

A176740: E.g.f. Lagrange inversion partition array

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Abstract

The coefficients of the special *Lagrange series* which provides the compositional inverse of a formal power series, considered as exponential generating function (*e.g.f.*), are obtained from a certain partition array involving the multinomial M_3 numbers [A036040](#).

Given any formal power series (*f.p.s.*) $g(x) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k \frac{x^k}{k!} =: x h(x)$ with $g_0 = 0$, $g_1 \neq 0$, the compositional inverse $f = g^{[-1]}$ defined by $f(g(x)) \equiv x$ or $g(f(y)) \equiv y$ is defined as *f.p.s.* $f(y) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n \frac{y^n}{n!}$. The well known expression for the coefficients f_n of the *Lagrange series*, which involves higher derivatives of the inverse of the *f.p.s.* h , is *e.g.*, [5], p. 524, [3], p. 205, [6], ch. 4.5, p.146 ff.

$$f_n = \left(\frac{1}{h(x)^n} \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{(n-1)}, \quad n \geq 2; \quad f_1 = \frac{1}{h_0} = \frac{1}{g_1}, \quad (1)$$

i.e.

$$f_n = (n-1)! [x^{n-1}] \left(\frac{1}{h(x)} \right)^n, \quad n \geq 2, \quad \text{and } f_1 = \frac{1}{g_1}. \quad (2)$$

Therefore, instead of giving an explicit formula, it demands to find the coefficients of inverse powers of a *f.p.s.* considered as *e.g.f.*. This is achieved with the help of *Bell polynomials* [6] and the proof can be found *e.g.*, in [3], p. 437, eq. (11.43) with p. 428. eq. (11.29) or [2], p. 175, eq. (13.84).

$$f_n = \frac{1}{g_1^n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^k n^{\bar{k}} B_{n-1,k}(\hat{g}_1, \hat{g}_2, \dots, \hat{g}_{n-k}), \quad n \geq 2, \quad (3)$$

with $\hat{g}_k := \frac{g_{k+1}}{(k+1)g_1}$, and $f_1 = \frac{1}{g_1}$. $n^{\bar{k}}$ is the rising factorial (*Pochhammer symbol*) $n(n+1) \cdots (n+(k-1))$.

This formula is the solution of the recurrence formula for the coefficients of the *Lagrange series* which is (see [2], p. 173, eq.(13.81) where the solution f_n is also given as a determinant due to *Cramer's rule* in eq.(13.82)).

$$f_n = -\frac{1}{g_1^n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} B_{n,k}(g_1, \dots, g_{n+1-k}) f_k, \quad n \geq 2, \quad f_1 = \frac{1}{g_1}. \quad (4)$$

Note: This solution of the recurrence for the coefficients of the this special application of a *Lagrange series* appears in the context of the *Faà di Bruno Hopf algebra* for the formal diffeomorphism group in

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the complex plane as the antipode (*aka* count). See [8], ch. 3, “*The Power of Combinatorics*”, sects. 3.4.4 , 3.4.5, pp. 136 - 140, especially eqs. (3.34), (3.36), and (3.38).

The above solution of the recurrence relation for the $\{f_n\}$ coefficients can be considered as an analogon of *Zimmermann’s* forest formula in the context of renormalizable quantum field theory à la *Bogoliubov-Parasuk-Hepp-Zimmermann* (BPHZ), where the analog of the recurrence formula is the iterative R-operation of *Bogoliubov*.

This ”sophisticated Zimmermann type cancellation formula” ([8], p. 139), eq. (3), can be reinterpreted such that its partition structure becomes obvious (W. Lang, Feb. 2010). This just uses the fact that *Bell* polynomials are partition polynomials and some later given proposition. The final formula for the coefficients of this special application of the *Lagrange series* becomes then

$$f_n = \frac{1}{g_1^{2n-1}} \hat{f}_n, \quad i.e., \quad f(y) = g_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{f}_n \left(\frac{y}{g_1^2}\right)^n \frac{1}{n!}, \quad (5)$$

$\hat{f}_1 = 1$, and for $n = 2, 3, \dots$ we have

$$\hat{f}_n = \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} (-1)^m P3(n, m), \quad (6)$$

with

$$P3(n, m) := \sum_{p:=(1^{e_1}, 2^{e_2}, \dots, (n-1)^{e_{n-1}}) \text{ from } Pa(n-1, m)} P3(p), \quad (7)$$

where, finally,

$$P3(p) := M3(n + m - 1, \vec{e}) \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \left(g_1^{j-1} g_{j+1}\right)^{e_j}. \quad (8)$$

Some more definitions have been used in the above formulae. The set of partitions of n with m parts (m part partitions of n) is here denoted by $Pa(n, m)$. This set will be considered as a list of $p(n, m) = \text{A008284}(n, m)$ partitions ordered lexicographically. Note that we take the partitions of n in the *Abramowitz-Stegun* (*A-St*) order [1], *i.e.* the partitions are ordered with increasing parts number m , and partitions with the same number of parts m are or ordered lexicographically.

The multinomial M_3 partition numbers, called here $M3(n, \vec{e})$, are given as partition array in [A036040](#) (see also the W. Lang link there). $\vec{e} := (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$, stands for the non-negative integer exponents of a given m part partition of n : $\sum_{j=1}^n j e_j = n$ and $\sum_{j=1}^n e_j = m$, $e_j \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

In the formula the M_3 numbers for m part partitions of $n+m-1$ with the following exponents, determined from those of the partition p , enter:

$$\vec{e} = (0, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{m-1}). \quad (9)$$

I.e., $\hat{e}_1 := 0, \hat{e}_2 := e_1, \dots, \hat{e}_n := e_{n-1}, \hat{e}_{n+1} := 0, \dots, \hat{e}_{n+m-1} := 0$.

These \hat{e} exponents belong indeed to an m part partition of $n+m-1$ because $2e_1 + 3e_2 + \dots + ne_{n-1} = (1e_1 + 2e_2 + \dots + (n-1)e_{n-1}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} e_j = (n-1) + m$.

The definition of the M_3 numbers is

$$M3(n + m - 1, \vec{e}) := \frac{(n + m - 1)!}{\prod_{j=1}^{n+m-1} j!^{\hat{e}_j}}. \quad (10)$$

In *Table 1* these *M3* numbers are listed as partition array [A176740](#)(n, k) in *OEIS*[7] for partitions of n , $n \geq 1$, in the *A-St* order, as they appear in the above formula for \hat{f}_{n+1} . If the numbers corresponding to partitions of n with the same parts number m are summed, the well known triangle [A134991](#) of *OEIS* [7], the so called **2-associated Stirling number triangle** of the second kind $S_2(n, m)$ appears (see [4], p. 222, where these numbers are called $S_2(n, k)$, with $n \rightarrow n - m$ and $k \rightarrow m$). This triangle is shown in *Table 2*. The column sequences without leading zeros and offset 0 are [A000012](#)(n) (powers of 1), [A000247](#)($n + 3$), [A000478](#)($n + 6$), [A058844](#)($n + 8$), ... The row sums give [A000311](#)($n + 1$) (*Schroeder's* fourth problem). The signed triangle has row sums [A133942](#)(n) = $(-1)^n n!$, $n \geq 1$.

It should be mentioned that the same problem is treated in [A134685](#) in *OEIS*[7], however the order of partitions is different and fewer terms are given.

It turns out that in the \hat{f}_n , $n \geq 2$, formula, which derives from partitions of $n - 1$ in the *A-St* order, one finds exactly the g -coefficients fitting to the partitions of $2(n - 1)$ with $n - 1$ parts, also sorted in *A-St* order. This is the main observation of this note. Before proving this we first give an example. The formula for \hat{f}_5 is

$$\hat{f}_5 = -1 g_1^3 g_5 + 15 g_1^2 g_2 g_4 + 10 g_1^2 g_3^2 - 105 g_1 g_2^2 g_3 + 105 g_2^4. \quad (11)$$

Compare the array *Tab.1*, line $n = 4$, for the *M3* numbers $[-1, 15, 10, -105, 105]$, and [1], p. 831, for the order of all the partitions of 4, whose exponents determine these *M3* numbers according to the above given prescription, and the 4 parts partitions of 8 which produce the g coefficients.

This $1 - 1$ mapping of partitions of n in *A-St* order to the partitions of $2n$ with n parts (we used here $(n - 1) \rightarrow n$) is the content of the following *Proposition*. But first a simple *Lemma* is needed.

Lemma:

Every element of $Pa(2n, n)$, the set of partitions of $2n$ with n parts, has the last $n - 1$ exponents vanishing. This means that there is no part exceeding $n + 1$.

Proof:

Every exponent in the set $\{e_{n+2}, e_{n+3}, \dots, e_{2n}\}$ can at most be either 0 or 1, because a partition of $2n$ is considered. Moreover, if any of these exponents is 1, say $e_{n+k} = 1$, for $k \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\}$, then in order to have n parts one would have to use $n - 1$ times the part 1, but this already overshoots $2n$ because $(n + k) + (n - 1)1 > 2n$. Therefore, all of these exponents have to vanish.

Proposition:

There is a bijective mapping between $Pa(n)$, the set of partitions of n and $Pa(2n, n)$, the set of partitions of $2n$ with n parts, which respects the *A-St* order. This mapping is the following one.

i) $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) \in Pa(n) \mapsto (n - m, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n, 0, \dots, 0) \in Pa(2n, n)$.

Here the exponent notation for partitions is used. $m := \sum_{j=1}^n e_j$. In the image the last $n - 1$ exponents, those for the parts $n + 2, n + 3, \dots, 2n$, are all vanishing, in accordance with the *Lemma*.

ii) $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n+1}, 0, \dots, 0) \in Pa(2n, n) \mapsto (e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n+1}) \in Pa(n)$.

The last $n - 1$ exponents in any $Pa(2n, n)$ partition all vanish due to the *Lemma*. The parts number of

the image is $m = \sum_{j=2}^{n+1} e_j = n - e_1$.

Example: The list of the seven $n = 5$ partitions in *A-St* order is (written in exponent notation)

$[(0, 0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1, 0, 0), (2, 0, 1, 0, 0), (1, 2, 0, 0, 0), (3, 1, 0, 0, 0), (5, 0, 0, 0, 0)]$.

This list is mapped, entry by entry, to the following list, which turns out to be also *A-St* ordered.

$[(4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0), (3, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (3, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (2, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (2, 1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (1, 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), (0, 5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)]$.

Proof:

i) The images are partitions of $Pa(2n, n)$ because $1(n-m) + \sum_{j=1}^n (j+1)e_j = n - \sum_{j=1}^n e_j + \sum_{j=1}^n (j+1)e_j = n + n = 2n$.

If in the *A-St* ordered list of the partitions of n , partition p_2 follows partition p_1 , then the parts number m is either identical or larger for p_2 . If m coincides then the *A-St* order is lexicographic, and the images have identical exponent e_1 and the remaining parts of the two images take over the lexicographic order (the parts are just shifted by $+1$). Therefore, in this case the image of p_2 follows also the image of p_1 because *A-St* order in $Pa(2n, n)$ is just lexicographic. If p_2 has larger parts number m than p_1 , the exponent e_1 of the image of p_2 is smaller than the one for the image of p_1 and the remaining parts are in lexicographic order. Therefore, also in this case lexicographic order ensues.

ii) It is clear that this map leads to partitions of n with parts number $m = n - e_1$, because

$$\sum_{j=1}^n j e_{j+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} j e_j - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} e_j = 2n - n = n.$$

For $Pa(2n, n)$ partitions the *A-St* order is just lexicographic (the parts number is fixed; it is n). If from this set a partition p_2 follows lexicographically p_1 , then the parts number ($n - e_1$) of the image of p_2 is never smaller than the one of the image of p_1 . If it is larger then the image of p_2 follows in *A-St* order the one of p_1 . If the parts number of the images coincide, the original lexicographic order from the two $\{e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n+1}\}$ exponent sets is carried over to the images, hence they are *A-St* ordered.

This proves the bijective mapping between the lists of *A-St* ordered partitions $L(n)$ for partitions of n and $L(2n, n)$ for n parts partitions of $2n$: $L(n)[k] \longleftrightarrow L(2n, n)[k]$, for $k = 1, \dots, p(n) = \text{A000041}(n)$.

Corollary:

$$\text{A000041}(n) =: p(n) = p(2n, n) := \text{A008284}(n, m).$$

Examples: $p(4) = 5 = p(8, 4)$, $p(5) = 7 = p(10, 5)$.

Now the assertion about the \hat{f}_n structure in terms of *A-St* ordered partitions of $Pa(2(n-1), n-1)$ is obvious. Remember that we have to use the *Proposition* with $n \rightarrow n-1$. Just observe that the exponent

of the coefficient g_1 in eq. (8) is $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (j-1)e_j = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j e_j - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} e_j = (n-1) - m$, like expected for the

map i) of the *Proposition* with $n \rightarrow n-1$. Also the exponents of the other g_k , $k \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\}$, fit this map. Thus we have shown, that the following formulae can be used for \hat{f}_n , instead of eqs. (6) to (8).

$$\hat{f}_n = \sum_{k=1}^{p(n-1)} a(n-1, k) \prod_{j=1}^n g_j^{e_j(k)}, \quad n \in \{2, 3, \dots\} \text{ and } \hat{f}_1 = 1, \quad (12)$$

with the signed partition array $a(n, k) := \text{A176740}(n, k)$ given in *Table 1*, and the exponents $\{e_j(k)\}$ of the k -th partition of $Pa(2(n-1), n-1)$ in *A-St*, i.e. here in lexicographic order. The number of partitions is $p(n) := \text{A000041}(n)$. This produces for \hat{f}_n the polynomials given in *Table 3*.

TAB. 1: [A176740](#)(n,k) partition array

n/k	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	-1											
2	-1	3										
3	-1	10	-15									
4	-1	15	10	-105	105							
5	-1	21	35	-210	-280	1260	-945					
6	-1	28	56	35	-378	-1260	-280	3150	6300	-17325	10395	
7	-1	36	84	126	-630	-2520	-1575	-2100	6930	34650	15400	-51975
8	-1	45	120	210	126	-990	-4620	-6930	-4620	-5775	13860	83160
⋮												

n/k	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22 ...
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7	-138600	270270	-135135							
8	51975	138600	15400	-135135	-900900	-600600	945945	3153150	-4729725	2027025
⋮										

TAB. 2: triangle [A134991](#) from the unsigned partition array A176740

n/m	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	...
1	1										
2	1	3									
3	1	10	15								
4	1	25	105	105							
5	1	56	490	1260	945						
6	1	119	1918	9450	17325	10395					
7	1	246	6825	56980	190575	270270	135135				
8	1	501	22935	302995	1636635	4099095	4729725	2027025			
9	1	1012	74316	1487200	12122110	47507460	94594500	91891800	34459425		
10	1	2035	235092	6914908	81431350	466876410	1422280860	2343240900	1964187225	654729075	
⋮											

TAB. 3: E.g.f. inversion: partition polynomials for $\{\hat{f}_n\}_1^{10}$, $f_n = \frac{1}{g_1^{2n-1}} \hat{f}_n$

n	partition polynomials for n – 1 parts partitions of 2 (n – 1)
1	1
2	$-g_2$
3	$-g_1 g_3 + 3 g_2^2$
4	$-g_1^2 g_4 + 10 g_1 g_2 g_3 - 15 g_2^3$
5	$-g_1^3 g_5 + 15 g_1^2 g_2 g_4 + 10 g_1^2 g_3^2 - 105 g_1 g_2^2 g_3 + 105 g_2^4$
6	$-g_1^4 g_6 + 21 g_1^3 g_2 g_5 + 35 g_1^3 g_3 g_4 - 210 g_1^2 g_2^2 g_4 - 280 g_1^2 g_2 g_3^2 + 1260 g_1 g_2^3 g_3 - 945 g_2^5$
7	$-g_1^5 g_7 + 28 g_1^4 g_2 g_6 + 56 g_1^4 g_3 g_5 + 35 g_1^4 g_4^2 - 378 g_1^3 g_2^2 g_5 - 1260 g_1^3 g_2 g_3 g_4 - 280 g_1^3 g_3^3 + 3150 g_1^2 g_2^3 g_4 + 6300 g_1^2 g_2^2 g_4^2 - 17325 g_1 g_2^4 g_3 + 10395 g_2^6$
8	$-g_1^6 g_8 + 36 g_1^5 g_2 g_7 + 84 g_1^5 g_3 g_6 + 126 g_1^5 g_4 g_5 - 630 g_1^4 g_2^2 g_6 - 2520 g_1^4 g_2 g_3 g_5 - 1575 g_1^4 g_2 g_4^2 - 2100 g_1^4 g_3^2 g_4 + 6930 g_1^3 g_2^3 g_5 + 34650 g_1^3 g_2^2 g_3 g_4 + 15400 g_1^3 g_2 g_3^3 - 51975 g_1^2 g_2^4 g_4 - 138600 g_1^2 g_2^3 g_3^2 + 270270 g_1 g_2^5 g_3 - 135135 g_2^7$
9	$-g_1^7 g_9 + 45 g_1^6 g_2 g_8 + 120 g_1^6 g_3 g_7 + 210 g_1^6 g_4 g_6 + 126 g_1^6 g_5^2 - 990 g_1^5 g_2^2 g_7 - 4620 g_1^5 g_2 g_3 g_6 - 6930 g_1^5 g_2 g_4 g_5 - 4620 g_1^5 g_3^2 g_5 - 5775 g_1^5 g_3 g_4^2 + 13860 g_1^4 g_2^3 g_6 + 83160 g_1^4 g_2^2 g_3 g_5 + 51975 g_1^4 g_2^2 g_4^2 + 138600 g_1^4 g_2 g_3^2 g_4 + 15400 g_1^4 g_3^4 - 135135 g_1^3 g_2^4 g_5 - 900900 g_1^3 g_2^3 g_3 g_4 - 600600 g_1^3 g_2^2 g_3^3 + 945945 g_1^2 g_2^5 g_4 + 3153150 g_1^2 g_2^4 g_3^2 - 4729725 g_1 g_2^6 g_3 + 2027025 g_2^8$
10	$-g_1^8 g_{10} + 55 g_1^7 g_2 g_9 + 165 g_1^7 g_3 g_8 + 330 g_1^7 g_4 g_7 + 462 g_1^7 g_5 g_6 - 1485 g_1^6 g_2^2 g_8 - 7920 g_1^6 g_2 g_3 g_7 - 13860 g_1^6 g_2 g_4 g_6 - 8316 g_1^6 g_2 g_5^2 - 9240 g_1^6 g_3^2 g_6 - 27720 g_1^6 g_3 g_4 g_5 - 5775 g_1^6 g_4^3 + 25740 g_1^5 g_2^3 g_7 + 180180 g_1^5 g_2^2 g_3 g_6 + 270270 g_1^5 g_2^2 g_4 g_5 + 360360 g_1^5 g_2 g_3^2 g_5 + 450450 g_1^5 g_2 g_3 g_4^2 + 200200 g_1^5 g_3^3 g_4 - 315315 g_1^4 g_2^4 g_6 - 2522520 g_1^4 g_2^3 g_3 g_5 - 1576575 g_1^4 g_2^3 g_4^2 - 6306300 g_1^4 g_2^2 g_3^2 g_4 - 1401400 g_1^4 g_2 g_3^4 + 2837835 g_1^3 g_2^5 g_5 + 23648625 g_1^3 g_2^4 g_3 g_4 + 21021000 g_1^3 g_2^3 g_3^3 - 18918900 g_1^2 g_2^6 g_4 - 75675600 g_1^2 g_2^5 g_3^2 + 91891800 g_1 g_2^7 g[3] - 34459425 g_2^9$
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