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Welcome back everyone!

* Recap : (From a long time ago):

Möbius inversion on posets / inclusion-exclusion

$S = \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ a set of properties

$(P, \preceq)$: subset poset of S ; let $A \subseteq S$

$p(A)$ = # objects satisfying at least properties of A

$q(A)$ = # objects satisfying exactly properties of A

$$p(A) = \sum_{A \subseteq B} q(B) = (\zeta * q)(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow q(A) = (\mu * p)(A) = \sum_{A \subseteq B} \underbrace{\mu([A,B])}_{\text{in subset poset}} p(B)$$

Note: typo fixed in this formula

$$\boxed{q(A) = \sum_{A \subseteq B} (-1)^{|B \setminus A|} p(A)}$$

* Often for us, we'll want to compute $q(\emptyset)$.

* Example : Counting derangements of n objects = # permutations where each object moves

$S = \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$; i represents the property that the i^{th} object is fixed

If $A \subseteq S$,

$p(A)$ = # permutations in which at least everything in A is fixed

$q(A)$ = # permutations in which exactly the things in A fixed.

* Number of derangements = $q(\emptyset)$

$$q(\emptyset) = \sum_{\emptyset \subseteq B} (-1)^{|B \setminus \emptyset|} p(B)$$

$$q(\emptyset) = \sum_{B} (-1)^{|B|} p(B)$$

* Note : $p(B) = (n - |B|)!$ [Just ignore everything in B & move the rest]

$$q(\emptyset) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{|B|=k} (-1)^{|B|} p(B)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} \sum_{|B|=k} \boxed{(-1)^k (n-k)!}$$ ← appears $\binom{n}{k}$ times

$\exists \binom{n}{k}$ subsets B that have size k.

$$q(\emptyset) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \cdot (n-k)!$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^k \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} (n-k)!$$

$$q(\emptyset) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^k \frac{n!}{k!} = n! - \frac{n!}{1!} + \frac{n!}{2!} - \frac{n!}{3!} + \cdots$$

E.g. # derangements on 3 letters

$$3! - \frac{3!}{1!} + \frac{3!}{2!} - \frac{3!}{3!} = 6 - 6 + 3 - 1 = 2.$$

If $n=4$: $4!\left[1 - \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{24}\right] = \frac{4!}{24}\left[24 - 24 + 12 - 4 + 1\right]$

$= 9$ so $\exists$ 9 derangements on 4 letters.

Möbius inversion & graph colouring

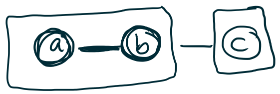
(undirected w/o self loops)

Let G be a graph (V,E): a — b — c.

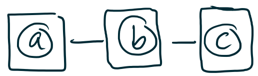
Defn: A bond of G is a partition of V $B = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$ where $V = \coprod_{i=1}^{k} V_i$ such that for every i, the subgraph of G whose edges all start & end in V_i, is connected, and $V_i \neq \emptyset$.

[$\coprod$ = $\amalg$ means disjoint union, i.e. union where the sets are disjoint, or non-overlapping.]

E.g. • $B = \{\{a,b\}, \{c\}\}$ is a bond.



$B = \{\{a,c\}, \{b\}\}$ is not a bond. because all paths connecting a to c pass through b, which is not in $\{a,c\}$.

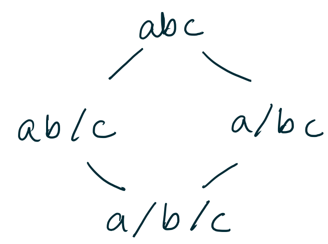


are bonds.
- $B = \{\{b,c\}, \{a\}\} = bc/a$ (shorthand notation)
- $B = a/b/c = \{\{a\},\{b\},\{c\}\}$
- $B = abc = \{\{a,b,c\}\}$

* **Bond poset**: The set of bonds of G forms a poset, as follows. Let $B = \{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$ & $C = \{W_1, \dots, W_\ell\}$. Then $B \preceq C$ if $\forall\ 1 \le i \le k$, $\exists\ 1 \le j \le \ell$ such that $V_i \subseteq W_j$

E.g.:

a — b — c



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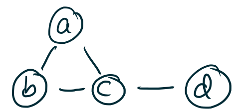


Bonds:

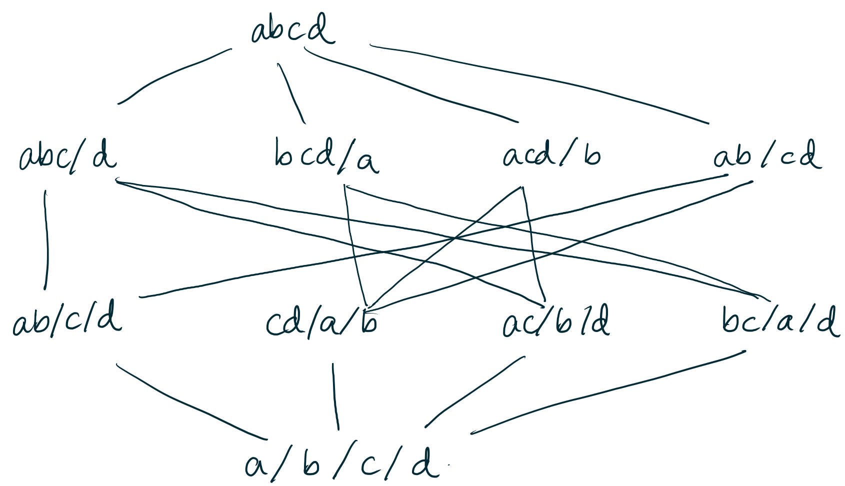
1 piece: abcd

2 pieces: abc/d, ~~abd/c~~, acd/b, bcd/a
ab/cd

3 pieces: ab/c/d, cd/a/b, ac/b/d, bc/a/d.

4 pieces: a/b/c/d.

Hasse diagram:



Defn: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. Let $B = \{V_1, \ldots, V_\ell\}$ be a bond. A k-colouring of the bond B is an assignment of one of k colours to each vertex, such that:

* If $v, w \in V_i$ they get the same colour.

⇝ a proper 2-colouring of this bond.

Bond partition

⇝ an improper 2-colouring (or 1-colouring) of this bond.

* A k-colouring of a bond is <u>proper</u> if: whenever V_i & V_j are connected by an edge, they get different colours. Otherwise, it is an improper colouring.