

Analytic Combinatorics Program IV.1

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I wrote the following code:

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import java.util.Arrays;

public class Permutations {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        final int arraySize = 20;
        final int sampleSize = 100000000;
        int counter = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < sampleSize; i++) {
            int[] perm = fisherYates(arraySize);
            boolean validPerm = true;
            for (int j = 0; j < arraySize; j++) {
                if (perm[perm[j]] == j) {
                    validPerm = false;
                    break;
                }
            }
            if (validPerm) {
                counter++;
            }
        }
        System.out.println((double) counter / sampleSize);
    }

    public static int[] fisherYates(int arraySize) {
        // Generates a random permutation of size arraySize.
        int[] perm = new int[arraySize];
        for (int i = 0; i < arraySize; i++) {
            perm[i] = i;
        }
        for (int i = arraySize - 1; i > 0; i--) {
            int rand = (int) (Math.random() * (i + 1));
            int temp = perm[rand];
            perm[rand] = perm[i];
            perm[i] = temp;
        }
        return perm;
    }
}
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For $N = 10$ (i.e. arraySize equal to 10), we obtain a fraction of 0.22315024 from a sample size of one hundred million. (The standard deviation here is on the order of one divided by the square root of 100,000,000, so this is almost certainly accurate to within 0.001.) For $N = 20$, we obtain a fraction of 0.22314142.

A permutation with no singleton or doubleton cycles is a set of cycles of size greater than 2, i.e. $P = SET(CYC_{>2}(Z))$. We thus obtain the EGF

$$P(z) = \ln \frac{1}{1-z} - z - \frac{1}{2}z^2 = \frac{1}{1-z} \cdot e^{-z-\frac{1}{2}z^2}$$

We have written $P(z)$ as a convolution of a function with $1 + z + z^2 + \dots$, so the N -th coefficient of $P(z)$ is the sum of the first N coefficients of $e^{-z-\frac{1}{2}z^2}$. We thus have

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [z^N]P(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-z-\frac{1}{2}z^2} = e^{-z-\frac{1}{2}z^2} \Big|_{z=1} = e^{-1.5} \approx 0.22313016.$$

This is precisely the value we want: being an EGF, the N -th coefficient of $P(z)$ is already divided by $N!$, so we do not need to divide by $N!$ to compute the ratio. Our simulation indeed returns values very close to this limit, with the value returned for $N = 20$ slightly closer than the value returned for $N = 10$.