! \cdot 3!} = \frac{(k+1)(k)(k-1)}{3!} + \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)}{3!}$$

$$\frac{k(k-1)(k+1+k-2)}{3!}$$

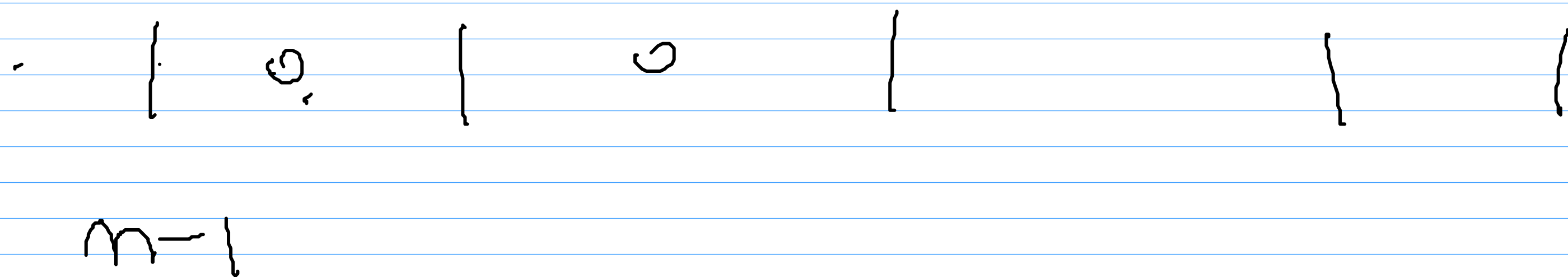
$$= \frac{k(k-1)(2k-1)}{3!}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)^n$$

the coefficient of deg k

$$(1+x+x^2+\dots)^n$$

I distribute k candies to n children



of strings of length $k+n-1$
with $n-1$ ones

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

want the coefficient of x^k of

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

$$n=3$$

$k = \text{whatever}$

$$(x+x^2) \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{k+3-1}{3-1} x^k$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{k+2}{2} x^{k+1} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{k+2}{2} x^{k+2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{deg } k \quad \binom{k+1}{2} + \binom{k}{2} &= \frac{1}{2} k(k+1) + \frac{1}{2} k(k-1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} k(k+1+k-1) = \frac{1}{2} k(2k) \\ &= k^2 \end{aligned}$$

Ex $a_n = \begin{cases} 2 & n=0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$D_n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$

Sum of the first n even numbers.

Generating functions of the catalan #'s

$$\boxed{C_n = 1} \quad ?$$

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

! Convergence
matter.

$$= (f(x))^2 \cdot x$$

$$(*) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{n+1} X^{n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n C_k C_{n-k} \right) X^{n+1}$$

Suppose that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} C_k x^k$ converges.

then it converges to some function $f(x)$
which is the generating function of C_n

$$f(x) - \underbrace{C_0 x^0}_{1/2} = x (f(x))^2$$

$$x (f(x))^2 - f(x) + 1 = 0$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2x}$$

two possibilities. how do I choose?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$f(x)$ is given by a convergent power series \Rightarrow so it converges near 0

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2x} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{0} \right| = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2x} \in \mathbb{R}$$

the generating function for Catalan ~~is~~

$$f(x) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 + 4x}}{2x}$$

Partition of 10

- such that every summand is at most 3.

$$p(n) \sim \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-x^k}$$

"with at most 3 summands"

m_k # of summand with value k

$$1) (1 + x^{m_1} + x^{2m_1} + \dots) \rightsquigarrow \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$2) (1 + x^{2m_2} + x^{4m_2} + \dots) \rightsquigarrow \frac{1}{1-x^2}$$

$$k) \frac{1}{1-x^k}$$

the generating function of this partition

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{1-x^k}$$

coefficient of x^{10} .

$$(1 + x + x^2 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10})$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} (1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + x^8 + x^{10}) \\ (1 + x^3 + x^6 + x^9) \end{array} \right]$$


$$\frac{1}{1-x} \left(\begin{array}{l} \underline{1} + \underline{x^3} + \underline{x^6} + \underline{x^9} + \underline{x^2} + \underline{x^5} + \underline{x^6} + \underline{x^4} + \underline{x^7} + \underline{x^{10}} \\ + \underline{x^6} + \underline{x^9} + \underline{x^2} + \underline{x^5} + \underline{x^6} + \underline{x^4} + \underline{x^7} + \underline{x^{10}} + \text{higher deg} \end{array} \right)$$

sum

$$\frac{1}{1-x} \left(1 + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + 3x^6 + x^7 + 2x^9 + x^8 + 2x^{10} + \text{high} \right)$$

$$= 14x^{10} + \text{other terms}$$

5.3 Examples

- 1) Find the number of partitions of 10 in
- a) in parts not exceeding 3 \rightarrow 
 - b) in at most 3 ^{summands} ~~parts~~ = 4
 - c) in odd parts
 - d) in even parts

Thursday
 \rightarrow we start recursion.