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## Cayley's theorem

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\begin{aligned}
& F(A, n) \leftrightarrow\left\{F\left(A^{\prime}, n-1\right), A^{\prime}=(A \backslash\{n\}) \cup\{i \text { chosen vertices }\}\right\} \\
& T_{n, k}=\sum_{i=0}^{n-k}\binom{(n-1)-(k-1)}{i} T_{n-1, k+i-1} \\
& T_{n, k}=k n^{n-k-1}
\end{aligned}
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& (7,9,1,5,8,4)->(1,5,7,8,4,9) \\
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7 & 9 & 1 & 5 & 8 & 4
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\end{aligned}
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\binom{n-2}{k-1}(n-1)^{n-k-1} \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text {-the number of trees in which vertex } \mathrm{n} \text { has } \\
& \text { degree } \mathrm{k}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Polya’s approach

$$
T(x)=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n t_{n} \frac{x^{n}}{n!}
$$

$T(x)$ is the generating function for the number of rooted trees with $n$ vertices
Let $c_{n}$ be the number of connected graphs on n vertices enjoying a certain property P .

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1}\binom{n}{k} \cdot c_{k} \cdot c_{n-k}=\frac{1}{2} \cdot n!\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{c_{k}}{k!} \cdot \frac{c_{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \\
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## Lagrange inversion formula

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\begin{aligned}
& \varphi(s)=x \psi(\varphi(s)) \\
& \left.\frac{d^{n}}{d s^{n}} \varphi(s)\right|_{s=0}=\left.\frac{1}{n} \frac{d^{n}}{d t^{n}} \psi^{n}(t)\right|_{t=0} \\
& n t_{n}=\left.\frac{1}{n} \frac{d^{n}}{d t^{n}} e^{n t}\right|_{t=0}=n^{n-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

## The number of spanning trees of a directed graph

Def. A spanning tree of a graph $G$ is its subgraph $T$ that includes all the vertices of $G$ and is a tree

Def. A directed tree rooted at vertex n is a tree, all arcs of which are directed towards the root


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Def. A function $f$ is called a tree function of a directed tree $T$ iff $f(i)=j$ when $j$ is the first vertex on the way from i to the root.

Let $\mathrm{c}(\mathrm{H})$ denote the number of spanning trees of the graph H


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\text { Theorem (Knuth) } c(H)=\sum_{f}^{\prod_{i=1}^{h-1}\left|\Gamma\left(S_{i}\right)\right|^{\left|S_{i}\right|-1}\left|f\left(S_{i}\right)\right|}
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Theorem The number of spanning trees of a graph H arisen from a directed cycle equals

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$s_{2}^{s_{1}-1} \cdot s_{1}^{s_{2}-1}$ is the number of r by s bipartite graphs

## Knuth's theorem

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\sum_{k=0}^{n}\binom{n}{k} k^{n-k-1}(n-k-1)^{k-1}=2 n^{n-2}
$$

## Matrix-Tree Theorem

Def. Let $G$ be a directed graph without loops. Let $\left\{v_{1}, \ldots, v_{n}\right\}$ denote the vertices of $G$, and $\left\{e_{1}, \ldots, e_{m}\right\}$ denote the edges of $G$.

The incidence matrix of $G$ is the $n x m$ matrix $A$, such that
$a_{i, j}=1, \quad$ if $v_{i}$ is the head of $e_{j}$
$a_{i, j}=-1$, if $v_{i}$ is the tail of $e_{j}$
$a_{i, j}=0 \quad$ otherwise


$$
\begin{array}{ccccc}
+1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
-1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\
0 & +1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & +1 & +1 & +1
\end{array}
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## Matrix-Tree Theorem

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Let $A_{0}$ be the reduced incidence matrix of the graph G .

## Theorem (Binet-Cauchy)

If R and S are matrices of size p by q and q by p , where $p \leq q$, then

$$
\operatorname{det}(R S)=\Sigma \operatorname{det}(B) \cdot \operatorname{det}(C)
$$

Theorem (Matrix-Tree Theorem)
If A is a reduced incidence matrix of the graph G , then the number of spanning trees equals $\operatorname{det}\left(A \cdot A^{T}\right)$

$$
\operatorname{det} A A^{T}=\Sigma(\operatorname{det} B)^{2}
$$

## Matrix-Tree Theorem

$$
\begin{aligned}
& e_{1}, \ldots e_{b}-\text { variables identified with edges of } G \\
& M(e)=\left[m_{i j}\right] \\
& m_{i j}=-e_{k}, \text { if } e_{k} \text { joins } i \text { and } j \text { and } i \neq j \\
& m_{i j}=\operatorname{sum} \text { if edges incident to } i \text { otherwise }
\end{aligned}
$$

Theorem $\quad M_{n}(e)=\Sigma \Pi(T)$

$$
M_{4}(e)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
e_{1}+e_{4} & -e_{1} & 0 \\
-e_{1} & e_{1}+e_{2}+e_{5} & -e_{2} \\
0 & -e_{2} & e_{2}+e_{3}
\end{array}\right|=
$$



$$
=e_{1} e_{2} e_{3}+e_{1} e_{2} e_{4}+e_{1} e_{2} e_{5}+e_{1} e_{3} e_{4}+e_{1} e_{3} e_{5}+e_{2} e_{3} e_{4}+e_{2} e_{4} e_{5}+e_{3} e_{4} e_{5}
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## Matrix-Tree Theorem

Another derivation of Cayley's formula:
$\left|\begin{array}{ccccc}n-1 & -1 & \ldots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & n-1 & \ldots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \ddots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & n-1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & n-1\end{array}\right|$

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0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & n
\end{array}\right|=n^{n-2}
$$

## Matrix-Tree Theorem

## Theorem (Matrix-Tree Theorem for directed graphs)

Let be variables representing the arcs of the graph. Let $C=\left[c_{i j}\right]$ denote the n by n matrix in which $-c_{i j}$ equals the sum of arcs directed from node i to node j if $i \neq j$, and $c_{i i}$ equals the sum of all arcs directed from node i to all other nodes.

Then

$$
C_{n}=\Sigma \Pi(T)
$$

where the summation is over all spanning subtrees of $G$ rooted at node $n$.


$$
C_{n}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
e_{1} & -e_{1} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -e_{2} & e_{2} & 0 \\
-e_{4} & -e_{5} & -e_{3} & e_{3}+e_{4}+e_{5}
\end{array}\right)
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Matrix-Tree Theorem


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C_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
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0 & e_{2} & 0 \\
-e_{4} & -e_{3} & e_{3}+e_{4}+e_{5}
\end{array}\right|=e_{1} e_{2} e_{3}+e_{1} e_{2} e_{4}+e_{1} e_{2} e_{5}
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