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## DISCRETE MATHEMATICS SEMINAR

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# *Lecture Title:* Stirling numbers for complex reflection groups

#### Abstract

The ordinary Stirling numbers count set partitions and permutations of  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$  by number of subsets and number of cycles, respectively. We show how to generalize these concepts to a complex reflection group. The ordinary Stirling numbers are recovered in type *A*. It turns out that often these Stirling numbers can be expressed in terms of elementary and homogeneous symmetric functions. We also make a connection with super coinvariant algebras. All terminology concerning Stirling numbers, symmetric functions, and complex reflection groups will be defined. This is joint work with Joshua Swanson.