

The r -Fubini–Lah numbers and polynomials

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Combinatorial interpretation

$FL_{n,r}(c)$ counts the number of ordered partitions of a set with $n+r$ elements into ordered subsets and colourings of the ordered subsets with c colours such that r distinguished elements belong to distinct ordered blocks and their ordered blocks are not coloured ($c \geq 1$).

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Another recurrence for the polynomials

If $n, r \geq 0$, then

$$FL_{n+1,r}(x) = ((r+1)x + n + 2r) FL_{n,r}(x) + (x^2 + x) FL'_{n,r}(x).$$

Dobiński type formula

If $n, r \geq 0$, then

$$FL_{n,r}(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)x^r} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+r)^{\bar{n}} k^r \left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)^k,$$

$$FL_{n,r} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+r)^{\bar{n}} k^r}{2^{k+1}}.$$

Exponential generating function

If $r \geq 0$, then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{FL_{n,r}(x)}{n!} y^n = \frac{r!}{(1-y)^{r-1}(1-y-xy)^{r+1}},$$

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Connection with the r -Fubini numbers and polynomials

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