

# Édouard Lucas:

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# Enumerating Orderings on Matched Product Graphs

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- 1 Combinatorial Motivation
- 2 Graph Stirling Numbers
- 3 Planarity for Matched Path Products (Square Permutations)
- 4 Enumeration on Graph Products
- 5 Path Decompositions of Paths (???)



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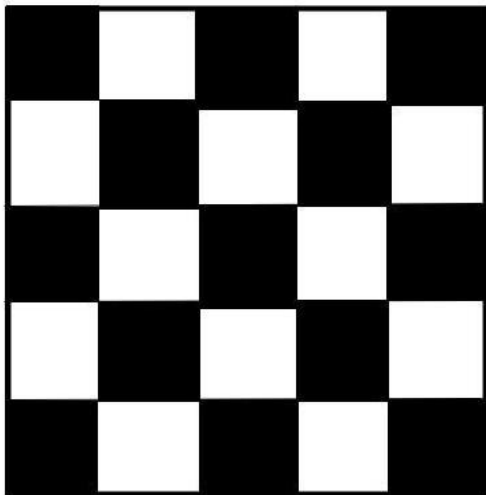
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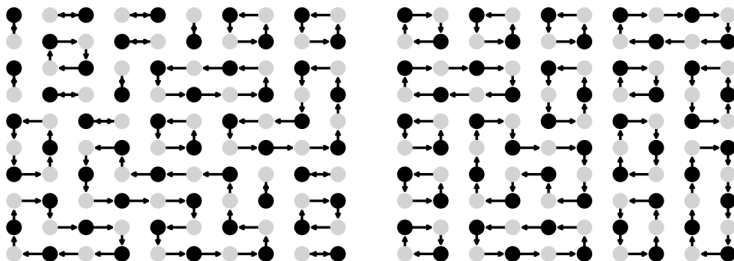
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# Generalizations



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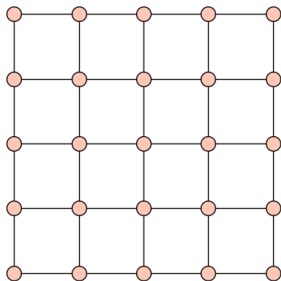
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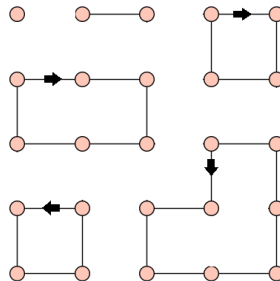
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# Example



Original



Cycle Decomposition



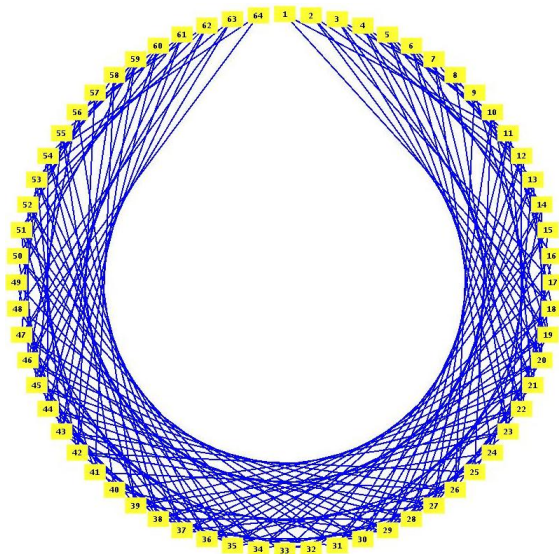
# Chess Moves

## Warmup Question III

*A classroom has  $m$  rows of  $n$  desks per row. The teacher allows each pupil to change his seat by going either moving like a **given set of chess pieces** or to remain in place. In how many ways can the students rearrange themselves?*



# Knight Rearrangements



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# Stirling Numbers for Arbitrary Graphs

## Definition

Let  $G$  be a graph. The  $k$ th Stirling number of the first kind for  $G$ , denoted by  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} G \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right]$ , is the number of vertex-disjoint partitions of  $G$  into  $k$  cycles, where 1-cycles and 2-cycles are allowed and cycles of order three or higher have two orientations. The graphical factorial  $G!$  is then  $\sum_k \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} G \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right]$ .





# Simple Graph Families

## Theorem (D. 2014<sup>1</sup>)

Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

- ①  $K_n! = n!$ ;
- ②  $P_n! = f_{n+1}$ ;
- ③  $C_n! = f_{n+1} + f_{n-1} + 2$ , for  $n \geq 3$ ;

## Theorem (B. 2018<sup>2</sup>)

Let  $n, m, k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

- ①  $\begin{bmatrix} K_n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}$ ;
- ②  $\begin{bmatrix} P_n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \binom{k}{n-k}$ ;
- ③  $\begin{bmatrix} C_n \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \binom{k-1}{n-k} + 2\binom{k-1}{n-k-1}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} C_n \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2$ , for  $n \geq 3$  and  $k \geq 2$ ;

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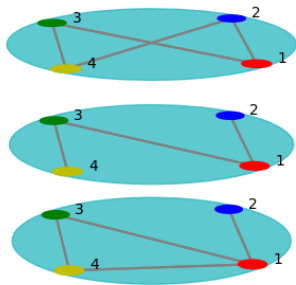


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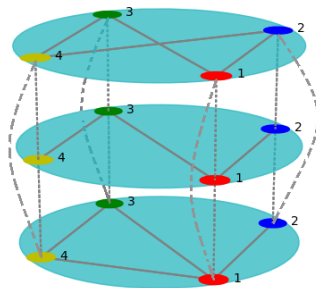
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- Graph products



# Supra-Adjacency



Disjoint Layers



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# Matched Product

## Definition (Matched Product)

Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k$  be an ordered list of graphs, each with  $n$  nodes and a common labeling of the nodes and let  $C$  be a graph with  $k$  ordered nodes. The matched product  $\boxed{C}(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k)$  is the graph with node set  $\bigcup V_i$  and two nodes  $v_i^\alpha$  and  $v_j^\beta$  in  $\boxed{C}(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k)$  are connected if and only if either

- 1  $c_\alpha \sim c_\beta$  and  $i = j$
- 2  $\alpha = \beta$  and  $v_i^\alpha \sim v_j^\alpha$

where  $c_\alpha$  and  $c_\beta$  are nodes in  $C$  and  $v_i^\alpha$  represents the copy of node  $i$  in  $G_\alpha$ .



## Example: Petersen Graph

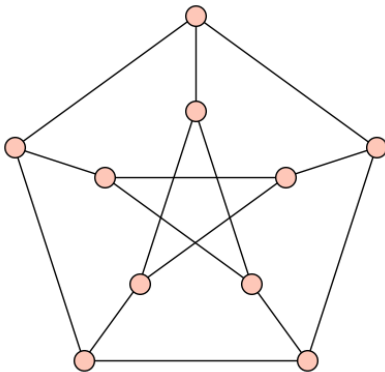


Figure:  $P_2(C_5, C_5)$



# Relationship to Other Graph Products

## Theorem

There are labelings of the graphs below such that the following hold:

- 1 The cartesian product of  $G$  and  $H$  can be represented by  $\boxed{H}(G, G, \dots, G)$
- 2 The rooted product of  $G$  and  $H$  can be represented by  $\boxed{H}(G, E_n, E_n, \dots, E_n)$
- 3 The hierarchical product<sup>1,2</sup> of  $G$  and  $H$  with subset  $\{a_i\} \subset H$  can be represented by  $\boxed{H}(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k)$  where

$$G_i = \begin{cases} G & \text{if } i \in \{a_i\} \\ E_n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

<sup>1</sup> L. Barrièrea, C. Dalfó, M. A. Fiola, M. Mitjanab, The generalized hierarchical product of graphs, Discrete Mathematics, (2009)

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# Property Preservation

## Proposition

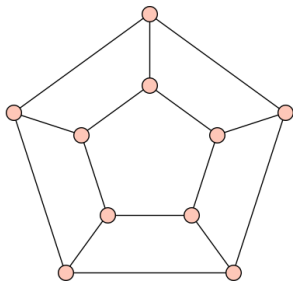
- 1 Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k$  and  $C$  be Eulerian graphs then any labeling of  $\boxed{C}$   $(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k)$  is Eulerian.
- 2 Let  $(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k)$  and  $C$  have Hamiltonian cycles. Then  $\boxed{C}$   $(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k)$  is Hamiltonian.

## Proof.

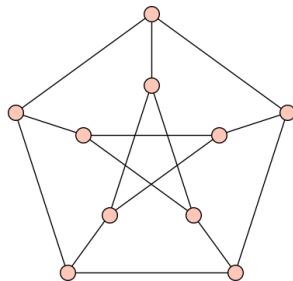
- 1 A graph is Eulerian if each vertex has even degree. Since the  $G_i$  and  $C$  are Eulerian each vertex in the product has even degree.
- 2 Label the nodes in  $(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k)$  arbitrarily and let  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  be a Hamiltonian cycle in  $C$ . Starting at an arbitrary vertex in  $G_{a_1}$  traverse the cycle in  $G_{a_1}$  and then travel along the edge to  $G_{a_2}$ . The hypotheses guarantee that we can continue to traverse each layer, ending at a copy of the original node on  $G_{a_k}$ .



# Labeling Matters!



Cylinder Graph



Petersen Graph

Figure: Two labelings of  $\boxed{P_2}$  ( $C_5, C_5$ )



# Planarity Result

## Proposition (Planarity)

*Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected graphs on  $n$  nodes. There exists a labeling so that of  $\boxed{P_2}(G, H)$  is planar if and only if  $G$  and  $H$  are outerplanar<sup>1</sup>.*

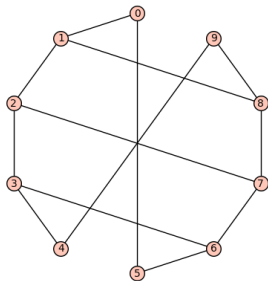


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**Figure:** A labeling of  $\boxed{P_2}(P_5, P_5)$  that is not planar.



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# Permutations of $P_n$

## Theorem

Let  $\pi \in S_n$ . Then  $\boxed{P_2}(P_n, P_n)$  with labelings  $(1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$  and  $(\pi(1), \pi(2), \pi(3), \dots, \pi(n))$  is planar if and only if  $\pi$  is a square permutation. There are  $2(n+2)4^{n-2} - 4(2n-5)\binom{2n-6}{n-3}$  such permutations.

## Proof.

A permutation is square if every point is a record (its consecutive-minima polygon has at most 4 'sides'). If  $\pi$  is square construct directly from diagram. If  $\pi$  is not square, there exists a vertex  $2 < k < n - 1$  such that contracting the edges between  $1, \dots, k - 1$  and  $k + 1, \dots, n$  is isomorphic to  $K_{3,3}$ . □



## Permutation Examples

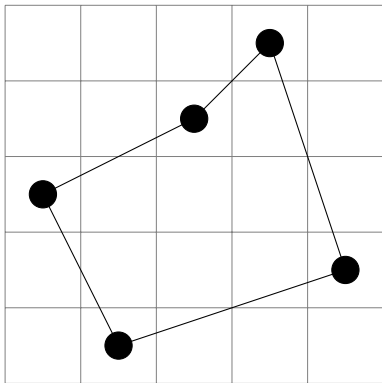


Figure:  $(3,1,4,5,2)$

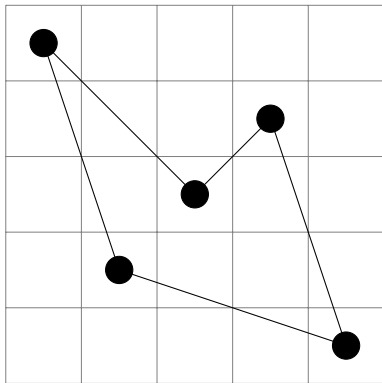


Figure:  $(5,2,3,4,1)$



## More Questions:

- Enumeration over relabelings:
  - Planarity
  - Factorial
  - Chromatic Number
  - etc.

- Products that are planar for all labelings

$$\boxed{P_2}(S_n, P_n) \text{ and } \boxed{P_2}(S_n, S_n)$$

- Products that are isomorphic for all labelings

$$\boxed{P_2}(K_n, G) \text{ and } \boxed{P_2}(S_n, C_n)$$

- Products that are never isomorphic for any pair of labelings



# Comb Graph Factorials

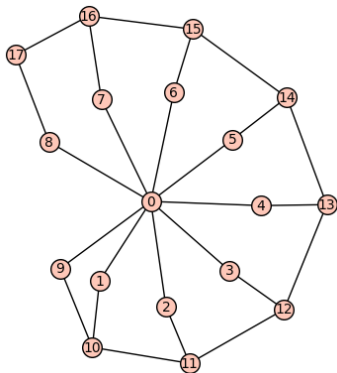
$G_n$		$G_n!$
$P_2$	$(E_n, E_n)$	$2^n$
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$P_2$	$(S_n, E_n)$	$2^{n+1} + n2^n$
$P_2$	$(C_n, E_n)$	$2L_{n-1} + 2L_{n-2} + 4$
$P_2$	$(K_n, E_n)$	$\sum_{\ell} \binom{n}{\ell} (n - \ell)!$
$P_2$	$(C_n, C_n)$	$6 + 4(-1)^n + (2 + \sqrt{3})^n + (2 - \sqrt{3})^n + (1 + \sqrt{2})^n + (1 - \sqrt{2})^n$

The Pell numbers,  $L_n$ , are defined by  $L_0 = 1$ ,  $L_1 = 2$ , and  $L_n = 2L_{n-1} + L_{n-2}$ .





$$P_2(S_9, P_9)$$



$$\boxed{P_2} (S_n, P_n)$$

### Examples

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{P_2} (S_n, P_n)! &= 2L_{n+1} + (L_{j-1} + L_{j-2})L_{n-j-1} \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^n [L_{j-1} + 2L_{j-2} + L_{n-3}]L_{n-j} \\ &+ 2 \left( \sum_{j=1}^n L_{n-j} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} [L_{j-1} + L_{j-2}] \sum_{m=j+1}^n L_{n-m} \right) \end{aligned}$$



$P_2$   $(G, H)$  Enumeration

$n$	$P_2$ $(C_n, S_n)!$	$P_2$ $(K_n, S_n)!$	$P_2$ $(P_n, K_n)!$	$P_2$ $(P_n, K_n)!$	$P_2$ $(C_n, K_n)!$
2	9	48	4	9	4
3	49	293	9	48	20
4	140	2022	49	345	121
5	394	15657	216	2994	589
6	1093	135044	1773	30957	4820
7	2986	1287813	12113	369132	35293
8	8056	13480938	128036	4996761	365633
9	21504	153879977	1172341	75625710	3525212
10	56889	1903771512	14885241	1265833149	43894725



# Star Enumeration

## Definition

Let  $G$  be a graph. Define the  $m$ -star of  $G$  as the join of  $G$  and  $E_m$ , denoted by  $S_m(G)$ , i.e.,  $S_m(G) = G \boxtimes E_m$ .

## Definition

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices. We denote the cardinality of the set of all partitions of  $G$  into  $j$  vertex-disjoint directed and ordered paths by  $\langle G \rangle_j$ , where we call each part in one of these partitions a partitioning directed path in  $G$ .

## Theorem

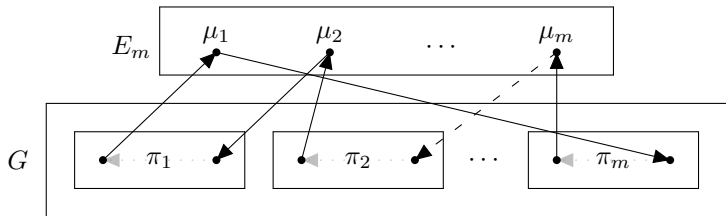
Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n \geq 2$  vertices. If  $m \leq n$ , then

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_m(G) \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = m \begin{bmatrix} S_{m-1}(G) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} m \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \langle G \rangle_m;$$

otherwise,  $\begin{bmatrix} S_m(G) \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ .



# Enumerative Schematic (Generic)



**Figure:** A cyclic partition of  $S_m(G)$  into a single cycle



# Enumeration Schematic (Complete)

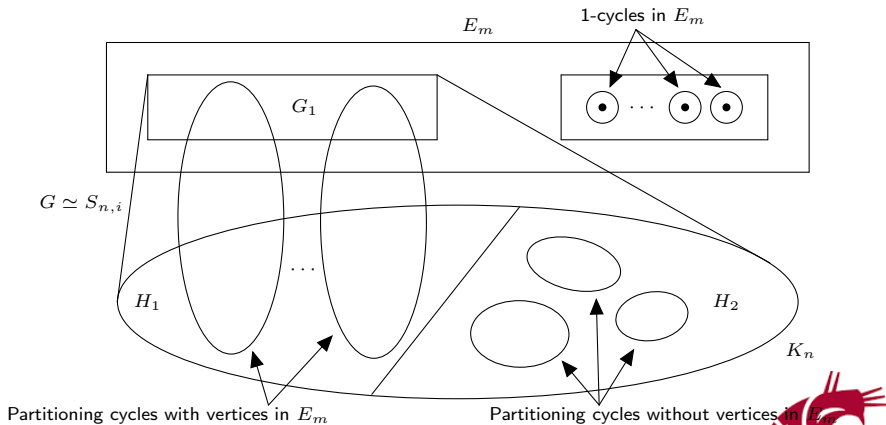
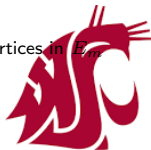
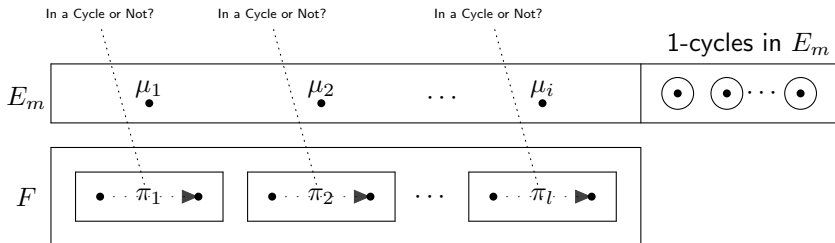


Figure: A cyclic partition of  $S_{n,m}$



# Enumerative Schematic (Forests)



## Enumeration Examples

### Theorem

If  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $[S_m(K_n)]$  is equal to

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ k-m \end{matrix} \right] + \sum_{i \geq 1} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \binom{m}{i} \left[ \begin{matrix} n-j \\ l \end{matrix} \right] j! \binom{j-1}{i-1} \left[ \begin{matrix} i \\ k-(m-i+l) \end{matrix} \right].$$

### Theorem

Suppose  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $F$  be a forest of order  $n$ . Then, for  $k \geq 2$ ,

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} S_m(F) \\ k \end{matrix} \right] \leq \left[ \begin{matrix} F \\ k-m \end{matrix} \right] + \sum_{i \geq 1} m^i 2^{k-(m-i)} \left\langle \begin{matrix} F \\ k-(m-i) \end{matrix} \right\rangle.$$





## One last Extension...

### Cooldown Question (Path Decompositions of Paths)

For fixed  $n$ , consider the permutations  $\pi$  determined by ordered path decompositions of  $\mathbb{P}_n$ . Can this set be characterized by pattern avoidance?

Example:



The End!

Thanks!



# T-shaped Tetrominoes

