

AofA Strings and Tries Q&A 1

Q. OGF for number of bitstrings not containing 01010 ?

constructions

$$E + (Z_0 + Z_1) \times B = B + P$$

$$Z_{01010} \times B = P + Z_{01} \times P + Z_{0101} \times P$$

GF equations

$$1 + 2zB(z) = B(z) + P(z)$$

$$z^5 B(z) = (1 + z^2 + z^4)P(z)$$

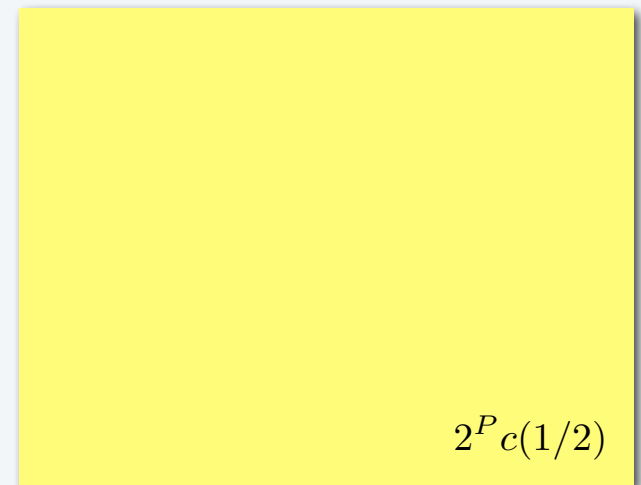
explicit form

$$B(z) = \frac{1 + z^2 + z^4}{z^5 + (1 - 2z)(1 + z^2 + z^4)}$$

AofA Strings and Tries Q&A 2

Q. Rank these patterns by expected wait time in a random bit string.

00000	62
00001	32
01000	34
01010	36
10101	36



AofA Words and Mappings Q&A 1

Q. Find the probability that a random mapping has no singleton cycles.

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EGF equations $C(z) = ze^{C(z)} \quad M(z) = \exp\left(\ln \frac{1}{1-C(z)} - C(z)\right) = \frac{e^{-C(z)}}{1-C(z)}$

**coefficients via
Lagrange inversion**

**X NOT AN EXAM QUESTION
(too much calculation)**

Lagrange Inversion Theorem (Bürmann form).

If a GF $g(z) = \sum_{n \geq 1} g_n z^n$ satisfies the equation $z = f(g(z))$
with $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) \neq 0$ then, for any function $H(u)$,

$$[z^n]H(g(z)) = \frac{1}{n} [u^{n-1}]H'(u) \left(\frac{u}{f(u)}\right)^n$$

**asymptotic
result**

AofA Words and Mappings Q&A 1 (improved)

Q. Give the EGF for *random mappings with no singleton cycles*.

Express your answer as a function of the Cayley function $C(z) = ze^{C(z)}$

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AofA Words and Mappings Q&A 1 (another version)

Q. Find the probability that a *random mapping has no singleton cycles*.

Hint: Do not use generating functions.

A. Each entry can have any value but its own index, so the number of N -mappings with no singleton cycles is $(N - 1)^N$

$$\frac{(N - 1)^N}{N^N} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{N}\right)^N$$
$$\sim \frac{1}{e}$$

Related problems (stay tuned)

Q. Find the probability that a *random mapping* has no singleton **or doubleton** cycles.

	EGF	probability (asymptotic)
<i>all cycle lengths</i> > 1	$M_1(z) = \frac{e^{-C(z)}}{1 - C(z)}$	e^{-1}
<i>all cycle lengths</i> > 2	$M_2(z) = \frac{e^{-C(z) - C(z)^2/2}}{1 - C(z)}$	$e^{-3/2}$

Rigorous proof requires full mechanism of *singularity analysis* in the complex plane (stay tuned)

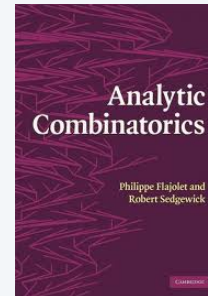
Plan for second half of the course

Midterm exam.

- 3:00-4:20 on Wednesday, March 29, here.
- No surprises (exam is already written).

Lectures from Analytic Combinatorics

- One or two lectures, posted weekly.
- Emphasis on lectures, with reference to the book.



New workflow

- YOU write a Q&A, due Tuesdays 11:59 PM.
- Smaller problem set due Thursdays 11:59 PM.

"Typical Exam Questions" (TEQs)

Ways to prepare for an exam.

- Watch the lectures and do the reading each week.
- Review lecture slides before the exam.
- Try solving problems from old exams. ← Problem: Not many old exams available

One topic of class meetings for COS 488 will be to develop good questions for future exams.

Properties of a good exam question.

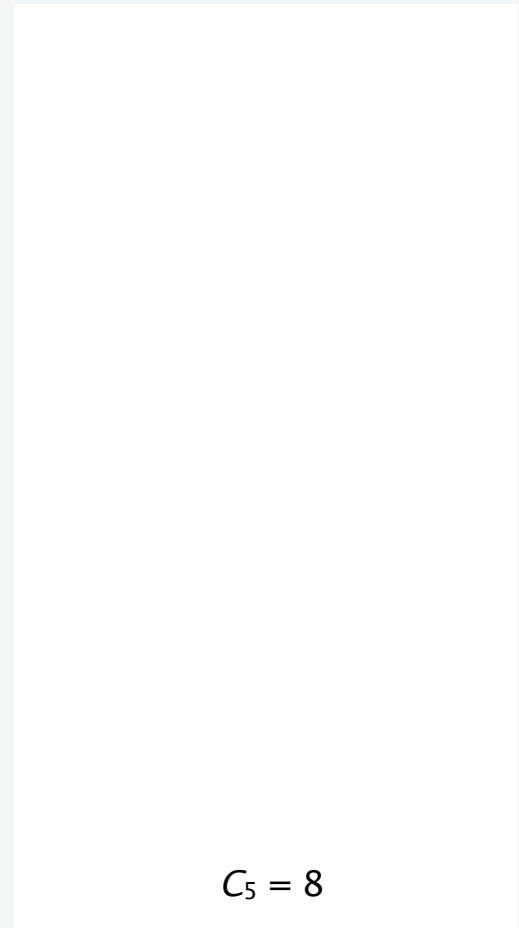
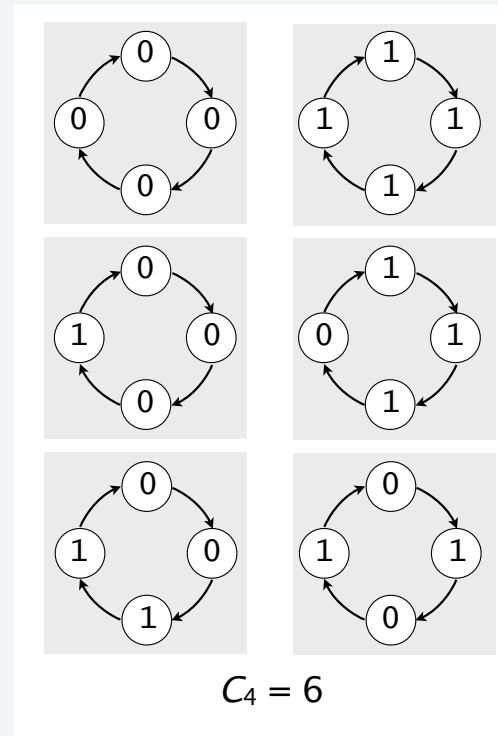
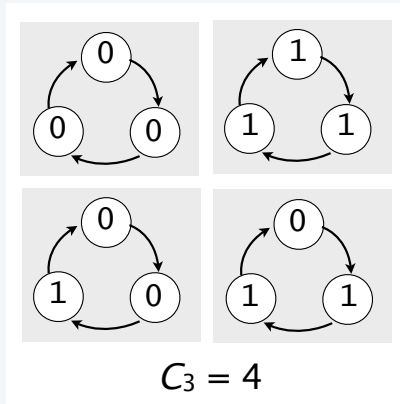
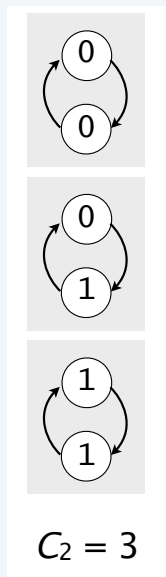
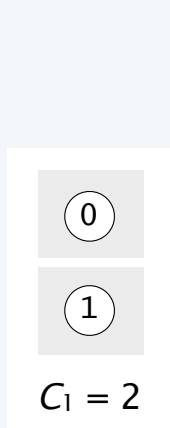
- Easy to understand.
- Easy to grade.
- Solvable in 10 minutes or less.
- Tests understanding of an important topic.
- "Fair" (no tricks)
- Teaches something (optional but desirable)



The ability to ask good questions is a skill everyone should learn (but is often overlooked).

Q&A example: cyclic bitstrings

Def. A *cyclic bitstring* is a **cycle** of bits



Q. How many N -bit cyclic bitstrings ?

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One possibility

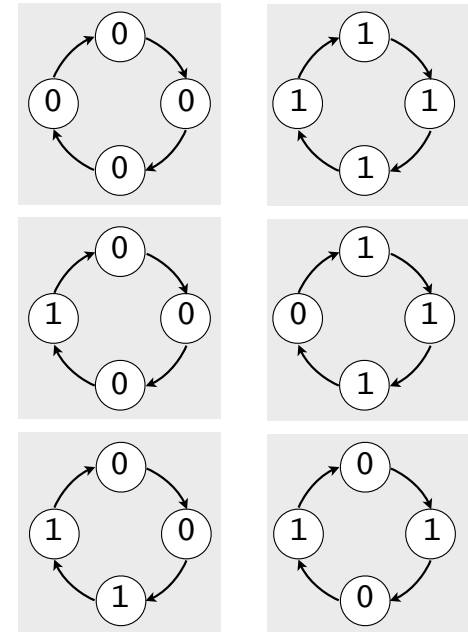
- Solution is “easy”.
- Create an exam question with appropriate hints.

Another possibility

- Solution is “difficult” or “complicated”.
- Figure out a way to simplify.
- Or, think about a different problem.

Third possibility

- Problem you thought of is a “classic”.
- Use OEIS.



$$C_4 = 6$$

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