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Problem: The number of cycles of length n over $[m]$ s.t. i occurs k_i times, $i \in [n]$.

Definition: (G, X) , C^X colorings. Let $\omega : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a weight function. Induce a weight function of C^X as follows

$$\forall \in C^X, \text{ define } \omega(f) = \prod_{x \in X} \omega(f(x)).$$

If $f_1, f_2 \in C^X$, in the same orbit under (G, C^X) , i.e. $f_2 = f_1 \circ g^{-1}$. Then $\omega(f_2) = \prod_{x \in X} \omega(f_1(g^{-1}(x))) = \prod_{x \in X} \omega(f_1(x)) = \omega(f_1)$. i.e. ω have the same value on each orbit.

Let \mathcal{F} be the set of all orbits under (G, C^X) . $\forall F \in \mathcal{F}$, define $\omega(F) = \omega(f)$, $f \in F$.

Theorem 1: (G, C^X) , $\omega : C^X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as defined above. Then

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \omega(F) = P_G\left(\sum_{c \in C} \omega(c), \sum_{c \in C} \omega(c)^2, \dots, \sum_{c \in C} \omega(c)^n\right).$$

Corollary 1: (G, C^X) , $|x| = n$, $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$, $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_m = n$, $k_i \geq 0$. Denote $N(k_1, \dots, k_m)$ be the number of colorings of C^X s.t. there are k_i elements of X have color c_i , $i \in [m]$. then

$$P_G\left(\sum_{i=1}^m y_i, \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^2, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^n\right) = \sum_{k_1 + \dots + k_m = n} N(k_1, \dots, k_m) y_1^{k_1} \dots y_m^{k_m}.$$

Proof Let $\omega(c_i) = y_i$, $i \in [m]$, then

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \omega(F) = P_G\left(\sum_{i=1}^m y_i, \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^2, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^n\right)$$

f colors k_i elements of X with $c_i \Leftrightarrow \omega(f) = y_1^{k_1} \cdots y_m^{k_m}$. If $f \in F$, then $\omega(F) = \omega(f) = y_1^{k_1} \cdots y_m^{k_m}$. So $N(k_1, \dots, k_m)$ is the number of orbits F s.t. $\omega(F) = y_1^{k_1} \cdots y_m^{k_m}$ i.e. $N(k_1, \dots, k_m) = [y_1^{k_1}, \dots, y_m^{k_m}](P_G(\sum_{i=1}^m y_i, \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^2, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^n))$. \square

Proof of Theorem 1: $\forall g \in G$, let $k = k(g)$ be the number of cycles of g and A_1, \dots, A_k be the set of elements of each cycle. For $f \in \text{Fix}(g)$, suppose $f(x) = c_i$, if $x \in A_i, i \in [k]$. Then $\omega(f) = \Pi_{i=1}^k (\omega(c_i)^{|A_i|})$. So

$$\sum_{f \in \text{Fix}(g)} \omega(f) = \sum_{(c_1, \dots, c_k) \in C^k} (\Pi_{i=1}^k (\omega(c_i)^{|A_i|})) = \Pi_{i=1}^k (\sum_{c \in C} \omega(c)^{|A_i|}).$$

Denote $\text{type}(g) = (\lambda_1(g), \dots, \lambda_n(g))$, then

$$\sum_{f \in \text{Fix}(g)} \omega(f) = \Pi_{i=1}^n (\sum_{c \in C} \omega(c)^i)^{\lambda_i(g)}$$

By weighted Burnside Lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \omega(F) &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \sum_{f \in \text{Fix}(g)} \omega(f) \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} (\Pi_{i=1}^n (\sum_{c \in C} \omega(c)^i)^{\lambda_i(g)}) \\ &= P_G(\sum_{c \in C} \omega(c), \sum_{c \in C} \omega(c)^2, \dots, \sum_{c \in C} \omega(c)^n). \end{aligned}$$

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Problem: The number of different cycles of length n over $[m]$ under rotation s.t. i occurs k_i times, $i \in [m]$.

Sol: $P_{\sigma_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{d|n} \varphi(d) (x_d)^{\frac{n}{d}}$. Then

$$P_{\sigma_n}(\sum_{i=1}^m y_i, \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^2, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{d|n} \varphi(d) (\sum_{i=1}^m y_i^d)^{\frac{n}{d}}.$$

consider the coefficient $T(k_1, \dots, k_m)$ of $y_1^{k_1} \cdots y_m^{k_m}$. So

$$T(k_1, \dots, k_m) = [y_1^{k_1} \cdots y_m^{k_m}] (\frac{1}{n} \sum_{d|(k_1, \dots, k_m)} \varphi(d) (\sum_{i=1}^m y_i^d)^{\frac{n}{d}}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{d|(k_1, \dots, k_m)} \varphi(d) \frac{(\frac{n}{d})!}{(\frac{k_1}{d})! \cdots (\frac{k_m}{d})!}$$

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Definition: $(G, X), (H, Y)$, where $X \cap Y = \emptyset$. Let $G \times H = \{(g, h) : g \in G, h \in H\}$, define $(g, h) : X \cup Y \longrightarrow X \cup Y$ by

$$(g, h)(a) = \begin{cases} g(a), & \text{if } a \in X \\ h(a), & \text{if } a \in Y. \end{cases}$$

Then $G \times H$ is permutation group of $X \cup Y$.

Lemma 1: $(G \times H, X \cup Y), |X| = n, |Y| = m$. Then

$$P_{G \times H}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+m}) = P_G(x_1, \dots, x_n) P_H(x_1, \dots, x_m).$$

Distribution Problem: n balls with r colors. where there are n_i balls with color i , $\sum_{i=1}^r n_i = n$, Put them into m boxes: B_1, \dots, B_m , s.t. there are k_i balls in B_j , $\sum_{i=1}^m k_i = n$

- If $n_i = 1, i \in [r]$ and $r = n$, then it is an ordered partition problem, s.t. the i th part is of size $k_i, i \in [m]$, so $\frac{n!}{k_1! \dots k_m!}$
- In general, it is a coloring problem as follows. X_1, \dots, X_r , where $|X_i| = n_i$ with permutation group G_i , since each ball in X_i are considered to be the same, $G_i = S_{n_i}$. So we have a group partition $S_{n_1} \times \dots \times S_{n_r}$ over $X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_r$. By lemma 1, it has cycle index $\Pi_{i=1}^r P_{s_i}(x_1, \dots, x_{n_i})$. So the number of distributions = $\Pi_{i=1}^r P_{s_i}(m, \dots, m)$.
- If $r = 1$, all balls have same color, $n_1 = n$. then total the number of distributions is the number of sols to $k_1 + \dots + k_m = n, k_i \geq 0$. i.e. $\binom{n+m-1}{m-1} = \binom{n+m-1}{n}$. Since cycle index is $P_{s_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, so $P_{s_n}(m, \dots, m) = \binom{n+m-1}{n}$. so $\Pi_{i=1}^r P_{s_{n_i}}(m, \dots, m) = \Pi_{i=1}^r \binom{n_i+m-1}{n_i}$.

Eg.

- The number of n different balls into m membered boxes.

$$\Pi_{i=1}^n P_{s_i}(m) = \Pi_{i=1}^n m = m^n.$$

The number of ways if required k_i balls in the i th box = $[y_1^{k_1} \dots y_m^{k_m}](\Pi_{i=1}^n P_{s_i}(\sum_{i=1}^m y_i)) = [y_1^{k_1} \dots y_m^{k_m}](\sum_{i=1}^m y_i)^n = \frac{n!}{k_1! \dots k_m!}$

- The number of putting a, a, b, b into boxes A, B . $r = 2, n_1 = n_2 = 2$.

$$\Pi_{i=1}^2 P_{s_i}(2, 2) = \binom{2+2-1}{2}^2 = 9.$$

- The number of putting a, a, b, b, c, c into boxes A, B, C . s.t. 3 balls in A , 2 balls in B , 1 ball in C .

$$P_{s_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2).$$

$$P_{s_2}(y_1 + y_2 + y_3, y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2) = \frac{1}{2}[(y_1 + y_2 + y_3)^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2].$$

$$[y_1^3 y_2^2 y_3][P_{s_2}(y_1 + y_2 + y_3, y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2)]^3 = 15.$$

Problem: colorings of graphs.

Key point: find $Aut(G)$.