

- Use (ordinary) generating functions and Lagrange inversion to find a formula for the number of rooted trees with  $n$  vertices where each vertex has at most three children (the order of children matters).
- Let  $b_n$  denote the number of ways how to partition the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  to (any number) of non-empty subsets. E.g.,  $b_3 = 5$  counts the partitions
  - $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$ ;
  - $\{1, 2\}, \{3\}$ ;
  - $\{1, 3\}, \{2\}$ ;
  - $\{1\}, \{2, 3\}$ ; and
  - $\{1, 2, 3\}$ .

Show that the exponential generating function  $B(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_n \cdot \frac{x^n}{n!}$  satisfies  $B(x) = e^{e^x - 1}$ . Hint:  $b_n$  is also the number of graphs with vertex set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  whose components are cliques.

- Let  $i_n$  denote the number of involutions of the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ , i.e., permutations  $\pi$  of this set such that  $\pi^2 = \text{id}$ . E.g.,  $i_3 = 4$  counts the permutations
  - $\pi(1) = 1, \pi(2) = 2, \pi(3) = 3$ ;
  - $\pi(1) = 2, \pi(2) = 1, \pi(3) = 3$ ;
  - $\pi(1) = 3, \pi(2) = 2, \pi(3) = 1$ ; and
  - $\pi(1) = 1, \pi(2) = 3, \pi(3) = 2$ .

Determine an explicit formula for the exponential generating function  $I(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} i_n \cdot \frac{x^n}{n!}$ . Hint: Consider the directed graph with edges  $(x, \pi(x))$  for  $x \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

- Let  $p_n$  be the number of all permutations of the set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and let  $c_n$  be the number of directed cycles with vertex set  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $P(x)$  and  $C(x)$  be the corresponding generating functions. Show that  $P(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$  and use the exponential formula “in reverse” to determine an explicit formula for  $C(x)$ .
- Let  $t_n$  be the number of rooted trees with  $n$  vertices such that each non-leaf vertex has exactly two children, where the order of the children *does not* matter (to clarify, we define  $t_0 = 0$ ), and let  $T(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} t_n x^n$ . Show that this generating function satisfies  $T(x) = x(1 + \frac{1}{2}(T^2(x) + T(x^2)))$ .