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Description A set of tools to permute multisets without loops or hash tables and to generate integer partitions. The permutation functions are based on C code from Aaron Williams. Cool-lex order is similar to colexicographical order. The algorithm is described in Williams, A. (2009) <DOI:10.1145/1496770.1496877> Loopless Generation of Multiset Permutations by Prefix Shifts. Symposium on Discrete Algorithms, New York, United States. The permutation code is distributed without restrictions. The code for stable and efficient computation of multinomial coefficients comes from Dave Barber. The code can be download from <http://tamivox.org/dave/multinomial/code.html> and is distributed without conditions. The package also generates the integer partitions of a positive, non-zero integer $n$. The C++ code for this is based on Python code from Jerome Kelleher which can be found here <http://jeromekelleher.net/tag/integer-partitions.html>. The C++ code and Python code are distributed without conditions.

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allPerm

Generate and return all permutations of a multiset

Description

This function will return all permutations of a multiset

Usage

allPerm(mcObj)

Arguments

mcObj an object of class mc - usually generated by initMC

Details

This function will return all permutations of a multiset. It makes no check to see if this is a sensible thing to do. Users are advised to check how many permutations are possible using the multinom function in this package.

Value

A matrix with each row being a different permutation of the multiset

Note

This function does not warn the user that the requested set of permutations may be very large. In addition, all working is handled entirely in memory, and so this may cause it to crash if the request is exceptionally large.

Author(s)

James M. Curran

See Also

initMC, multinom
Examples

```r
## a small numeric example with 6 permutations
x = c(1,1,2,2)
m = initMC(x)
allPerm(m)

## a large character example - 60 possibilities
x = rep(letters[1:3], 3:1)
multinom(x) ## calculate the number of permutations
m = initMC(x)
allPerm(m)
```

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**Bell**

*Compute the Bell numbers*

**Description**

This function computes the Bell numbers, which is the sum of Stirling numbers of the second kind, \( S(n, k) \), over \( k = 1, \ldots, n \), i.e.

\[
B_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n} S(n, k), n \geq 1
\]

**Usage**

```r
Bell(n)
B(n)
```

**Arguments**

- `n` A vector of one or more non-zero positive integers

**Value**

An vector of Bell numbers

**Author(s)**

James Curran

**References**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stirling_numbers_of_the_second_kind#Recurrence_relation

**See Also**

Stirling2
**Examples**

```r
## returns B(6)
Bell(6)

## returns B(1), B(2), ..., B(6)
B(1:6)
```

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**genComp**

*Generate all, or a subset, of the integer partitions of an integer n.*

**Description**

This function will return either all, or a length restricted subset of the integer partitions of an integer n. The method works by considering compositions rather than partitions, hence the name.

**Usage**

```r
genComp(n, len = TRUE, addZeros = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- **n**
  A positive non-zero integer
- **len**
  Either logical `TRUE`, or an integer less than or equal to n. If the latter form is used then only those partitions of length less than or equal to len are returned
- **addZeros**
  If true then the empty partitions are added to the list of partitions.

**Details**

This function will return all partitions, or a subset, of an integer n. It makes no check to see if this is a sensible thing to do. It also does it in a lazy way in that in the restricted case it generates all partitions and then only returns those that satisfy the length constraint. Users are advised to check how many partitions are possible using partition number function which is implemented the \( P \) function in the `partitions` package. Having said this \( P(50) \) is approximately 200 thousand, and \( P(100) \) around 190 million, so the function should work well for smallish n.

**Value**

A list with each list element representing an integer partition

**Note**

This function does not warn the user that the requested set of partitions may be very large. In addition, all working is handled entirely in memory, and so this may cause it to crash if the request is exceptionally large.

**Author(s)**

Jerome Kelleher (algorithm and Python version) and James M. Curran (C++ version/R interface)
initMC

References


Examples

```r
## a small numeric example with all 11 partitions of 6
genComp(6)

## a small example with the integer partitions of 6 of length 3 with empty partitions added
genComp(6, 3, TRUE)

## a larger example - 627 partitions of 20, but restricted to those of length 3 or smaller
genComp(20, 3)
```

initMC  

Initiate the permutation object

Description

This function initialises the permutation object. It must be called before nextPerm can be called.

Usage

```r
initMC(x)
```

Arguments

- `x`: a vector of integers, reals, logicals or characters

Value

A object of class mc which is a list containing elements

- mode - the mode of the original data in x, "integer", "double", or mode(x)
- set - either the multiset being permuted if `mode` is "integer" or a set of integers corresponding to the elements of the multiset
- elements - if `mode` is not "integer" then this contains the elements being permuted otherwise NULL
- length - the length of the multiset
- mc - a pointer to the internal C++ Multicool object. Users should not use this unless they really know what they are doing
multinom

Calculate multinomial coefficients

Description

This function calculates the number of permutations of a multiset, this being the multinomial coefficient. If a set \( X \) contains \( k \) unique elements \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k \) with associate counts (or multiplicities) of \( n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_k \), then this function returns

\[
\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2! \ldots n_k!}
\]

where \( n = \sum_{i=1}^{k} n_i \).

Usage

\( \text{multinom}(x, \text{counts} = \text{FALSE}, \text{useDouble} = \text{FALSE}) \)

Arguments

- \( x \)  
  Either a multiset (with one or more potentially non-unique elements), or if counts is TRUE a set of counts of the unique elements of \( X \). If counts is FALSE and \( x \) is not numeric, then \( x \) will be coerced into an integer vector internally. If counts is TRUE then \( x \) must be a vector of integers that are greater than, or equal to zero.

- \( \text{counts} \)  
  if counts is TRUE, then this means \( x \) is the set of counts \( n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_k \) rather than the set itself
useDouble  

if useDouble is TRUE then the computation will be done using double precision floating point arithmetic. This option was added because the internal code cannot handle integer overflow. The double precision code will may a result that is closer to the truth for large values, but this is not guaranteed. Ideally something like the GMP library should be used, but this is not a priority at this point in time.

Details

multinom depends on C++ code written by Dave Barber which can be found at http://tamivox.org/dave/multinomial/code.html. The code may require the STL algorithm library to be included in order to compile it.

Value

A single integer representing the multinomial coefficient for the given multiset, or given set of multiplicities.

Author(s)

James M. Curran, Dave Barber

References

http://tamivox.org/dave/multinomial/code.html

Examples

```r
## An example with a multiset X = (a,a,a,b,b,c)
## There are 3 a s, 2 b s and 1 c, so the answer should be
## (3+2+1)!/(3!2!1!) = 6!/3!2!1! = 60
x = rep(letters[1:3],3:1)
multinom(x)

## in this example x is a vector of counts
## the answer should be the same as above as x = c(3,2,1)
x = rep(letters[1:3],3:1)
x = as.numeric(table(x)) #coerce x into a vector of counts
multinom(x, counts = TRUE)

## An example of integer overflow. x is a vector of counts
## c(12,11,8,8,6,5). The true answer from Maple is
## 11,324,718,121,789,252,764,532,876,767,840,000
## The error in the integer based answer is obvious.
## The error using floating point is not, but from Maple is
## 0.705057123232160000e+10
## Thanks to Lev Dashevskiy for calling my attention to this.
## Not run: x = c(12,11,8,8,6,5)
multinom(x, counts = TRUE, useDouble = FALSE)
multinom(x, counts = TRUE, useDouble = TRUE)
```
nextPerm

Return the next permutation of the multiset

Description

This function returns the next permutation of the multiset if there is one. initMC called before nextPerm can be called.

Usage

nextPerm(mcObj)

Arguments

mcObj an S3 object of class mc which must be created with initMC

Value

either a vector with the next permutation of the multiset or FALSE when all permutations have been returned

Author(s)

James M. Curran

See Also

c nextPerm

Examples

x = c(1,1,2,2)
m1 = initMC(x)

for(i in 1:6){
  cat(paste(paste(nextPerm(m1),collapse="","","\n")))
}

## an example with letters
x = letters[1:4]
m2 = initMC(x)
nextPerm(m2)
nextPerm(m2)
## and so on
**Compute Stirling numbers of the second kind**

**Description**

This function computes Stirling numbers of the second kind, $S(n, k)$, which count the number of ways of partitioning $n$ distinct objects into $k$ non-empty sets.

**Usage**

```r
Stirling2(n, k)
S2(n, k)
```

**Arguments**

- `n`: A vector of one or more positive integers
- `k`: A vector of one or more positive integers

**Details**

The implementation on this function is a simple recurrence relation which defines

$$S(n, k) = kS(n - 1, k) + S(n - 1, k - 1)$$

for $k > 0$ with the initial conditions $S(0, 0) = 1$ and $S(n, 0) = S(0, n) = 0$. If $n$ and $k$ have different lengths then `expand.grid` is used to construct a vector of $(n, k)$ pairs.

**Value**

A vector of Stirling numbers of the second kind

**Author(s)**

James Curran

**References**


**Examples**

```r
## returns S(6, 3)
Stirling2(6, 3)

## returns S(6,1), S(6,2), ..., S(6,6)
S2(6, 1:6)

## returns S(6,1), S(5, 2), S(4, 3)
S2(6:4, 1:3)
```
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