

# Subgraph Counting in Series-Parallel Graphs and Infinite Dimensional Systems of Functional Equations

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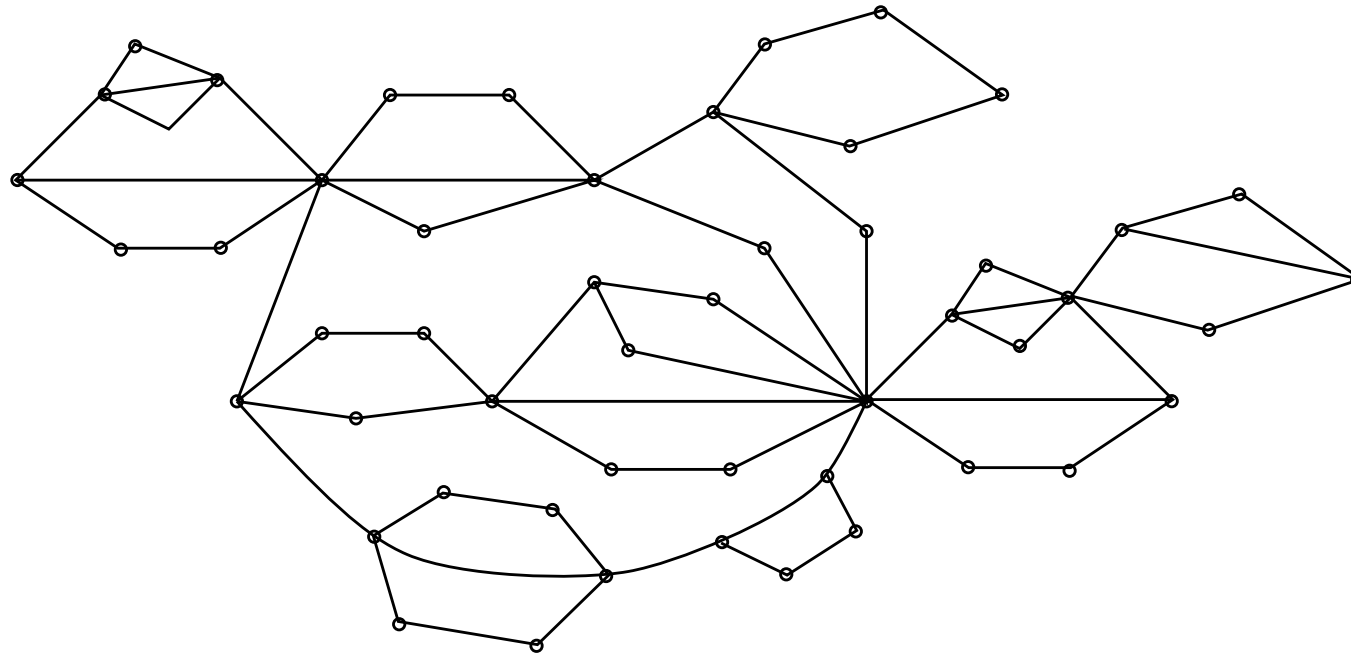
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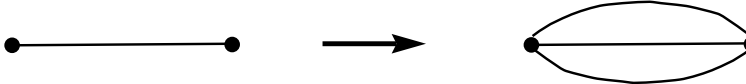
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# Series-Parallel Graphs



Series-parallel extension of a tree (if we restrict to connected graphs)

Series-extension: 

Parallel-extension: 

# Series-Parallel Graphs

## Equivalent Definitions

- $\text{Ex}(K_4)$
- tree-width  $\leq 2$
- nested ear decomposition (if connected)

# Series-Parallel Graphs

## Generating functions

$b_{n,m}$  ... number of **2-connected vertex labelled series-parallel** graphs with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges

$$B(x, y) = \sum_{n,m} b_{n,m} \frac{x^n}{n!} y^m$$

$c_{n,m}$  ... number of **connected vertex labelled series-parallel** graphs with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges

$$C(x, y) = \sum_{n,m} c_{n,m} \frac{x^n}{n!} y^m$$

# Series-Parallel Graphs

## Generating functions

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial C(x, y)}{\partial x} = \exp \left( \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} \left( x \frac{\partial C(x, y)}{\partial x}, y \right) \right)},$$

$$\frac{\partial B(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{x^2}{2} \frac{1 + D(x, y)}{1 + y},$$

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# Series-Parallel Graphs

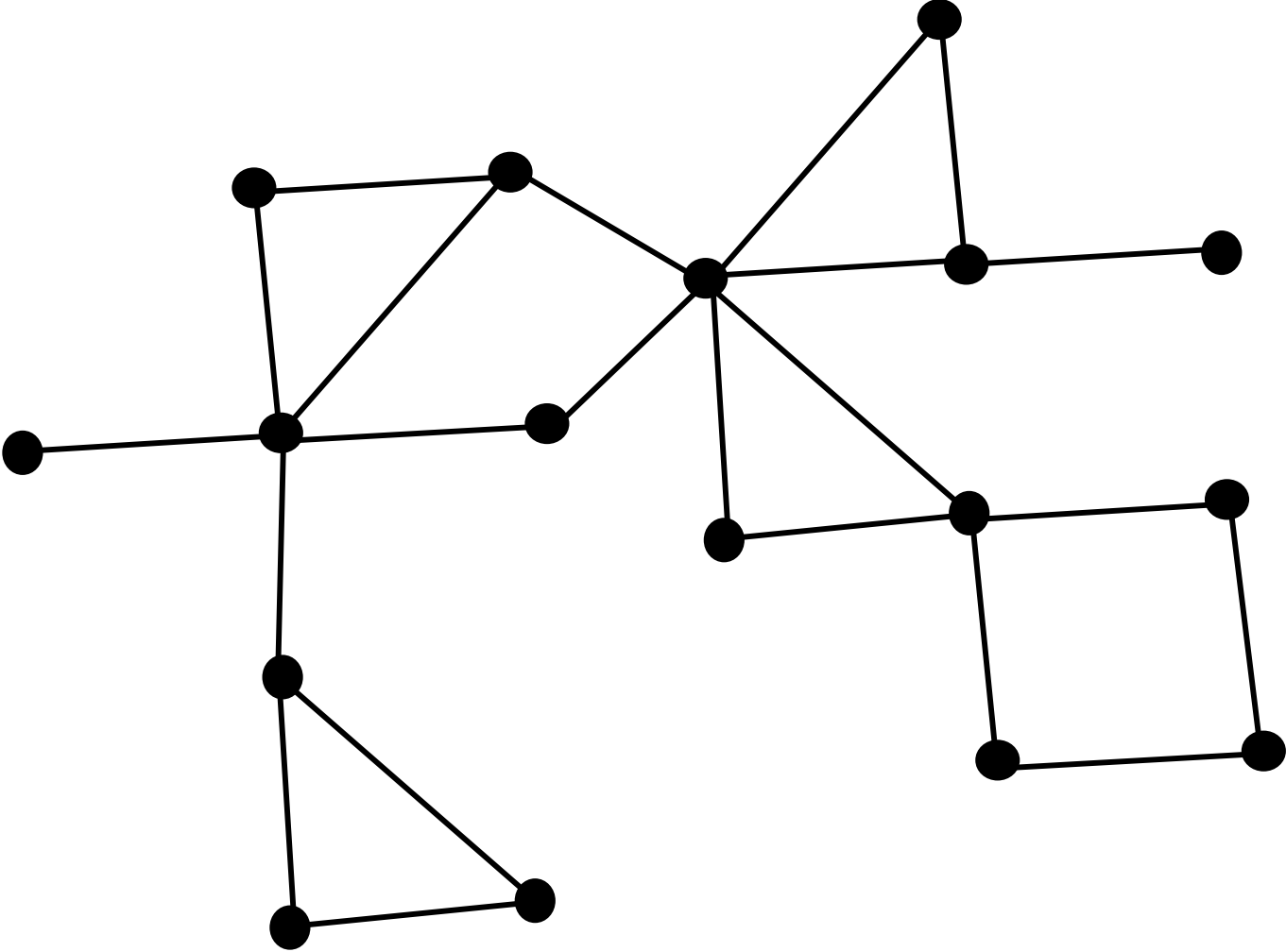
## Asymptotic enumeration

[Bodirsky+Gimenez+Kang+Noy 2007]

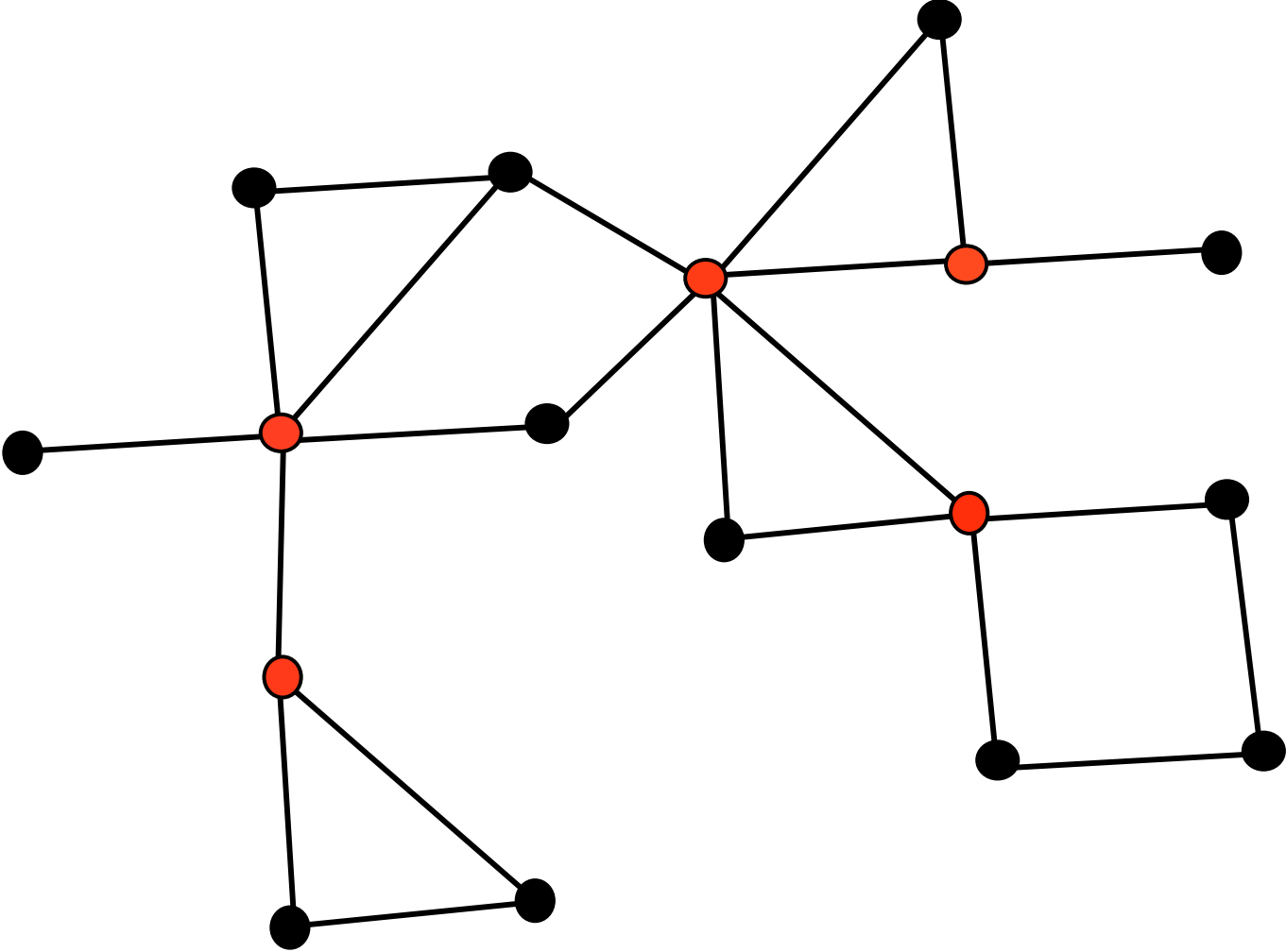
$$c_n = \sum_m c_{n,m} \sim c n^{-5/2} \rho^{-n} n!$$

with  $c = 0.0067912\dots$  and  $\rho = 0.11021\dots$

# Block-Decomposition

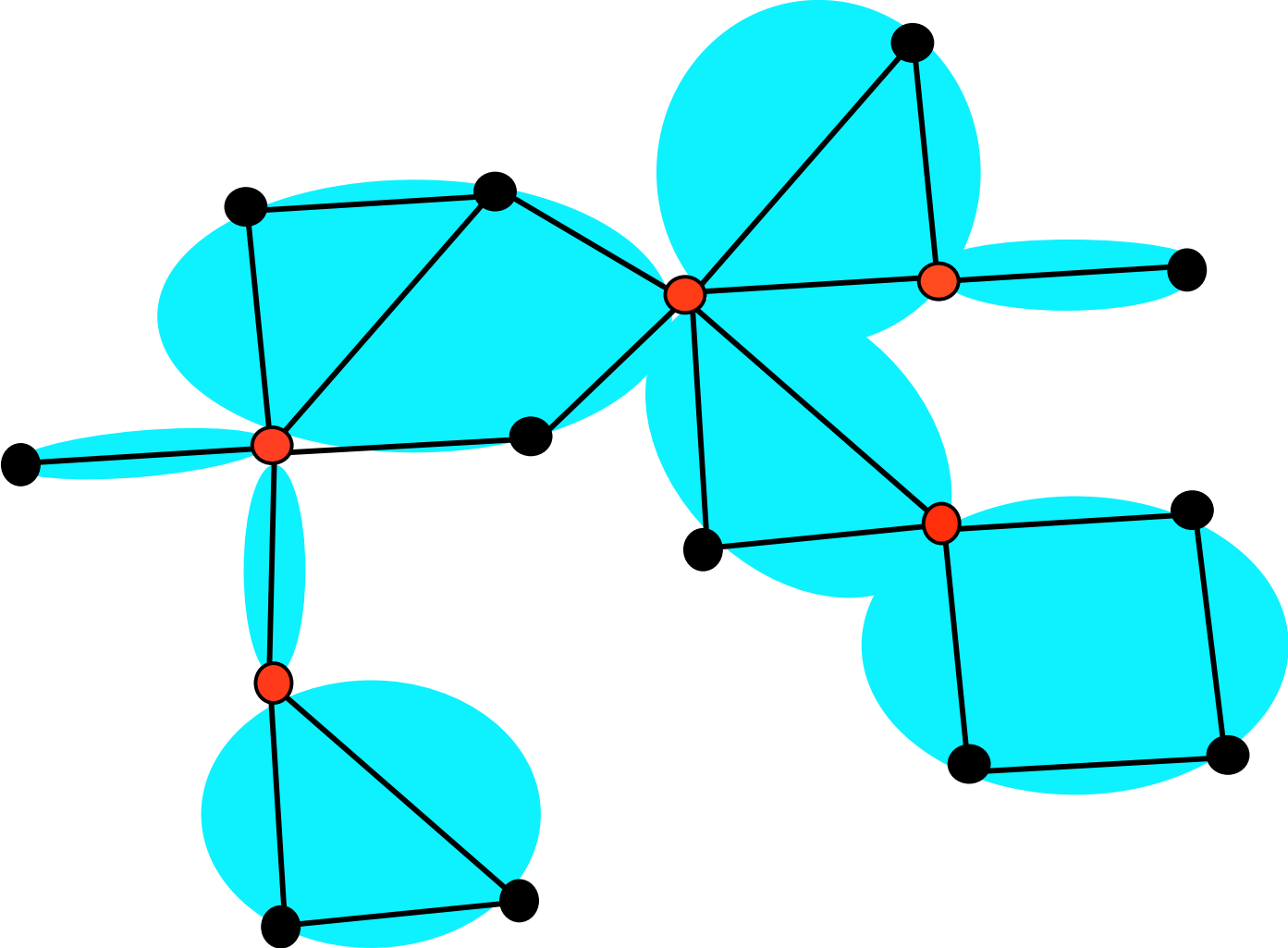


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# Block-Decomposition

**block:** 2-connected component (= maximal 2-connected subgraph)

**Block-stable graph class  $\mathcal{G}$ :**  $\mathcal{G}$  contains the one-edge graph and  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  if and only if all blocks of  $G$  are contained in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Equivalently, the 2-connected graphs of  $\mathcal{G}$  and the one-edge graph generate all graphs of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

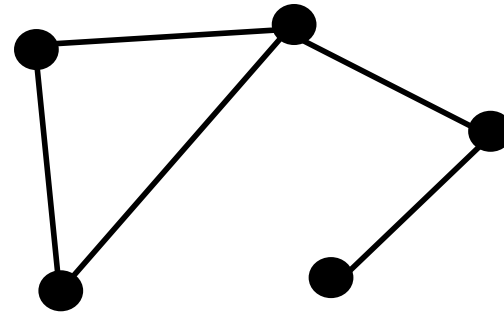
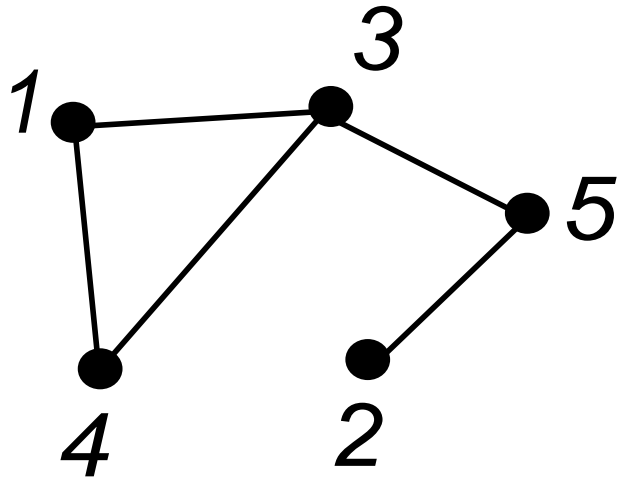
**Examples:** Planar graphs, series-parallel graphs, minor-closed graph classes etc.

$B(x)$  ... GF for 2-connected graphs in  $\mathcal{G}$

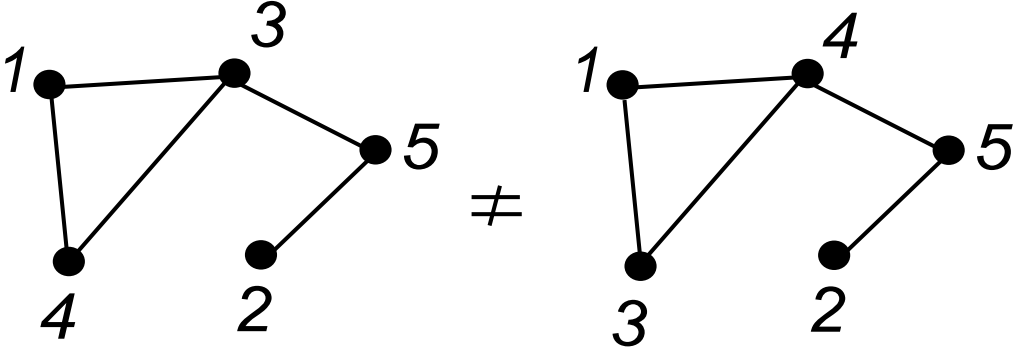
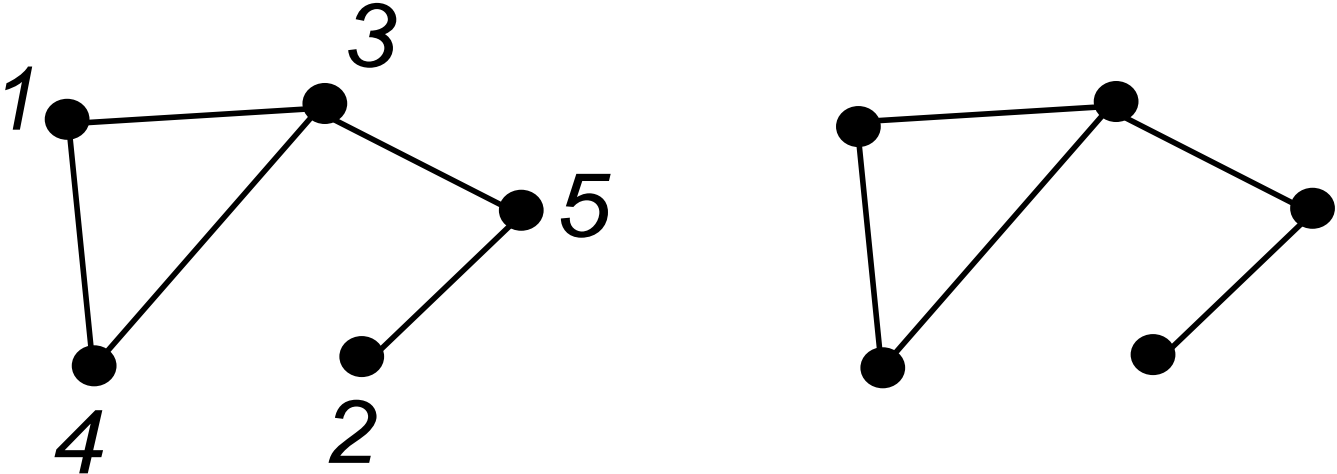
$C(x)$  ... GF for connected graphs in  $\mathcal{G}$

[We will consider here only connected graphs]

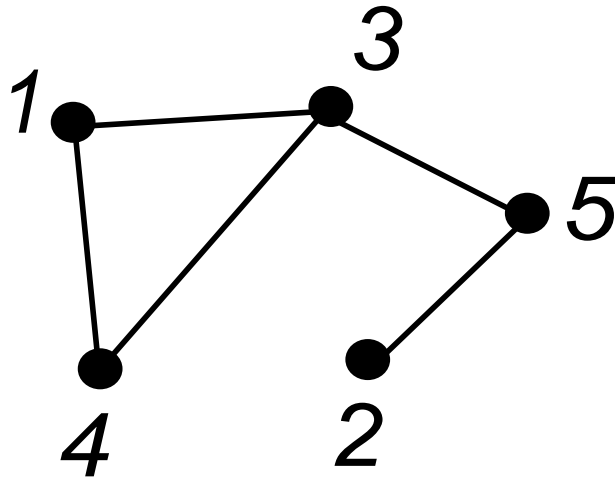
# Labelled vs. Unlabelled Graphs



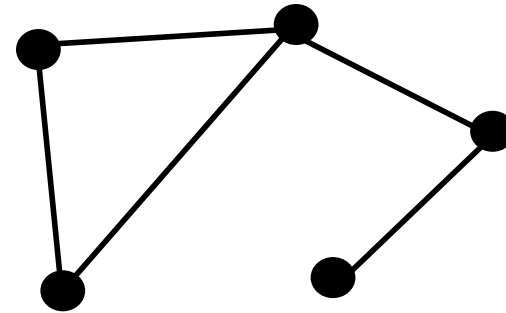
# Labelled vs. Unlabelled Graphs



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$$\frac{x^5}{5!}$$



$$x^5$$

# Generating Functions

$g_n$  ... number of graphs of size  $n$  (in a given graph class)

## Labelled Graphs

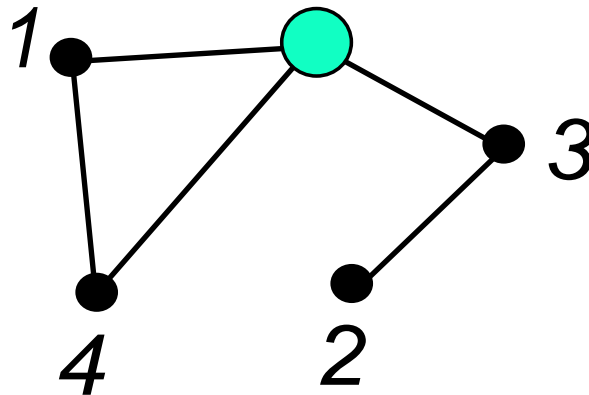
$$G(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

## Unlabelled Graphs

$$G(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} g_n x^n$$

# Generating Functions for Block-Decomposition

**Vertex-rooted graphs:** one vertex (the **root**) is distinguished (and usually discounted, that is, it gets no label)

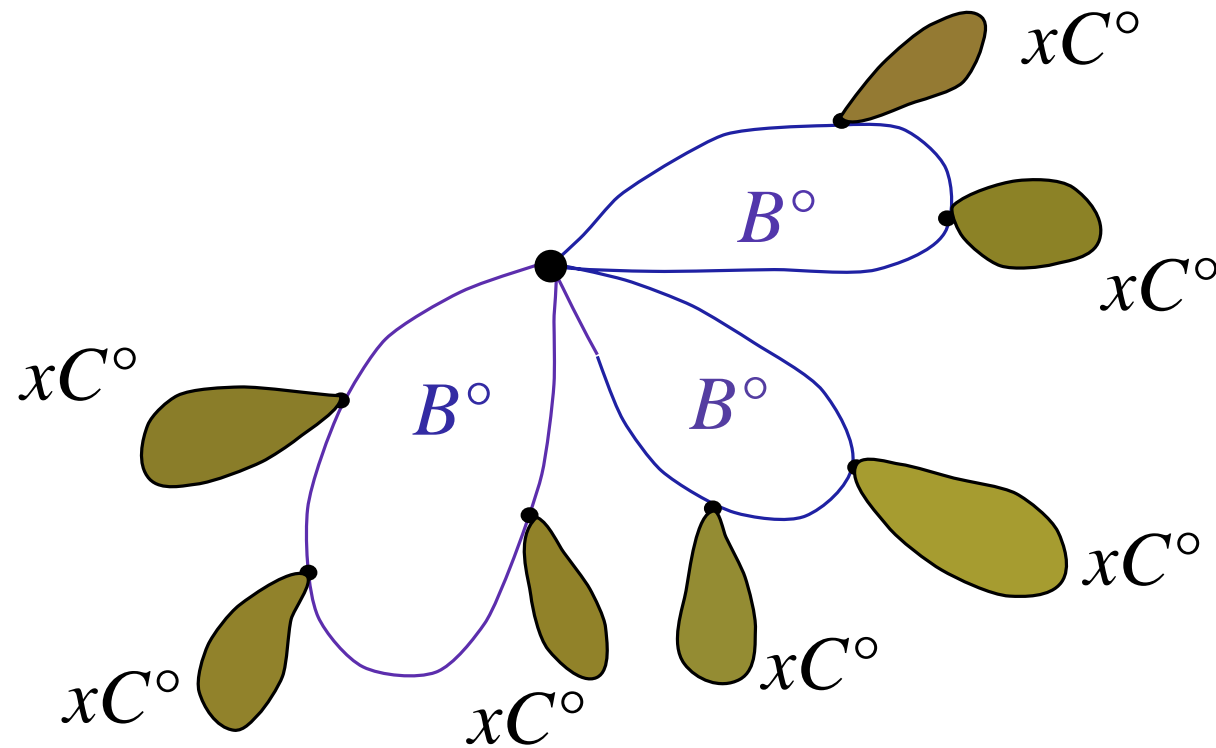


**Generating function:** (in den **labelled** case)

$$G^\bullet(x) = G'(x)$$

# Generating Functions for Block-Decomposition

(in the labelled case)

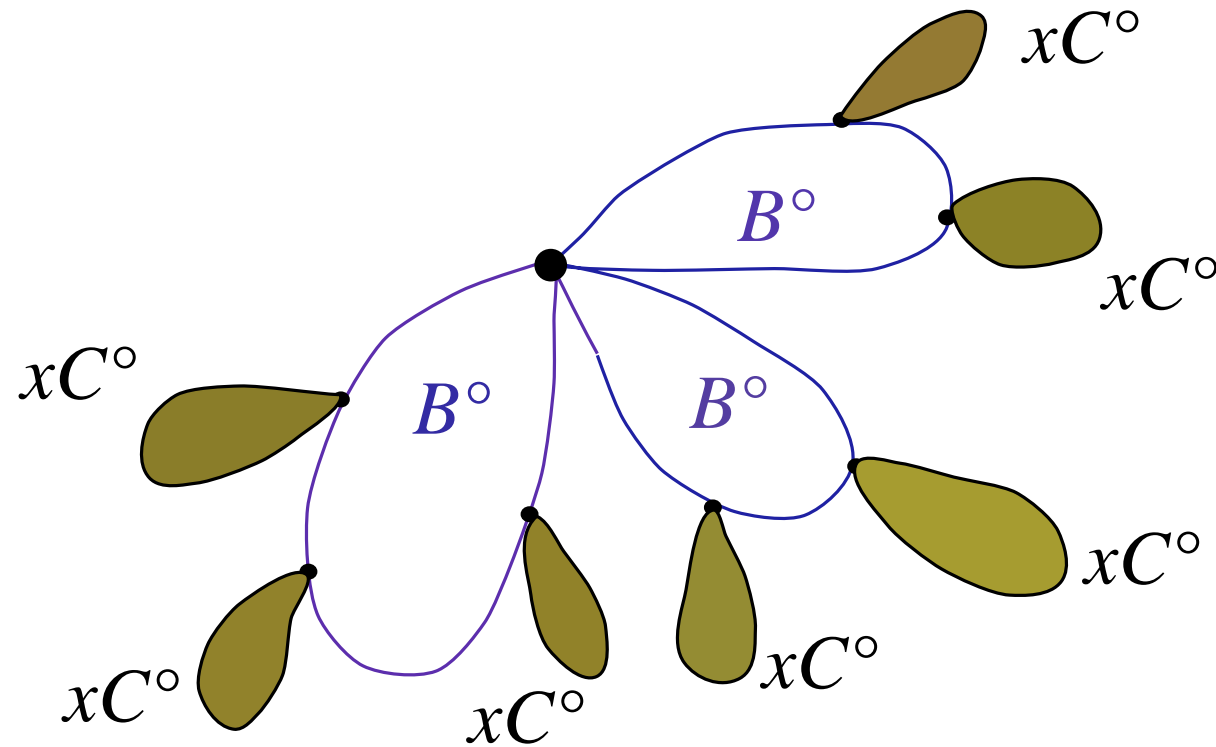


$$C^\bullet(x) = e^{B^\bullet(xC^\bullet(x))}$$



# Generating Functions for Block-Decomposition

(in the labelled case)



$$\frac{\partial C(x, y)}{\partial x} = \exp \left( \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} \left( x \frac{\partial C(x, y)}{\partial x}, y \right) \right)$$

# Labelled Trees

Rooted Trees:

$$B^\bullet(x) = x$$



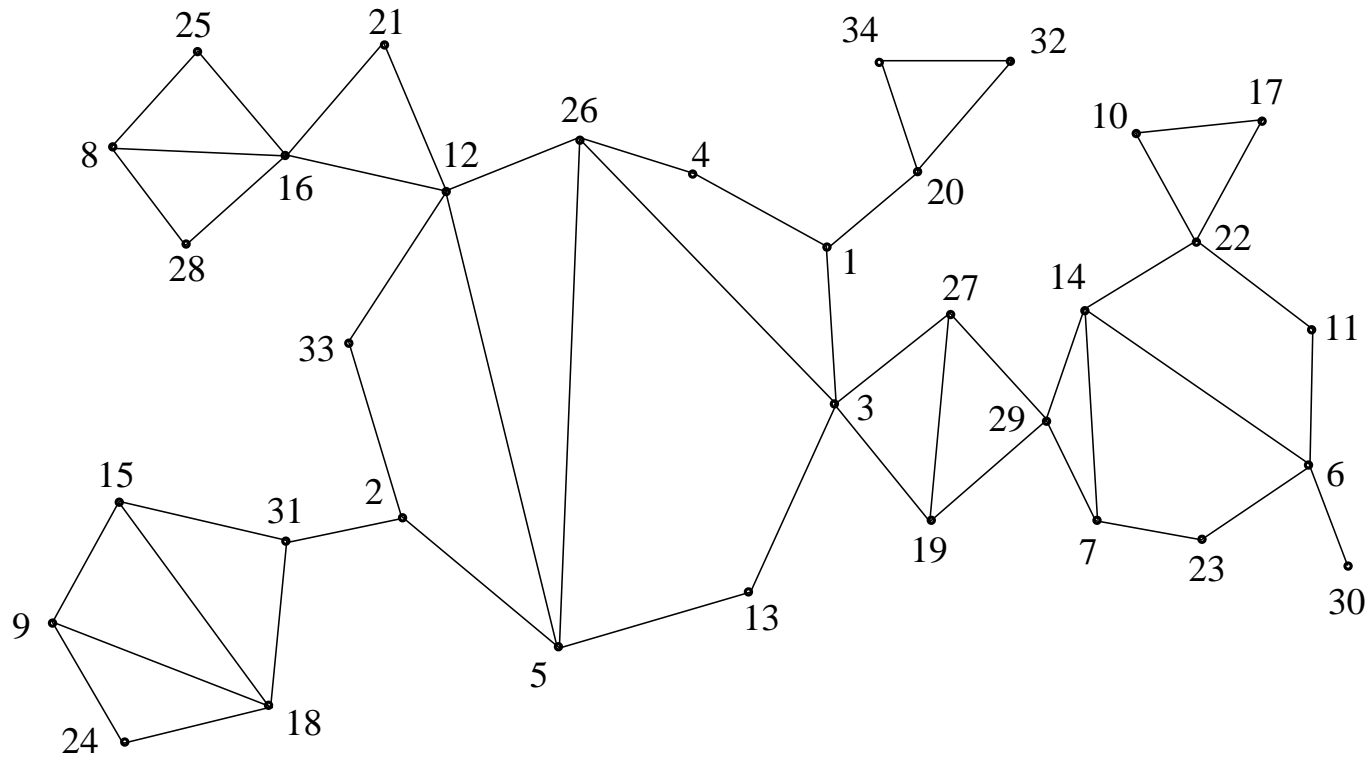
$T(x) = xC^\bullet(x)$  ... generating function of **rooted, labelled trees**

$$\boxed{C^\bullet(x) = e^{B^\bullet(xC^\bullet(x))}} \implies \boxed{T(x) = xe^{T(x)}}$$

**Remark:**  $\tilde{T}(x)$  ... GF for unrooted labelled trees:

$$\tilde{T}(x)' = \frac{1}{x}T(x) \implies \tilde{T}(x) = T(x) - \frac{1}{2}T(x)^2$$

# Outerplanar Graphs



All vertices are on the infinite face.

# Outerplanar Graphs

## Generating functions

$$\boxed{C^\bullet(x) = e^{B^\bullet(xC^\bullet(x))}},$$

$$B^\bullet(x) = \frac{1 + 5x - \sqrt{1 - 6x + x^2}}{8}.$$

2-connected outerplanar graphs = dissections of the  $n$ -gon

# Series-Parallel Graphs

## Generating functions

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# Labelled Planar Graphs

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial C(x, y)}{\partial x} = \exp \left( \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} \left( x \frac{\partial C(x, y)}{\partial x}, y \right) \right)},$$

$$\frac{\partial B(x, y)}{\partial y} = \frac{x^2}{2} \frac{1 + D(x, y)}{1 + y},$$

$$\frac{M(x, D)}{2x^2 D} = \log \left( \frac{1 + D}{1 + y} \right) - \frac{x D^2}{1 + x D},$$

$$M(x, y) = x^2 y^2 \left( \frac{1}{1 + xy} + \frac{1}{1 + y} - 1 - \frac{(1 + U)^2 (1 + V)^2}{(1 + U + V)^3} \right),$$

$$U(x, y) = xy(1 + V(x, y))^2,$$

$$V(x, y) = y(1 + U(x, y))^2.$$

# Sub-critical Graphs

## Functional equations

Suppose that  $A(x) = \Phi(x, A(x))$ , where  $\Phi(x, a)$  has a power series expansion at  $(0, 0)$  with non-negative coefficients and  $\Phi_{aa}(x, a) \neq 0$ .

Let  $x_0 > 0$ ,  $a_0 > 0$  (inside the region of convergence of  $\Phi$ ) satisfy the system of equations:

$$a_0 = \Phi(x_0, a_0), \quad 1 = \Phi_a(x_0, a_0).$$

Then there exists analytic function  $g(x), h(x)$  such that locally

$$A(x) = g(x) - h(x) \sqrt{1 - \frac{x}{x_0}}.$$

**Remark.** If there is no  $x_0, a_0$  inside the region of convergence of  $\Phi$  then the singular behaviour of  $\Phi$  determines the singular behaviour of  $A(x)$  !!!

# Sub-critical Graphs

$$A(x) = xC^\bullet(x), \quad \Phi(x, a) = xe^{B^\bullet(a)}, \quad \boxed{xC^\bullet(x) = xe^{B^\bullet(xC^\bullet(x))}}$$

$$\implies \boxed{A(x) = \Phi(x, A(x))}$$

**Case 1: the sub-critical case.** The system (note that  $B^\bullet(x) = B'(x)$ )

$$a_0 = x_0 e^{B'(a_0)}, \quad 1 = x_0 e^{B'(a_0)} B''(a_0)$$

has positive solutions  $x_0, a_0$  such that  $a_0$  is smaller than the radius of convergence  $\eta$  of  $B^\bullet$ . Eliminating  $x_0$ :  $\boxed{a_0 B''(a_0) = 1}$ . Thus

$$\boxed{\eta B''(\eta) > 1}$$

**Case 2: the critical case.** The other case:

$$\boxed{\eta B''(\eta) \leq 1}.$$

Here the singular behaviour of  $B^\bullet$  determines the singular behaviour of  $C^\bullet(x)$ .



# Sub-critical Graphs

- **Trees** are **sub-critical**
- **Outerplanar graphs** are **sub-critical**
- **Series-parallel graphs** are **sub-critical**
- **Planar graphs** are **critical**

# Sub-critical Graphs

**Conjecture** [M. Noy]

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a **minor closed graph class**, that is,  $\mathcal{G} = \text{Ex}(H_1, \dots, H_k)$ .

$\mathcal{G}$  is sub-critical  $\iff$  one of the excluded minors  $H_1, \dots, H_k$  is planar.

- **Trees:**  $\text{Ex}(K_3)$
- **Outerplanar Graphs:**  $\text{Ex}(K_4, K_{2,3})$
- **Series parallel Graphs:**  $\text{Ex}(K_4)$
  
- **Planar Graphs:**  $\text{Ex}(K_5, K_{3,3})$

# Sub-critical Graphs

**Lemma.** Suppose that  $B(x)$  has radius of convergence  $\eta \in (0, \infty]$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \eta} B''(x) = \infty \implies \text{sub-critical.}$$

**Corollary** If  $B^\bullet(x) = B'(x)$  is entire or has a squareroot singularity:

$$B^\bullet(x) = g(x) - h(x) \sqrt{1 - \frac{x}{\eta}},$$

then we are in the **sub-critical** case.

This applies for **outerplanar** and **series-parallel** graphs.

# Sub-critical Graphs

What does “**sub-critical**” mean?

In a sub-critical graph class the **average size of the 2-connected components is bounded**.

⇒ This leads to a **tree like structure**.

⇒ The **law of large numbers** should apply so that we can expect **universal behaviors** that are independent of the the precise structure of 2-connected components.

# Unlabelled Graph Classes

## Cycle index sums

$$Z_{\mathcal{G}}(s_1, s_2, \dots) := \sum_n \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\sigma, g \in \mathfrak{S}_n \times \mathcal{G}_n \\ \sigma \cdot g = g}} s_1^{c_1(\sigma)} s_2^{c_2(\sigma)} \dots s_n^{c_n(\sigma)}$$

where  $c_j(\sigma)$  denotes the number of cycles of size  $j$  in  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$

$$G(x) = Z_{\mathcal{G}}(x, x^2, x^3, \dots)$$

$$Z_{\mathcal{G}^\bullet}(s_1, s_2, \dots) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s_1} Z_{\mathcal{G}}(s_1, s_2, \dots)$$

$$G^\bullet(x) = Z_{\mathcal{G}^\bullet}(x, x^2, x^3, \dots) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s_1} Z_{\mathcal{G}}(x, x^2, x^3, \dots)$$

# Unlabelled Graph Classes

## Block decomposition

$$C^\bullet(x) = \exp \left( \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{1}{i} Z_{B^\bullet}(x^i C^\bullet(x^i), x^{2i} C^\bullet(x^{2i}), \dots) \right)$$

- Dichotomy between **sub-critical** and **critical** can be defined in a natural way.
- Unlabelled **trees** are **sub-critical**.
- Unlabelled **outerplanar graphs** are **sub-critical**
- Unlabelled **series-parallel graphs** are **sub-critical**.

# Sub-critical Graphs

## Universal properties

- Asymptotic enumeration:

Labelled case:

$$c_n \sim c n^{-5/2} \rho^{-n} n!$$

Unlabelled case:

$$c_n \sim c n^{-5/2} \rho^{-n}$$

( $c > 0$ ,  $\rho$  ... radius of convergence of  $C(z)$ )

[D.+Fusy+Kang+Kraus+Rue 2011]

# Sub-critical Graphs

- Asymptotic enumeration:

$$C^\bullet(x) = e^{B^\bullet(xC^\bullet(x))}$$

$$\longrightarrow xC^\bullet(x) = xC'(x) = g(x) - h(x)\sqrt{1 - \frac{x}{\rho}}$$

$$\longrightarrow [x^n]xC'(x) = \frac{n c_n}{n!} \sim c n^{-3/2} \rho^{-n}$$

$$\longrightarrow \boxed{c_n \sim c n^{-5/2} \rho^{-n} n!}.$$



# Additive Parameters in **Subcritical** Graph Classes

**Theorem 1** [D.+Fusy+Kang+Kraus+Rue]

$X_n$  ... number of **edges** / number of **blocks** / number of **cut-vertices**  
/ number of **vertices of degree  $k$**

$$\implies \boxed{\frac{X_n - \mu n}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)}$$

with  $\mu > 0$  and  $\sigma^2 \geq 0$ .

**Remark.** There is an easy to check “combinatorial condition” that ensures  $\sigma^2 > 0$ .

# Additive Parameters in **Subcritical** Graph Classes

## Proof Methods:

Refined versions of the functional equation  $C^\bullet(x) = e^{B^\bullet(xC^\bullet(x))}$ ,  
+ singularity analysis (**always squareroot singularity**)

E.g: number of edges:

$$C^\bullet(x, y) = e^{B^\bullet(xC^\bullet(x,y), y)}$$

or number of 2-connected components:

$$C^\bullet(x, y) = e^{yB^\bullet(xC^\bullet(x,y))}$$

$$\longrightarrow C^\bullet(x, y) = g(x, y) - h(x, y) \sqrt{1 - \frac{x}{\rho(y)}}$$

$$\longrightarrow [x^n]C^\bullet(x, y) \sim c(y)\rho(y)^{-n}n^{-3/2}$$

+ application of Quasi-Power-Theorem (by Hwang).

# Graph Limits

$\mathcal{T}_e$  ... continuum random tree (CRT)

**Theorem 2** [Panagiotou+Stufler+Weller]

$\mathcal{C}$  ... sub-critical graph class of connected graphs

$$\implies \boxed{\frac{c}{\sqrt{n}} \mathcal{C}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_e}$$

with respect to the Gromov-Hausdorff metric, where  $c > 0$  is a constant.

**Corollary.** The diameter  $D_n$  as well as a typical distance in a sub-critical graph is of order  $\sqrt{n}$ .

# Graph Limits

**Theorem 3** [Stufler, Georgakopoulos+Wagner]

$\mathcal{C}$  ... sub-critical graph class of connected graphs

Then there exists a random rooted graph  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}^\bullet$  such that for all  $R > 0$  the  $R$ -neighborhood of a random vertex of a random graph in  $\mathcal{C}$  has in the limit the same distribution as the  $R$ -neighborhood of the root of  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}^\bullet$ .

**Remark.**  $\hat{\mathcal{C}}^\bullet$  is the Benjamini-Schramm limit. All local structures *stabilize*.

# Graph Limits

**Corollary** [Stufler]

$\mathcal{C}$  ... sub-critical graph class of connected graphs

$H$  ... fixed graph

$X_n^{(H)}$  ... number of occurrences of  $H$  as a subgraph in graphs of size  $n$

$$\implies \boxed{X_n^{(H)}/n \rightarrow c \quad \text{in prob.}}$$

for some constant  $c$ .

# Subgraph Counting

**Theorem** [D.+Ramos+Rue]

$\mathcal{G}$  ... sub-critical graph class,  $H \in \mathcal{G}$  fixed.

$X_n^{(H)}$  ... number of occurrences of  $H$  as a subgraph in graphs of size  $n$

$$\implies \boxed{\frac{X_n^{(H)} - \mu n}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)}$$

with  $\mu > 0$  and  $\sigma^2 \geq 0$ .

**Remark.** The proof is easy if  $H$  is 2-connected = **additive parameter!!!**

# Subgraph Counting

$H = P_2$  ... path of length 2

$B_j^\bullet(w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots; u)$  .... generating function of blocks in  $\mathcal{G}$ , where the root has degree  $j$ , where  $w_i$  counts the number of non-root vertices of degree  $i$ , and where  $u$  counts the number of occurrences of  $H = P_2$ .

$C_j^\bullet(x, u)$  ... generating function of connected rooted graphs in  $\mathcal{G}$ , where the root vertex has degree  $j$ , where  $x$  counts the number of (all) vertices and  $u$  the number of occurrences of  $H = P_2$ .

# Subgraph Counting

System of infinite number of equations

$$C_j^\bullet(x, u) = \sum_{s \geq 0} \frac{1}{s!} \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_s = j} u^{\sum_{i_1 < i_2} j_{i_1} j_{i_2}} \\ \times \prod_{i=1}^s B_{j_i}^\bullet \left( x \sum_{\ell_1 \geq 0} u^{\ell_1} C_{\ell_1}^\bullet(x, u), x \sum_{\ell_2 \geq 0} u^{2\ell_2} C_{\ell_2}^\bullet(x, u), \dots; u \right), \\ (j \geq 0)$$

$$C_j^\bullet(x, 1) = \sum_{s \geq 0} \frac{1}{s!} \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_s = j} \prod_{i=1}^s B_{j_i}^\bullet(x C^\bullet(x), x C^\bullet(x), \dots; 1)$$

$$C^\bullet(x) = \sum_{\ell \geq 0} C_\ell^\bullet(x, 1)$$



# Subgraph Counting

## System of infinite number of equations

**Lemma** [D.+Gittenberger+Morgenbesser]

Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}(z) = (A_j(z))_{j \geq 0} = \Phi(z, \mathbf{A}(z))$  is a **positive, non-linear, infinite** and **strongly connected** system such that the **Jacobian**  $\Phi_{\mathbf{a}}(z, \mathbf{a})$  is **compact** for  $z > 0$  and  $\mathbf{a} > \mathbf{0}$ .

Let  $z_0 > 0$ ,  $\mathbf{a}_0 = (a_{j,0})_{j \geq 0}$  (inside the region of convergence) satisfy the system of equations:

$$\mathbf{a}_0 = \Phi(z_0, \mathbf{a}_0), \quad r(\Phi_{\mathbf{a}}(z_0, \mathbf{a}_0)) = 1,$$

where  $r(\cdot)$  denotes the spectral radius.

Then there exists analytic function  $g_j(z), h_j(z) \neq 0$  such that locally

$$A_j(z) = g_j(z) - h_j(z) \sqrt{1 - \frac{z}{z_0}}.$$

with  $g_j(z_0) = a_{j,0}$  and  $h_j(z_0) > 0$ .

# Subgraph Counting

**Extension** [D.+Gittenberger+Morgenbesser]

Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}(z, u) = (A_j(z, u))_{j \geq 0} = \Phi(z, u, \mathbf{A}(z, u))$  is a **positive, non-linear, infinite** and **strongly connected** system such that the **Jacobian  $\Phi_{\mathbf{a}}(z, 1, \mathbf{a})$  is compact** for  $z > 0$  and  $\mathbf{a} > \mathbf{0}$ .

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Then there exists analytic function  $g_j(z, u), h_j(z, u) \neq 0$  and  $\rho(u)$  such that locally

$$A_j(z, u) = g_j(z, u) - h_j(z, u) \sqrt{1 - \frac{z}{\rho(u)}}.$$

with  $g_j(z_0, 1) = a_{j,0}$ ,  $h_j(z_0, 1) > 0$ , and  $\rho(1) = z_0$ .

# Subgraph Counting

## Central Limit Theorem

$$\implies A(z, u) = g(z, u) - h(z, u) \sqrt{1 - \frac{z}{\rho(u)}}$$

$$\longrightarrow [z^n]A(z, u) \sim C(u)\rho(u)^{-n}n^{-3/2}$$

+ application of Quasi-Power-Theorem (by Hwang) implies CLT.

# Subgraph Counting

Special case of infinite system

$$A_j = \Phi_j(z, u, A_0, A_1, \dots), \quad j \geq 0,$$

with

$$\Phi_j(z, 1, A_0, A_1, \dots) = \tilde{\Phi}_j(z, A_0 + A_1 + \dots),$$

so that  $A = A_0 + A_1 + \dots$  satisfies

$$A = \tilde{\Phi}(z, A),$$

where

$$\tilde{\Phi}(z, A) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \tilde{\Phi}_j(z, A) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \Phi(z, 1, A_0, A_1, \dots)$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial \Phi_j}{\partial a_i}(z, 1, \mathbf{a}) \quad \text{does not depend on } i$$

$$\implies \Phi_{\mathbf{a}}(z, 1, \mathbf{a}) \quad \text{is compact}$$

**Thank You for Your Attention!**