

Sequential structures

Locally Restricted Sequential Structures and Runs of a Subcomposition in Integer Compositions

Edward A. Bender

Department of Mathematics

University of California, San Diego, USA.

Jason Z. Gao

Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

Sequential structures

Notation and definition

- ▶ \mathbb{N} denotes the set of positive integers.
- ▶ \mathcal{P} denotes a set of *parts* such that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the set \mathcal{P}_n of parts of size n is finite.

Sequential structures

Notation and definition

- ▶ \mathbb{N} denotes the set of positive integers.
- ▶ \mathcal{P} denotes a set of *parts* such that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the set \mathcal{P}_n of parts of size n is finite.
- ▶ $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ denotes the set of all sequences of parts from \mathcal{P} , including the empty sequence. The empty sequence, denoted by ε has size 0, and the size of a structures in $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the sum of the sizes of its parts.

Sequential structures

Notation and definition

- ▶ \mathbb{N} denotes the set of positive integers.
- ▶ \mathcal{P} denotes a set of *parts* such that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the set \mathcal{P}_n of parts of size n is finite.
- ▶ $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ denotes the set of all sequences of parts from \mathcal{P} , including the empty sequence. The empty sequence, denoted by ε has size 0, and the size of a structures in $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the sum of the sizes of its parts.
- ▶ $\text{SEQ}_k(\mathcal{P})$ denotes the subset of $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ consisting of all sequences with exactly k parts. We say that the structures in $\text{SEQ}_k(\mathcal{P})$ have *length* k .

Examples

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ such that every part has size 1.
That is, $|\mathcal{P}_1| = b$ and $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 0$ for $n \geq 2$.

Examples

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ such that every part has size 1. That is, $|\mathcal{P}_1| = b$ and $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 0$ for $n \geq 2$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of words/strings over alphabet $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ and the size of a word is equal to its length.

Examples

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ such that every part has size 1. That is, $|\mathcal{P}_1| = b$ and $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 0$ for $n \geq 2$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of words/strings over alphabet $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ and the size of a word is equal to its length.

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathbb{N}$ such that the part n has size n . That is, $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 1$ for $n \geq 1$.

Examples

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ such that every part has size 1. That is, $|\mathcal{P}_1| = b$ and $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 0$ for $n \geq 2$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of words/strings over alphabet $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ and the size of a word is equal to its length.

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathbb{N}$ such that the part n has size n . That is, $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 1$ for $n \geq 1$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of integer *compositions*.

Examples

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ such that every part has size 1. That is, $|\mathcal{P}_1| = b$ and $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 0$ for $n \geq 2$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of words/strings over alphabet $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ and the size of a word is equal to its length.

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathbb{N}$ such that the part n has size n . That is, $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 1$ for $n \geq 1$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of integer *compositions*.

Example Let $|\mathcal{P}_n| = n$ for $n \geq 1$. That is, there are n parts of size n .

Examples

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ such that every part has size 1. That is, $|\mathcal{P}_1| = b$ and $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 0$ for $n \geq 2$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of words/strings over alphabet $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ and the size of a word is equal to its length.

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathbb{N}$ such that the part n has size n . That is, $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 1$ for $n \geq 1$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of integer *compositions*.

Example Let $|\mathcal{P}_n| = n$ for $n \geq 1$. That is, there are n parts of size n . Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of *n -color compositions*.

Examples

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ such that every part has size 1. That is, $|\mathcal{P}_1| = b$ and $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 0$ for $n \geq 2$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of words/strings over alphabet $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ and the size of a word is equal to its length.

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathbb{N}$ such that the part n has size n . That is, $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 1$ for $n \geq 1$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of integer *compositions*.

Example Let $|\mathcal{P}_n| = n$ for $n \geq 1$. That is, there are n parts of size n . Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of *n -color compositions*.

So **221** and **221** are different n -color compositions.

Examples

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ such that every part has size 1. That is, $|\mathcal{P}_1| = b$ and $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 0$ for $n \geq 2$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of words/strings over alphabet $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ and the size of a word is equal to its length.

Example Let $\mathcal{P} = \mathbb{N}$ such that the part n has size n . That is, $|\mathcal{P}_n| = 1$ for $n \geq 1$. Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of integer *compositions*.

Example Let $|\mathcal{P}_n| = n$ for $n \geq 1$. That is, there are n parts of size n . Then $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is the set of *n -color compositions*.

So 221 and 221 are different n -color compositions.

Example "Composition of salads".

Known results on runs

A *run* of a given part p in a structure $\mathbf{a} \in \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is a maximal sequence of p 's in \mathbf{a} .

Known results on runs

A *run* of a given part p in a structure $\mathbf{a} \in \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is a maximal sequence of p 's in \mathbf{a} .

Example The word $\mathbf{w} = 11121111331$ contains three runs of 1 of lengths 3, 4, 1, respectively. The maximum run of 1 has length 4.

Known results on runs

A *run* of a given part p in a structure $\mathbf{a} \in \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is a maximal sequence of p 's in \mathbf{a} .

Example The word $\mathbf{w} = 11121111331$ contains three runs of 1 of lengths 3, 4, 1, respectively. The maximum run of 1 has length 4. Let $R_n(j)$ be the maximum length of runs of letter j in a random word over $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ of length n , and $R_n := \max\{R_n(j), 1 \leq j \leq b\}$.

Known results on runs

A *run* of a given part p in a structure $\mathbf{a} \in \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is a maximal sequence of p 's in \mathbf{a} .

Example The word $\mathbf{w} = 11121111331$ contains three runs of 1 of lengths 3, 4, 1, respectively. The maximum run of 1 has length 4. Let $R_n(j)$ be the maximum length of runs of letter j in a random word over $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ of length n , and $R_n := \max\{R_n(j), 1 \leq j \leq b\}$. Then (Knuth (78), Gourdon (98), Bender-Gao (14), Prodinger-Wagner (15)),

$$\mathbb{E}(R_n(j)) = \log_b n + \gamma \log_b e - \frac{3}{2} - P_0(\log_b n) + o(1),$$

Known results on runs

A *run* of a given part p in a structure $\mathbf{a} \in \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is a maximal sequence of p 's in \mathbf{a} .

Example The word $\mathbf{w} = 11121111331$ contains three runs of 1 of lengths 3, 4, 1, respectively. The maximum run of 1 has length 4. Let $R_n(j)$ be the maximum length of runs of letter j in a random word over $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ of length n , and $R_n := \max\{R_n(j), 1 \leq j \leq b\}$. Then (Knuth (78), Gourdon (98), Bender-Gao (14), Prodinger-Wagner (15)),

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(R_n(j)) &= \log_b n + \gamma \log_b e - \frac{3}{2} - P_0(\log_b n) + o(1), \\ \mathbb{E}(R_n) &= \log_b n + \gamma \log_b e - \frac{1}{2} - P_0(\log_b n) + o(1),\end{aligned}$$

Known results on runs

A *run* of a given part p in a structure $\mathbf{a} \in \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P})$ is a maximal sequence of p 's in \mathbf{a} .

Example The word $\mathbf{w} = 11121111331$ contains three runs of 1 of lengths 3, 4, 1, respectively. The maximum run of 1 has length 4. Let $R_n(j)$ be the maximum length of runs of letter j in a random word over $\{1, 2, \dots, b\}$ of length n , and $R_n := \max\{R_n(j), 1 \leq j \leq b\}$. Then (Knuth (78), Gourdon (98), Bender-Gao (14), Prodinger-Wagner (15)),

$$\mathbb{E}(R_n(j)) = \log_b n + \gamma \log_b e - \frac{3}{2} - P_0(\log_b n) + o(1),$$

$$\mathbb{E}(R_n) = \log_b n + \gamma \log_b e - \frac{1}{2} - P_0(\log_b n) + o(1), \text{ where}$$

$$P_k(x) = (\log_b e) \sum_{\ell \neq 0} \Gamma(k - 2i\pi\ell \log_b e) \exp(2i\ell\pi x).$$

Known results on runs

The maximum run length in a random integer composition of n is asymptotically almost surely achieved by a run of 1,

Known results on runs

The maximum run length in a random integer composition of n is asymptotically almost surely achieved by a run of 1, and Gafni (15) showed

$$\mathbb{P}(R_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-n2^{-k-2}\right), \quad k \geq \log n,$$

Known results on runs

The maximum run length in a random integer composition of n is asymptotically almost surely achieved by a run of 1, and Gafni (15) showed

$$\mathbb{P}(R_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-n2^{-k-2}\right), \quad k \geq \log n,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(R_n) = \log_2 n + \gamma \log_2 e - \frac{5}{2} - P_0(\log_2 n) + o(1).$$

Known results on runs

The maximum run length in a random integer composition of n is asymptotically almost surely achieved by a run of 1, and Gafni (15) showed

$$\mathbb{P}(R_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-n2^{-k-2}\right), \quad k \geq \log n,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(R_n) = \log_2 n + \gamma \log_2 e - \frac{5}{2} - P_0(\log_2 n) + o(1).$$

The singularity analysis requires detailed information about the generating functions.

Known results on runs

The maximum run length in a random integer composition of n is asymptotically almost surely achieved by a run of 1, and Gafni (15) showed

$$\mathbb{P}(R_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-n2^{-k-2}\right), \quad k \geq \log n,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(R_n) = \log_2 n + \gamma \log_2 e - \frac{5}{2} - P_0(\log_2 n) + o(1).$$

The singularity analysis requires detailed information about the generating functions.

Our approach: Convert runs into *run parts* and study the maximum run part size in a *locally restricted* sequential structure.

Locally restricted compositions

A class of compositions is called *locally restricted* if parts within a fixed distance satisfies certain restrictions.

Locally restricted compositions

A class of compositions is called *locally restricted* if parts within a fixed distance satisfies certain restrictions.

Carlitz compositions (76): These are compositions with distinct adjacent parts.

Locally restricted compositions

A class of compositions is called *locally restricted* if parts within a fixed distance satisfies certain restrictions.

Carlitz compositions (76): These are compositions with distinct adjacent parts.

k -Carlitz compositions: These are compositions such that parts within distance k are all distinct.

Locally restricted compositions

A class of compositions is called *locally restricted* if parts within a fixed distance satisfies certain restrictions.

Carlitz compositions (76): These are compositions with distinct adjacent parts.

k -Carlitz compositions: These are compositions such that parts within distance k are all distinct.

Alternating compositions: Compositions $c_1 c_2 \cdots c_k$ satisfying $c_1 < c_2 > c_3 < \dots$ or $c_1 > c_2 < c_3 > \dots$

Locally restricted compositions

A class of compositions is called *locally restricted* if parts within a fixed distance satisfies certain restrictions.

Carlitz compositions (76): These are compositions with distinct adjacent parts.

k -Carlitz compositions: These are compositions such that parts within distance k are all distinct.

Alternating compositions: Compositions $c_1 c_2 \cdots c_k$ satisfying $c_1 < c_2 > c_3 < \dots$ or $c_1 > c_2 < c_3 > \dots$

Compositions with run parts: To study runs of a subcomposition \mathbf{c} in unrestricted compositions, we may replace each run of \mathbf{c} of length k by the run part μ_k . Let θ denote this replacement operation.

Locally restricted compositions

A class of compositions is called *locally restricted* if parts within a fixed distance satisfies certain restrictions.

Carlitz compositions (76): These are compositions with distinct adjacent parts.

k -Carlitz compositions: These are compositions such that parts within distance k are all distinct.

Alternating compositions: Compositions $c_1 c_2 \cdots c_k$ satisfying $c_1 < c_2 > c_3 < \dots$ or $c_1 > c_2 < c_3 > \dots$

Compositions with run parts: To study runs of a subcomposition \mathbf{c} in unrestricted compositions, we may replace each run of \mathbf{c} of length k by the run part μ_k . Let θ denote this replacement operation.

Example Consider runs of 12 in $\mathbf{a} = 23(12)^3 1541216(12)^4 5$. Then we have $\theta(\mathbf{a}) = 23\mu_3 154\mu_1 16\mu_4 5$,

Locally restricted compositions

A class of compositions is called *locally restricted* if parts within a fixed distance satisfies certain restrictions.

Carlitz compositions (76): These are compositions with distinct adjacent parts.

k -Carlitz compositions: These are compositions such that parts within distance k are all distinct.

Alternating compositions: Compositions $c_1 c_2 \cdots c_k$ satisfying $c_1 < c_2 > c_3 < \dots$ or $c_1 > c_2 < c_3 > \dots$.

Compositions with run parts: To study runs of a subcomposition \mathbf{c} in unrestricted compositions, we may replace each run of \mathbf{c} of length k by the run part μ_k . Let θ denote this replacement operation.

Example Consider runs of 12 in $\mathbf{a} = 23(12)^3 1541216(12)^4 5$. Then we have $\theta(\mathbf{a}) = 23\mu_3 154\mu_1 16\mu_4 5$, which is a sequential structure with parts in $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\mu_k : k \geq 1\}$ satisfying:

- (i) 12 does not occur, and
- (ii) no adjacent run parts.

Constructing local restricted sequential structures

Unrestricted compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time and the new part is independent of the preceding parts.

Constructing local restricted sequential structures

Unrestricted compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time and the new part is independent of the preceding parts.

Carlitz compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time such that the new part is different from the preceding part.

Constructing local restricted sequential structures

Unrestricted compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time and the new part is independent of the preceding parts.

Carlitz compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time such that the new part is different from the preceding part.

Alternating compositions can be constructed by adding one pair of decreasing parts at a time, with appropriate start and terminal parts.

Constructing local restricted sequential structures

Unrestricted compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time and the new part is independent of the preceding parts.

Carlitz compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time such that the new part is different from the preceding part.

Alternating compositions can be constructed by adding one pair of decreasing parts at a time, with appropriate start and terminal parts.

Example We write $24132 = 2|41|32|$,

Constructing local restricted sequential structures

Unrestricted compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time and the new part is independent of the preceding parts.

Carlitz compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time such that the new part is different from the preceding part.

Alternating compositions can be constructed by adding one pair of decreasing parts at a time, with appropriate start and terminal parts.

Example We write $24132 = 2|41|32|$, $3241325 = |32|41|32|5$.

Constructing local restricted sequential structures

Unrestricted compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time and the new part is independent of the preceding parts.

Carlitz compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time such that the new part is different from the preceding part.

Alternating compositions can be constructed by adding one pair of decreasing parts at a time, with appropriate start and terminal parts.

Example We write $24132 = 2|41|32|$, $3241325 = |32|41|32|5$.

General locally restricted sequential structures can be constructed by adding a block of parts at a time such that the adjacent blocks satisfy the given local restrictions.

Constructing local restricted sequential structures

Unrestricted compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time and the new part is independent of the preceding parts.

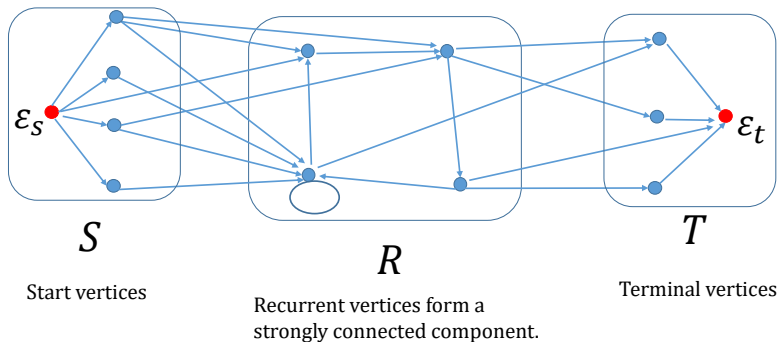
Carlitz compositions can be constructed by adding one part at a time such that the new part is different from the preceding part.

Alternating compositions can be constructed by adding one pair of decreasing parts at a time, with appropriate start and terminal parts.

Example We write $24132 = 2|41|32|$, $3241325 = |32|41|32|5$.

General locally restricted sequential structures can be constructed by adding a block of parts at a time such that the adjacent blocks satisfy the given local restrictions. Such local restrictions on adjacent blocks can be described by a local restriction digraph D such that the vertices are the blocks and arcs indicate legal concatenations.

Local restriction digraph



Locally restricted sequential structures

Example The class of alternating compositions can be defined using the following digraph D . Let $\mathcal{S} = \{\varepsilon_s\} \cup \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\varepsilon_t\} \cup \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, and $\mathcal{R} = \{ij : i > j \geq 1\}$.

Locally restricted sequential structures

Example The class of alternating compositions can be defined using the following digraph D . Let $\mathcal{S} = \{\varepsilon_s\} \cup \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\varepsilon_t\} \cup \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, and $\mathcal{R} = \{ij : i > j \geq 1\}$. The arcs are

- ▶ There is an arc from a vertex $v \in \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{R}$ to a vertex $u \in \mathcal{R}$ iff the concatenation vu is alternating. Arcs from \mathcal{R} to $\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{R}$ are defined similarly.

Locally restricted sequential structures

Example The class of alternating compositions can be defined using the following digraph D . Let $\mathcal{S} = \{\varepsilon_s\} \cup \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\varepsilon_t\} \cup \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, and $\mathcal{R} = \{ij : i > j \geq 1\}$. The arcs are

- ▶ There is an arc from a vertex $v \in \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{R}$ to a vertex $u \in \mathcal{R}$ iff the concatenation vu is alternating. Arcs from \mathcal{R} to $\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{R}$ are defined similarly.
- ▶ There is an arc from $i \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \{\varepsilon_s\}$ to $j \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{\varepsilon_t\}$ iff $i < j$.

Locally restricted sequential structures

Example The class of alternating compositions can be defined using the following digraph D . Let $\mathcal{S} = \{\varepsilon_s\} \cup \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\varepsilon_t\} \cup \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, and $\mathcal{R} = \{ij : i > j \geq 1\}$. The arcs are

- ▶ There is an arc from a vertex $v \in \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{R}$ to a vertex $u \in \mathcal{R}$ iff the concatenation vu is alternating. Arcs from \mathcal{R} to $\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{R}$ are defined similarly.
- ▶ There is an arc from $i \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \{\varepsilon_s\}$ to $j \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{\varepsilon_t\}$ iff $i < j$.

Let \mathcal{W} denote the set of all directed walks in D from ε_s to ε_t , and let $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ denote the class of all structures of the concatenation form $v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j$, where $\varepsilon_s v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j \varepsilon_t \in \mathcal{W}$.

Locally restricted sequential structures

Example The class of alternating compositions can be defined using the following digraph D . Let $\mathcal{S} = \{\varepsilon_s\} \cup \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\varepsilon_t\} \cup \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, and $\mathcal{R} = \{ij : i > j \geq 1\}$. The arcs are

- ▶ There is an arc from a vertex $v \in \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{R}$ to a vertex $u \in \mathcal{R}$ iff the concatenation vu is alternating. Arcs from \mathcal{R} to $\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{R}$ are defined similarly.
- ▶ There is an arc from $i \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \{\varepsilon_s\}$ to $j \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{\varepsilon_t\}$ iff $i < j$.

Let \mathcal{W} denote the set of all directed walks in D from ε_s to ε_t , and let $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ denote the class of all structures of the concatenation form $v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j$, where $\varepsilon_s v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j \varepsilon_t \in \mathcal{W}$.

We say that $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ is a locally restricted class of sequential structures associated with D .

Locally restricted sequential structures

Example The class of alternating compositions can be defined using the following digraph D . Let $\mathcal{S} = \{\varepsilon_s\} \cup \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\varepsilon_t\} \cup \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, and $\mathcal{R} = \{ij : i > j \geq 1\}$. The arcs are

- ▶ There is an arc from a vertex $v \in \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{R}$ to a vertex $u \in \mathcal{R}$ iff the concatenation vu is alternating. Arcs from \mathcal{R} to $\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{R}$ are defined similarly.
- ▶ There is an arc from $i \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \{\varepsilon_s\}$ to $j \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{\varepsilon_t\}$ iff $i < j$.

Let \mathcal{W} denote the set of all directed walks in D from ε_s to ε_t , and let $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ denote the class of all structures of the concatenation form $v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j$, where $\varepsilon_s v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j \varepsilon_t \in \mathcal{W}$.

We say that $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ is a locally restricted class of sequential structures associated with D .

We can apply the *transfer matrix method* to enumerate $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$.

Locally restricted sequential structures

Example The class of alternating compositions can be defined using the following digraph D . Let $\mathcal{S} = \{\varepsilon_s\} \cup \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\varepsilon_t\} \cup \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, and $\mathcal{R} = \{ij : i > j \geq 1\}$. The arcs are

- ▶ There is an arc from a vertex $v \in \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{R}$ to a vertex $u \in \mathcal{R}$ iff the concatenation vu is alternating. Arcs from \mathcal{R} to $\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{R}$ are defined similarly.
- ▶ There is an arc from $i \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \{\varepsilon_s\}$ to $j \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{\varepsilon_t\}$ iff $i < j$.

Let \mathcal{W} denote the set of all directed walks in D from ε_s to ε_t , and let $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ denote the class of all structures of the concatenation form $v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j$, where $\varepsilon_s v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j \varepsilon_t \in \mathcal{W}$.

We say that $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ is a locally restricted class of sequential structures associated with D .

We can apply the *transfer matrix method* to enumerate $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$.

When there are finitely many parts, the digraph D is finite and the corresponding transfer matrix is finite.

Locally restricted sequential structures

Example The class of alternating compositions can be defined using the following digraph D . Let $\mathcal{S} = \{\varepsilon_s\} \cup \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{T} = \{\varepsilon_t\} \cup \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$, and $\mathcal{R} = \{ij : i > j \geq 1\}$. The arcs are

- ▶ There is an arc from a vertex $v \in \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{R}$ to a vertex $u \in \mathcal{R}$ iff the concatenation vu is alternating. Arcs from \mathcal{R} to $\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{R}$ are defined similarly.
- ▶ There is an arc from $i \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \{\varepsilon_s\}$ to $j \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{\varepsilon_t\}$ iff $i < j$.

Let \mathcal{W} denote the set of all directed walks in D from ε_s to ε_t , and let $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ denote the class of all structures of the concatenation form $v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j$, where $\varepsilon_s v_1 v_2 \cdots v_j \varepsilon_t \in \mathcal{W}$.

We say that $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ is a locally restricted class of sequential structures associated with D .

We can apply the *transfer matrix method* to enumerate $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$.

When there are finitely many parts, the digraph D is finite and the corresponding transfer matrix is finite. We can apply Perron-Frobenius Theorem.

The transfer matrix

In general, let r_1, r_2, \dots be an ordered list of vertices in \mathcal{R} . We define the transfer matrix $T(z)$ such that the (i, j) th entry of $T(z)$ is $T_{i,j}(z) = z^{|r_i|+|r_j|}$ if there is an arc in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ from r_i to r_j ; otherwise $T_{i,j}(z) = 0$.

The transfer matrix

In general, let r_1, r_2, \dots be an ordered list of vertices in \mathcal{R} . We define the transfer matrix $T(z)$ such that the (i, j) th entry of $T(z)$ is $T_{i,j}(z) = z^{|r_i|+|r_j|}$ if there is an arc in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ from r_i to r_j ; otherwise $T_{i,j}(z) = 0$.

Define the *weight* of an arc (v, w) to be $z^{|v|+|w|}$, and the weight of a directed walk to be the product of the weights of all the arcs in the walk.

The transfer matrix

In general, let r_1, r_2, \dots be an ordered list of vertices in \mathcal{R} . We define the transfer matrix $T(z)$ such that the (i, j) th entry of $T(z)$ is $T_{i,j}(z) = z^{|r_i|+|r_j|}$ if there is an arc in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ from r_i to r_j ; otherwise $T_{i,j}(z) = 0$.

Define the *weight* of an arc (v, w) to be $z^{|v|+|w|}$, and the weight of a directed walk to be the product of the weights of all the arcs in the walk.

Define the *start vector* $s(z)$ and *terminal vector* $t(z)$ as follows.

The i th component of $s(z)$ is the sum of weights of all directed walks from ε_s to r_i , and the j th component of $t(z)$ is the sum of weights of all directed walks from r_j to ε_t .

The transfer matrix

In general, let r_1, r_2, \dots be an ordered list of vertices in \mathcal{R} . We define the transfer matrix $T(z)$ such that the (i, j) th entry of $T(z)$ is $T_{i,j}(z) = z^{|r_i|+|r_j|}$ if there is an arc in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ from r_i to r_j ; otherwise $T_{i,j}(z) = 0$.

Define the *weight* of an arc (v, w) to be $z^{|v|+|w|}$, and the weight of a directed walk to be the product of the weights of all the arcs in the walk.

Define the *start vector* $s(z)$ and *terminal vector* $t(z)$ as follows.

The i th component of $s(z)$ is the sum of weights of all directed walks from ε_s to r_i , and the j th component of $t(z)$ is the sum of weights of all directed walks from r_j to ε_t .

For $\mathcal{A} = \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$, define its generating function

$$A(z) = \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}} z^{|\mathbf{a}|}.$$

The transfer matrix

In general, let r_1, r_2, \dots be an ordered list of vertices in \mathcal{R} . We define the transfer matrix $T(z)$ such that the (i, j) th entry of $T(z)$ is $T_{i,j}(z) = z^{|r_i|+|r_j|}$ if there is an arc in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ from r_i to r_j ; otherwise $T_{i,j}(z) = 0$.

Define the *weight* of an arc (v, w) to be $z^{|v|+|w|}$, and the weight of a directed walk to be the product of the weights of all the arcs in the walk.

Define the *start vector* $\mathbf{s}(z)$ and *terminal vector* $\mathbf{t}(z)$ as follows.

The i th component of $\mathbf{s}(z)$ is the sum of weights of all directed walks from ε_s to r_i , and the j th component of $\mathbf{t}(z)$ is the sum of weights of all directed walks from r_j to ε_t .

For $\mathcal{A} = \text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$, define its generating function

$$A(z) = \sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}} z^{|\mathbf{a}|}.$$

Then we have

$$A(z^2) = \mathbf{s}(z)^t \sum_{k \geq 0} T^k(z) \mathbf{t}(z) = \mathbf{s}(z)^t (I - T(z))^{-1} \mathbf{t}(z).$$

Regular local restrictions

A class $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ of locally restricted structures will be called *regular* (**aperiodic**) if it satisfies the following conditions.

- ▶ The gcd of the lengths of all directed cycles in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ is equal to 1.

Regular local restrictions

A class $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ of locally restricted structures will be called *regular (aperiodic)* if it satisfies the following conditions.

- ▶ The gcd of the lengths of all directed cycles in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ is equal to 1.
- ▶ There is a positive integer k and vertices $v_0, v_k \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\gcd\{m - n : m, n \in S\} = 1$, where $S = \{n : n = |v_1| + \cdots + |v_{k-1}|\}$ for some directed walk $v_0v_1 \cdots v_{k-1}v_k$ in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$.

Regular local restrictions

A class $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ of locally restricted structures will be called *regular (aperiodic)* if it satisfies the following conditions.

- ▶ The gcd of the lengths of all directed cycles in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ is equal to 1.
- ▶ There is a positive integer k and vertices $v_0, v_k \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\gcd\{m - n : m, n \in S\} = 1$, where $S = \{n : n = |v_1| + \cdots + |v_{k-1}| \text{ for some directed walk } v_0v_1 \cdots v_{k-1}v_k \text{ in } D_{\mathcal{R}}\}$.

Let ρ be the radius of convergence of $P(z)$. One can show that $T(z)$ is square summable for $|z| < \rho$.

Regular local restrictions

A class $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ of locally restricted structures will be called *regular* (**a**periodic) if it satisfies the following conditions.

- ▶ The gcd of the lengths of all directed cycles in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ is equal to 1.
- ▶ There is a positive integer k and vertices $v_0, v_k \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\gcd\{m - n : m, n \in S\} = 1$, where $S = \{n : n = |v_1| + \cdots + |v_{k-1}|\}$ for some directed walk $v_0 v_1 \cdots v_{k-1} v_k$ in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$.

Let ρ be the radius of convergence of $P(z)$. One can show that $T(z)$ is square summable for $|z| < \rho$. It follows from the Krein–Rutman theorem (generalization of the Perron–Frobenius theorem), that, for regular local restrictions, and for $0 < z < \rho$,

- ▶ The spectrum radius $\lambda(z)$ of $T(z)$ is an eigenvalue of $T(z)$, and the corresponding eigenspace is spanned by a positive vector.

Regular local restrictions

A class $\text{SEQ}(\mathcal{P}; D)$ of locally restricted structures will be called *regular* (**a**periodic) if it satisfies the following conditions.

- ▶ The gcd of the lengths of all directed cycles in $D_{\mathcal{R}}$ is equal to 1.
- ▶ There is a positive integer k and vertices $v_0, v_k \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $\text{gcd}\{m - n : m, n \in S\} = 1$, where $S = \{n : n = |v_1| + \dots + |v_{k-1}| \text{ for some directed walk } v_0v_1 \dots v_{k-1}v_k \text{ in } D_{\mathcal{R}}\}$.

Let ρ be the radius of convergence of $P(z)$. One can show that $T(z)$ is square summable for $|z| < \rho$. It follows from the Krein–Rutman theorem (generalization of the Perron–Frobenius theorem), that, for regular local restrictions, and for $0 < z < \rho$,

- ▶ The spectrum radius $\lambda(z)$ of $T(z)$ is an eigenvalue of $T(z)$, and the corresponding eigenspace is spanned by a positive vector.
- ▶ $\lambda'(z) > 0$.

Asymptotic results for locally restricted compositions

Consequently (Bender-Canfield, 09)

- ▶ $\lambda(z)$ is analytic in a neighbor of $(0, \rho)$, and $A(z) = \frac{g(z)}{1-\lambda(z)} + h(z)$ for some functions $g(z)$ and $h(z)$ which are analytic in $|z| \leq \rho$.

Asymptotic results for locally restricted compositions

Consequently (Bender-Canfield, 09)

- ▶ $\lambda(z)$ is analytic in a neighbor of $(0, \rho)$, and $A(z) = \frac{g(z)}{1-\lambda(z)} + h(z)$ for some functions $g(z)$ and $h(z)$ which are analytic in $|z| \leq \rho$.
- ▶ The radius of convergence of $A(z)$ is a simple pole which is determined by $\lambda(r) = 1$, $0 < r < \rho$.

Asymptotic results for locally restricted compositions

Consequently (Bender-Canfield, 09)

- ▶ $\lambda(z)$ is analytic in a neighbor of $(0, \rho)$, and $A(z) = \frac{g(z)}{1-\lambda(z)} + h(z)$ for some functions $g(z)$ and $h(z)$ which are analytic in $|z| \leq \rho$.
- ▶ The radius of convergence of $A(z)$ is a simple pole which is determined by $\lambda(r) = 1$, $0 < r < \rho$.
- ▶ $A_n = Ar^{-n} (1 + O(\exp(-\delta n)))$ for some $\delta > 0$.

Asymptotic results for locally restricted compositions

Consequently (Bender-Canfield, 09)

- ▶ $\lambda(z)$ is analytic in a neighbor of $(0, \rho)$, and $A(z) = \frac{g(z)}{1-\lambda(z)} + h(z)$ for some functions $g(z)$ and $h(z)$ which are analytic in $|z| \leq \rho$.
- ▶ The radius of convergence of $A(z)$ is a simple pole which is determined by $\lambda(r) = 1$, $0 < r < \rho$.
- ▶ $A_n = Ar^{-n} (1 + O(\exp(-\delta n)))$ for some $\delta > 0$.

Suppose \mathcal{A} is *asymptotically free*, that is, $\mathbf{axb} \in \mathcal{A}$ for some $x \in \mathcal{P}$ implies $\mathbf{ayb} \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $y \in \mathcal{P}$ whenever $|y|$ is sufficiently large compared with the parts within distance m .

Asymptotic results for locally restricted compositions

Consequently (Bender-Canfield, 09)

- ▶ $\lambda(z)$ is analytic in a neighbor of $(0, \rho)$, and $A(z) = \frac{g(z)}{1-\lambda(z)} + h(z)$ for some functions $g(z)$ and $h(z)$ which are analytic in $|z| \leq \rho$.
- ▶ The radius of convergence of $A(z)$ is a simple pole which is determined by $\lambda(r) = 1$, $0 < r < \rho$.
- ▶ $A_n = Ar^{-n} (1 + O(\exp(-\delta n)))$ for some $\delta > 0$.

Suppose \mathcal{A} is *asymptotically free*, that is, $\mathbf{axb} \in \mathcal{A}$ for some $x \in \mathcal{P}$ implies $\mathbf{ayb} \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $y \in \mathcal{P}$ whenever $|y|$ is sufficiently large compared with the parts within distance m . Then we may derive asymptotic results about part sizes in a random composition $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}_n$.

Asymptotic results for locally restricted compositions

Consequently (Bender-Canfield, 09)

- ▶ $\lambda(z)$ is analytic in a neighbor of $(0, \rho)$, and $A(z) = \frac{g(z)}{1-\lambda(z)} + h(z)$ for some functions $g(z)$ and $h(z)$ which are analytic in $|z| \leq \rho$.
- ▶ The radius of convergence of $A(z)$ is a simple pole which is determined by $\lambda(r) = 1$, $0 < r < \rho$.
- ▶ $A_n = Ar^{-n} (1 + O(\exp(-\delta n)))$ for some $\delta > 0$.

Suppose \mathcal{A} is *asymptotically free*, that is, $\mathbf{axb} \in \mathcal{A}$ for some $x \in \mathcal{P}$ implies $\mathbf{ayb} \in \mathcal{A}$ for all $y \in \mathcal{P}$ whenever $|y|$ is sufficiently large compared with the parts within distance m . Then we may derive asymptotic results about part sizes in a random composition $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}_n$.

Part sizes for locally restricted compositions

Let $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of occurrences of part k in \mathbf{a} , M_n be the maximum part size in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k parts of size M_n . Then (all logs are to the base $1/r$)

Theorem [Bender-Canfield-Gao, 12] For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

Part sizes for locally restricted compositions

Let $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of occurrences of part k in \mathbf{a} , M_n be the maximum part size in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k parts of size M_n . Then (all logs are to the base $1/r$)

Theorem [Bender-Canfield-Gao, 12] For each fixed k , the limit

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

$$v_k \sim Cr^k \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

Part sizes for locally restricted compositions

Let $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of occurrences of part k in \mathbf{a} , M_n be the maximum part size in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k parts of size M_n . Then (all logs are to the base $1/r$)

Theorem [Bender-Canfield-Gao, 12] For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

$$v_k \sim Cr^k \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\mathbb{P}(M_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{Cn}{1-r}r^k\right), \quad k > (1-\delta)\log n,$$

Part sizes for locally restricted compositions

Let $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of occurrences of part k in \mathbf{a} , M_n be the maximum part size in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k parts of size M_n . Then (all logs are to the base $1/r$)

Theorem [Bender-Canfield-Gao, 12] For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

$$v_k \sim Cr^k \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\mathbb{P}(M_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{Cn}{1-r}r^k\right), \quad k > (1-\delta)\log n,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(M_n) = \log\left(\frac{Cn}{1-r}\right) + \gamma \log e - \frac{1}{2} - P_0\left(\log\frac{Cn}{1-r}\right) + o(1),$$

Part sizes for locally restricted compositions

Let $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of occurrences of part k in \mathbf{a} , M_n be the maximum part size in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k parts of size M_n . Then (all logs are to the base $1/r$)

Theorem [Bender-Canfield-Gao, 12] For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

$$v_k \sim Cr^k \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\mathbb{P}(M_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{Cn}{1-r}r^k\right), \quad k > (1-\delta)\log n,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(M_n) = \log\left(\frac{Cn}{1-r}\right) + \gamma \log e - \frac{1}{2} - P_0\left(\log\frac{Cn}{1-r}\right) + o(1),$$

$$g_n(k) = \frac{(1-r)^k}{k!} P_k\left(\log\frac{Cn}{1-r}\right) + \frac{(1-r)^k \log e}{k} + o(1).$$

Part sizes for locally restricted compositions

Let $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of occurrences of part k in \mathbf{a} , M_n be the maximum part size in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k parts of size M_n . Then (all logs are to the base $1/r$)

Theorem [Bender-Canfield-Gao, 12] For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

$$v_k \sim Cr^k \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\mathbb{P}(M_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{Cn}{1-r}r^k\right), \quad k > (1-\delta)\log n,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(M_n) = \log\left(\frac{Cn}{1-r}\right) + \gamma \log e - \frac{1}{2} - P_0\left(\log\frac{Cn}{1-r}\right) + o(1),$$

$$g_n(k) = \frac{(1-r)^k}{k!} P_k\left(\log\frac{Cn}{1-r}\right) + \frac{(1-r)^k \log e}{k} + o(1).$$

NEW: The above results are now extended to general sequential structures and *free parts*.

Runs of a substructure in locally restricted structures

Let R_n be the maximum run length of a given substructure $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{A}$ in a random structure $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}_n$,

Runs of a substructure in locally restricted structures

Let R_n be the maximum run length of a given substructure $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{A}$ in a random structure $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}_n$, $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of runs of \mathbf{c} of run length k in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k runs of \mathbf{c} of length R_n .

Runs of a substructure in locally restricted structures

Let R_n be the maximum run length of a given substructure $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{A}$ in a random structure $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}_n$, $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of runs of \mathbf{c} of run length k in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k runs of \mathbf{c} of length R_n .

For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

Runs of a substructure in locally restricted structures

Let R_n be the maximum run length of a given substructure $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{A}$ in a random structure $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}_n$, $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of runs of \mathbf{c} of run length k in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k runs of \mathbf{c} of length R_n .

For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

$$v_k \sim Cr^{k|\mathbf{c}|}, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

Runs of a substructure in locally restricted structures

Let R_n be the maximum run length of a given substructure $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{A}$ in a random structure $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}_n$, $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of runs of \mathbf{c} of run length k in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k runs of \mathbf{c} of length R_n .

For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

$$v_k \sim Cr^{k|\mathbf{c}|}, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$
$$\mathbb{P}(R_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{Cn}{1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|}}r^{k|\mathbf{c}|}\right), \quad k > \frac{1-\delta}{|\mathbf{c}|} \log n,$$

Runs of a substructure in locally restricted structures

Let R_n be the maximum run length of a given substructure $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{A}$ in a random structure $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}_n$, $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of runs of \mathbf{c} of run length k in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k runs of \mathbf{c} of length R_n .

For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

$$\begin{aligned}v_k &\sim Cr^{k|\mathbf{c}|}, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty, \\ \mathbb{P}(R_n < k) &\sim \exp\left(-\frac{Cn}{1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|}}r^{k|\mathbf{c}|}\right), \quad k > \frac{1-\delta}{|\mathbf{c}|} \log n, \\ \mathbb{E}(R_n) &= \frac{1}{|\mathbf{c}|} \log \frac{Cn}{1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|}} + \frac{\gamma \log e}{|\mathbf{c}|} - \frac{1}{2} - P_0\left(\log \frac{Cn}{1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|}}\right) + o(1)\end{aligned}$$

Runs of a substructure in locally restricted structures

Let R_n be the maximum run length of a given substructure $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{A}$ in a random structure $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}_n$, $\zeta_n(k)$ be the number of runs of \mathbf{c} of run length k in \mathbf{a} , and $g_n(k)$ be the probability that \mathbf{a} contains exactly k runs of \mathbf{c} of length R_n .

For each fixed k , the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(\zeta_n(k))/n = v_k$ exists. And

$$v_k \sim Cr^{k|\mathbf{c}|}, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\mathbb{P}(R_n < k) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{Cn}{1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|}}r^{k|\mathbf{c}|}\right), \quad k > \frac{1-\delta}{|\mathbf{c}|} \log n,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(R_n) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{c}|} \log \frac{Cn}{1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|}} + \frac{\gamma \log e}{|\mathbf{c}|} - \frac{1}{2} - P_0\left(\log \frac{Cn}{1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|}}\right) + o(1)$$

$$g_n(k) = \frac{(1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|})^k}{k!} P_k\left(\log \frac{Cn}{1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|}}\right) + \frac{(1-r^{|\mathbf{c}|})^k \log e}{|\mathbf{c}|k} + o(1).$$

The values of r and C

- (a) All compositions for any given composition \mathbf{c} , where $r = 1/2$ and $C = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2^{-|\mathbf{c}|})^2$. In particular, $C = 1/8$ when $\mathbf{c} = 1$, which gives Gafni's result.

The values of r and C

- (a) All compositions for any given composition \mathbf{c} , where $r = 1/2$ and $C = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2^{-|\mathbf{c}|})^2$. In particular, $C = 1/8$ when $\mathbf{c} = 1$, which gives Gafni's result.
- (b) Carlitz compositions for any given Carlitz composition $\mathbf{c} = a \cdots b$, where $r \doteq 0.571350$ is the smallest positive number satisfying $\sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{r^j}{1 + r^j} = 1$, and

$$C = \frac{(1 - r^{|\mathbf{c}|})^2}{(1 + r^a)(1 + r^b)} \frac{1}{\sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{j r^j}{(1 + r^j)^2}}.$$

The values of r and C

(a) All compositions for any given composition \mathbf{c} , where $r = 1/2$ and $C = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2^{-|\mathbf{c}|})^2$. In particular, $C = 1/8$ when $\mathbf{c} = 1$, which gives Gafni's result.

(b) Carlitz compositions for any given Carlitz composition $\mathbf{c} = a \cdots b$, where $r \doteq 0.571350$ is the smallest positive

number satisfying $\sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{r^j}{1 + r^j} = 1$, and

$$C = \frac{(1 - r^{|\mathbf{c}|})^2}{(1 + r^a)(1 + r^b)} \frac{1}{\sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{j r^j}{(1 + r^j)^2}}.$$

(c) Alternating compositions, where $r \doteq 0.636282$, and for $\mathbf{c} = 12$ or $\mathbf{c} = 21$, $C \doteq 0.062020$.

Thank you !

Some references

- ▶ E.A. Bender, E.R. Canfield and Z.C. Gao, Locally Restricted Compositions IV. Nearly Free Large Parts and Gap-Freeness, *Elec. J. Combin.* **19(4)** (2012), #P14.
- ▶ E.A. Bender and Z.C. Gao, Part sizes of smooth supercritical compositional structures, *Combin. Prob. Comp.*, **23(5)** (2014) 686–716.
- ▶ A. Gafni, Longest run of equal parts in a random integer composition, *Discrete Math.* **338** (2015) 236–247.
- ▶ X. Gourdon, Largest component in random combinatorial structures, *Disc. Math* **180** (1998) 185-209.
- ▶ The average time for carry propagation, *Nederl. Akad. Wetensch. Indag. Math.* **40:2** (1978), 238–242.
- ▶ H. Prodinger and S. Wagner, Bootstrapping and double-exponential limit laws, *DMTCS* **17:1** (2015) 123–144.
- ▶ H.S. Wilf, The distribution of run lengths in integer compositions, *Elec. J. Combin.* **18** #2 (2011) P23, 5pp.