

# Irreducibility of combinatorial objects: asymptotic probability and interpretation

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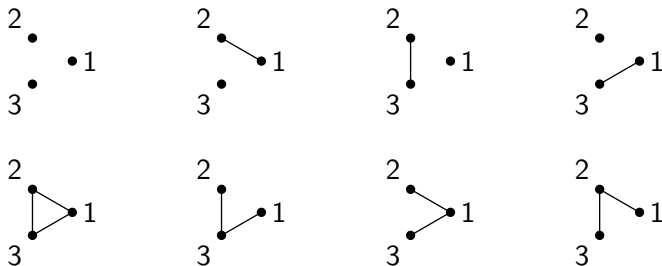
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# Simple labeled graphs

- $g_n$ : the number of labeled graphs with  $n$  vertices,
- $cg_n$ : the number of connected labeled graphs with  $n$  vertices.



$$g_n = 2^{\binom{n}{2}}$$

$$(cg_n) = 1, 1, 4, 38, 728, 26704, 1866256, \dots$$

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**4** Can we see the structure? What is the interpretation?

# Asymptotics for $p_n$

## Theorem

For every  $r \geq 1$ , the probability  $p_n$  that a random labeled graph of size  $n$  is connected satisfies

$$p_n = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{r-1} \text{it}_k \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{2^{k(k+1)/2}}{2^{nk}} + O\left(\frac{n^r}{2^{nr}}\right),$$

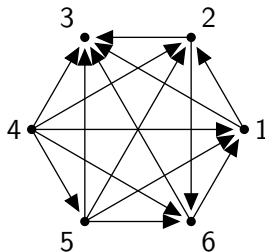
where  $\text{it}_k$  is the number of *irreducible labeled tournaments* of size  $k$ .

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# Tournaments

A **tournament** is a complete directed graph.



The number of labeled tournaments with  $n$  vertices is

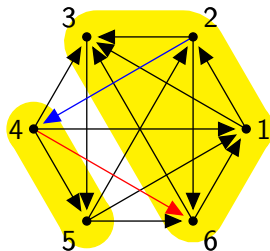
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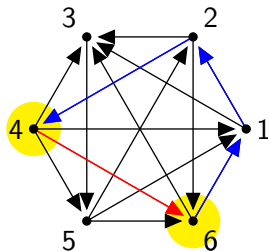
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Equivalently, a tournament is **strongly connected**: for each two vertices  $u$  and  $v$

- 1 there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$ ,
- 2 there is a path from  $v$  to  $u$ .

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$$\mathbf{5} \quad \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\mathbf{6} \quad \exists r \geq 1 : \sum_{k=r}^{n-r} |a_k a_{n-k}| = O(a_{n-r})$$

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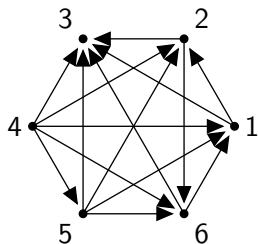
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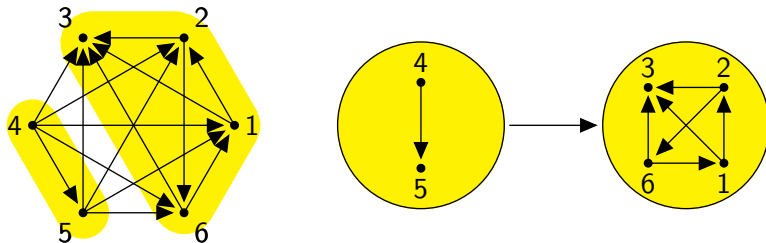
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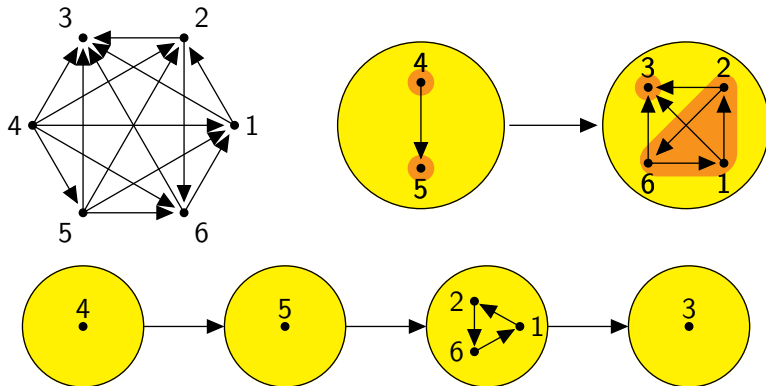
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# Combinatorial constructions

$$\mathbf{1} \quad \mathcal{U} = \text{SET}(\mathcal{V}), \quad U(z) = \exp(V(z)).$$

$$\mathbf{2} \quad \mathcal{U} = \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{W}), \quad U(z) = \frac{1}{1 - W(z)}.$$

# SET asymptotics

## Theorem

If  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  are such combinatorial classes that

- 1  $\mathcal{U}$  is gargantuan with positive counting sequence,
- 2  $\mathcal{U} = \text{SET}(\mathcal{V})$  and  $\mathcal{U} = \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{W})$ ,

then

$$p_n := \frac{v_n}{u_n} \approx 1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} w_k \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{u_{n-k}}{u_n}.$$

Combinatorial meaning:  $p_n$  is the probability that a random object of size  $n$  from  $\mathcal{U}$  is irreducible in terms of SET-decomposition.

# Asymptotics for connected graphs

## Theorem

The probability  $p_n$  that a random labeled graph of size  $n$  is *connected*, satisfies

$$p_n \approx 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} it_k \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{2^{k(k+1)/2}}{2^{nk}},$$

where  $it_k$  is the number of *irreducible labeled tournaments* of size  $k$ .

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# More applications

- 1 Square-tiled surfaces and indecomposable permutations.
- 2 Combinatorial maps and indecomposable perfect matchings.
- 3 Connected multigraphs and irreducible multitournaments.
- 4 Constellations and indecomposable multipermutations.
- 5 Colored tensor models and indecomposable multipermutations.

# SEQ asymptotics

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- $\mathcal{U} = \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{W})$  and  $\mathcal{W}^{(2)} = \mathcal{W} \star \mathcal{W} = \text{SEQ}_2(\mathcal{W})$ ,

then

$$q_n := \frac{w_n}{u_n} \approx 1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} (2w_k - w_k^{(2)}) \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{u_{n-k}}{u_n}.$$

Reasoning:  $\frac{1}{y} \xrightarrow{\partial} -\frac{1}{y^2}, \quad (1 - W(z))^2 = 1 - 2W(z) + (W(z))^2.$

# Example: asymptotics for irreducible tournaments

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where  $it_k^{(2)}$  is the number of *labeled tournaments* of size  $k$  with two *irreducible components*.

$$\begin{aligned} (it_k) &= 1, & 0, & 2, & 24, & 544, & 22320, & \dots \\ (it_k^{(2)}) &= 0, & 2, & 0, & 16, & 240, & 6608, & \dots \\ (2it_k - it_k^{(2)}) &= 2, & -2, & 4, & 32, & 848, & 38032, & \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Combinatorial classes: limits of applicability

- 1 Coefficients can be negative.
- 2 In certain cases, there is a decomposition

$$\mathcal{U} = \text{SET}(\mathcal{V}),$$

but we have no class  $\mathcal{W}$  such that

$$\mathcal{U} = \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{W}),$$

and our theorem is not applicable

(need of an “anti-SEQ” operator to create this class).

## Correspondance between combinatorial classes and species

combinatorial classes

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{SET}(\mathcal{B})$$

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 $\Leftrightarrow$ 

species of structures

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# Asymptotics in terms of species

## Theorem

If  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{B}(m)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , are such (weighted) species that

- 1  $\mathcal{A}$  is gargantuan with positive total weights on  $[n]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
- 2 one of the following conditions holds:

(a)	$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{E} \circ \mathcal{B}$	$\mathcal{B}(m) = \mathcal{E}_m \circ \mathcal{B}$	$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{B}(m-1)(\mathcal{E}^{-1} \circ \mathcal{B})$
(b)	$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{L} \circ \mathcal{B}$	$\mathcal{B}(m) = \mathcal{L}_m \circ \mathcal{B}$	$\mathcal{C} = m\mathcal{B}^{m-1}(1 - \mathcal{B})^2$
(c)	$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{CP} \circ \mathcal{B}$	$\mathcal{B}(m) = \mathcal{CP}_m \circ \mathcal{B}$	$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{B}^{m-1}(1 - \mathcal{B})$

then

$$p_n(m) := \frac{b_n(m)}{a_n} \approx \sum_{k \geq m-1} c_k \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{a_{n-k}}{a_n}.$$

In the case (a),  $\mathcal{C} \equiv \mathcal{B}^{\{m-1\}} \left( (1 - \mathcal{L}_+^{(-1)}) \circ \mathcal{A}_+ \right).$

## Erdős-Rényi model $G(n, p)$

Consider a random labeled graph  $G$ :

- 1  $p \in (0, 1)$  is the probability of edge presence;
- 2  $q = 1 - p$  is the probability of edge absence.

**Weight** of a graph:

$$w(G) = \rho^{|E(G)|},$$

where  $\rho = \frac{p}{q} = q^{-1} - 1$ .

Reason: if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are disjoint, then

$$w(G_1 \sqcup G_2) = w(G_1) \cdot w(G_2).$$

# Asymptotics of the Erdős-Rényi model

## Theorem

The probability  $p_n(m)$  that a random graph with  $n$  vertices has exactly  $m$  connected components satisfies

$$p_n(m) \approx \sum_{k \geq 0} P_k^{\{m\}}(\rho) \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{q^{nk}}{q^{k(k+1)/2}},$$

where

$$P_k^{\{m\}}(\rho) = \sum_{|V(G)|=k} (-1)^{\pi_0(G)-m} \binom{\pi_0(G)}{m-1} w(G).$$

# Asymptotics of the Erdős-Rényi model, continued

## Theorem

The probability  $p_n$  that a random graph with  $n$  vertices is connected satisfies

$$p_n \approx 1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} P_k(\rho) \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{q^{nk}}{q^{k(k+1)/2}},$$

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


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Wright, 1970: 
$$r_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\omega_k(n)}{2^{kn}} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n + [k/2] - k)!} + O\left(\frac{n^r}{2^{rn}}\right),$$

where

$$\omega_k(n) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{[k/2]} \gamma_\nu \xi_{k-2\nu} \frac{2^{k(k+1)/2}}{2^{\nu(k-\nu)}} (n + [k/2] - k) \dots (n + \nu + 1 - k),$$

$$\gamma_0 = 1, \quad \gamma_\nu = \sum_{s=0}^{\nu-1} \frac{\gamma_s \eta_{n-s}}{(\nu-s)!}, \quad \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \xi_\nu z^\nu = \left(1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_n}{2^{n(n-1)/2}} \frac{z^n}{n!}\right)^2,$$

$$\eta_1 = 1, \quad \eta_n = 2^{n(n-1)} - \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{t} 2^{(n-1)(n-t)} \eta_t.$$



# Towards the asymptotics

- 1 Dovgal and de Panafieu, 2019:

$$SD(z) = -\log \left( G(z) \odot \frac{1}{G(z)} \right)$$

- 2 In terms of tournaments:

$$SD(z) = -\log \left( 1 - T(z) \odot IT(z) \right)$$

- 3 Semi-strong directed graphs:

$$SSD(z) = \frac{1}{1 - T(z) \odot IT(z)}$$

# Asymptotics for strongly connected graphs

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$$r_n \approx \sum_{k \geq 0} \text{ssd}_k \binom{n}{k} \frac{2^{k(k+1)} \text{it}_{n-k}}{2^{2nk} t_{n-k}},$$

where  $\text{ssd}_k$ ,  $t_k$  and  $\text{it}_k$  are the numbers of semi-strong digraphs, tournaments and irreducible tournaments of size  $k$ , respectively.

Reasoning:  $\log(1 - y) \xrightarrow{\partial} -\frac{1}{1 - y}$ .

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$$R_k(n) = 2^{k(k+1)/2} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \binom{n}{\nu, k-2\nu} \frac{\text{ssd}_\nu \beta_{k-2\nu}}{2^{\nu(k-\nu)}}.$$

- $\beta_k = \mathbb{I}_{k=0} - 2it_k + it_k^{(2)}$ ,
- $\text{ssd}_k$  is the number of semi-strong digraphs of size  $k$ ,
- $it_k$  is the number of irreducible tournaments of size  $k$ ,
- $it_k^{(2)}$  is the number of tournaments of size  $k$  with two irreducible parts.

## Possible directions for generalization

- 1 Different types of irreducibility. For instance, “noncrossing compositions”:

$$A(z) = 1 + I(zA(z)).$$

- 2 Classes of different rate of convergence (forests, polynomials).
- 3 Unlabeled structures.

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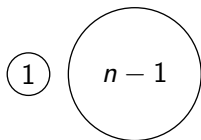
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Question. Can we create a rejection algorithm for producing connected graphs randomly, so that we reject with a probability of a smaller order?



## Erdős-Rényi model, continued

The form of the asymptotic expansion is

$$p_n = 1 - \binom{n}{1} \frac{q^n P_1(\rho)}{q} - \binom{n}{2} \frac{q^{2n} P_2(\rho)}{q^2} - \binom{n}{3} \frac{q^{3n} P_3(\rho)}{q^3} - \dots$$

When the parameter  $p$  approaches the threshold for connectedness,

$$p = \frac{(1 + \varepsilon) \ln n}{n},$$

all terms become equivalent:

$$P_k(\rho) \binom{n}{k} \frac{q^{nk}}{q^{k(k+1)/2}} \sim n^{-\varepsilon k}.$$

Question. Can we build a fruitful theory of phase transition for asymptotic expansions?

Many thanks to all listeners

Thank you for your attention!

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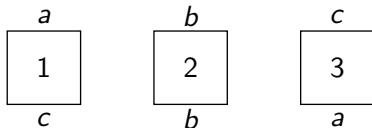


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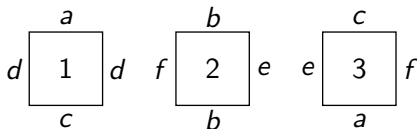
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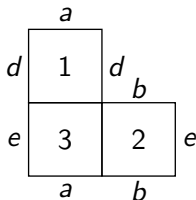
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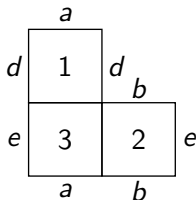
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Transitive action  $\leftrightarrow$  connectedness of the square-tiled surface.

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# Indecomposable permutations

A permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$  is

- 1 decomposable**, if there is an index  $p < n$  such that  $\sigma(\{1, \dots, p\}) = \{1, \dots, p\}$ .
- 2 indecomposable** otherwise.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

decomposable ( $p = 3$ )

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

indecomposable

Observation. Every permutation can be uniquely decomposed into a sequence of indecomposable permutations.

# Asymptotics for connected square-tiled surfaces

Theorem (reformulation of the results of Dixon and Cori)

The probability  $p_n$  that a random square-tiled surface of size  $n$  is *connected* satisfies

$$p_n \approx 1 - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\text{ip}_k}{(n)_k},$$

where  $(n)_k = n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)$  are the falling factorials and  $\text{ip}_k$  is the number of *indecomposable permutations* of size  $k$ .

$$(\text{ip}_k) = 1, 1, 3, 13, 71, 461, 3447, 29093, \dots$$

## Pairs of linear orders

A pair of linear orders  $(\prec_1, \prec_2)$  of size  $n$  is

- 1 **reducible**, if there is a partition  $\{1, \dots, n\} = A \sqcup B$  such that  $\forall a \in A, b \in B: a \prec_1 b$  and  $a \prec_2 b$ .
- 2 **irreducible** otherwise.

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccc} 3 & \prec_1 & 1 & \prec_1 & 4 & \prec_1 & 2 \\ 4 & \prec_2 & 3 & \prec_2 & 1 & \prec_2 & 2 \end{array} \right) \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccccc} 3 & \prec_1 & 1 & \prec_1 & 4 & \prec_1 & 2 \\ 4 & \prec_2 & 1 & \prec_2 & 2 & \prec_2 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

reducible ( $A = \{1, 3, 4\}, B = \{2\}$ )

irreducible

Observation.

$$\#\{\text{irreducible pairs of linear orders of size } n\} = n! \cdot \text{ip}_n.$$

# Correspondence of classes

- 1  $\mathcal{U} = \{\text{square-tiled surfaces}\}$   
 $= \{\text{pairs of linear orders of the same size}\}$
- 2  $\mathcal{V} = \{\text{connected square-tiled surfaces}\}$
- 3  $\mathcal{W} = \{\text{irreducible pairs of linear orders of the same size}\}$

$$p_n = w_k \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{u_{n-k}}{u_n} = k! \cdot ip_k \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{((n-k)!)^2}{(n!)^2} = \frac{ip_k}{(n)_k}$$

# Probability of a permutation to be indecomposable

## Theorem

The probability  $q_n$  that a random permutation of size  $n$  is *indecomposable*, satisfies

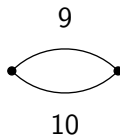
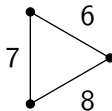
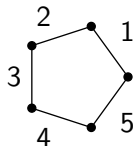
$$q_n \approx 1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{2ip_k - ip_k^{(2)}}{(n)_k},$$

where  $ip_k^{(2)}$  is the number of *permutations* of size  $k$  with two *indecomposable parts*.

$$\begin{aligned} (ip_k) &= 1, 1, 3, 13, 71, 461, 3447, \dots \\ (ip_k^{(2)}) &= 0, 1, 2, 7, 32, 177, 1142, \dots \\ (2ip_k - ip_k^{(2)}) &= 2, 1, 4, 19, 110, 745, 5752, \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Combinatorial map model

- Take several labeled polygons of total perimeter  $N = 2n$  (1-gons and 2-gons are allowed).
- Identify their sides randomly to obtain a surface.
- Each surface is determined by a pair  $(\phi, \alpha) \in \mathcal{S}_N^2$ , where  $\alpha$  is a perfect matching.



$$\phi = (12345)(678)(910), \quad \alpha = (13)(26)(410)(59)(78)$$

# Combinatorial map model asymptotics

## Theorem

The probability  $p_n$  that a random surface within the combinatorial map model is *connected* satisfies

$$p_n \approx 1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} \text{im}_{2k} \cdot \frac{(2(n-k)-1)!!}{(2n-1)!!},$$

where  $(\text{im}_{2k})$  counts *indecomposable perfect matchings*.

$$(\text{im}_{2k}) = 1, 2, 10, 74, 706, 8162, 110410, 1708394, \dots$$