Stirling numbers for complex reflection groups

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Let $[n] = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$. A partition of [n] into k blocks is $\rho = B_1 / ... / B_k$ were the B_i are nonempty sets with $[n] = \bigcup_i B_i$ and $B_i \neq \emptyset$ for all *i*.

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We have $s(n, k) = (-1)^{n-k} e_{n-k}(1, 2, ..., n-1).$

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Ex. If $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Theorem (SSS) Let G = G(m, p, n).

$$S(G,k) = \begin{cases} h_{n-k}(1,m+1,\ldots,km+1) := h(m,k,n) & \text{for } p < m, \\ h(m,k,n) - nh_{n-k-1}(m,2m,\ldots,km) & \text{for } p = m. \end{cases}$$

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