

(NEWTON'S) POWER SUM Symmetric Functions

$$p_d := \sum_i x_i^d = x_1^d + x_2^d + \dots \quad p_\lambda := p_{\lambda_1} p_{\lambda_2} \dots = p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \dots$$

$$P(t) = \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{x_i}{(1-x_i t)}$$

Let us relate $P(t)$ to

$$E(t) = \prod_{i \geq 1} (1+x_i t) \quad \& \quad H(t) = \frac{1}{\prod_{i \geq 1} (1-x_i t)}$$

$$\text{We have } E'(t) = \left(\sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{x_i}{1+x_i t} \right) E(t) \quad \& \quad H'(t) = \left(\sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{x_i}{1-x_i t} \right) H(t)$$

$$\text{i.e., } E'(t) = P(-t) E(t) \quad \& \quad H'(t) = P(t) H(t)$$

Comparing coefficients of t^{d-1} in the latter, we get:

$$d h_d = p_1 h_{d-1} + p_2 h_{d-2} + \dots + p_{d-1} h_1 + p_d$$

Thus $h_d \in \mathbb{Q}[p_1, \dots, p_d]$ and $p_d \in \mathbb{Z}[h_1, \dots, h_d]$

$p_\lambda, \lambda \vdash d$, form $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis for $\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{Q}$.

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Since $h_d \in \mathbb{Q}[p_1, \dots, p_d]$, it is clear that $\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Q}[p_1, p_2, \dots]$

Also $p_1, \dots, p_d$ cannot be algebraically dependent (for any d) because $\mathbb{Q}[p_1, \dots, p_d] = \mathbb{Q}[h_1, \dots, h_d]$, and $h_1, \dots, h_d$ are algebraically independent.

Expressing h_n as a polynomial in the p_j :

$$H'(t) = P(t) H(t) \Rightarrow H(t)/H'(t) = P(t) \Rightarrow d/dt \log H(t) = P(t)$$

Integrating which, we get $\sum_{d \geq 1} p_d t^d / d = \log H(t)$.

$$\text{Exponentiating, we get } H(t) = \exp \left(\sum_{d \geq 1} \frac{p_d t^d}{d} \right) = \prod_{d \geq 1} \exp \left(\frac{p_d t^d}{d} \right)$$

$$\text{Thus } H(t) = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \left(\frac{p_1^{m_1}}{1^{m_1} m_1!} \cdot \frac{p_2^{m_2}}{2^{m_2} m_2!} \cdot \dots \right) t^{|\lambda|} \text{ where } \lambda = 1^{m_1} 2^{m_2} \dots$$

Set $z_{\lambda!} = 1^{m_1} m_1! \cdot 2^{m_2} m_2! \cdot \dots = \# \text{ of the centralizer in } \mathcal{S}_{|\lambda|} \text{ of a permutation of cycle type } \lambda$.

$$\text{Thus } h_n = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} z_{\lambda!}^{-1} p_\lambda$$

Behavior w.r.t. the involution ω : Applying ω to

$$H'(t) = P(t) H(t) \text{ we get } E'(t) = \omega P(t) E(t)$$

Comparing with $E'(t) = P(-t) E(t)$, we get $\omega P(t) = P(-t)$

$$\text{or } \omega p_d = (-1)^{d-1} p_d$$