

$$A = \sum_{\pi \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\pi) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n \\ \pi(1) - 1 + a_1 & \pi(2) - 2 + a_2 & \dots & \pi(n) - n + a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (a_i - i - a_j + j) \cdot \binom{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n} / \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (a_i + j - i)$$

Proof of $A = B$ using determinant.

$$A = \sum_{\pi \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\pi) \frac{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)!}{(\pi(1) - 1 + a_1)! (\pi(2) - 2 + a_2)! \dots (\pi(n) - n + a_n)!}$$

$$= (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)! \cdot \left[\frac{1}{(j - i + a_i)!} \right]_{i,j}$$

Multiple $(a_i + n - i)!$ on i th row

$$= (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)! \cdot \left[\frac{(a_i + n - i)!}{(j - i + a_i)!} \right]_{i,j} \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^n (a_i + n - i)!}$$

$$= \left[\frac{(a_i + n - i)!}{(j - i + a_i)!} \right]_{i,j} \cdot \binom{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n} \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=i+1}^n (a_i + j - i)}$$

Comparing this to B , it suffices to prove

$$\left[\frac{(a_i + n - i)!}{(j - i + a_i)!} \right]_{i,j} = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (a_i - i - a_j + j)$$

Suppose $b_i = a_i - i$, it's equivalent to prove

$$\left[\frac{(b_i + n)!}{(b_i + j)!} \right]_{i,j} = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (b_i - b_j)$$

It's not hard to prove this using Vandermonde matrix. Either, we can use the proof of Vandermonde determinant.

Pf: $D = \left[\frac{(b_i+n)!}{(b_i+j)!} \right]_{i,j}$ is a polynomial of b_i 's with degree $\sum_{j=1}^n (n-j) = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$.

If, for $i \neq j$, one substitutes b_i for b_j , one can get a matrix with two equal rows, which has thus a zero determinant. Thus, $b_i - b_j$ is a factor of D . We have

$D = Q \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (b_i - b_j)$ where Q is a polynomial.

D has the same degree as $\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (b_i - b_j)$, then

Q is a constant. The constant is one by considering the coefficient of monomial $b_1^{n-1} b_2^{n-2} \cdots b_{n-1}$.

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