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## On Enumeration of N-colored Trees

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#### Abstract

First, it is introduced that the number of labeled n-colored trees  $(T\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots$  $\cdots \alpha_n$ ) with n distinctly-colored point-subsets is determined by

$$T\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n = \alpha^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n (\alpha - \alpha_i)^{\alpha_i - 1}$$

where  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i$ . Next, several theorems and lemmata on these trees are proved and lastly their practical examples for electrical networks are described.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

An n-colord graph (1) is one of the most convenient concepts for social and technical matching-problems, and a tree being the subgraph in this graph is called the n-colored tree. Generally the concept of trees in a graph is the most fundamental one for graph theory and its applications, and also it is very important that the numbers of labeled n-colored graphs and trees are determined algebraically. Already the numbers of all the labeled n-colored graphs and all the labeled 2-colored trees have been introduced by F. Harary (1). Here are introduced the numeration of the labeled n-colorred trees, on which the several theorems are described with some applications of them for electrical network analysis.

### 2. N-COLORED GRAPH

A graph

$$G = (P, B) \tag{1}$$

with the point set P is a family B of pairings

$$\kappa = (a, b),$$
  $a, b \in P$  (2)

which indicates which points shall be considered to be connected. In keeping with the geometric image of a graph, each pairing defined in Eq. (2) shall be called a branch of the graph; the points a and b are called the endpoints of the branch  $\kappa$ . Especially in this paper, it is defined that parallel branches do not exist in a graph, unless otherwise provided. Here, the parallel branches are branches with same endpoints. In case that all the branches in a graph have the directions, the graph is called a directed graph and shortly a digraph.

An n-colored graph (1) (or n-partite graph)

$$G_{(n)} = (P, B) \tag{3}$$

consists of n sets of points

$$P = \{P_i\}, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \tag{4}$$

together with a specified branch set

$$B = \{B_{ij}\}, \qquad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$
 (5)

where each branch subset  $B_{ij}$  is a family of connected pairings

$$\kappa_{ij} = (a_i, a_j), \qquad a_i \in P_i, a_j \in P_j, i \neq j$$
(6)

and  $\kappa_{ij}$  (i=j) does not exist.

Here, an n-colored graph with point subsets  $P_i$  consisting of  $\alpha_i$  points is denoted by

$$G_{(n)} = G\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_n \tag{7}$$

and the point sets  $P_i$  are respectively painted in different colors. In Fig. 1, its examples are found.

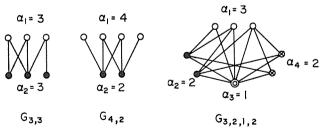


Fig. 1 N-colored graphs

Generally, the well-known graph of importance is the *complete graph*  $K_n$  (with n points) whose branches are all the pairs a and b ( $\in$ P). Similarly, a *complete n-colored graph* is the n-colored graph whese branches are all the pairs of possible associations for two different points  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  respectively in different point subsets  $P_i$  and  $P_j$ .

A complete n-colored graph is denoted by  $K\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_n$  as shown in Fig. 2. Obviously, the complete n-colored graph  $K_1, 1, \dots, n$  with n differently-colored points is equal to a complete graph  $K_n$ .

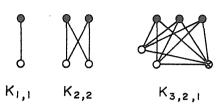


Fig. 2 Complete n-colored graphs

Denoting the series of i numbers  $m, m, \dots, m$  by  $m^i$ , it follows that

$$\underbrace{K_{1,1},\cdots,1}_{n} = K_{1}n = K_{n} \tag{8}$$

Provided that neglecting all the branches in a subgraph  $G'(\subset G)$  is denoted by G- G', the following relations are proved easily:

$$K_n - K_i = K_1^{n-i}, i, \qquad n > i > 1$$
 (9)

And further, denoting j complete subgraphs  $K_i$  without common parts by  $jK_i$ , we have

$$\mathbf{K}_n - \mathbf{j} \mathbf{K}_i = \mathbf{K}_i^{n-i/j}, \ \mathbf{i}^j \tag{10}$$

From the definition of the complete n-colored graph, we shall show:

**THEOREM 1** "The number of branches in a complete n-colored graph  $K\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_n$  is

$$b\left(K\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}\cdots\alpha_{n}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i} \alpha_{i} / 2$$
(11)

where 
$$\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i$$
 (12)

$$\hat{\alpha}_i = \alpha - \alpha_i \quad (13)$$

From the above THEOREM 1, the well-known (1) LEMMA la is introduced as follows: Putting that  $\alpha_i = 1$ ,  $\alpha_i = (n-1)$  in Eq. (11), we have:

**LEMMA la** "The number of branches in a complete graph  $K_n$  (= $K_1n$ ) is

$$b(K_n) = n(n-1)/2$$
 " (14)

Denoting the number of Eq. (11) by b, the number of the n-colored graphs without parallel branches is determined by

$$N (G\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n) = \sum_{i=0}^{b} {b \choose i}$$
 (15)

Here, on the polynomial equation

$$(1+x)^{\delta} = \sum_{i=0}^{\delta} \binom{b}{i} x^{i}, \tag{16}$$

putting x = 1, then

$$\sum_{i=0}^{b} {a \choose i} = 2^{b} \tag{17}$$

$$\therefore N (G\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n) = 2^b$$
 (18)

Therefore we have:

**THEOREM 2** "The number of n-colored graphs  $G\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_n$  is determined by

$$N (G\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \hat{\alpha}_i / 2$$
 (19)

**LEMMA 2a** "The number of n-graphs  $G_n$  of order n is determined by

$$N(G_n) = 2^{n(n-1)/2}, (20)$$

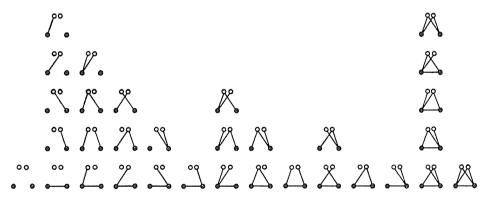


Fig. 3 3-colored graphs  $G_{2,1,1}$ 

The 3-colored graphs  $G_{2,1,1}$  are shown in Fig. 3, and the number of them is given by

N 
$$(G_{2,1,1}) = 2^{\frac{(2 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 3)}{2}} = 2^{\frac{5}{6}} = 32$$
  
=  $\binom{5}{6} + \binom{5}{1} + \binom{5}{2} + \binom{5}{3} + \binom{5}{4} + \binom{5}{6} = 1 + 5 + 10 + 10 + 5 + 1 = 32$ 

The branch in a digraph is called a directed branch and shortly a dibranch. Since this dibranch can be given one of two directions, the number of n-colored digraphs  $G\alpha_1\alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n$  is determined by

$$N (G\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n) = \sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^i \binom{b}{i}$$
 (21)

where  $b = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i \hat{\alpha}_i / 2$ 

Here, we know that

$$(1+x)^b = \sum_{i=0}^b \binom{b}{i} x^i$$

Supposing that x = 2 in the above equation,

$$3^{b} = \sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{i} \binom{b}{i} \tag{22}$$

Therefore, it follows:

**LEMMA 2b** "The number of n-colored digraphs  $\tilde{G}\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_n$  is determined by

$$N(\widetilde{G}\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n) = 3^{\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \widehat{\alpha}_i / 2}$$
 (23)

LEMMA 2c "The number of digraphs Gn af order n is determined by

$$N(\tilde{G}_n) = 3^{u(n-1)/2}$$
 (24)

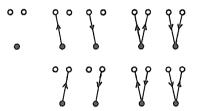


Fig. 4 2-colored digraphs G<sub>2,1</sub>

For example, the 2-colored digraphs  $\tilde{G}_{2,1}$  are shown in Fig. 4, and the number of them is given by

$$N(\tilde{G}_{2,1}) = 3^{(2\cdot1+1\cdot2)/2} = 9$$
$$= 2^{0}\binom{2}{0} + 2^{1}\binom{2}{1} + 2^{2}\binom{2}{2} = 1 + 4 + 4 = 9$$

### 3. ENUMERATION OF TREES BY DETERMINANT METHOD

A tree is a connected graph that has no loop. The number of the spanning trees in a graph G is determined by (2)

$$T = \det \left( \mathbf{D} \ \mathbf{D}' \right) = \det \left[ \mathbf{D}^{ab} \right] \tag{25}$$

where **D**: the connection matrix  $[(\alpha-1) \times \beta-\text{matrix}]$ 

D': the transposed matrix of D

 $\alpha$ : number of points in the graph G

 $\beta$ : number of branches in G

Here, element  $D^{ab}$  in the ath row and the bth column of T is shown as

the degree of point a (or the number of branches incident to point a), when a=b

and as

the negative of the number of branches incident to pair a and b, when  $a \neq b$ .

For example, the determinant T namely the number of trees in graph G of Fig. 5 is given by

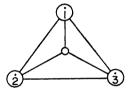


Fig. 5 Graph G

$$T = \begin{vmatrix} D^{ii} & D^{i\dot{2}} & D^{i\dot{3}} \\ D^{\dot{2}i} & D^{\dot{2}\dot{2}} & D^{\dot{2}\dot{3}} \\ D^{\dot{3}i} & D^{\dot{3}\dot{2}} & D^{\dot{3}\dot{3}} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 16$$

By the aforementioned calculation, we have the well-known theorem as follows:

**THEOREM 3** "The number of trees in a complete graph  $K_n$  of order n is given by

$$T_{n} = \begin{vmatrix} n-1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & n-1 & \cdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & \cdots & n-1 \end{vmatrix} = n^{n-2}$$
 (26)

This theorem already has been introduced by Cayley (1) and the several proofs of it have been given by Cayley, Prüfer, Harary, Kirchhoff (1) and Okada etc. (2) (3)

### 4. N-COLORED TREES

The trees in a n-colord graph are called *n-colored trees*, and the number of them in a complete one  $K\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n$  is given by

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$$=\alpha^{n-2} \widehat{\alpha}_1^{\alpha_1-1} \widehat{\alpha}_2^{\alpha_2-1} \dots \widehat{\alpha}_n^{\alpha_n-1}$$

$$=\alpha^{n-2} (\alpha - \alpha_1)^{\alpha_1-1} (\alpha - \alpha_2)^{\alpha_2-1} \dots (\alpha - \alpha_n)^{\alpha_n-1}$$
where  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n$ 

$$\widehat{\alpha}_i = \alpha - \alpha_i \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

Then we have the following theorem:

**THEOREM 4** "The number of trees in a complete n-colored graph  $K\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n$  is given by

$$T\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}\cdots\alpha_{n} = \alpha^{n-2} \widehat{\alpha}_{1} \alpha_{1}-1 \widehat{\alpha}_{2} \alpha_{2}-1.....\widehat{\alpha}_{n} \alpha_{n}-1$$

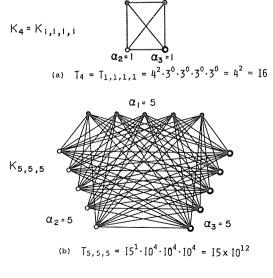
$$= \alpha^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\alpha - \alpha_{i})^{\alpha_{i}-1} , \qquad (27)$$

where  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i$  "

$$K_{2,2} = \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot 2}{\alpha_2 \cdot 2} \cdot$$
(a)  $T_{2,2} = 4^0 \cdot 2^1 \cdot 2^1 = 4$ 

$$K_{2,1,1} = \frac{\alpha_1 \cdot 2}{\alpha_2 \cdot 1} \cdot$$
(b)  $T_{2,1,1} = 4^1 \cdot 2^1 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 3^0 = 8$ 

Fig. 6 Number of trees in complete n-colored graphs



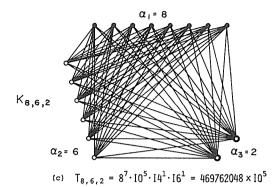
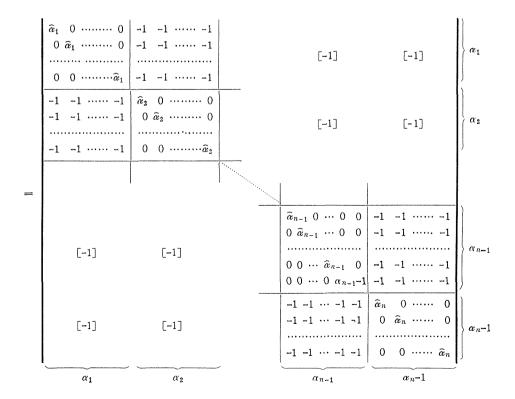


Fig. 7 Number of trees in complete n-colored graphs

Provided that  $\alpha_1=1$ , theorem 3 is introduced. See examples in Fig. 6 and Fig. 7. A comlete graph without the arbitrary branch is called a *semicomplete graph*, and is denoted by  $K'_n$ . Similarly a complete n-colored graph without the arditrary branch is called a *semicomplete n-colored graph*, and denoted by

 $K'\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_n$ . Especially the one without the branch spanning the points in last two point sets is denoted by  $K\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_{n-1}\alpha_n$ .

The number of trees in the semicomplete n-coloreb graph  $K\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\overline{\alpha_{n-1}\alpha_n}$  is written as  $T\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\overline{\alpha_{n-1}\alpha_n}$ , then we have  $T\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\overline{\alpha_{n-1}\alpha_n}$ 



$$\begin{split} &=\widehat{\alpha}_{1}\alpha_{1}-1\,\widehat{\alpha}_{2}\alpha_{2}-1\,\ldots\ldots\widehat{\alpha}_{n-2}\,\alpha_{n-2}-1\,\widehat{\alpha}_{n-1}\,\alpha_{n-1}-2\,\widehat{\alpha}_{n}\alpha_{n}-2\,\bullet\\ &\quad \bullet\,\alpha^{n-3}\,\left\{\alpha(\widehat{\alpha}_{n-1}\,\widehat{\alpha}_{n}-\alpha+1\,)-\widehat{\alpha}_{n-1}\,\widehat{\alpha}_{n}+\alpha_{n}\alpha_{n-1}+\alpha-\alpha_{n-1}\,\alpha_{n}\right\}\\ &=\prod_{i=1}^{n-2}\,(\widehat{\alpha}_{i}\,\alpha_{i}-1)\,\bullet\,\widehat{\alpha}_{n-1}\,\alpha_{n-1}-2\,\alpha_{n}\alpha_{n}-2\,\bullet\,\alpha^{n-3}\,\bullet\,\left\{\alpha^{3}-\alpha^{2}(\alpha_{n-1}+\alpha_{n}+2\,)\right.\\ &\quad +\alpha\,\left(\alpha_{n-1}\,\alpha_{n}+\alpha_{n-1}+\alpha_{n}+2\,\right)-\alpha_{n-1}-\alpha_{n}\right\} \end{split}$$

Therefore we have as follows:

**THEOREM** 5 "The number of trees in the semicomplete n-colored graph  $K\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\overline{\alpha_{n-1}\alpha_n}$  is given by

$$T'\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}\cdots\overline{\alpha_{n-1}}\alpha_{n} = \prod_{i=1}^{n-2} (\widehat{\alpha}_{i}\alpha_{i}^{-1}) \cdot \widehat{\alpha}_{n-1}\alpha_{n-1}^{-2} \widehat{\alpha}_{n}\alpha_{n}^{-2} \cdot \alpha^{n-3} \cdot \left\{ \alpha^{3} - \alpha^{2} (\alpha_{n-1} + \alpha_{n} + 2) + \alpha (\alpha_{n-1}\alpha_{n} + \alpha_{n-1} + \alpha_{n} + 2) - \alpha_{n-1}^{-2} - \alpha_{n} \right\}$$

$$= (\alpha - \alpha_{1}) \alpha_{1}^{-1} (\alpha - \alpha_{2}) \alpha_{2}^{-1} \cdots (\alpha - \alpha_{n-2}) \alpha_{n-2}^{-1} \cdot \left\{ \alpha - \alpha_{n-1} \alpha_{n-1}^{-2} (\alpha - \alpha_{n}) \alpha_{n}^{-2} \cdot \alpha^{n-3} \cdot \left\{ \alpha^{3} - \alpha^{2} (\alpha_{n-1} + \alpha_{n} + 2) + \alpha (\alpha_{n-1}\alpha_{n} + \alpha_{n-1} + \alpha_{n} + 2) - \alpha_{n-1}^{-2} - \alpha_{n} \right\},$$

$$where \quad \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i}$$
(28)

**LEMMA 5a** "The number of trees in the semicomplete graph  $K_n'$  (= $K_n - K_2$ = $K_1'^{n-2}, \overline{1,1}$ ) is given by

$$T'_{n} = (n-2) n^{n-3}$$
 (29)

### 5. PRACTICAL FXAMPLFS

On electrical network theory, we know that the current response i\* flowing in a voltage source  $e_{\kappa}$  is graphically given by (2)

$$i^{\kappa} = \frac{\sum cotree \ products \ of \ impedances \ in \ graph \ G'}{\sum cotree \ products \ of \ impedances \ in \ graph \ G} e_{\kappa}$$
 (30)

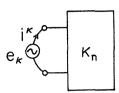
where G is the graph of the given electrical network, G' is the graph G without the branch  $\kappa$ , and the cotree product is  $z \ z \ \cdots z \ z$ , which branch  $\kappa_1 \ \kappa_2 \cdots \kappa_k$  consist of a cotree being the complement of a tree.

Provided that each impedance equals z, Eq. (30) is given as

$$i^{\kappa} = \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \frac{number\ of\ trees\ in\ G'}{number\ of\ trees\ in\ G} = \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \cdot \frac{T'}{T}$$
 (31)

See the following examples.

**EXAMPLE 1** (Fig. 8): When the voltage source  $e_{\kappa}$  exists in branch  $\kappa$  of a complete graph  $K_n$  with the same impedance z, the current  $i^{\kappa}$  in branch  $\kappa$  is shown as



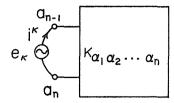


Fig. 8 Electrical complete network  $K_n$  Fig. 9 Electrical network  $K\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_n$ 

$$i^{\kappa} = \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \cdot \frac{T_{n'}}{T_{n}} = \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \cdot \frac{(n-2)n^{n-3}}{n^{n-2}} = \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \cdot \frac{(n-2)}{n}$$
 (32)

**EXAMPLE 2** (Fig. 9): When the voltage source  $e_{\kappa}$  exists in branch  $\kappa$  of a complete n-colored graph  $K\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_n$  with the same impedances z, the current i<sup> $\kappa$ </sup> in branch  $\kappa$  [ $\kappa = (a_{n-1}, a_n), a_{n-1} \in P_{n-1}, a_n \in P_n$ ] is determined as

$$i^{\kappa} = \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \cdot \frac{T'\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}\cdots \alpha_{n-1}\alpha_{n}}{T\alpha_{1}\cdots \alpha_{n}}$$

$$= \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \cdot \frac{\alpha^{n-3} \prod_{i=1}^{n-2} (\alpha - \alpha_{i})\alpha_{i}^{-1} \cdot (\alpha - \alpha_{n-1})\alpha_{n-1}^{-2} (\alpha - \alpha_{n})\alpha_{n}^{-2}}{\alpha^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^{n} (\alpha - \alpha_{i})^{\alpha_{i}^{-1}}} \cdot \{\alpha^{3} - \alpha^{2} (\alpha_{n-1} + \alpha_{n} + 2) + \alpha (\alpha_{n-1}\alpha_{n} + \alpha_{n-1} + \alpha_{n} + 2) - \alpha_{n-1}^{-1} - \alpha_{n}\}$$

$$= \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \cdot \frac{\alpha^{3} - \alpha^{2} (\alpha_{n-1} + \alpha_{n} + 2) + \alpha (\alpha_{n-1}\alpha_{n} + \alpha_{n-1} + \alpha_{n} + 2) - \alpha_{n-1}^{-1} - \alpha_{n}}{\alpha (\alpha - \alpha_{n-1}) (\alpha - \alpha_{n})}$$
(33)

If  $\alpha_i = \alpha_0$ , it follows that

$$i^{\kappa} = \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \frac{n (n-1)\alpha_0^2 - 2 n\alpha_0 + 2}{n (n-1)\alpha_0^2}$$
(34)

And further if n=2, it follows that

$$i^{\kappa} = \frac{e_{\kappa}}{z} \frac{(\alpha_0 - 1)^2}{{\alpha_0}^2} \tag{35}$$

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# N色木の計数について

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異った色に塗られた N 組の点集合(同集合同色)について, 異色の点対にのみ枝を張ることを許したグラフを **N 色グラフ** という。 N 色グラフが木なら **N 色木** といい, それ ぞれ  $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n$  個の点が同色なら  $T\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n$  と書く。 本文では  $T\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n$  の種類を数える一般公式

$$N(T\alpha_1\alpha_2\cdots\alpha_n) = \alpha^{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^n (\alpha - \alpha_i)^{\alpha_i - 1}$$

と、これらに関するいくつかの公式を示し、その電気回路への二三の応用例を掲げる。しかも、これらの公式は一般のグラフ $G_n$ に関する公式を含んでいることを示した。