

EXERCISE SHEET 8

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Exercise 2

1) \mathcal{B} has no objects of size 0. $B(z) = \sum_{n \geq 1} b_n z^n$

$$\mathcal{A} = \{(\beta, \beta) \mid \beta \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

Each object in \mathcal{B} of size n gives an object of size $2n$ in \mathcal{A}

$\Rightarrow b_n = a_{2n}$. Noting also that there are no objects of odd size in \mathcal{A} we conclude that

$$A(z) = \sum_{n \geq 1} a_n z^n = \sum_{n \geq 1} b_n z^{2n} = \sum_{n \geq 1} b_n (z^2)^n = B(z^2).$$

2) $\mathcal{C} = \text{MSet}_{\{0,2\}}(\mathcal{B}) \rightsquigarrow C(z) = ?$

$$\text{MSet}_{\{0,2\}}(\mathcal{B}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Subsets of } \mathcal{B} \text{ containing} \\ \text{2 elements} \end{array} \right\} \cup \{ \emptyset \}$$

Recalling that $\text{Seq}_{\{0,2\}}(\mathcal{B})$ is $1 + B(z)^2$ $\left[\text{Seq}_{\Omega}(\mathcal{B}) \rightsquigarrow \sum_{k \in \Omega} B(z)^k \right]$

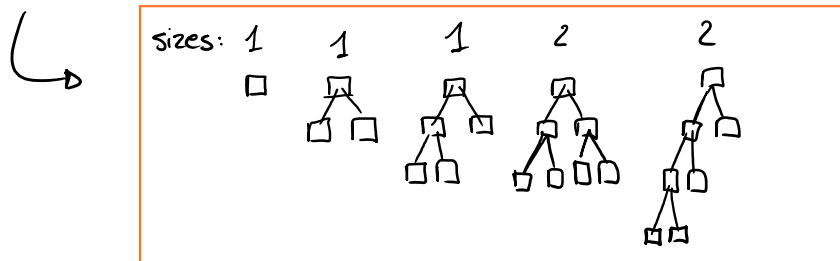
and noting that any non-empty element $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ of $\text{MSet}_{\{0,2\}}(\mathcal{B})$ with $\alpha \neq \beta$, corresponds to 2 elements in $\text{Seq}_{\{0,2\}}(\mathcal{B})$, i.e. (α, β) and (β, α) we obtain that:

$$C(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\underbrace{B(z)^2}_{\substack{\text{g.f. for the elements} \\ \text{of } \text{Seq}_{\{0,2\}}(\mathcal{B}) \setminus \mathcal{A}}} \right) + \underbrace{B(z^2)}_{\substack{\text{g.f. for the diagonal}}} \\ = 1 + \frac{1}{2} B(z)^2 + \frac{1}{2} B(z^2)$$

3) We conclude that

$$U(z) = z \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} U(z)^2 + \frac{1}{2} U(z^2) \right) \quad (*)$$

We can check the equation for the first terms of $U(z)$, indeed noting that $u_1 = u_3 = u_5 = 1$, $u_{2n} = 0$, $u_2 = 2$, we have $U(z) = z + z^3 + z^5 + 2z^7 + O(z^9)$



and substituting in Equation $(*)$, we obtain

$$z + z^3 + z^5 + 2z^7 + O(z^9) = z \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(z + z^3 + z^5 + 2z^7 + O(z^9))^2}_{z^2 + z^6 + 2z^4 + 2z^6 + O(z^8)} - \frac{1}{2} (z^2 + z^6 + O(z^8)) \right)$$

$$z + z^3 + z^5 + 2z^7 + O(z^9) = z (1 + z^2 + z^4 + 2z^6 + O(z^8)) \quad \checkmark$$

Exercise 3

We know that, if $C(z)$ denotes the OGF for Dyck paths, then

$$C(z) = 1 + zC(z)^2$$

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$$(C(z) - 1) = z(C(z))^2$$

⇒ Setting $\tilde{C}(z) = C(z) - 1$ and $\phi(u) = (1+u)^2$ we have

$$\tilde{C}(z) = z \phi(\tilde{C}(z))$$

Then by the Lagrange inversion formula ($\phi_0 \neq 0$), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
[z^n] \tilde{C}(z) &= \frac{1}{n} [u^{n-1}] \phi(u)^n = \frac{1}{n} [u^{n-1}] (1+u)^{2n} \\
&= \frac{1}{n} [u^{n-1}] \left(\sum_{k=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{k} u^k \right) = \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n}{n-1} = \frac{1}{n} \frac{(2n)!}{(n-1)!(n+1)!} \\
&= \frac{(2n)!}{n! n!} \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}
\end{aligned}$$