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Recap:

\* Each iso class of a graph with  $s$  edges

can be represented by  $\frac{(2s)!}{|\text{Aut } G|}$   $[2s]$ -labeled graphs

\* there are

$$(2s-1)!! \times \frac{(2s)!}{\prod_{k \geq 1} (k!)^{n_k} n_k!}$$

Thm 10

H-labeled graphs with

$n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots$  vertices of degree  $1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\text{s.t. } |H| = 2s = \sum_{k \geq 1} k n_k$$

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$$\prod_{i=1}^k g_{|B_i|} \text{ then } \boxed{f(x) = \exp(g(x))}$$

Proof.

Let  $\Pi[m](n_1, n_2, \dots) \subset \Pi[m]$  set partitions of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$   
 contains set part. with  $n_1$  blocks of size 1  
 $n_2$  blocks of size 2

$$f_m = \sum_{\substack{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m \geq 0 \\ \sum_{k=1}^m k n_k = m}} |\Pi[m](n_1, n_2, \dots)| \prod_{k=1}^m g_k^{n_k}$$

$$\parallel \frac{m!}{\prod_{k=1}^m (k!)^{n_k} n_k!}$$

$$\sum_{m \geq 0} \frac{x^m}{m!} f_m = \sum_{n_1, n_2, \dots} x^{\sum_k k n_k} \frac{1}{\text{part.}} \frac{\text{part.}}{\prod_{k \geq 1} (k!)^{n_k} n_k!} \prod_{k \geq 1} g_k^{n_k}$$

$$= \exp\left(\frac{g_1}{1!} x\right) \exp\left(\frac{g_2}{2!} x^2\right) \dots \quad \square$$

Interpretation: Generating function for set partitions.

Generating function of  $H$ -labeled graphs

$[x^s] f(x) =$  coefficient of  $x^s$  in the power series expansion of  $f(x)$ .

Theorem 12:

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}[m]} w^{|E_G|} \prod_{v \in V_G} \lambda_{|v|} =$$

(the set of  $\{1, \dots, m\}$ -labeled graphs)

$$= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} w^s (2s-1)!! [x^{2s}] \exp\left(\sum_{d \geq 1} \lambda_d \frac{x^d}{d!}\right)$$

Proof: Use  
Theorem 10 +  
Prop 11.

Unlabeled version:

$$\text{Def: } \mathcal{G}^u := \bigcup_{m \geq 0} \mathcal{G}[m] / \text{Sym}[m]$$

$$\left( \frac{m!}{|\text{Aut } G|} = \# \text{ labelings} \right)$$

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$$\sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}^u} \underbrace{(\# \text{ labelings of } G)}_{\substack{\parallel \\ \frac{1}{|\text{Aut } G|}}} \frac{1}{m!} w^{|\mathcal{E}_G|} \prod_{v \in V_G} \lambda_{|v|} = (*)$$

$|Aut G|$

example:

$$\sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k^u} \frac{1}{|Aut G|} w^{|E_G|} \lambda_k^{|V_G|} = \sum_{s \geq 0} w^s (2s-1)!! [x^{2s}] \exp\left(\lambda \frac{x^k}{k!}\right)$$

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# of k-valent vcs of G

$$\sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}_k^u} \frac{1}{|\text{Aut } G|} w^{|E_G|} \lambda_k^{n_k(G)} j^{n_j(G)} = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} w^s (2s-1)!! [x^{2s}] \exp\left(\frac{\lambda x^k}{k!} + j x\right)$$

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Further application of Prop. 11:

Let  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{ctd}}[m]$  be the subset of  $\mathcal{G}[m]$  of connected graphs

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{G}[H] = \bigcup_{\{B_1, \dots, B_k\} \in \Pi[H]} \mathcal{G}_{\text{ctd}}[B_1] \times \mathcal{G}_{\text{ctd}}[B_2] \times \dots \times \mathcal{G}_{\text{ctd}}[B_k]$$

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$$\Rightarrow |G[H]| = \sum_{\{B_1, \dots, B_k\} \in \pi[H]} |G_{\text{cutH}}[B_1]| \dots |G_{\text{cutH}}[B_k]|$$

$$f_m = |G[m]| \quad g_d = |G_{\text{cutd}}[d]|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(x) &= \sum_{m \geq 0} \frac{|G[m]|}{m!} x^m = \exp(g(x)) = \\ &= \exp\left(\sum_{d \geq 1} \frac{|G_{\text{cutd}}[d]|}{d!} x^d\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (*)$$

Theorem 12<sup>\*\*</sup>

$$\sum_{m \geq 0} \frac{w^m}{m!} \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}_{\text{conn}}[m]} w^{|E_G|} \prod_{v \in V_G} \lambda_{|v|} =$$

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Convergence is guaranteed

$$= \log \left( \sum_{s \geq 0} w^s (2s-1)!! [x^{2s}] \exp \left( \sum_{d \geq 1} x^d \frac{1}{d!} \right) \right)$$

Theorem 12<sup>\*\*\*</sup>: Do unlabeled connected graphs!

Example

$$|E_n|, |V_n|$$

Asymptotic expansions

Fix some limit  $z \rightarrow \infty$