

GFAPH AND PERMANENT

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The permanent of a matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (m \leq n) \quad (1)$$

has been defined as :

$$\text{per}(A) = \sum a_{1\alpha_1} a_{2\alpha_2} \dots a_{m\alpha_m} \quad (2)$$

where the sum is taken over all permutation  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)$  of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , and its value is also denoted by

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix} \quad (3)$$

though the permanent may seem familiar to the idea of the determinant, the concept is very different. And the evaluation of the permanents are in general very hard.

The work is usuary given by the next theorem ( Cf.[1] )

Theorem 1 (Ryser) Let A be a matrix of  $m \times n$  ( $m \leq n$ ) type.

And let  $A_r$  denote a matrix obtained from A by repracing r colums of A by zeros.

Let  $S(A_r)$  denote the product of the row sums of  $A_r$ , and let  $\sum S(A_r)$  denote the sums of the  $S(A_r)$  over all of the choice for  $A_r$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{per}(A) = & \sum S(A_{n-m}) - \binom{n-m+1}{1} \sum S(A_{n-m+1}) \\ & + \binom{n-m+2}{2} \sum S(A_{n-m+2}) - \dots \\ & \dots + (-1)^{m-1} \binom{n-1}{m-1} \sum S(A_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

And, as a corollary of this theorem, we have

Corollary. Let A be a matrix of order n, then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{per}(A) = & S(A) - \sum S(A_1) + \sum S(A_2) - \dots \\ & \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \sum S(A_{n-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

For example,

$$\text{per}(I) = \begin{vmatrix} + & & & + \\ 1 & & 0 & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & 0 & & 1 \\ & & & & + \end{vmatrix} = 1 \quad (I = I_n) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{per}(J) = \begin{vmatrix} + & & & + \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & \\ & & & + \end{vmatrix} = n! \quad (J = J_n) \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{per}(J-I) = \text{per}(A(K_n)) = & \begin{vmatrix} + & & & + \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & & & + \end{vmatrix} \\ = n! & \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix}
 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1
 \end{vmatrix} = S(A_4) - \binom{5}{1} \sum S(A_5) + \binom{6}{2} \sum S(A_6) - \binom{7}{3} S(A_7) = 136 \quad (9)$$

Let,  $G(V,L)$  be a bipartite graph, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m; v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \\
 &= \{U_m; V_n\} \quad \text{say.}
 \end{aligned}$$

And, let  $B$  be its bipartite matrix

$$B = B(G) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ b_{m1} & b_{m2} & \dots & b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

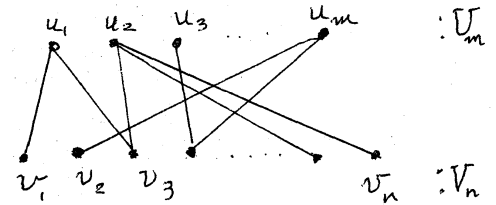


fig. 1

where

$$b_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & (u_i, v_j \text{ are adjacent}) \\ 0 & (u_i, v_j \text{ are not adjacent}) \end{cases}$$

For example

$$B(K_{m,n}) = \begin{matrix} & \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_n \\ \left. \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{matrix} \right\} m \end{matrix} \quad (10)$$

$$B(B_S) = \begin{matrix} \left. \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{matrix} \right\} n \end{matrix} \quad (11)$$

$$B(K_{m,n} - B_S) = \begin{matrix} \left. \begin{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{matrix} \right\} n \end{matrix} \quad (\text{Cf. fig 2}) \quad (12)$$

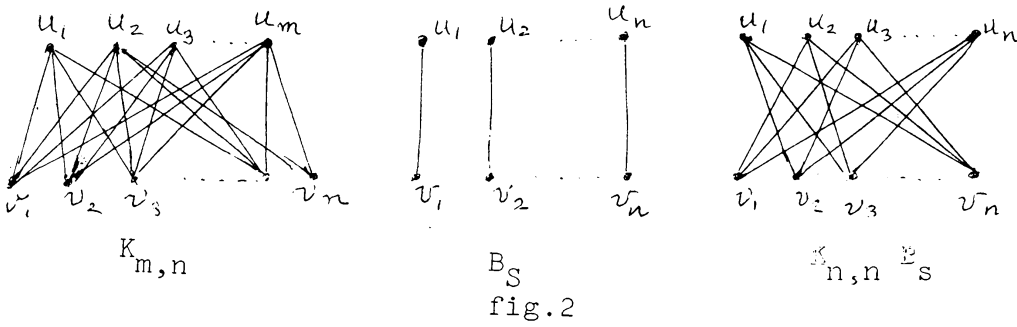


fig.2

We will call  $K_{m,n}-B_S$  as semi-complete  $m \times n$  bipartite graph, and this corresponds to the  $n$ -th complete graph  $K_n$ .

In general, we obtain an adjacent (square) matrix  $A(G)$  to a given graph  $G$ . And by regarding  $A(G)$  as a  $n \times n$  bipartite matrix, we can construct a bipartite graph  $B_G$  from the linear graph  $G$ . We will call this process the Bipartite Transformation. That is

$$\varphi: G \xrightarrow{A(G)} B_G \quad (A(G)=B(B_G)) \quad (13)$$

For example

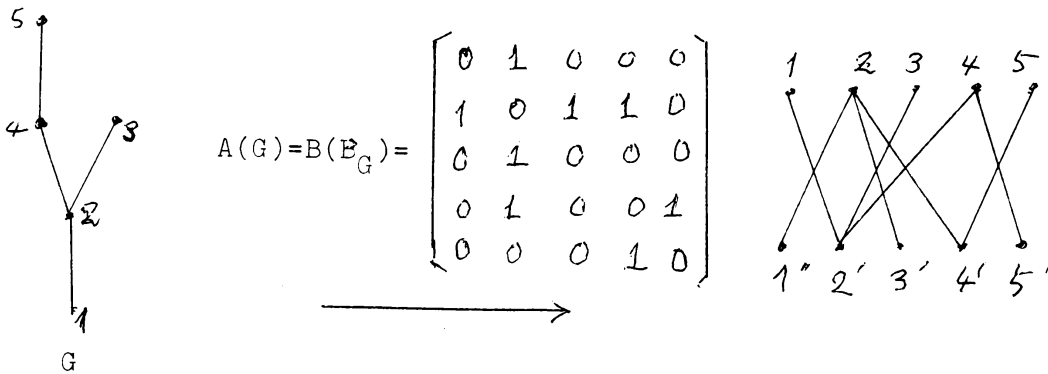


fig.3

For the permutation  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$ , we can consider a bipartite graph, as the vertexes

$$V = \{1, 2, \dots, n; 1', 2', \dots, n'\}$$

and, where  $v$  is adjacent to  $i_v$ , and  $v$  is not adjacent

to  $i_\mu$  ( $\nu \neq \mu$ ). This graph is a 1-factor graph, and we call this graph as the Permutation graph.

And the bipartete matrix  $P$  for permutation graph is called permutation matrix, which satisfy the condition

$$PP^t = I \tag{13}$$

The value of permanent of permutation graph is equals to 1, and the converse is also valid; that is

$$\text{per}(P)=1 \iff P \text{ is permutation matrix}$$

And let  $A$  be a square matrix, and  $P_1, P_2$  be permutation matrixes, then we can easily prove the relation

$$\text{per}(P_1AP_2) = \text{per}(A) . \tag{14}$$

A linear graph is mapped into a bipartete graph by the bipartete transformation, but its converse is not true (see fig.4).

A separated linear graph is mapped into a separate bipartete graph (see fig.5), and abipartete (contains the tree graph) is mapped into a separated bipartete graph by suitably labelling. (here linear graph means simple gf.)

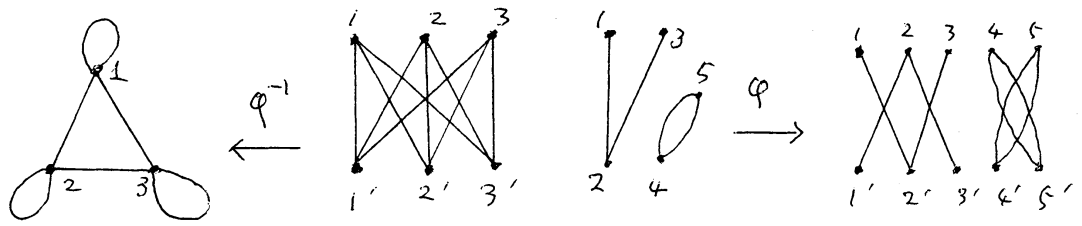


fig. 4

fig.5

Now the permanent of matrix  $A$  is the number of different 1-factor of  $G(A)([4])$ . that is

$$\text{per}(A) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = \text{the number of different 1-factors of } B(A)$$

This is one of the graphical meaning of permanent with respect to the bipartete graph  $B(A)$  from  $A$ . And we can extend this fact a little more;

Theorem 2 Let  $B_{m,n}$  ( $m \times n$ ) be a bipartete graph, where

$$V = \{U_m, V_n\} = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m; v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$$

and  $B(B_{m,n})$  be its bipartete matrix, then the value of  $\text{per}(B(B_{m,n}))$  is equals to number of all 1-factor graph which pass the points of  $U_m$ . And their join of the all 1-factor graphs constitute the first bipartete graph.

The proof is immediate from definition of permanent of binary bipartete matrix.

It is clear that the concept of permanent of bipartete matrix relates to the enumeration in the Matching theory.

From the fact, let  $D_n, U_n$  be the number of Derangement and Ménage respectively, then we have

$$D_n = \text{per}(J-I) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & & 1 \\ & \ddots & \\ 1 & & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{fig.6, see(8)})$$

$$U_n = \text{per}(J-I-C) = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{fig.7}) \quad (15)$$

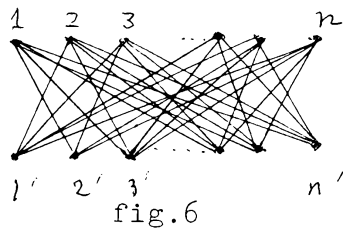


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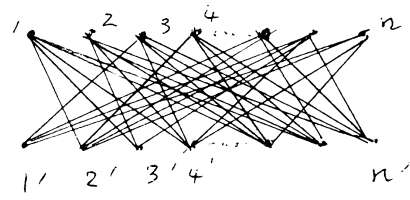


fig.7

Generally, for the substitution  $1 \rightarrow \nu+1, 2 \rightarrow \nu+2, \dots, n \rightarrow n+\nu \pmod{n}$ , the value of permanent of the correspondence bipartite matrix will be called  $\nu$ -th Derangement number, and is denoted by  $D_n^{(\nu)}$ , and specially  $D_n^{(1)} \equiv D_n, D_n^{(2)} \equiv U_n$ ; that is

$$D_n = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} + & \underbrace{1} & & & \underbrace{\nu+1} & & & \underbrace{n} & + \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{matrix} & \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} + & \underbrace{1} & & & \underbrace{\nu+1} & & & \underbrace{n} & + \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{matrix}} \right\} n \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

But the evaluation of  $D_n^{(\nu)}$  is the other things.

Next, we will tell the meaning of the permanent;

A linear subgraph of directed graph  $D$  is a spanning subgraph (pass all the points of  $D$ ) in which every point has both indegree and outdegree 1. Then  $\text{per}(A)$  is the number of different linear subgraphs of  $D(A)$ . This is clearly a rephrasing of the definition of  $D(A)$  where  $A$  is a adjacent matrix of directed graph  $D$ . And, if  $A$  is regarded as an incidence matrix with rows as sets and columns as elements, then it is known that  $\text{per}(A)$  is the number of S.D.R.'s (systems of distinct representatives). That is;

Theorem 3 If  $A$  is the incidence matrix for an S.D.R. problem, then the value of  $\text{per}(A)$  equals to the number

of S.D.R.'s for that problem.

Moreover, as for the magnitude of permanent, we can prove next formula;

Theorem 4(Marcus-May) If A is an n-square matrix with eigenvalues  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ , then

$$|\text{per}(A)| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^e \quad (\text{Cf. [5]}) \quad (17)$$

Now we will consider the permanent by using the linear forms with bases (the operation are usual summation +, multiplication  $\overset{+}{\wedge}$ )

$$e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \quad (e_i \overset{+}{\wedge} e_j = e_j \overset{+}{\wedge} e_i)$$

where they have the subsidiary conditions;

$$e_i \overset{+}{\wedge} e_i = 0 \quad (\text{Or simply denote } e_i \cdot e_i = e_i^2 = 0) \quad (18)$$

that is, we will consider the sets of linear forms

$$a_i = a_{i1}e_1 + a_{i2}e_2 + \dots + a_{in}e_n \quad (a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (19)$$

in n-dimensional linear vector space, which next basis;

$$e_0; e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n; e_1 \overset{+}{\wedge} e_2, \dots, e_{n-1} \overset{+}{\wedge} e_n; \\ e_1 \overset{+}{\wedge} e_2 \overset{+}{\wedge} e_3, \dots, e_{n-2} \overset{+}{\wedge} e_{n-1} \overset{+}{\wedge} e_n; \dots; e_1 \overset{+}{\wedge} e_2 \overset{+}{\wedge} \dots \overset{+}{\wedge} e_n \quad (20)$$

Then we will define the permanent of A as follows;

$$\text{per}(A) = (a_1 \overset{+}{\wedge} a_2 \overset{+}{\wedge} \dots \overset{+}{\wedge} a_n) / (e_1 \overset{+}{\wedge} e_2 \overset{+}{\wedge} \dots \overset{+}{\wedge} e_n) \quad (21)$$

when  $m=n$ , and

$$\text{per}(A) = \left\{ (a_1 \overset{+}{\wedge} a_2 \overset{+}{\wedge} \dots \overset{+}{\wedge} a_m) \overset{+}{\wedge} (\sum_i e_i \overset{+}{\wedge} e_{i_2} \overset{+}{\wedge} \dots \overset{+}{\wedge} e_{i_{n-m}}) \right\} \\ \div (e_1 \overset{+}{\wedge} e_2 \overset{+}{\wedge} \dots \overset{+}{\wedge} e_n) \quad (22)$$

when  $m < n$ .

From this definition, we can easily deduce next formulas ;

$$\text{I. } \text{per}(A) = \text{Per}(A^t) \quad \text{when } m=n \quad (A^t: \text{transposed matrix of } A)$$

(23)



$$\text{II.} \quad \text{per} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \text{per} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_j \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (i \neq j) \quad (24)$$

$$\text{III.} \quad \text{per} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i + a_i' \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \text{per} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} + \text{per} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i' \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (25)$$

$$\text{IIII.} \quad \text{per} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ k a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = k \text{per} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \quad (k \in \mathbb{R}) \quad (26)$$

V. Similar formula of the cofactor expansion by row in determinant theory, that is

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{v=1}^n a_{1v} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & \dots & a_{2v} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mv} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{vmatrix} \quad (27)$$

It is considerable convenient to compute the value of permanent of binary (matrix with 0's and 1's as entry, especially when it has many 0's) matrix by the formula (27).

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