



So let us just take some simple examples. So let us say if we look at, let us say  $Ax$  is equal to the simplest of generating functions  $1/(1-x)$ . And then  $A$  of  $Bx$  would be equal to  $1/(1-Bx)$  and this we can think of as, let us say  $1 + Bx + B^2x^2 + B^3x^3 + \dots$  and so on. What object does this denote? That is the first thing that we would like to understand and let us look at this  $Bx$  a little more carefully.

Suppose we call it as  $b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots$  and so on and if you look at the constant term of  $ABx$ . So look at  $ABx$ , its constant term would be what? Well  $ABx$  is equal to  $1 + Bx + B^2x^2 + \dots$  and so on. So the constant term from this is going to be one. The constant term from  $Bx$  is going to be  $b_0$ . The constant term from  $B^2x^2$  is going to be the product of the 2 terms that is  $b_0^2$  and so on. And if you look at  $B^n x^n$  there is going to be  $b_0^n$  and this goes on.

So if this  $b_0$  was some nonzero term then there are going to be infinitely many terms in this expression. So this is going to be the, so if you denote this by let us say  $H$ . The  $h_0$  term would be this. So in order to compute any particular coefficient you might have to sum up an infinite series and that may not really be convergent sequence. In our previous applications when we were looking at adding generating functions, multiplying generating functions and so on. Each term of the resultant generating function could be computed.

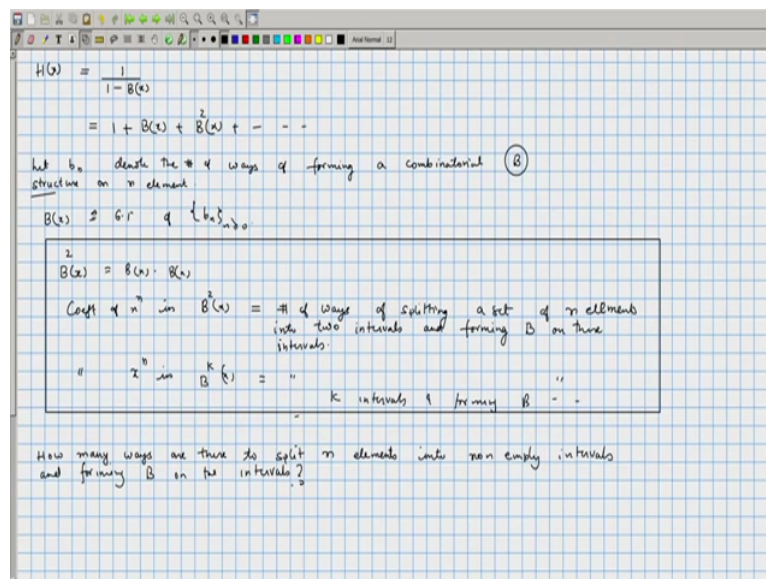
The  $n$ th term of the resulting generating function could be computed by just doing constantly many operations. Here that's not the case because we might have to do infinite number of operations and that may or may not be convergent... It may not, if you have infinitely many terms to add up then that might not converge to any suitable value. But here if we insist that  $b_0$  is equal to 0 then things fall in place properly.

And not just for this particular term, if you look at the  $n$ th term, let us say  $h_n$  is going to be, let us say, so that is going to be coming from all these individual terms. But what we can say is if you look at  $B^n x^n$ . Now in  $B^n x^n$  and every term that comes after  $B^n x^n$ , you can see that since the constant term was 0, every term was going to be multiplied by an  $x$  raised to  $n$ .

So if you take let us say  $n+1$  and that is going to be multiplied by  $x^{n+1}$ . Because  $Bx$  can be written as  $x(B_1 + \dots)$  and when you raise it to power  $n+1$ . You have an  $n+1$  term and therefore all the contributing terms in the formal power series will have  $x$  appearing as a power which is greater than  $n+1$  and therefore they won't contribute to the term  $h_n$ .

So in each of this expansion there are only finitely many terms  $Bx$ , so the last term you might have to consider is  $Bx$ . So there are only these many generating functions. Finitely many generating functions to reconsider and aired up and therefore things work out very well when  $b_0$  is equal to 0. So while studying these compositions of generating functions we will assume that  $b_0$  is 0 for all of them.

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So now let us understand what is this  $1/(1 - Bx)$  looking like? So what does the generating function if you call this as let us say  $Hx$ . What quantity does this denote? Clearly  $Hx$  is equal to  $1 + Bx + B^2x + \dots$ . So we will describe combinatorial quantity and show that, that combinatorial quantity or object will have generating function  $Hx$ .

So let  $b_n$  denote the number of ways of forming combinatorial structure on  $n$  elements. So you take a set of  $n$  elements and the total number of ways of forming particular combinatorial structure could be let us say graphs and connected graphs on  $n$  vertices, could be number of trees on  $n$  vertices. Whatever combinatorial structure that you can imagine on  $n$  elements.

Let us say means some particular combinatorial structure on  $n$  elements. The number of ways of doing that on some set of size  $n$  we denoted by  $B_n$  and  $Bx$  is the generating function of that particular sequence given by  $B_n$ . Now our product rule says that if we look at  $B^2x$  that is going to be just  $Bx$  times  $Bx$ . And the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $B^2x$  is nothing but number of ways of splitting a set of  $n$  elements into 2 intervals and forming a structure.

So let us call this combinatorial structure as, we will give it a name, we will call it as  $B$ . So forming, so there is lot of overloading of notations. So the generating function is  $Bx$  the combinatorial object we will call it by the name  $B$  and the number of combinatorial structures that you can form on  $n$  element that we call it by small  $b_n$ . So  $B^2 X$  is the number of ways of splitting a set of  $n$  elements into 2 intervals and forming  $B$  on these intervals. One of the intervals could be empty in which case the other interval would be the full set.

So this is what we know by the product rule. So generalization of this would say that  $B$  raise to  $kx$  and the coefficient of  $x$  raise to  $n$  in  $B$  raise to  $Kx$  reason number of ways of splitting  $n$  elements into  $k$  intervals and forming  $B$  on these intervals. So that will be the coefficient of  $x$  raise to  $n$ .

Now the particular combinatorial structure that we want to count is, how many ways are there to split  $n$  elements into nonempty intervals and forming  $B$  on the intervals? So if you take  $n$  elements set the number of ways of doing this we will denote it by  $h_n$ . And if we denote the sequence by  $h_n$  it's generating function we can denote by capital  $HX$  and we will show that this is equal to  $1/(1 - Bx)$ . So let us see a more concrete example wherein we spell out what is a particular combinatorial structure  $B$ .

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Handwritten notes on a blue grid background explaining a combinatorial problem about splitting soldiers into units and choosing captains.

The notes include a diagram of soldiers numbered 1 to n, with units  $U_1, U_2, U_3, \dots, U_k$  shown as intervals. A generating function  $B(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n$  is defined, where  $b_0 = 0$ . The coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $B(x)$  is identified as the number of ways to split  $n$  into  $k$  parts and form a combinatorial structure  $B$  on each part.

The total number of ways is given as the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $B(x) + B(x)^2 + \dots$ , which is derived as the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $(B(x) + B(x)^2 + \dots)$ .

The generating function for the number of ways to choose a captain for a unit of  $n$  soldiers is  $H(x) = \frac{1}{1 - B(x)}$ .

The final result is  $H(x) = \frac{1}{1 - B(x)}$ .

So here is a concrete combinatorial problem, we have let us say soldiers number 1 to  $n$  and they are placed on a straight line 1 to  $n$  and this generally wants to split this into some number of units. This is the first unit, this is the second unit, third unit and its  $k$  units. So  $k$  could be anything going from 1 to  $n$ . But each of them are each unit should be an interval. You cannot have let us say all the even numbered people going into 1 unit and odd numbers going to another unit that is not allowed.

Because the units themselves have to be intervals. So 1 to 5 could be 1 unit and 6 to 7 could be one unit. 8 could be in the single unit, it could have  $k$  units and  $k$  is a, you can choose  $k$  to be whatever you want. And once we are split this into units, you need to pick a unit captain. So the question is how many ways are there of splitting bunch of soldiers, splitting  $n$  soldiers into some number of units and choosing captain for each unit.

So  $b_n$  would denote number of ways of selecting a captain for a unit of  $n$  soldiers. And note that since we are living the number of units unspecified it could be any number they will have to insist that each of the units are nonempty. Because if the units were allowed then we can have infinitely many such splits because there is no bound on the number of empty units.

So each unit will now have to be nonempty I suppose to the earlier case where we are splitting into 2 units and we are splitting into 2 units we cannot have let us say infinitely many empty units because the number of units is bound. So  $b_n$  is this and  $h_n$  is a number of ways of doing this of splitting. Now we need to argue that  $Hx$  is equal to  $1$  by  $1$  minus  $Bx$ . Why is this so?

So we will argue it for the general case. What we will see is, we will argue this for the general  $b$  and then we will solve our particular problem using this particular method and count the exact value of  $H_n$  using the generating function methodologies. So let us look at  $Bx$  is equal to  $b_0$  plus  $b_1x$  plus  $b_nx$  raise to  $n$  plus so on. Here we can assume that  $b_0$  is equal to 0 the number of ways of selecting a captain for unit with 0 soldiers, we will just assume it to be 0 because it does not make sense to, there is no national meaning for  $b_0$ , so we can assign it to be 0 arbitrarily.

So what we have argued so far is, the coefficient of  $x$  raise to  $n$  in  $B$  raise to  $kx$  this will be equal to number of ways of splitting  $n$  into  $k$  units or  $k$  parts and forming combinatorial structure  $B$  on each part and parts here or intervals. So total number of ways of splitting, so where the part could be anything will be equal to coefficient of  $x$  raise to  $n$  in  $B$  plus coefficient of  $x$  raise to  $n$  and  $B$  square  $x$  plus so on.

So that is equal to coefficient of  $x$  raise to  $n$  in  $Bx$  plus  $B$  square  $X$  plus so on. This is equal to  $h_N$ . So coefficient of  $x$  raise to  $n$  and this expression is equal to  $h_N$  for  $N$  greater than or equal to 1 by our assumptions we will take  $h_0$  is equal to 1 and therefore  $Hx$  is equal to  $1$  plus  $Bx$  plus  $B$  square  $x$  plus so on and this is equal to  $1$  by  $1$  minus  $Bc$ .

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$H(x) = \frac{1}{1-B(x)}$

$B(x) = \text{Generating Function of the Sequence } 1, 2, 3, \dots$   
 $= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \cdot x^k = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$

$h_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \left( \alpha^n - \beta^n \right) \quad n \geq 2$   
 $= \frac{1}{\alpha - \beta} \left( \alpha^n - \beta^n \right)$

$H(x) = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}}$

$H(x) = \frac{(1-x)^2}{(1-x)^2 - x}$

$= \frac{1 - 2x + x^2}{1 - 3x + x^2}$

$(1-x)(1-\beta x) = 1 - 3x + x^2$

$\alpha\beta = 1$   
 $\alpha + \beta = 3$

$\alpha = \frac{1}{\beta}$

$\frac{A}{1-\alpha x} + \frac{B}{1-\beta x} = \frac{x}{1-3x+x^2}$

$A = \frac{x}{1-\beta x} \Big|_{x=1/\beta} = \frac{1}{\alpha(1-\beta/\alpha)} = \frac{1}{\alpha-\beta}$

$B = \frac{1}{\beta-\alpha}$

So in our particular case where we were looking at splitting your group of soldiers into  $n$  units we can say that  $Hx$  will be equal to  $1$  by  $1$  minus  $Bx$  and  $Bx$  is nothing but generating function of the sequence  $1, 2, 3$  so on because this is the number of ways of selecting a captain for a group of it  $k$  elements. So that can be run in  $k$  ways and this is nothing but summation  $k, x$  raise to  $k, k$  going from  $0$  to infinity and that is going to be equal to  $x$  by  $1$  minus  $x$  the whole square.

So therefore  $Hx$  will be equal to  $1$  by  $1$  minus  $x$  by  $1$  minus  $x$  the whole square multiplying with  $1$  minus  $x$  the whole square on both numerator and denominator. What we get is,  $1$  minus  $x$  the whole square by  $1$  minus  $x$  the whole square minus  $x$  is  $Hx$  that is equal to  $1$  minus  $2x$  plus  $x$  square divided by  $1$  minus  $3x$  plus  $x$  square that is equal to  $1$  plus  $x$  by  $1$  minus  $3x$  plus  $x$  square.

Now this term we can do partial fractions on this, compute the partial fractions. So this is equal to  $1$  plus  $A$  by  $1$  minus  $\alpha x$  plus  $B$  by  $1$  minus  $\beta x$  where  $1$  minus  $\alpha x$  into  $1$  minus  $\beta x$  should be equal to  $1$  minus  $3x$  plus  $x$  square. So comparing coefficients that would mean  $\alpha\beta$  is equal to  $1$  and  $\alpha + \beta$  equals  $3$ . So  $\alpha$  is equal to  $1$  by  $\beta$  that is something that we know, and if we plug that in here, what will be the value of  $A$ ?

So  $A$  by  $1$  minus  $\alpha x$  plus  $B$  by  $1$  minus  $\beta x$  should be equal to  $x$  by  $1$  minus  $3x$  plus  $x$  square. If we multiply both sides by  $1$  minus  $\alpha x$  and put  $x$  is equal to  $1$  by  $\alpha$  we get the value of  $A$ . So  $A$  is equal to  $x$  by  $1$  minus  $\beta x$  evaluated at  $x$  is equal to  $1$  by  $\alpha$ . So



that is going to be equal to  $1 - \beta$  by  $\alpha$  into  $1 - \beta$  by  $\alpha$  that is equal to  $1 - \beta$  by  $\alpha$  minus  $\beta$ .

Similarly, if you do,  $B$  will be equal to  $1 - \beta$  by  $\alpha$ . So the entire expression  $H(x)$  is equal to  $1 + \frac{1 - \beta}{\alpha} - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} x$ . So from this we can simply write the  $n$ th term, so  $H_n$  will be equal to, this is a constant term for  $n$  greater than or equal to 2 we can write it as  $\frac{1 - \beta}{\alpha} - \beta$  into  $\alpha$  raised to  $n$  minus  $\beta$  raised to  $n$ .

So that will be the final formula where I mean if you substitute  $\alpha$  is equal to  $1 - \beta$  what you will get is,  $1 - \beta$  by  $\alpha$  minus  $1 - \beta$  by  $\alpha$  into  $\alpha$  raised to  $n$  minus  $\beta$  raised to  $n$ . So this will be the final expression where  $\alpha$  you can think of as the larger root of  $1 - 3x + x^2 = 0$ . The larger root of this particular...

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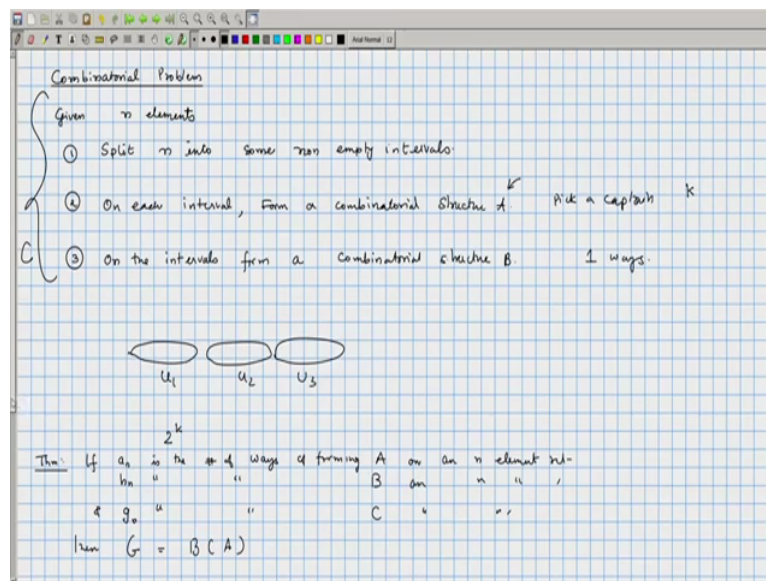
$1, 2, \dots, n$  ← soldiers  
 $1 \ 2 \ | \ 3 \ 4 \ | \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ \dots \ n$   
 $u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_k$   
 $1 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ \dots \ n$   
 $u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3 \ \dots \ u_k$   
 $b_n = \# \text{ of ways of selecting a captain for a unit of } n \text{ soldiers}$   
 $h_n = \# \text{ of ways of splitting } \dots$   
 $B(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + \dots + b_n x^n + \dots$   
 $b_0 = 0$   
 Coeff of  $x^k$  in  $B(x) = \# \text{ of ways of splitting } n \text{ into } k \text{ parts and forming a const. structured } B \text{ on each part}$  (intervals)  
 Total # of way = Coeff of  $x^n$  in  $B(x) + B^2(x) + \dots$   
 $H(x) = \frac{1}{1 - B(x)}$   
 $\therefore H(x) = 1 + B(x) + B^2(x) + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - B(x)}$   
 $h_n = 1$

Now we will look at a slightly more general problem. Since here what we did is, we look at a collection of  $n$  soldiers who were arranged linearly and then we split it into intervals and on the intervals we were picking the captain. Now suppose we could do additional operation on the intervals themselves. For example, for each interval we could say that we want to either take that unit for my duty or not give night duty to them.

So how many ways are there to do that? So clearly you can split it and then the total number of ways of splitting you will get some number and for each split you can do additional operations on them like choosing them for special duty.



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So let us look at that particular problem. So we are given, this is the combinatorial problem that we are interested in. There are  $n$  elements. The first is to split  $n$  into let us say some non-empty intervals and then on each interval we may form particular combinatorial structure. Form a combinatorial structure which we will call it as  $A$  and suppose the split of  $n$  into non-empty intervals thereof  $k$  intervals.

We will say on the intervals from a combinatorial structure  $B$ . So you can think of  $n$  as the soldiers and  $A$  the combinatorial structures that we were interested in is. Pick a captain. So there were  $k$  ways to do, mean each of the interval, if the interval was of size  $k$ , there are  $k$  ways of doing this. And on the interval we have formed this combinatorial structure namely we had only the trivial structure initially that means there is just one way of doing things.

Now suppose we had more ways of performing combinatorial structures on the intervals themselves. So if we had split the soldiers into 3 blocks. We had just one way of finding we did not have any extra  $(())$  (26:37) on this. We were happy with the split but now we are saying that look each unit, let us call it as  $U_1$ ,  $U_2$  and  $U_3$ , some of them could be chosen for special duty.

Let us say  $U_1$  alone was chosen or let us say  $U_2$  alone was chosen, the ways of doing it. There are  $2$  raise to  $k$  ways of choosing the second combinatorial structure  $B$ . So this is a general question that we want to show and we will see that if we take the compositions of the generating function for combinatorial structure  $A$  and  $B$  in the correct order then we will get a generating function for this particular combinatorial problem.

So if  $A(x)$  this is our theorem. If  $A_n$  is a number of ways of forming  $A$  on an  $n$  elements that.  $b_n$  is the number of ways of forming  $B$  on an  $n$  set. And let us say  $g_n$  is a number of ways of forming this complex combinatorial structure involving both  $A$  and  $B$ , so let us call that as  $C$  then  $g_n$  will be equal to  $B$  composed with, so the generating function for  $g_n$ ,  $G$  will be equal to  $B$  composed with  $A$ .

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$u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3$

$2^k$	
Then:	If $a_n$ is the # of ways of forming $A$ on an $n$ element set.
	$b_n$ is the # of ways of forming $B$ on an $n$ element set.
	$g_n$ is the # of ways of forming $C$ on an $n$ element set.

then  $G = B(A)$

Proof: Suppose the split is into  $k$  intervals, the # of ways of forming  $A$  on the intervals =  $A(x)^k$

# of ways of forming  $B$  on these intervals =  $b_k$

Total # =  $C = b_k \cdot A(x)^k$

∴ G.F for  $C = \sum b_k A(x)^k = B(A)$

How do we see that, so suppose we split it into, so what we have is we could split it into any number of intervals. Suppose we had splitted into  $k$  intervals. So suppose this split is into  $k$  intervals. The number of ways of forming  $A$  on these intervals is, that will be equal to means the generating function for that. So this will be equal to generating function for the number of ways of forming  $A$  on the intervals will be equal to  $A(x)$  raise to  $k$ .

Number of ways of forming  $B$  on these intervals is equal to  $b_k$ , so if you had just  $k$  intervals there are  $b_k$  ways of forming combinatorial structure  $B$  and since there are these many ways of splitting the total number... So the generating function for the total number of ways of forming  $C$  will therefore mean if you splitted into  $k$  intervals that will be equal to  $b_k$  times  $A(x)$  raise to  $k$ .

And therefore the generating function the complete generating function will be equal to, so GF for  $c$  will be equal to summation  $b_k A(x)$  raise to  $k$ . And this is nothing but  $B$  composed with  $A$ , so that the proof. And let's see how we can solve our problem of selecting.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad \dots \quad n \\ \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\ c_1 \quad \quad \quad c_2 \quad \dots \quad c_n \end{array} \\
 A(x) &= \frac{x}{(1-x)^2} \quad (\text{Seq. is } 1, 2, 3, \dots) \\
 B(x) &= \frac{1}{1-2x} \quad (2^n) \\
 G(x) &= B(x)A(x) = \frac{1}{(1-2x)(1-x)^2} = \frac{1-2x+x^2}{1-4x+x^2} = 1 + \frac{2x}{1-4x+x^2} \\
 \boxed{G(n) &= A \cdot \alpha^n + B \cdot \beta^n}
 \end{aligned}$$

So now the question that we have the combinatorial problem, the concrete problem is we have  $n$  elements  $1$  to  $n$ . We need to split them into some number of intervals and each interval is given a captain, it will say  $C_1, C_2, C_k$  are the captain's and each interval additionally told whether they will be doing night patrolling or not. So the total number of ways of doing this, so  $A_x$  is the number of ways of selecting the captain in a group of  $n$  people, so this would be equal to  $x$  by  $1$  minus  $x$  whole square.

So the sequence is  $1, 2, 3$  and so on. And  $B_x$  is the number of ways of assigning duties, special duties, so that will be group can either be given night patrolling duty or not be given. So there are  $2$  raise to  $n$  ways, so the generating function corresponding to that would be  $1$  by  $1$  minus  $2x$ . And the total number of ways of forming the complex editorial structure which takes into consideration both  $x$  would be  $x$ , if you denote it by  $G_x$  there is going to be decomposed with  $A$  that is equal to  $1$  by  $1$  minus  $2$  instead of  $x$  we need to put  $x$  by  $1$  minus  $x$  whole square.

So that is going to be equal to multiply  $1$  minus  $x$  the whole square numerator and denominator will get  $1$  minus  $2x$  plus  $x$  square divided by  $1$  minus  $4x$  plus  $x$  square that is equal to  $1$  plus  $2x$  by  $1$  minus  $4x$  plus  $x$  square. Again we can use the partial fractions method and show that  $G_x$  is going to be equal to some of  $2$  exponentials. If you solve the partial fractions correctly we will get  $G_x$  is equal to  $A$  times  $\alpha$  raise to  $n$  plus  $B$  times  $\beta$  raise to  $n$ , So that will be the end of this lecture.