

Using combinatorial classes as in *Analytic Combinatorics* by Flajolet and Sedgewick we have the following class  $\mathcal{P}$  of permutations with *exactly*  $k$   $m$ -cycles

$$\mathcal{P} = \text{SET}(\text{CYC}_{=1}(\mathcal{Z}) + \text{CYC}_{=2}(\mathcal{Z}) + \dots + \text{CYC}_{=m-1}(\mathcal{Z}) + \text{CYC}_{=m+1}(\mathcal{Z}) + \dots) \times \text{SET}_{=k}(\text{CYC}_{=m}(\mathcal{Z})).$$

This gives the EGF

$$\begin{aligned} G(z) &= \exp\left(z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{z^{m-1}}{m-1} + \frac{z^{m+1}}{m+1} + \dots\right) \frac{1}{k!} \left[\frac{z^m}{m}\right]^k \\ &= \exp\left(\log \frac{1}{1-z}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{z^m}{m}\right) \frac{1}{k!} \left[\frac{z^m}{m}\right]^k \\ &= \frac{1}{1-z} \exp\left(-\frac{z^m}{m}\right) \frac{1}{k!} \left[\frac{z^m}{m}\right]^k. \end{aligned}$$

Extracting the coefficient on the EGF in  $z$  we find

$$\begin{aligned} n![z^n]G(z) &= n![z^n] \frac{1}{1-z} \exp\left(-\frac{z^m}{m}\right) \frac{1}{k!} \left[\frac{z^m}{m}\right]^k \\ &= \frac{n!}{m^k k!} [z^{n-mk}] \frac{1}{1-z} \exp\left(-\frac{z^m}{m}\right) \\ &= \frac{n!}{m^k k!} \sum_{q=0}^{\lfloor n/m \rfloor - k} [z^{n-mk-qm}] \frac{1}{1-z} [z^{qm}] \exp\left(-\frac{z^m}{m}\right) \\ &= \frac{n!}{m^k k!} \sum_{q=0}^{\lfloor n/m \rfloor - k} [z^{qm}] \exp\left(-\frac{z^m}{m}\right) \\ &= \frac{n!}{m^k k!} \sum_{q=0}^{\lfloor n/m \rfloor - k} [z^q] \exp\left(-\frac{z}{m}\right). \end{aligned}$$

This is

$$\frac{n!}{m^k k!} \sum_{q=0}^{\lfloor n/m \rfloor - k} \frac{(-1)^q}{m^q q!} \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{n!}{m^k k!} \exp(-1/m).$$

Observe that when  $n = mk$  so there are no other cycles this will produce  $\frac{n!}{m^k k!}$ . Note also that e.g. it is not possible to have exactly  $n - 1$  fixed points in a permutation of length  $n$  because the last fixed point is forced to join. And indeed setting  $m = 1$  we get (derangement numbers appear)

$$\frac{n!}{k!} \sum_{q=0}^{n-k} \frac{(-1)^q}{q!} = \frac{n!}{(n-1)!} \sum_{q=0}^1 \frac{(-1)^q}{q!} = n \times (1 - 1) = 0.$$