

# 4. Inclusion-Exclusion

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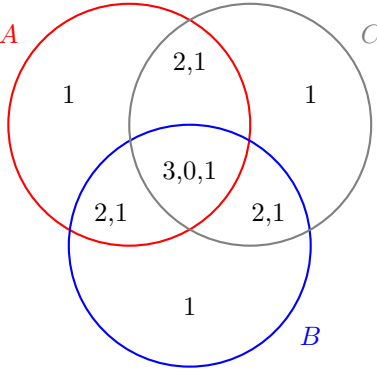
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### 1 The Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion

... for 3 sets

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

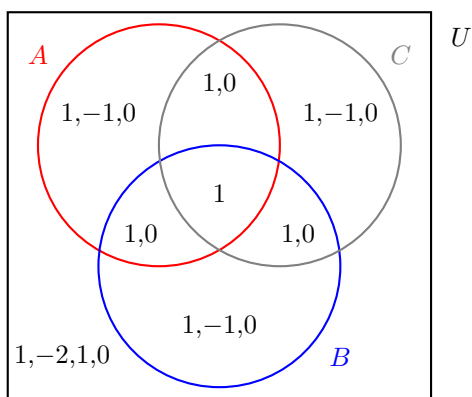
$$|A \cup B \cup C| = \sum_{X \subseteq \{A,B,C\}} (-1)^{|X|+1} \cdot \left| \bigcap X \right|$$



... intersection version

$$|A \cap B \cap C| = |U| - |\bar{A}| - |\bar{B}| - |\bar{C}| + |\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}| + |\bar{A} \cap \bar{C}| + |\bar{B} \cap \bar{C}| - |\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap \bar{C}|$$

$$|A \cap B \cap C| = \sum_{X \subseteq \{A,B,C\}} (-1)^{|X|} \cdot \left| \bigcap \bar{X} \right|$$



### Inclusion-Exclusion Principle – intersection version

**Theorem 1** (IE-theorem – intersection version). Let  $U = A_0$  be a finite set, and let  $A_1, \dots, A_k \subseteq U$ .

$$\left| \bigcap_{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}} A_i \right| = \sum_{J \subseteq \{1, \dots, k\}} (-1)^{|J|} \left| \bigcap_{i \in J} \overline{A_i} \right|,$$

where  $\overline{A_i} = U \setminus A_i$  and  $\bigcap_{i \in \emptyset} = U$ .

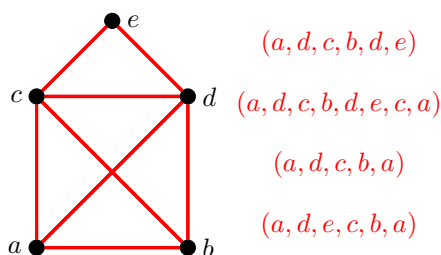
- Proof sketch.*
- An element  $e \in \bigcap_{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}} A_i$  is counted on the right only for  $J = \emptyset$ .
  - An element  $e \notin \bigcap_{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}} A_i$  is counted on the right for all  $J \subseteq I$ , where  $I$  is the set of indices  $i$  such that  $e \notin A_i$ .
    - counted negatively for each odd-sized  $J \subseteq I$ , and positively for each even-sized  $J \subseteq I$
    - a non-empty set has as many even-sized subsets as odd-sized subsets

□

## 2 Counting Hamiltonian Cycles

### Walks and cycles

- A *walk* of length  $k$  in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  (short, a  $k$ -walk) is a sequence of vertices  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k$  such that  $v_i v_{i+1} \in E$  for each  $i \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$ .
- A walk  $(v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k)$  is *closed* if  $v_0 = v_k$ .
- A *cycle* is a 2-regular subgraph of  $G$ .
- A *Hamiltonian cycle* of  $G$  is a cycle of length  $n = |V|$ .

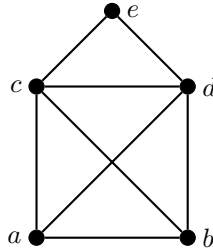


## #Hamiltonian-Cycles

#HAMILTONIAN-CYCLES

Input: A graph  $G = (V, E)$

Output: The number of Hamiltonian cycles of  $G$



This graph has 2 Hamiltonian cycles.

### IE for #Hamiltonian-Cycles

- $U$ : the set of closed  $n$ -walks starting at vertex 1
- $A_v \subseteq U$ : walks in  $U$  that visit vertex  $v \in V$
- $\Rightarrow$  number of Hamiltonian cycles is  $|\bigcap_{v \in V} A_v|$
- To use the IE-theorem, we need to compute  $|\bigcap_{v \in S} \overline{A_v}|$ , the number of walks from  $U$  in the graph  $G - S$ .

### A simpler problem

#CLOSED  $n$ -WALKS

Input: An integer  $n$ , and a graph  $G = (V, E)$  on  $\leq n$  vertices

Output: The number of closed  $n$ -walks in  $G$  starting at vertex 1

### Dynamic programming

- $T[d, v]$ : number of  $d$ -walks starting at vertex 1 and ending at vertex  $v$
- Base cases:  $T[0, 1] = 1$  and  $T[0, v] = 0$  for all  $v \in V \setminus \{1\}$
- DP recurrence:  $T[d, v] = \sum_{uv \in E} T[d-1, u]$
- Table  $T$  is filled by increasing  $d$
- Return  $T[n, 1]$  in  $O(n^3)$  time

### Wrapping up

- Recall:
  - $U$ : set of closed  $n$ -walks starting at vertex 1
  - $A_v$ : set of closed  $n$ -walks that start at vertex 1 and visit vertex  $v$
- By the IE-theorem, the number of Hamiltonian cycles is

$$\left| \bigcap_{v \in V} A_v \right| = \sum_{S \subseteq V} (-1)^{|S|} \left| \bigcap_{v \in S} \overline{A_v} \right|$$

- We have seen that  $|\bigcap_{v \in S} \overline{A_v}|$  can be computed in  $O(n^3)$  time.
- So,  $\sum_{S \subseteq V} (-1)^{|S|} |\bigcap_{v \in S} \overline{A_v}|$  can be evaluated in  $O(2^n n^3)$  time

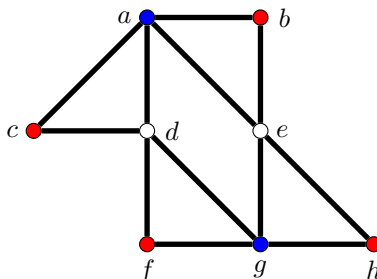
**Theorem 2.** #HAMILTONIAN-CYCLES can be solved in  $O(2^n n^3)$  time and polynomial space, where  $n = |V|$ .

### 3 Coloring

A  $k$ -coloring of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a function  $f : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  assigning colors to  $V$  such that no two adjacent vertices receive the same color.

**COLORING**

Input: Graph  $G$ , integer  $k$   
 Question: Does  $G$  have a  $k$ -coloring?



**Exercise**

- Suppose  $A$  is an algorithm solving COLORING in  $O(f(n))$  time,  $n = |V|$ , where  $f$  is non-decreasing.
- Design a  $O^*(f(n))$  time algorithm  $B$ , which, for an input graph  $G$ , finds a coloring of  $G$  with a minimum number of colors.

**IE formulation**

**Observation: partitioning vs. covering**

$G = (V, E)$  has a  $k$ -coloring  $\Leftrightarrow G$  has independent sets  $I_1, \dots, I_k$  such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k I_i = V$ .

- $U$ : set of tuples  $(I_1, \dots, I_k)$ , where each  $I_i, i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , is an independent set
- $A_v = \{(I_1, \dots, I_k) \in U : v \in \bigcup_{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}} I_i\}$
- Note:  $|\bigcap_{v \in V} A_v| \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow G$  has a  $k$ -coloring
- To use the IE-theorem, we need to compute

$$\left| \bigcap_{v \in S} \overline{A_v} \right| = |\{(I_1, \dots, I_k) \in U : I_1, \dots, I_k \subseteq V \setminus S\}|$$

$$= s(V \setminus S)^k,$$

where  $s(X)$  is the number of independent sets in  $G[X]$

**A simpler problem**

**#IS OF INDUCED SUBGRAPHS**

Input: A graph  $G = (V, E)$   
 Output:  $s(X)$ , the number of independent sets of  $G[X]$ , for each  $X \subseteq V$

**Dynamic Programming**

- $s(X)$ : the number of independent sets of  $G[X]$
- Base case:  $s(\emptyset) = 1$
- DP recurrence:  $s(X) = s(X \setminus N_G[v]) + s(X \setminus \{v\})$ , where  $v \in X$
- Table  $s$  filled by increasing cardinalities of  $X$
- Output  $s(X)$  for each  $X \subseteq V$  in time  $O^*(2^n)$

## Wrapping up

Now, evaluate

$$\left| \bigcap_{v \in V} A_v \right| = \sum_{S \subseteq V} (-1)^{|S|} \left| \bigcap_{v \in S} \overline{A}_v \right| = \sum_{S \subseteq V} (-1)^{|S|} s(V \setminus S)^k,$$

in  $O^*(2^n)$  time.  $G$  has a  $k$ -coloring iff  $\left| \bigcap_{v \in V} A_v \right| > 0$ .

**Theorem 3** ([Bjørklund & Husfeldt '06], [Koivisto '06]). COLORING can be solved in  $O^*(2^n)$  time (and space).

**Corollary 4.** For a given graph  $G$ , a coloring with a minimum number of colors can be found in  $O^*(2^n)$  time (and space).

### ... polynomial space

Using an algorithm by [Gaspers, Lee, 2016], counting all independent sets in a graph on  $n$  vertices in  $O(1.2355^n)$  time, we obtain a polynomial-space algorithm for COLORING with running time

$$\sum_{S \subseteq V} O(1.2355^{n-|S|}) = \sum_{s=0}^n \binom{n}{s} O(1.2377^{n-s}) = O(2.2355^n).$$

Here, we used the Binomial Theorem:  $(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$ .

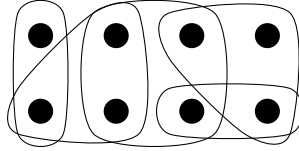
**Theorem 5.** COLORING can be solved in  $O(2.2355^n)$  time and polynomial space.

## 4 Counting Set Covers

#SET COVERS

Input: A finite ground set  $V$  of elements, a collection  $H$  of subsets of  $V$ , and an integer  $k$

Output: The number of ways to choose a  $k$ -tuple of sets  $(S_1, \dots, S_k)$  with  $S_i \in H$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k S_i = V$ .



This instance has  $1 \cdot 3! = 6$  covers with 3 sets and  $3 \cdot 4! = 72$  covers with 4 sets.

We consider, more generally, that  $H$  is given only implicitly, but can be enumerated in  $O^*(2^n)$  time and space.

### Algorithm for Counting Set Covers

- $U$ : set of  $k$ -tuples  $(S_1, \dots, S_k)$ , where  $S_i \in H$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ ,
- $A_v = \{(S_1, \dots, S_k) \in U : v \in \bigcup_{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}} S_i\}$ ,
- the number of covers with  $k$  sets is

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \bigcap_{v \in V} A_v \right| &= \sum_{S \subseteq V} (-1)^{|S|} \left| \bigcap_{v \in S} \overline{A}_v \right| \\ &= \sum_{S \subseteq V} (-1)^{|S|} s(V \setminus S)^k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $s(X)$  is the number of sets in  $H$  that are subsets of  $X$ .

### Compute $s(X)$

For each  $X \subseteq V$ , compute  $s(X)$ , the number of sets in  $H$  that are subsets of  $X$ .

### Dynamic Programming

- Arbitrarily order  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$
- $g[X, i] = |\{S \in H : (X \cap \{v_i, \dots, v_n\}) \subseteq S \subseteq X\}|$
- Note:  $g[X, n + 1] = s(X)$
- Base case:  $g[X, 1] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X \in H \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- DP recurrence:  $g[X, i] = \begin{cases} g[X, i - 1] & \text{if } v_{i-1} \notin X \\ g[X \setminus \{v_{i-1}\}, i - 1] + g[X, i - 1] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- Table filled by increasing  $i$

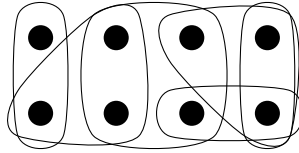
**Theorem 6.** #SET COVERS can be solved in  $O^*(2^n)$  time and space, where  $n = |V|$ .

## 5 Counting Set Partitions

### #ORDERED SET PARTITIONS

Input: A finite ground set  $V$  of elements, a collection  $H$  of subsets of  $V$ , and an integer  $k$

Output: The number of ways to choose a  $k$ -tuple of *pairwise disjoint* sets  $(S_1, \dots, S_k)$  with  $S_i \in H$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k S_i = V$ .  
(Now,  $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$ , if  $i \neq j$ .)



This instance has  $1 \cdot 3! = 6$  ordered partitions with 3 sets.

### IE formulation

**Lemma 7.** The number of ordered  $k$ -partitions of a set system  $(V, H)$  is

$$\sum_{S \subseteq V} (-1)^{|S|} a_k(V \setminus S),$$

where  $a_k(X)$  denotes the number of  $k$ -tuples of sets  $S_1, \dots, S_k \subseteq X$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^k |S_i| = |X|$ .

*Proof (Sketch).* •  $U$ : set of tuples  $(S_1, \dots, S_k)$ , where  $S_i \in H$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , and  $\sum_{i=1}^k |S_i| = |V|$

- $A_v = \{(S_1, \dots, S_k) \in U : v \in \bigcup_{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}} S_i\}$ ,
- the number of ordered partitions with  $k$  sets is

$$\left| \bigcap_{v \in V} A_v \right| = \sum_{S \subseteq V} (-1)^{|S|} \left| \bigcap_{v \in S} \overline{A_v} \right| = \sum_{S \subseteq V} (-1)^{|S|} a_k(V \setminus S).$$

□

## IE evaluation

For each  $X \subseteq V$ , we need to compute  $a_k(X)$ , the number of  $k$ -tuples of sets  $S_1, \dots, S_k \subseteq X$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^k |S_i| = |V|$ .

## Dynamic Programming

(1) Compute  $s[X, i] = |\{Y \in H : Y \subseteq X \text{ and } |Y| = i\}|$  for each  $X \subseteq V$  and each  $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ :

- The entries  $s[\cdot, i]$  are computed the same ways as  $s[\cdot]$  in the previous section, but keep only the sets in  $H$  of size  $i$ .

(2)  $A[\ell, m, X]$ : number of tuples  $(S_1, \dots, S_\ell)$  with  $S_i \in H$ ,  $S_i \subseteq X$ , and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} |S_i| = m$ .

- Base case:  $A[1, m, X] = s[X, m]$
- DP recurrence:  $A[\ell, m, X] = \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} s[X, i] \cdot A[\ell - 1, m - i, X]$
- Table filled by increasing  $\ell$
- Note:  $a_k(X) = A[k, |V|, X]$

## Algorithm for Counting Set Partitions

**Theorem 8.** #ORDERED SET PARTITIONS can be solved in  $O^*(2^n)$  time and space.

**Corollary 9.** There is an algorithm computing the number of  $k$ -colorings of an input graph on  $n$  vertices in  $O^*(2^n)$  time and space.

## Covering and partitioning in polynomial space

**Theorem 10.** The number of covers with  $k$  sets and the number of ordered partitions with  $k$  sets of a set system  $(V, H)$  can be computed in polynomial space and

1.  $O^*(2^n |H|)$  time, assuming that  $H$  can be enumerated in  $O^*(|H|)$  time and polynomial space
2.  $O^*(3^n)$  time, assuming membership in  $H$  can be decided in polynomial time, and
3.  $\sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} T_H(j)$  time, assuming there is a  $T_H(j)$  time and polynomial space algorithm to count for any  $W \subseteq V$  with  $|W| = j$  the number of sets  $S \in H$  satisfying  $S \cap W = \emptyset$ .

## Exercise

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is *bipartite* if  $V$  can be partitioned into two independent sets. A *matching* in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a set of edges  $M \subseteq E$  such that no two edges of  $M$  have an end-point in common. The matching  $M$  in  $G$  is *perfect* if every vertex of  $G$  is contained in an edge of  $M$ .

#BIPARTITE PERFECT MATCHINGS

Input: Bipartite graph  $G = (V, E)$

Output: The number of perfect matchings in  $G$ .

1. Design an algorithm with running time  $O^*\left(\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)!\right)$ , where  $n = |V|$ .
2. Design a polynomial-space  $O^*(2^{n/2})$ -time inclusion-exclusion algorithm.

## 6 Further Reading

- Chapter 4, *Inclusion-Exclusion* in Fedor V. Fomin and Dieter Kratsch. Exact Exponential Algorithms. Springer, 2010.
- Thore Husfeldt. Invitation to Algorithmic Uses of Inclusion-Exclusion. Proceedings of the 38th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP 2011): 42-59, 2011.

## Advanced Reading

- Chapter 7, *Subset Convolution* in Fedor V. Fomin and Dieter Kratsch. Exact Exponential Algorithms. Springer, 2010.