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## The subset lattice $\mathfrak{S}(n)$

$$\mathfrak{S}(n) = \{ \text{subsets of } \{1, \dots, n\} \}$$

partially ordered by inclusion

Then  $\mathfrak{S}(n)$  is a ranked modular lattice

$$\mathfrak{S}(n) \cong \bigsqcup_{k=0}^n \mathfrak{S}(n)_k, \text{ where}$$

$$\mathfrak{S}(n)_k = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{subsets } V \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\} \\ \text{with } \text{Card}(V) = k \end{array} \right\}$$

Then

$$\text{Card}(\mathfrak{S}(n)_k) = \binom{n}{k} \text{ and } \sum_{k=0}^n x^k \binom{n}{k} = (1+x)^n.$$

Proposition  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{S}(n)) \cong \mathfrak{S}_n$

Let  $E_k = \{1, \dots, k\}$ .

Proposition (a)  $\text{Stab}_{\mathfrak{S}_n}(E_k) \cong \mathfrak{S}_k \times \mathfrak{S}_{n-k}$  and

$$\text{Stab}_{\mathfrak{S}_n}(\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}) = \{1\} \cong \mathfrak{S}_1 \times \dots \times \mathfrak{S}_1$$

(b)  $\mathfrak{S}(n)_k \cong \mathfrak{S}_n / (\mathfrak{S}_k \times \mathfrak{S}_{n-k})$  and  $F(\mathfrak{S}(n)) \cong \mathfrak{S}_n / \{1\}$

(c)  $\mathfrak{S}(n)_k \cong \mathfrak{S}(n)_{n-k}$ .

Maximal chains in  $S(n)$

Proposition The map

$$F(S(n)) \longrightarrow S_n$$

$$(\phi \in V_1 \in \dots \in V_n) \longmapsto (V_1, V_2 - V_1, \dots, V_n - V_{n-1})$$

is a bijection.

Let  $\mathbb{C}S_n$  be the vector space with basis indexed by the elements of  $F(S(n))$ .

For  $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$  define a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear transformation  $s_i: \mathbb{C}S_n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}S_n$  by

$$s_i(\phi \in V_1 \in \dots \in V_n) = \sum_{\substack{V_{i-1} \in W \in V_{i+1}}} (\phi \in V_1 \in \dots \in V_{i-1} \in W \in V_{i+1} \in \dots \in V_n)$$

Then

$$s_i s_j = s_j s_i \quad \text{if } j \notin \{i-1, i+1\}$$

$$s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1}$$

$$s_i^2 = 1$$

$$g s_i = s_i g, \quad \text{for } g \in S_n,$$

where

$$g(\phi \in V_1 \in \dots \in V_n) = (\phi \in gV_1 \in \dots \in gV_n)$$

for  $g \in S_n$  and  $(\phi \in V_1 \in \dots \in V_n) \in F(S(n))$ .

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## Simple reflections

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Let  $s_i = 1 + E_{i+1,i} + E_{i,i+1} - E_{ii} - E_{i+1,i+1}$ ,  
for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$

Theorem The symmetric group  $S_n$  is  
presented by generators  $s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}$   
and relations

$s_i^2 = 1$ ,  $s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1}$ ,  $s_i s_j = s_j s_i$   
if  $j \notin \{i-1, i+1\}$ .

The proof requires four steps:

- (1) Generators A in terms of Gens B.
- (2) Gens B in terms of Gens A
- (3) Relations A from Relations B
- (4) Relations B from Relations A.

Here

Gens A: {permutation matrices}

Relations A: matrix multiplication  
of permutation matrices.

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# Reduced words

Let  $w \in S_n$ . A reduced word for  $w$  is an expression

$$w = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_\ell} \quad \text{with } i_1, \dots, i_\ell \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$$

with  $\ell$  minimal.

Let  $j_1 > 0$  be minimal such that  $w_{j_1, 1} \neq 0$ .

Let  $w^{(1)} = s_1 \cdots s_{j_1-1} w$  and  $w^{(1)} = w$  if  $j_1$  does not exist

Let  $j_2 > 1$  be minimal such that  $w^{(1)}_{j_2, 2} \neq 0$

Let  $w^{(2)} = s_2 \cdots s_{j_2-2} w^{(1)}$  and  $w^{(2)} = w^{(1)}$  if  $j_2$  does not exist.

Then  $w^{(n)} = 1$  and

$$w = \cdots (s_{j_{r-2}, r-2} \cdots s_2) (s_{j_1-1} \cdots s_1)$$

is a reduced word for  $w$ .

~~The~~ The length of  $w$  is  $\ell(w)$  the length of a reduced word for  $w$ .

## Proposition Let

Involutions  $\{(i, j) \mid i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ with } i < j \text{ and } w(i) > w(j)\}$

Then  $\ell(w) = \text{Card}(w)$ .

Reduced words continued

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Define a graph  $\Gamma(w)$  with

Vertices: {reduced words of  $w$ }

Edges:  $u \rightarrow u'$  if  $u = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_k}$   
is obtained from  $u'$  by applying ~~the~~  $w$ .  
relation

$$s_i s_j = s_j s_i \quad \text{or} \quad s_i s_i^{-1} = s_i^{-1} s_i = 1$$

Proposition Let  $w \in S_n$ . Then  $\Gamma(w)$  is  
connected.