

# Irreducibility of combinatorial objects: asymptotic probability and interpretation

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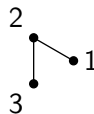
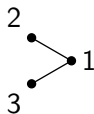
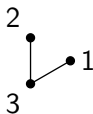
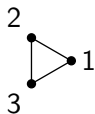
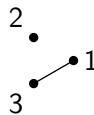
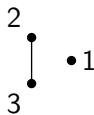
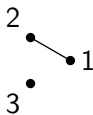
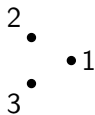
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## Simple labeled graphs

- $g_n$ : 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

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

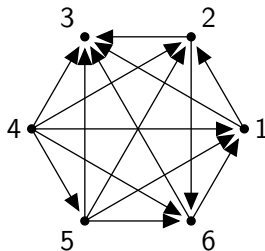
where  $it_k$  is the number of *irreducible labeled tournaments* of size  $k$ .

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# Tournaments

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



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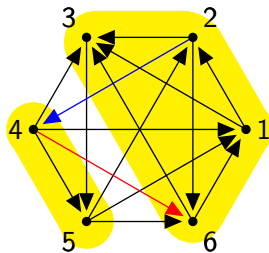
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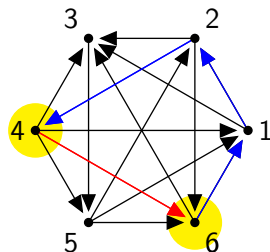
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Equivalently, a tournament is **strongly connected**: for each two vertices  $u$  and  $v$

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

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

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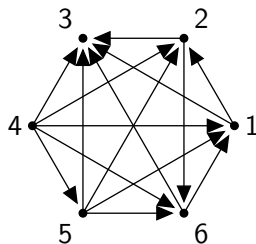
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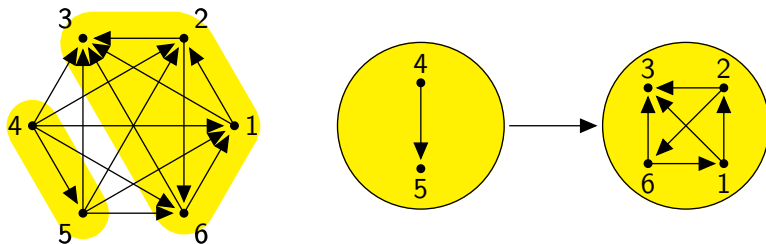
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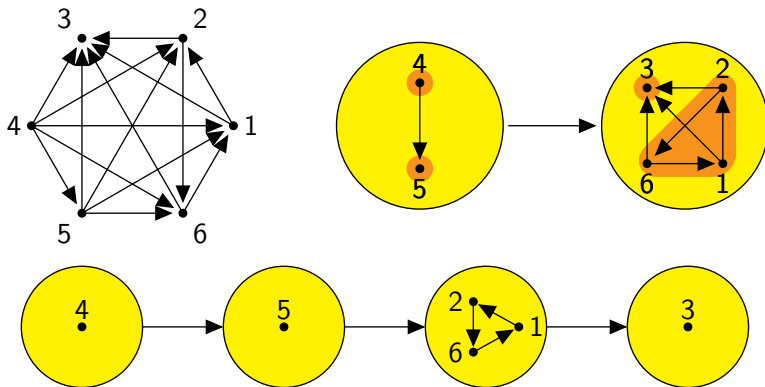
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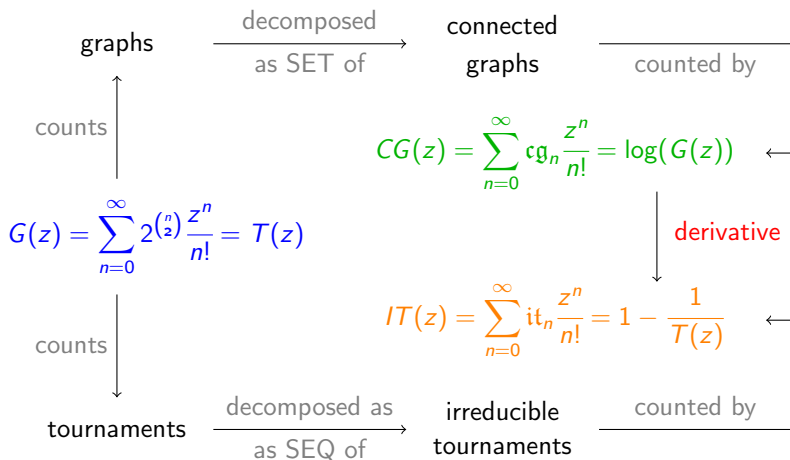


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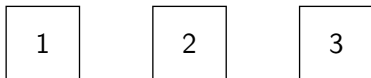
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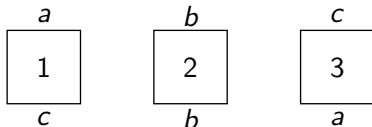


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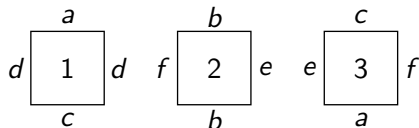
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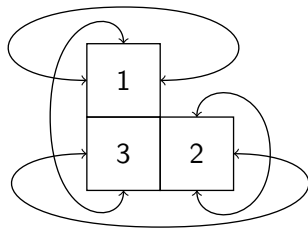
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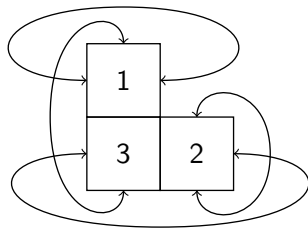
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Transitive action  $\leftrightarrow$  connectedness of the square-tiled surface.

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# 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

$$p_n \approx 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{ip_k}{n^k},$$

where  $n^k = n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)$  are the falling factorials and  $(ip_k)$  counts *indecomposable permutations*.

$$(ip_k) = 1, 1, 3, 13, 71, 461, 3447, 29093, \dots$$

# 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 ( $p = 3$ )

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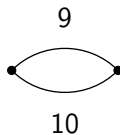
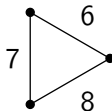
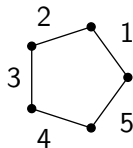
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Observation. Every permutation can be uniquely decomposed into a sequence of indecomposable permutations.



# Combinatorial maps

- 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  $(\phi, \alpha) \in S_N^2$ , where  $\alpha$  is a perfect matching.



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

# Asymptotics for combinatorial maps

## Theorem

The probability  $p_n$  that a random combinatorial map 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*.

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

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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

## Theorem

The probability  $q_n$  that a random labeled tournament of size  $n$  is *irreducible*, satisfies

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

where  $(it_k^{(2)})$  counts *labeled tournaments with two irreducible components*.

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

# Probability of a permutation to be indecomposable

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

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

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## Asymptotics in terms of species

## Theorem

If  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  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

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

# Erdős-Rényi model $G(n, p)$

Consider a random labeled graph  $G$ :

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

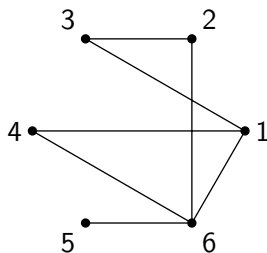
**Weight** of a graph:

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

where  $\rho = p/q$ .

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

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



$$w = \rho^7$$

# Asymptotics of the Erdős-Rényi model

## Theorem

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

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

where

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

and  $\pi_0(G)$  is the number of connected components of  $G$ .



# Meaning of the coefficients



$$w = 1$$

$$P_1(\rho) = 1$$



$$w = \rho$$

$$P_2(\rho) = \rho - 1$$



$$w = 1$$



$$w = \rho^3$$



$$w = \rho^2$$



$$w = \rho^1$$



$$w = 1$$

$$P_3(\rho) = \rho^3 + 3\rho^2 - 3\rho + 1$$

# Meaning of the coefficients



$$w = 1$$

$$P_1(\rho) = 1$$

$$P_1(1) = 1 = it_1$$



$$w = \rho$$

$$P_2(\rho) = \rho - 1$$

$$P_2(1) = 0 = it_2$$



$$w = 1$$



$$w = \rho^3$$



$$w = \rho^2$$



$$w = \rho^1$$



$$w = 1$$

$$P_3(\rho) = \rho^3 + 3\rho^2 - 3\rho + 1$$

$$P_3(1) = 2 = it_3$$

# Asymptotics of the Erdős-Rényi model, continued

## 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

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

# Conclusion

- 1 General method for combinatorial interpretation of coefficients in asymptotic expansions of irreducibles:
  - in terms of combinatorial classes (SET, SEQ, CYC),
  - in terms of species ( $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{CP}$ ).
- 2 Applications:
  - connected graphs and irreducible tournaments,
  - square-tiled surfaces and indecomposable permutations,
  - combinatorial maps and indecomposable perfect matchings,
  - the Erdős-Rényi model,
  - ...

Thank you for your attention!

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## CYC asymptotics

## Theorem

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

- $\mathcal{V}$  is gargantuan with positive counting sequence,
- $\mathcal{V} = \text{CYC}(\mathcal{W})$ ,

then

$$r_n := \frac{w_n}{v_n} \approx 1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} w_k \cdot \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{v_{n-k}}{v_n}.$$

Reasoning:  $e^{-y} \xrightarrow{\partial} -e^{-y}.$