

Derivatives and trees

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All know

$$(FG)' = F'G + FG' \quad (\text{product rule})$$

$$(F \circ G)' = F'(G)G' \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$(F^{-1})' = \frac{1}{F'(F^{-1})} \quad (\text{inverse function rule})$$

What about

$$(FG)''''$$

$$(F \circ G)''''$$

$$(F^{-1})''''?$$

Use Taylor series (invented by Newton)

Once have the answer, can check it even if don't have Taylor expansions.

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= F(0) + \frac{F'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{F''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{F^{(3)}(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots \\ &= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = \frac{F^{(n)}(0)}{n!}.$$

Problem: find the coefficients in the power series expansions of

$$FG, \quad F \circ G, \quad F^{-1}.$$

PRODUCT RULE.

$$F(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$$

$$G(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots)(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots) \\ &= a_0b_0 + (a_0b_1 + a_1b_0)x + (a_0b_2 + a_1b_1 + a_2b_0)x^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(x)G(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k x^k \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_n b_k x^{n+k} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^m a_n b_{m-n} x^m. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$F(x)G(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m x^m,$$

$$c_m = \sum_{n=0}^m a_n b_{m-n}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (FG)^{(m)} &= m!c_m = m! \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{F^{(n)} G^{(m-n)}}{n! (m-n)!} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{m!}{n!(m-n)!} F^{(n)} G^{(m-n)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(FG)^{(m)} = \sum_{n=0}^m \binom{m}{n} F^{(n)} G^{(m-n)}.$$

Binomial coefficients:

$$(s + t)^m = \sum_{n=0}^m \binom{m}{n} s^n t^{m-n}.$$

CHAIN RULE

Assume $a_0 = b_0 = 0$,

$$F(x) = a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots$$

$$G(x) = b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3 \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(G(x)) &= a_1G + a_2G^2 + a_3G^3 + \dots \\ &= a_1 \sum_u b_u x^u + a_2 \sum_u b_u x^u \sum_v b_v x^v + \dots \\ &= a_1 \sum b_u x^u + a_2 \sum b_{u_1} b_{u_2} x^{u_1+u_2} \\ &\quad + a_3 \sum b_{u_1} b_{u_2} b_{u_3} x^{u_1+u_2+u_3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$c_1 = a_1 b_1,$$

$$c_2 = a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 b_1,$$

$$c_3 = a_1 b_3 + a_2 b_1 b_2 + a_2 b_2 b_1 + a_3 b_1 b_1 b_1,$$

$$c_m = \sum_{n=1}^m a_n \sum_{\substack{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \geq 1 \\ u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n = m}} b_{u_1} b_{u_2} \dots b_{u_n}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(F \circ G)^{(m)} &= m! \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{F^{(n)}}{n!} \sum \frac{G^{(u_1)}}{u_1!} \frac{G^{(u_2)}}{u_2!} \cdots \frac{G^{(u_n)}}{u_n!} \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^m F^{(n)} \sum \frac{1}{n!} \frac{m!}{u_1! u_2! \cdots u_n!} G^{(u_1)} G^{(u_2)} \cdots G^{(u_n)} \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^m F^{(n)} \sum \frac{1}{n!} \binom{m}{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n} G^{(u_1)} \cdots G^{(u_n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

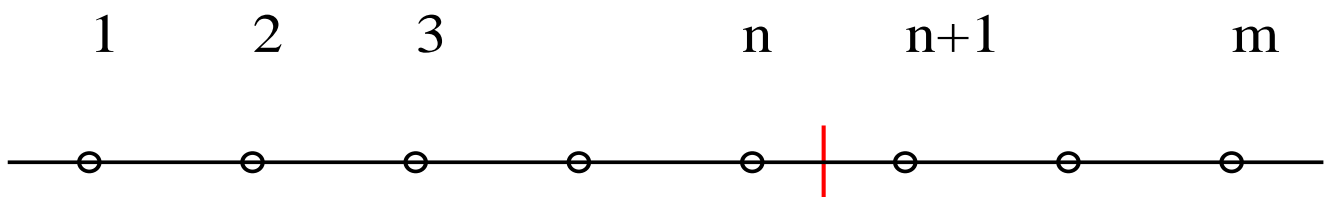
Multinomial coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned}
&(s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_n)^m \\
&= \sum_{\substack{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \geq 0 \\ u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n = m}} \binom{m}{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n} s_1^{u_1} s_2^{u_2} \cdots s_n^{u_n}.
\end{aligned}$$

Ugly! Reformulate.

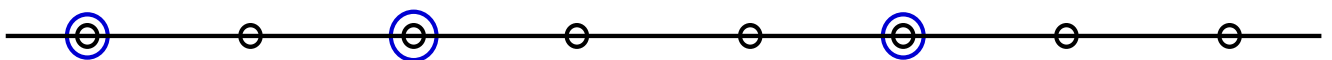
Back to product rule.

$$c_m = \sum_{n=0}^m a_n b_{m-n}.$$



$$(FG)^{(m)} = \sum_{n=0}^m \binom{m}{n} F^{(n)} G^{(m-n)}.$$

$\binom{m}{n}$ = # of n -element subsets in an m -element set.



$$(FG)^{(m)} = \sum_{S \subseteq [m]} F^{|S|} G^{m-|S|}.$$

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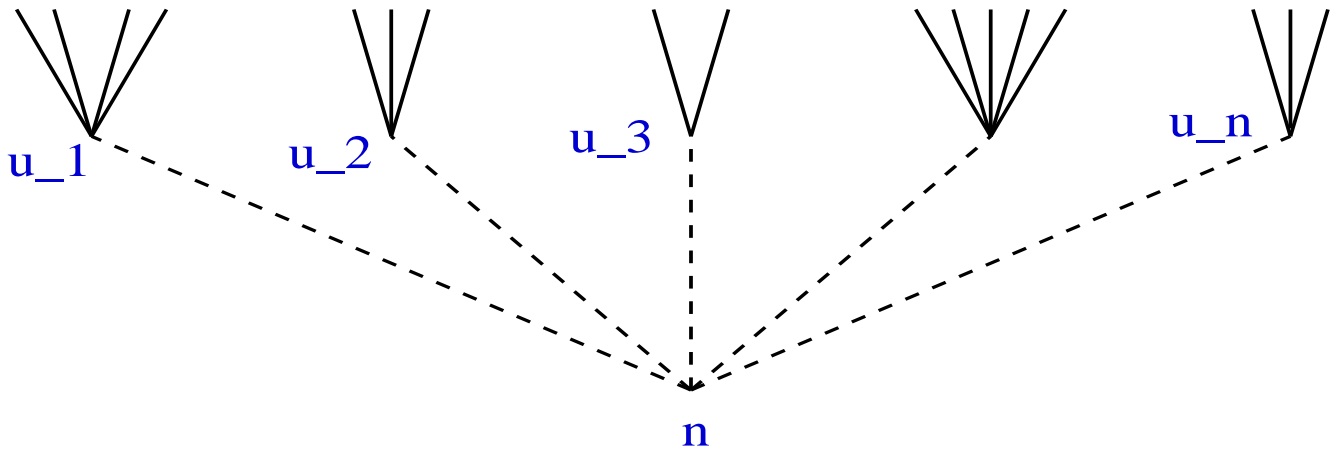
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What is the combinatorial structure for the chain rule?

$$c_m = \sum_{n=1}^m a_n \sum_{\substack{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \geq 1 \\ u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n = m}} b_{u_1} b_{u_2} \dots b_{u_n}.$$

bushes.

m leaves



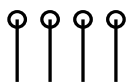
For a shrubbery \mathcal{P}

$$A(\mathcal{P}) = a_{\# \text{ bushes}} \prod_{\text{bushes}} b_{\# \text{ leaves on a bush}}$$

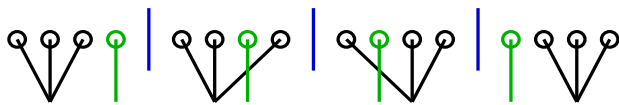
$$c_m = \sum_{\text{shrubberies with } m \text{ leaves}} A(\mathcal{P})$$

	$a_4 b_1 b_1 b_1 b_1$
V V V	$a_3 b_1 b_1 b_2$
∨ ∨	$a_2 b_1 b_3$
V V	$a_2 b_2 b_2$
∨ ∨ ∨	$a_1 b_4$

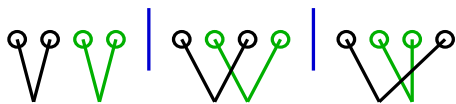
$$(F \circ G)^{(m)} = \sum_{\text{ordered shrubberies}} = \sum_{\text{partitions}} .$$



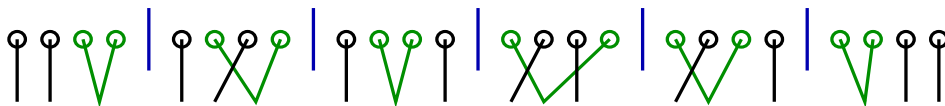
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$$(F^{-1})^{(n)}.$$

$$F^{-1} \circ F = x$$

$$(F^{-1} \circ F)' = 1, \quad (F^{-1} \circ F)^{(n)} = 0.$$

$$1 = a_1 b_1$$

$$0 = a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 b_1$$

$$0 = a_1 b_3 + a_2 b_1 b_2 + a_2 b_2 b_1 + a_3 b_1 b_1 b_1.$$

Let $b_1 = 1$.

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = -a_1 b_2$$

$$a_3 = -a_1 b_3 - a_2 b_1 b_2 - a_2 b_2 b_1$$

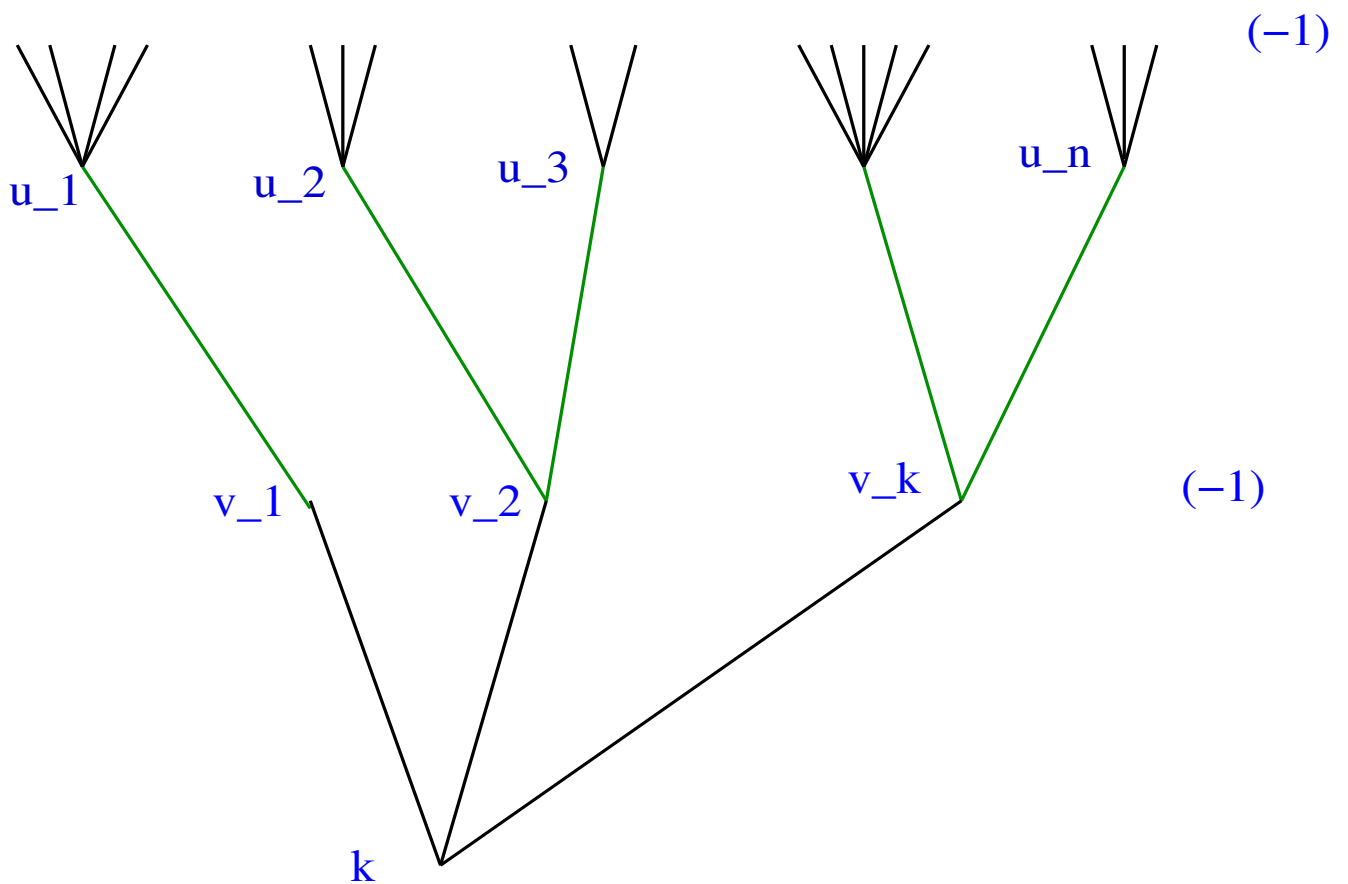
$$a_m = - \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} a_n \sum_{\substack{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \geq 1 \\ u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n = m}} b_{u_1} b_{u_2} \dots b_{u_n}.$$

In its turn

$$a_n = - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k \sum_{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k} b_{v_1} b_{v_2} \dots b_{v_k}.$$

$$a_m = - \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} a_n \sum_{\substack{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \geq 1 \\ u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n = m}} b_{u_1} b_{u_2} \dots b_{u_n}.$$

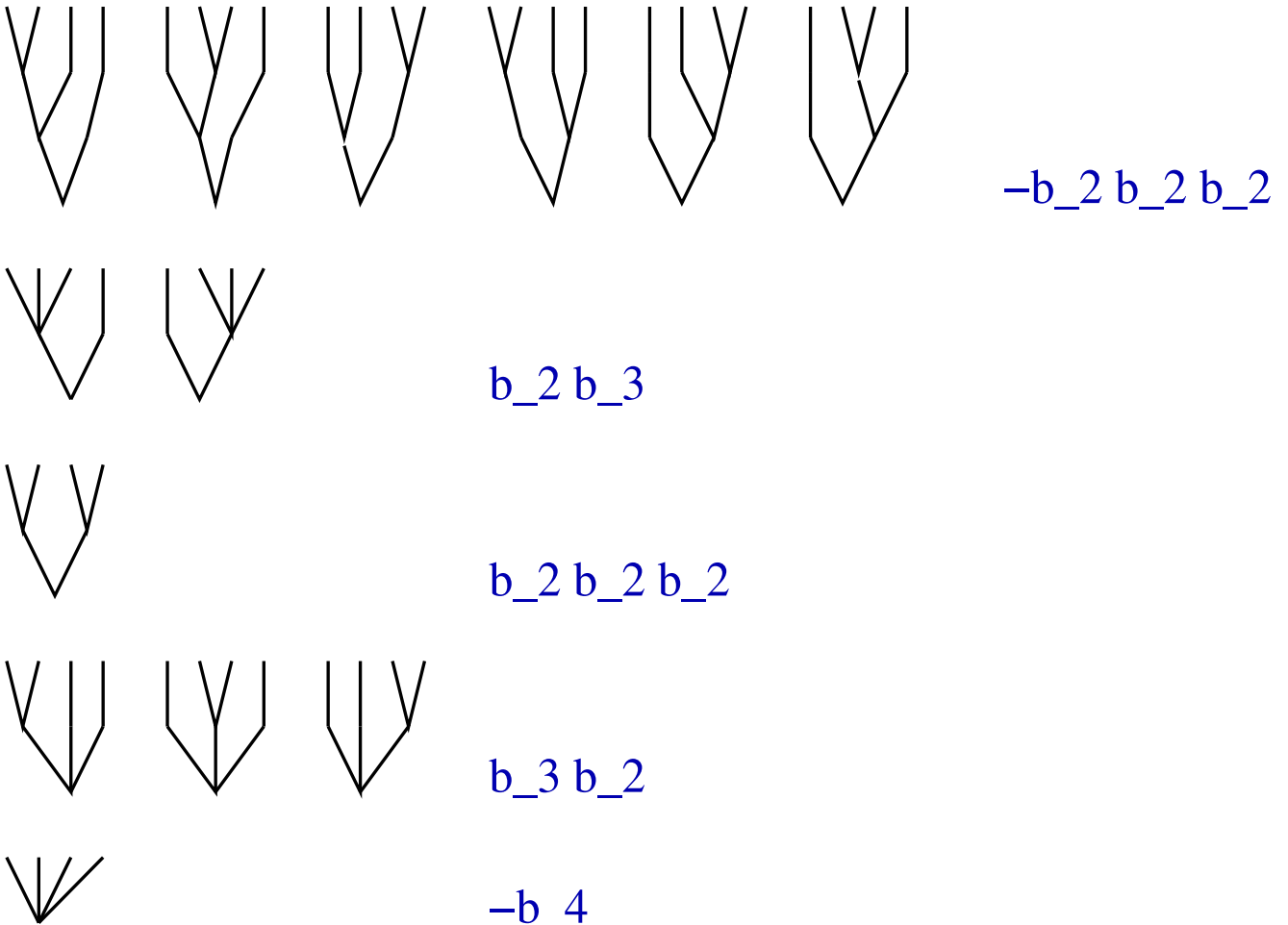
m leaves



Decorated tree, on each level at least one branch splits.

$$B(\mathcal{T}) = b_k b_{v_1} \dots b_{v_k} b_{u_1} \dots b_{u_n}.$$

$$a_m = \sum_{\text{splitting trees with } m \text{ leaves}} (-1)^{\# \text{ levels}} B(\mathcal{T})$$



Used combinatorics to find derivatives.

Can also use derivatives for combinatorics.

What is the sum of binomial coefficients?

Many ways. One of them:

Let $F(x) = G(x) = e^x$. Then

$$F^{(n)}(0) = G^{(n)}(0) = 1.$$

Use the product rule:

$$(FG)^{(m)} = \sum_{n=0}^m \binom{m}{n} F^{(n)} G^{(m-n)} = \sum_{n=0}^m \binom{m}{n}.$$

But $(FG)(x) = e^{2x}$ and

$$(FG)^{(m)}(0) = 2^m.$$

How many partitions of a set of n elements are there?

Called Bell numbers, no easy formula. But:

Let $F(x) = e^{ax} - 1$, $G(x) = e^{bx} - 1$.

$$F^{(n)}(0) = a^n, \quad G^{(n)}(0) = b^n.$$

Use the chain rule:

$$(F \circ G)^{(m)} = \sum_{\text{partitions}} a^{\# \text{ classes}} b^m.$$

But

$$F \circ G = e^{a(e^{bx}-1)} - 1.$$

Thus

partitions of m with k classes

$$= \text{coefficient of } a^k b^m \text{ in } e^{a(e^{bx}-1)} - 1.$$

partitions of m = coefficient of b^m in $e^{e^{bx}-1} - 1$.