

Since any subgroup of a solvable group is solvable, G cannot be solvable.

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THE ENUMERATION OF LABELED TREES BY DEGREES

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1. In [1] Cayley showed that the total number of (free) trees with labeled vertices v_1, \dots, v_n is n^{n-2} by exhibiting a correspondence between them and the terms of $(v_1 + \dots + v_n)^{n-2} v_1 v_2 \dots v_n$. This note shows that the correspondence determines the trees of given degree specification (the degree of a point is the number of lines incident to it; the degree specification is (k_1, k_2, \dots) with k_i the number of points of degree i). More precisely, if $T(n; k_1, k_2, \dots)$ is the number of labeled trees with degree specification (k_1, k_2, \dots) it will be shown that

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} T_n(x_1, x_2, \dots) &= \sum T(n; k_1, k_2, \dots) x_1^{k_1} x_2^{k_2} \dots \\ &= x_1^n Y_{n-2}(f x_2 x_1^{-1}, \dots, f x_{n-1} x_1^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

with $f^k \equiv f_k = (n)_k = n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)$, and Y_n the Bell multi-variable polynomial.

2. In symmetric function notation Cayley's expression is $(1)^{n-2}(1^n)$ on n variables. The multinomial theorem in symmetric function form [2, p. 43] is

$$(1)^n = \sum \frac{n!}{1!^{k_1} \dots n!^{k_n}} (1^{k_1} 2^{k_2} \dots n^{k_n}), \quad k_1 + 2k_2 + \dots + nk_n = n.$$

Hence, on n variables