

Permutation: Permutation of a set is a bijection from the set to itself.
 $f: [n] \rightarrow [n]$ satisfying the condition $i \neq j$ implies $f(i) \neq f(j)$.

consider $f(i) = \alpha_i$, then we can write:

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n-1 & n \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 & \dots & \alpha_{n-1} & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix}$$

eg. $n=5$. $[n] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.
 $f(1)=2$, $f(2)=4$, $f(3)=3$, $f(4)=5$, $f(5)=1$.

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

If n is known (which is generally the case), then the first line is redundant. It is therefore more common to use just the one line representation of a permutation:

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{n-1} \alpha_n$$

$n=5$ one line representation.

$$2 \ 4 \ 3 \ 5 \ 1$$

it means: f is permutation with
 $f(2)=4$, $f(4)=3$, $f(3)=5$, $f(5)=1$, $f(1)=2$.

Definition: Let $\pi = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{n-1} \alpha_n$ be a permutation of the set $[n]$. A pair (k, m) with $k > m$ is called an inversion of π if for some i and some j with $i < j$, we have $\alpha_i = k$, and $\alpha_j = m$.

eg. $n=5$, and $\pi = 24351$

pair of inversions are $(2, 1), (4, 1), (3, 1), (5, 1), (4, 3)$

Observe: There is no inversions that ends in 5 | none end in 2
 none end in 4 | 4 end in 1.
 one end in 3

$(0, 0, 1, 0, 4)$. \rightarrow it is called inversion sequence.

Inversion seqⁿ: Let $\pi = \pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_n$ be a permutation on $[n]$.
For $m = 1, 2, \dots, n$, let $b_m = b_m(\pi)$ denotes the number of inversions that ends in m , i.e. those inversions (k, m) when $k > m$.
The sequence $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}, b_n)$ is called inversion sequence of π , and is denoted by $\text{Inv}(\pi)$.

Ex. 10 $n=7$, and $\tau = 5123764$.

find inversions ?
and inversion sequence ?

Q Show that total no. of inversion sequence is at most $n!$

\Rightarrow Let π be inversion permutation on $[n]$.

We observe that.

no. of inversion ends in n is 0, i.e. $b_n = 0$

no. of " " " " $n-1$ is at most 1 i.e. $b_{n-1} \leq 1$.

In general,

no. of inversion ends in k is at most $n-k+1$

i.e. $b_k \leq n-k+1$

Total no. of inversion sequence is at most.

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k+1) = \prod_{r=0}^{n-1} (r+1) = n! \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{where} \\ r = n-k \end{array} \right.$$

Thm 1.2.15 Given a sequence $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}, b_n)$ satisfying $0 \leq b_k \leq n-k$, for all k , there exists a unique permutation π such that

$$\text{Inv}(\pi) = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}, b_n).$$

Pf: The proof is constructive. ~~Suppose~~
Consider the given sequence $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}, b_n)$ satisfying $0 \leq b_k \leq n-k$.

The proof proceeds in steps, partially completing the required permutation.

Fix a k between 1 and n . We follow an insertion procedure, the integer k being inserted at step $(n+1-k)$.

Step ① write $\pi_1 = n$.

Step ② Write $\pi_2 = n-1, n$ if $b_{n-1} = 0$

and $\pi_2 = n, n-1$ if $b_{n-1} = 1$

At step $n-k$, we would have obtained π_{n-k} which is a partial permutation consisting of the integers from $k+1$ to n .

Step $n+1-k$: We have to insert k in the partial permutation π_{n-k} . We insert k after the first b_k integers in the partial permutation π_{n-k} .

Since at any further steps, the relative order of the integers $k, k+1, \dots, n$ is not to be disturbed, it follows that the final permutation $\pi_n = \pi$, the value $b_k(\pi)$ equals b_k .

Thus step n completes the construction of π .