

The addition rule

Suppose choosing something means either making one choice in C_1 ways or making a different choice in C_2 ways, and, the choices do not overlap at all. Then the total number of choices is $C_1 + C_2$.

In other words, when A and B are disjoint (no overlap)

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$$

Ex. Want lunch —

Restaurant A has 13 menu items
Restaurant B has 24 menu items } no overlap.

Total # of lunch choices is $13 + 24 = 37$.

Ex. 10 soups, want to make a schedule for up to 4 days. (1 to 4).

We can count # schedules for each # of days separately, then add.

$$\underbrace{10}_{\text{\# of 1-day schedules}} + \underbrace{10 \cdot 9}_{\text{\# of 2-day schedules}} + 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 + 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \text{ etc.}$$

Alternatively:

- 10 choices for the first day
- AND choose what to do for the remaining 3 days:
 - Not eat any more soup (1 choice)
 - OR
 - Eat a soup (9 choices) AND choose what to do for the remaining 2 days.

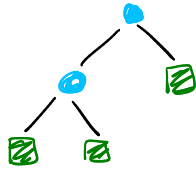
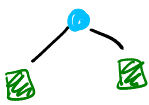
$$10 \cdot (1 + 9 \cdot (1 + 8 \cdot (1 + 7)))$$

Ex.

Def'n A binary tree is either

- A "leaf", or

- A "branch" with left + right subtrees which are both binary trees.



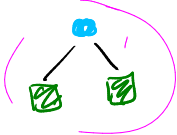
Q: How many binary trees are there with n branch nodes?

n Trees w/ n branch nodes

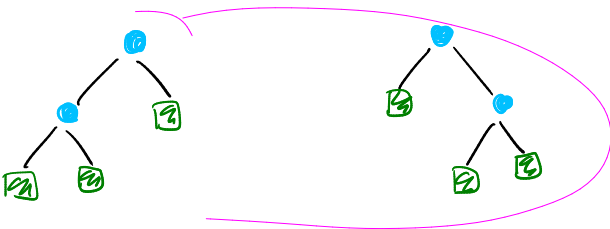
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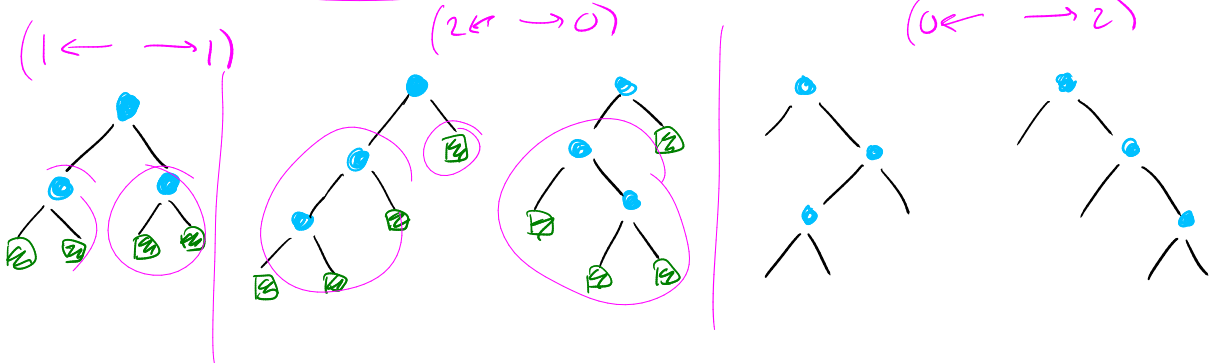
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In general, to make a tree, we

1. Put 1 branch node @ the root

2. Decide how many branch nodes go on L vs. R

3. Choose 2 subtrees of appropriate sizes.

← addition

← product rule.

Let $T(n)$ be # of binary trees w/ n branch nodes.

$$T(0) = 1$$

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$T(2) = 2$$

$$T(3) = \underbrace{T(2) \cdot T(0)}_{\substack{\text{tree w/ 2 on left} \\ \text{AND 0 on right}}} \text{ OR } \underbrace{T(1) \cdot T(1)}_{\substack{1 \text{ on left} \\ \text{AND } 1 \text{ on right}}} + T(0) \cdot T(2) \dots$$
$$= 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 = 5$$

$$T(4) = T(3) \cdot T(0) + T(2) \cdot T(1) + T(1) \cdot T(2) + T(0) \cdot T(3)$$
$$= 5 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 5$$
$$= 14.$$

$$T(5) = T(4) \cdot T(0) + T(3) \cdot T(1) + T(2) \cdot T(2) + T(1) \cdot T(3) + T(0) \cdot T(4)$$
$$= 14 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 5 + 1 \cdot 14$$
$$= 42.$$

1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, ...

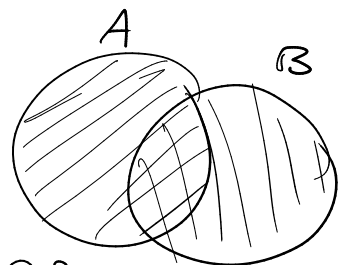
Catalan numbers

The subtraction rule

If choosing something means making one choice in C_1 ways, OR another choice in C_2 ways, the total # of choices is

$$C_1 + C_2 - \underline{(\# \text{ of choices in common})}$$

ie $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$



Ex. Lunches, again: 13 choices @ A, 24 choices @ B,
but 9 on both. Total choices = $13 + 24 - 9$.

Ex. How many strings of 8 bits either start w/ 1 or end w/ 00?

- # strings start w/ 1? 2^7 - 1 choice for 1st bit, 2 for each subsequent bit.

- # strings end w/ 00? 2^6 .

- # strings start w/ 1 AND end w/ 00? 2^5 .

Hence, total is $\underline{2^7 + 2^6 - 2^5}$. (= 160)

(generalizes to Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion, \cup .)

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$