

# Pattern Avoidance for k-Catalan Sequences

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# Introduction

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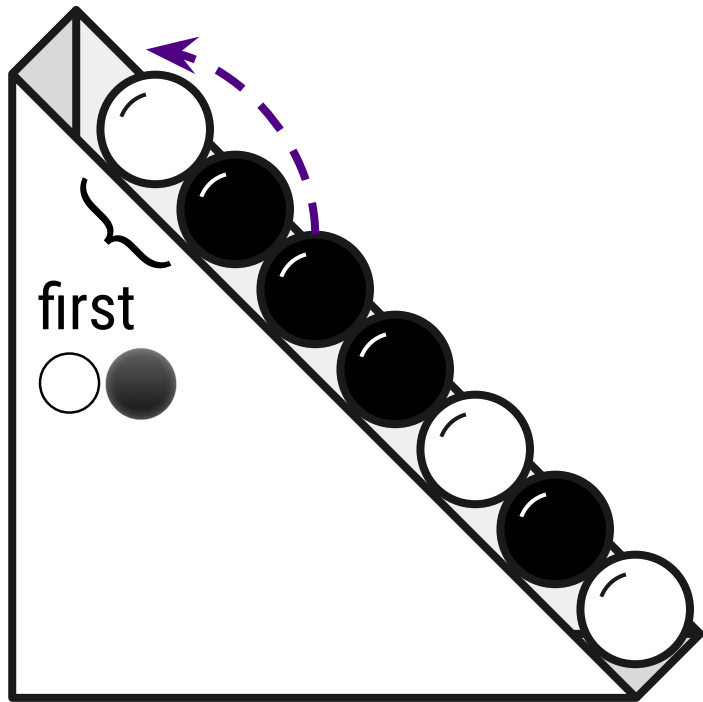
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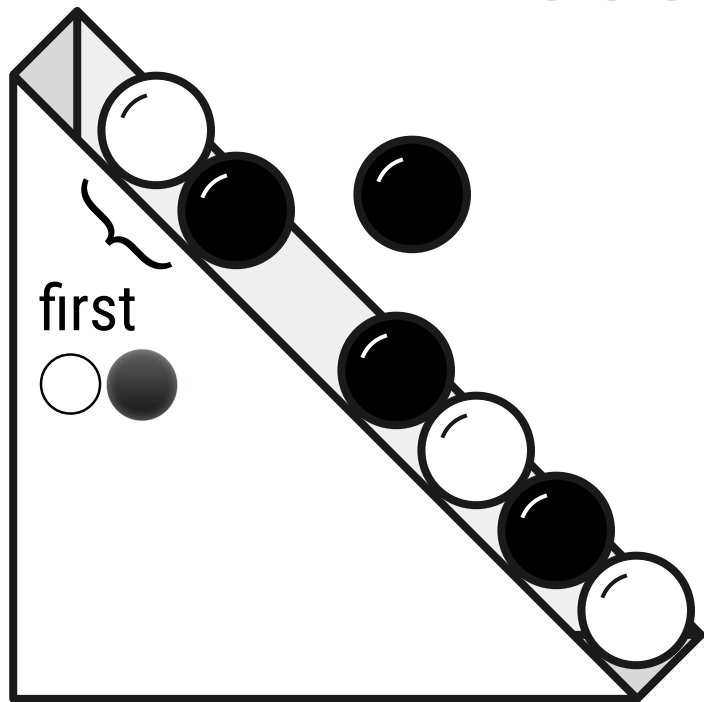
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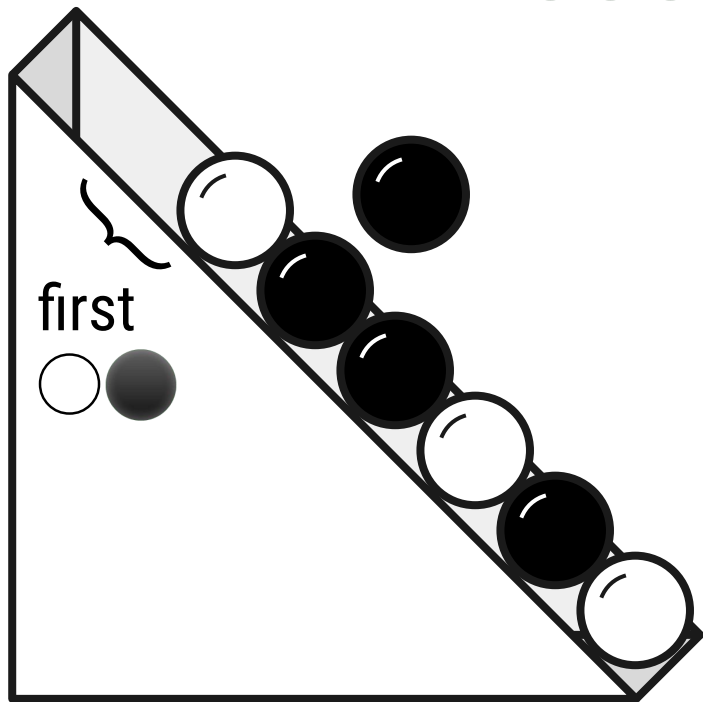
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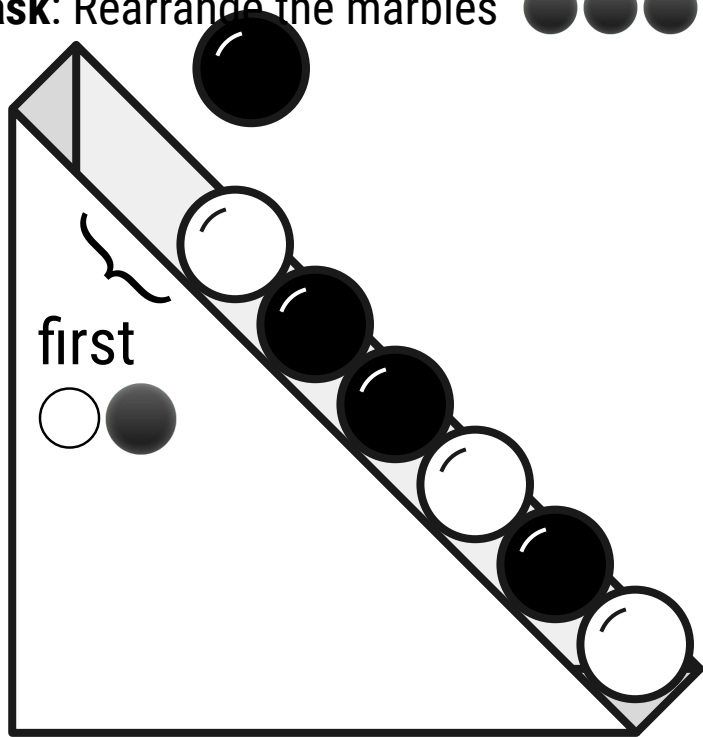
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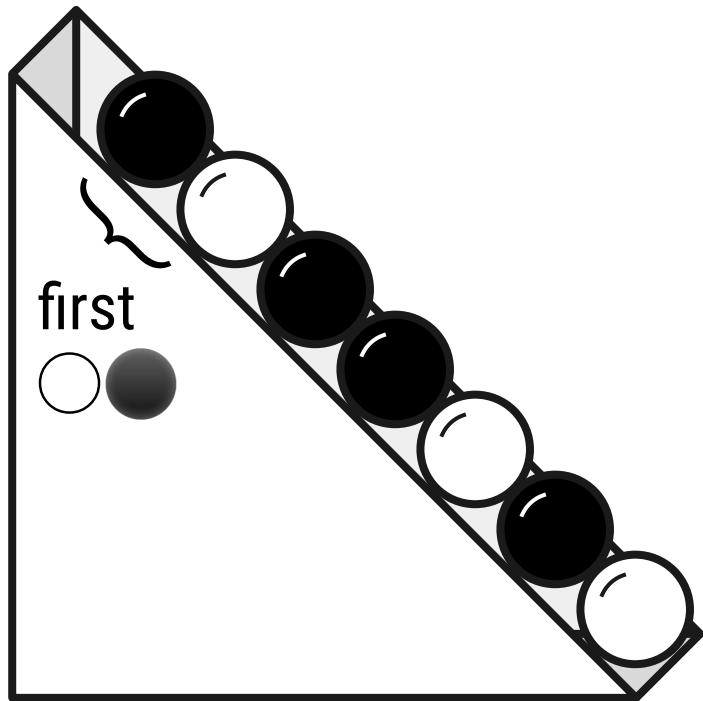
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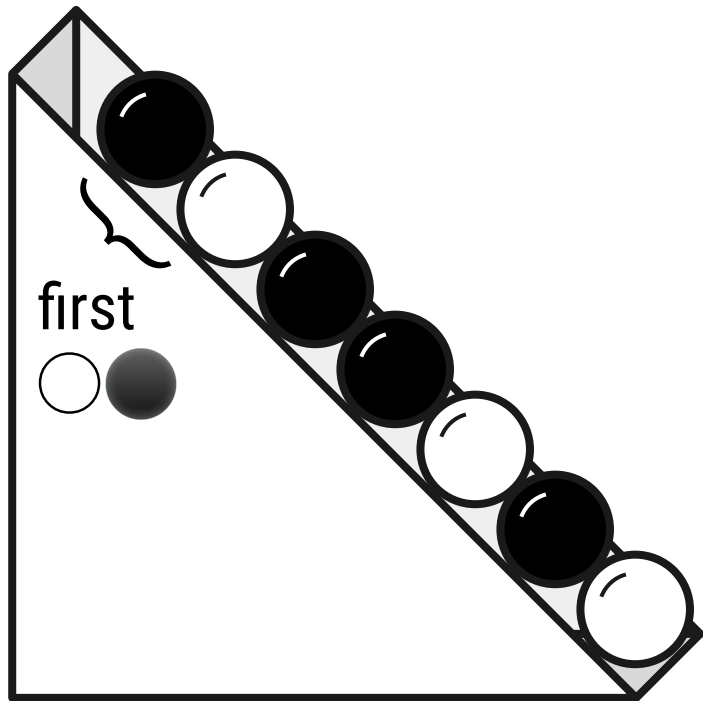


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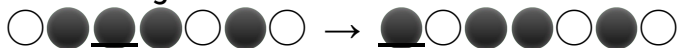


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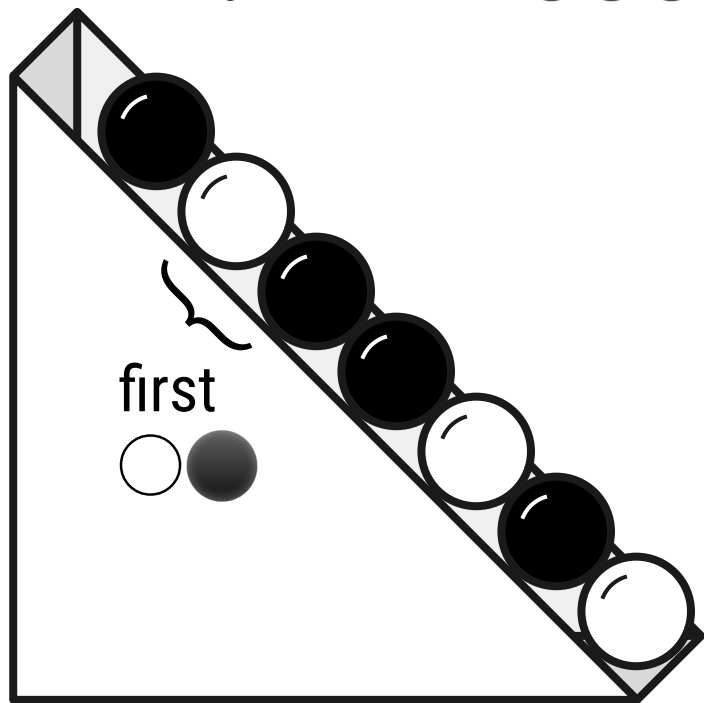
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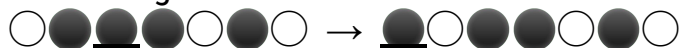
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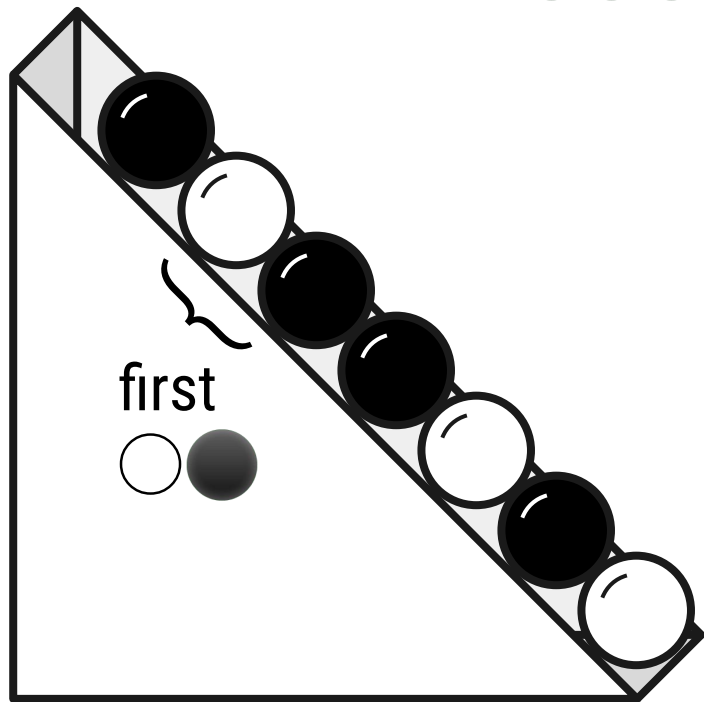
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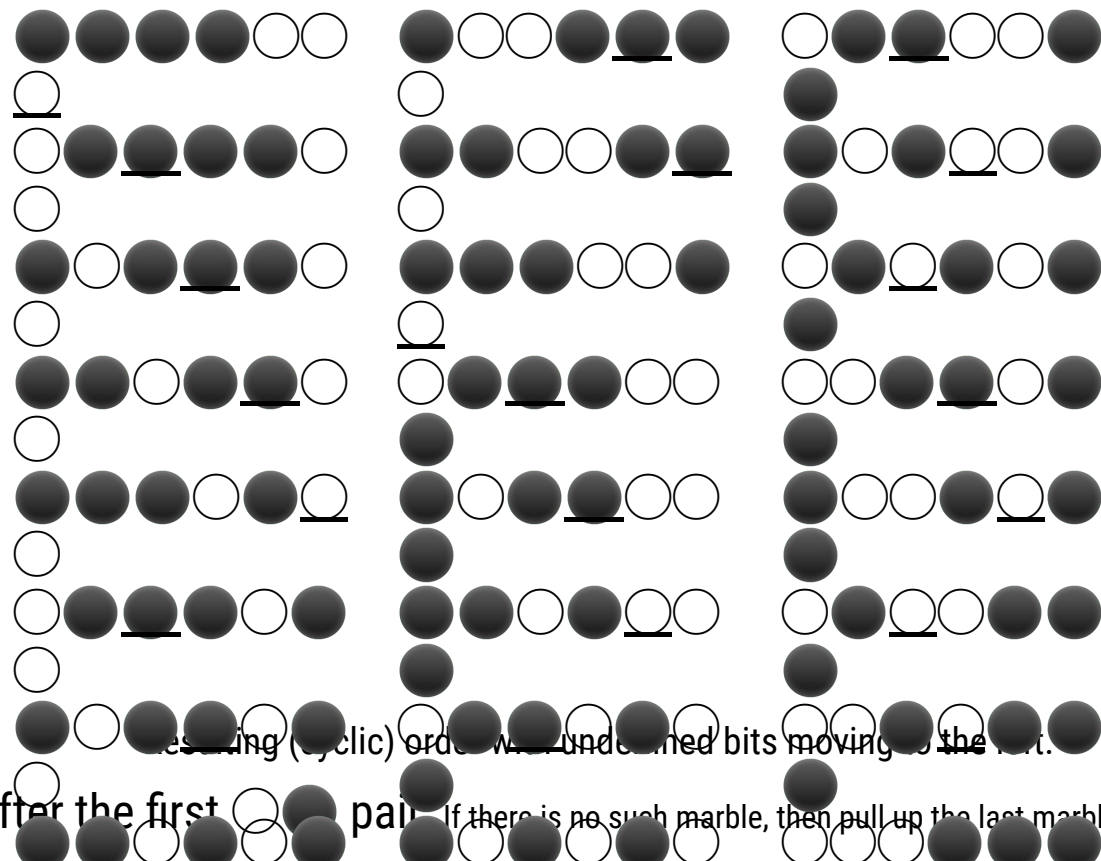
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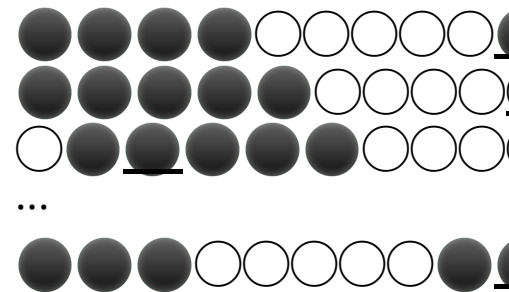
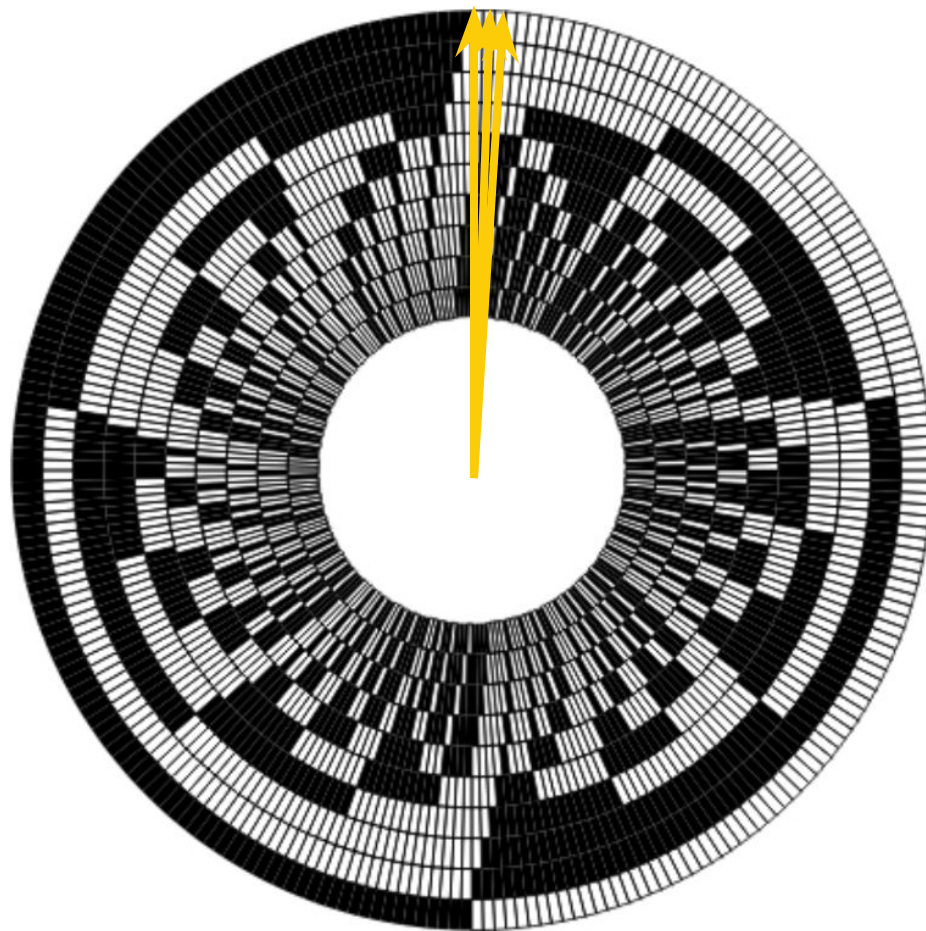


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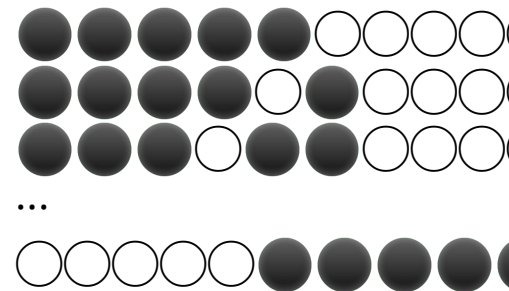
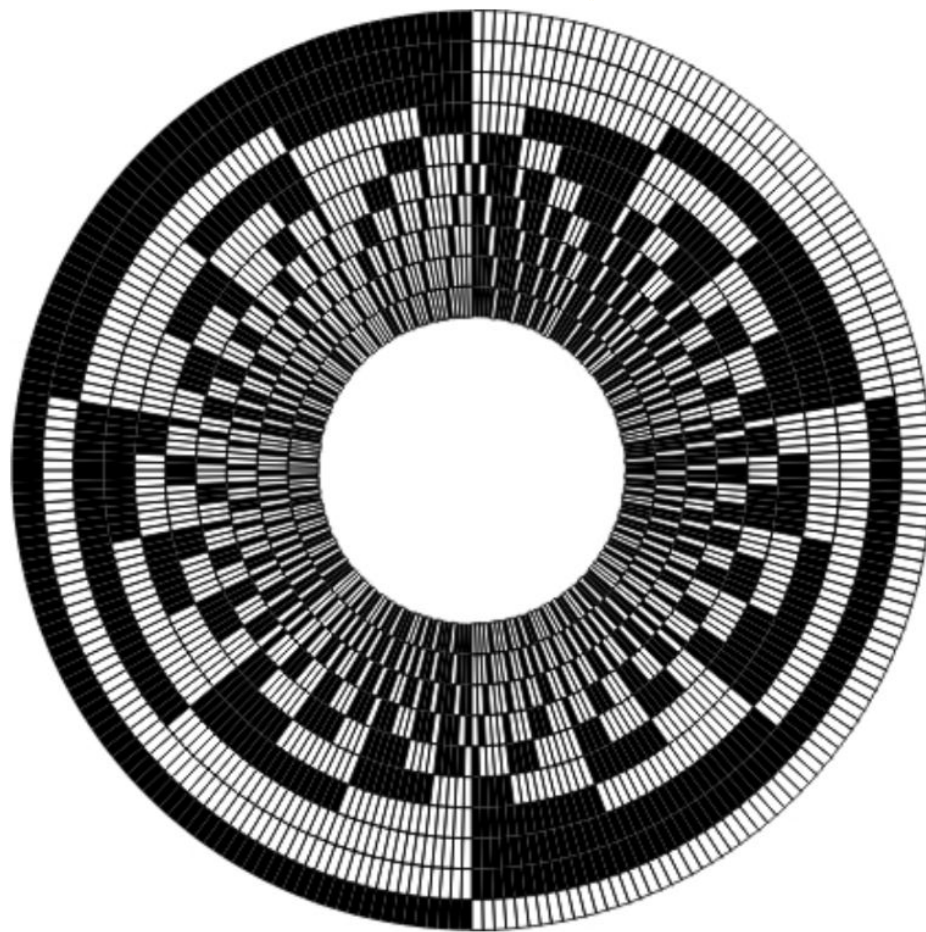
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Cool-lex order for the combinations of  $n = 10$  bits with  $w = 5$  white.



Co-lexicographic order.

*# Input: Positive integers  $w, b$ .*  
*# Output: Every  $(n,w)$ -combination is yielded as a tuple where  $n = w+b$ .*

```
def coolCombinations(w,b):
    n = w + b
    combo = (1,)*w + (0,)*b
    inc = n-2
    while inc != n-1:
        index = min(inc+2,n-1)
        combo = (combo[index],) + combo[:index] + combo[index+1:]
        inc = 0 if combo[0] < combo[1] else inc+1
    yield combo
```

At most two pairs of bits change.

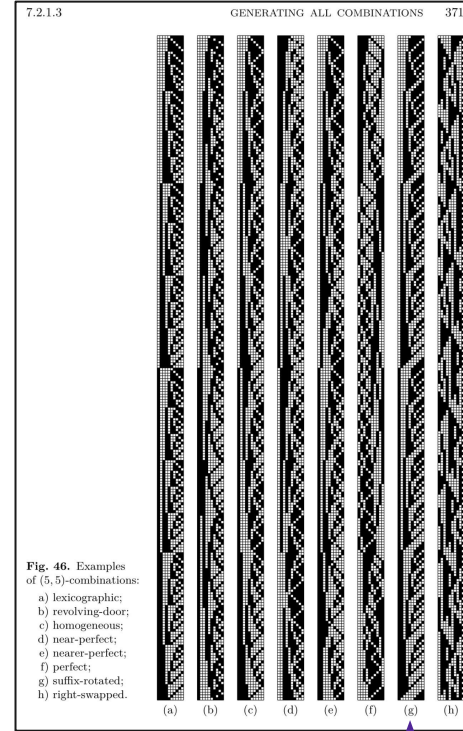
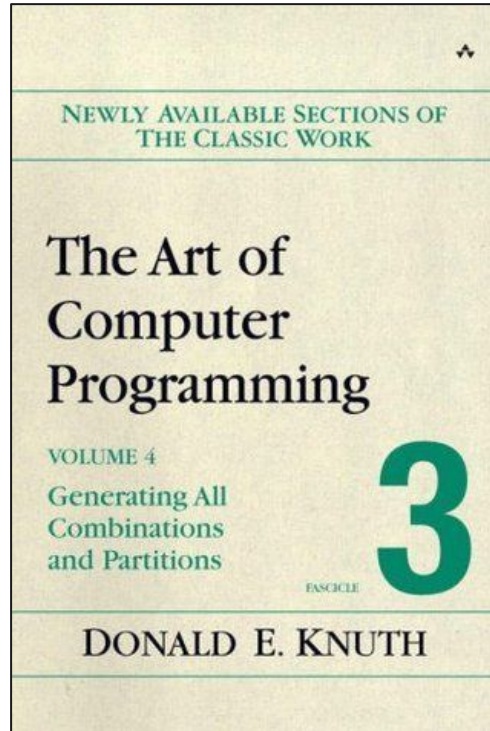
*# Input: A multiset of symbols (with at least two distinct symbols).*  
*# Output: Every permutation of the multiset is yielded as a tuple.*

```
def coolMultiperms(multiset):
    perm = tuple(sorted(multiset, reverse=True))
    n = len(perm)
    inc = n-2
    while inc != n-1:
        index = inc+1 if (inc == len(perm)-2 or perm[inc] < perm[inc+2]) else inc+2
        perm = (perm[index],) + perm[:index] + perm[index+1:]
        inc = 0 if perm[0] < perm[1] else inc+1
    yield perm
```

Generalization to multiset permutations

```
COOLCOMBO( $s, t$ )
 $n \leftarrow s + t$ 
 $b \leftarrow 1^t 0^s$ 
 $x \leftarrow t$ 
 $y \leftarrow t$ 
visit( $b$ )
while  $x < n$  do
     $b_x = 0$ 
     $b_y = 1$ 
     $x \leftarrow x + 1$ 
     $y \leftarrow y + 1$ 
    if  $b_x = 0$  then
         $b_x \leftarrow 1$ 
         $b_1 \leftarrow 0$ 
        if  $b_2 = 1$  then
             $x \leftarrow 2$ 
             $y \leftarrow 1$ 
    visit( $b$ )
```

Python code (list-based) and pseudocode (array-based) for generating cool-lex order of combinations and multiset permutations.



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## The coolest way to generate combinations

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## Abstract

We present a practical and elegant method for generating all  $(s, t)$ -combinations (binary strings with  $s$  zeros and  $t$  ones): Identify the shortest prefix ending in 010 or 011 (or the entire string if no such prefix exists), and rotate it by one position to the right. This iterative rule gives an order to  $(s, t)$ -combinations that is circular and genlex. Moreover, the rotated portion of the string always contains at most four contiguous runs of zeros and ones, so every iteration can be achieved by transposing at most two pairs of bits. This leads to an efficient loopless and branchless implementation that consists only of two variables and six assignment statements. The order also has a number of striking similarities to colex order, especially its [recursive definition](#) and ranking algorithm. In the

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# Loopless Generation of Multiset Permutations using a Constant Number of Variables by Prefix Shifts

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## Abstract

This paper answers the following mathematical question: Can multiset permutations be ordered so that each permutation is a prefix shift of the previous permutation? Previously, the answer was known for the permutations of any set, and the permutations of any multiset whose corresponding set contains only two elements. This paper also answers the following algorithmic question: Can multiset permutations be generated by a loopless algorithm that uses sublinear additional storage? Previously, the best loopless algorithm used a linear amount of additional storage. The answers to these questions are both yes.

*minimal-change order.* A minimal-change order is an order in which each successive object can be obtained from the previous by making one small modification of a certain type. The existence or non-existence of minimal-change orders depend upon the type of object and the type of modification. New results in this area are often quite difficult to find, but the results that are found tend to be elegant and simple. The mathematical question answered in this paper is the following.

QUESTION 1. Can multiset permutations be ordered so that each permutation is a prefix shift of the previous permutation?

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efficient multiset permutations

### Overview

This package contains a method to generate all permutations of a multiset. The method is described in "Loopless Generation of Multiset Permutations using a Constant Number of Variables by Prefix Shifts." Aaron Williams, 2009. To quote [Aaron's website](#):

The permutations of any multiset are generated by this simple rule:

- The first symbol  $a$  is shifted to the right until it passes over consecutive symbols  $b$   $c$  with  $b < c$ .
- If  $a > b$ , then  $a$  is inserted after  $b$ ; otherwise, if  $a \leq b$ , then  $a$  is inserted after  $c$ .
- (If there is no such  $b$   $c$  then  $a$  is shifted until it passes over the rightmost symbol.)

This result leads to the first  $O(1)$ -time /  $O(1)$ -additional variable algorithm for generating the permutations of a multiset (see publication in SODA 2009)."

In other words, this algorithm is so awesome that it hurts.

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### Generate permutations of a multiset

Generate all permutations of a multiset. Provide the multiset by specifying its frequency sequence, e.g. "1 1 3 2" for the multiset  $\{1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4\}$ .

Frequency sequence  (max. 20)

Algorithm

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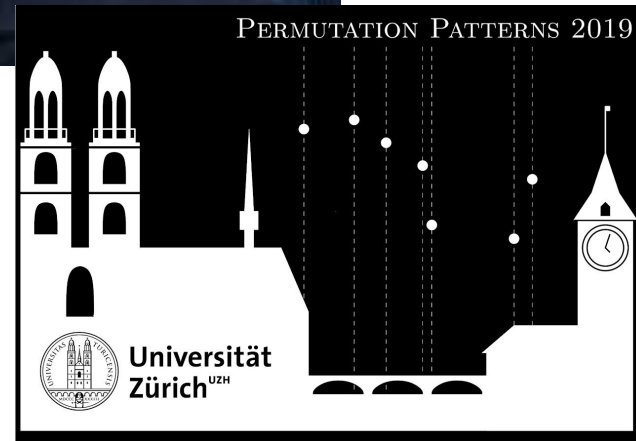
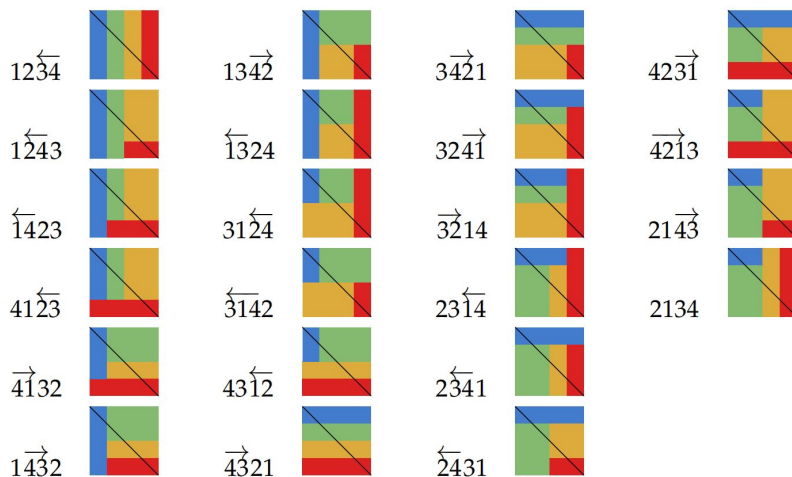
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Multiset permutations usually are not generated by standard libraries (e.g., `itertools` in Python). The cool-lex successor rule has been implemented in various languages by various people.

Let's Gray code  
 $Av(\underline{2413}, \underline{3142})$ .

Torsten Mütze (2018)

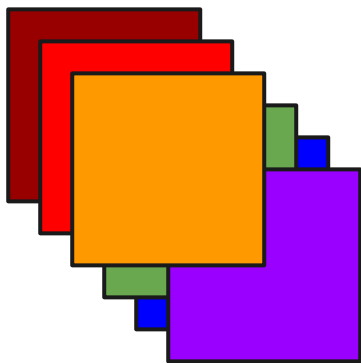


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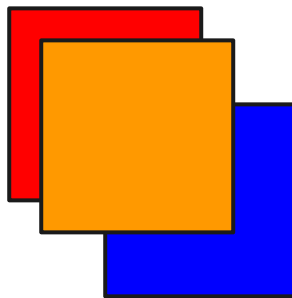
# Catalan Squares

A new Catalan object emphasizing layering and obfuscation.

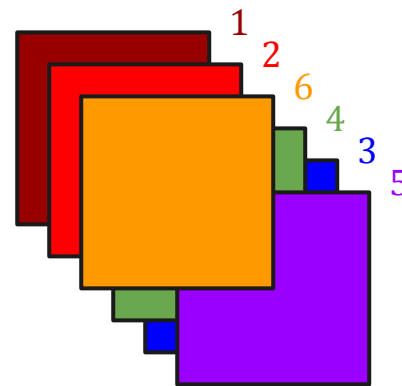
- There are  $n$  squares layered along the main diagonal. All of the squares touch a common position (i.e., overlap).
- If a rectangle is in front of rectangles to its left and right, then their relative layering is hidden.  
By convention, we assume that the left rectangles are behind the right rectangles, and this fixes the stacking order.



Catalan squares instance for  $n = 6$ .  
The **orange** rectangle is the frontmost.



The **orange** rectangle hides the relative layering of the **red** and **blue** rectangles.

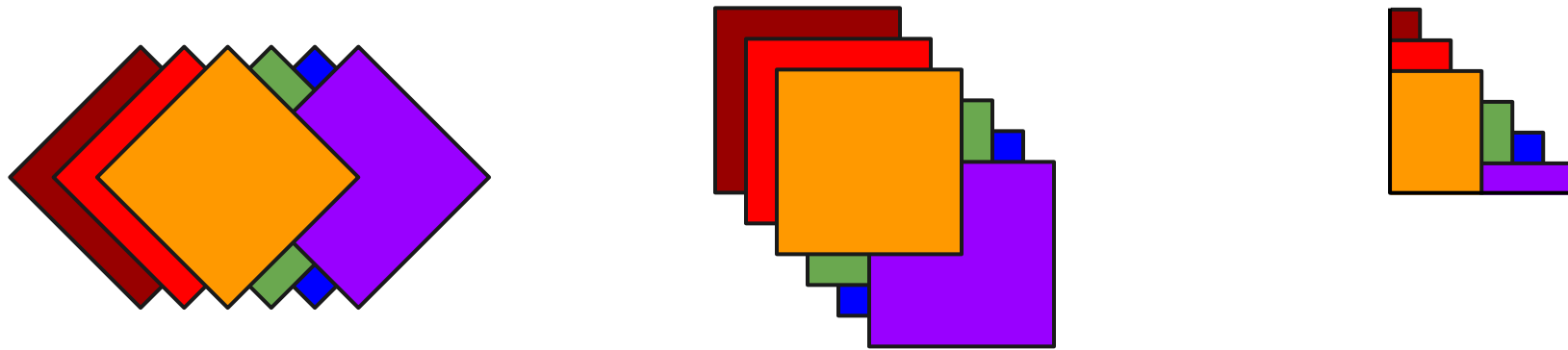


Representation as a permutation.

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Each instance can be represented by a permutation.

- The permutation avoids 231. Such a pattern would indicate a left rectangle (i.e., 2) in front of a right rectangle (i.e., 1) relative to a middle rectangle (i.e., 3) that is in front of both.



## Notes:

- Catalan squares could be represented using diamonds (or other shapes) organized left-to-right.
- The top-right quadrant is a layer-based representation of a Catalan staircase.

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## Catalan Squares and Staircases: Relayering and Repositioning Gray Codes

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## Abstract

An  $n$ -step staircase can be tiled by  $n$  rectangles in  $C_n$  ways, where  $C_n$  is the  $n$ th Catalan number (e.g.,  $\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{1}$  for  $C_5 = 5$ ). We introduce a new Catalan object—Catalan squares—by extending each rectangle down and left into an  $n$ -by- $n$  square (e.g.,  $\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{1}$ ). From this perspective, there are  $C_n$  distinct layerings of  $n$  squares, where the relative order of  $i$ th and  $k$ th is concealed when the  $j$ th is above them, for any  $i < j < k$ .

We provide the first Gray codes for these objects. That is, we order the  $C_n$  objects so that successive objects differ by a constant amount. More specifically, we provide (a) a relayering Gray code, and (b) a repositioning Gray code, meaning that shapes move to a new layer or are translated to a new position, respectively. We obtain these two Gray codes by working with string-based encodings, including (a) Dyck words (e.g., 110010 for  $\frac{1}{5}$ ) in cool-lex order, and (b) 231-avoiding permutations (e.g., 132 for  $\frac{1}{5}$ ) using Algorithm J.

## 1 Introduction

The Catalan sequence  $C_0, C_1, C_2, \dots$  is one of the most well-known sequences in mathematics,

1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430, ... (OEIS A000108[21]).

It has natural closed forms and recursive definitions,

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} = \binom{2n}{n} - \binom{2n}{n+1} \quad (1)$$

$$C_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} C_i \cdot C_{n-1-i} \text{ with } C_0 = 1. \quad (2)$$

Catalan objects (i.e., those enumerated by the sequence) are the chameleons of combinatorics. Classic examples include  $n$  pairs of balanced parentheses, binary trees with  $n$  nodes, triangulations of  $(n+2)$ -gons, and Stanley's book [22] provides more than 200 examples. In this

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paper we focus on Catalan staircases, which are the  $C_n$  tilings of an  $n$ -step staircase with  $n$  rectangles. We view these objects as being comprised of rectangles of size  $i$ -by- $(n-i+1)$  that are layered to create a specific tiling. This view leads to a natural new Catalan object that we refer to as Catalan squares. A pair of sample staircases is shown in Figure 1 using each perspective, and Figure 2 clarifies our notion of layers.

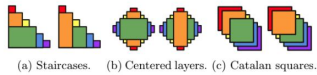


Figure 1: (a) Two Catalan staircases of order  $n = 6$  and their representations using (b) centered layers and (c) squares. Center each layer (see Figure 2) to transform (a) to (b). Extend each rectangle down and left into an  $n$ -by- $n$  square to transform (a) to (c). The staircases in (a) are the top-right quadrants of (b) and (c).



Figure 2: A layered representation views the shapes as  $i$ -by- $(n-i+1)$  rectangles that are layered to create distinct tilings. A standard bottom-left alignment is used above, while center-alignments (e.g., Figure 1b) allow all four corners in each shape to be visible. Catalan squares replace the rectangles in the standard bottom-left-aligned view with  $n$ -by- $n$  squares.

Our primary goal is to construct Gray codes for these objects for any fixed  $n$ . In other words, we order the  $C_n$  objects so that successive objects differ by a constant amount. The term Gray code is in reference to the binary reflected Gray code (BRGC), named after Frank Gray [7], which orders the  $n$ -bit binary strings so that consecutive strings differ in one bit. For example,

$$\text{BRGC}(3) = 000, 001, 011, 010, 110, 111, 101, 100 \quad (3)$$

where overlined bits are flipped to create the next string, including the wrap-around from last 100 to first 000.

In the context of binary strings, it is clear that flipping a single bit constitutes a small constant-sized change.

What about k-ary Catalan squares?

Stairs	Dyck word	Next	Squares	Permutation	Squares	Permutation
	101111			12345		15324
	110111			51324		51324
	111011			53124		31254
	111101			31245		31245
	111110			51234		51234
	1101101	(a)		51243		43125
	1110110	(c)		15243		54312
	1011011	(a)		12543		54321
	1101011	(c)		12435		43215
	1010111	(b)		14235		32145
	1100111	(a)		15423		32154
	1110011	(a)		51423		53214
	1111001	(c)		54123		52134
	1011100	(a)		41235		21534
	1101100	(a)		41325		21354
	1110100	(c)		54132		21345
	1011010	(a)		51432		21435
	1101010	(c)		15432		21543
	1101010	(b)		14325		52143
	1010110	(b)		13245		54213
	1100110	(a)		13254		42135
	1110010	(c)				

Figure 11: The Catalan staircases of order  $n = 5$  in cool-lex order. Each Dyck word of length 10 is created using the cool-lex successor rule which left-shifts the red bit into the second position, with cases from Theorem 1. The Dyck words are translated to Catalan staircases using the bijection in Section 2.6.1. The result is a 2-relayering Gray code for the Catalan staircases (or their Catalan square equivalents).

Figure 12: The Catalan squares of order  $n = 5$  as generated by Algorithm J. The order is a repositioning Gray code, meaning that one square is translated but not raised or lowered (and then the squares are drawn in normal position). Each 231-avoiding permutation is transformed into the next by greedily jumping the largest value the shortest possible distance.

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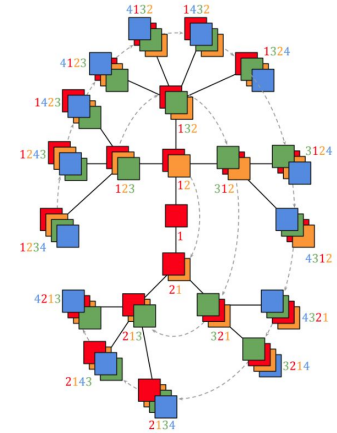


Figure 14: The recursive structure generated by Algorithm J for 231-avoiding permutations and the corresponding Catalan squares for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . The Gray codes are obtained by following the gray arrows starting from  $12 \dots n$ . Each node's children are obtained by inserting  $n$  into the permutation, or repositioning the front square, in all possible ways (i.e., while avoiding the 231 pattern or satisfying the depth-protocol), with the center node 1 as the root. More specifically, nodes at the same depth alternately perform the insertions from left-to-right or right-to-left, thus recreating the familiar zig-zag pattern from Figure 8, which is the hallmark of Algorithm J. This graphic mirrors the tree of generic rectangulations found in [13]. More broadly, this recursive structure creates a jump Gray code for any zig-zag language [9].

<sup>4</sup>The colour scheme used here differs from that in Figure 4.



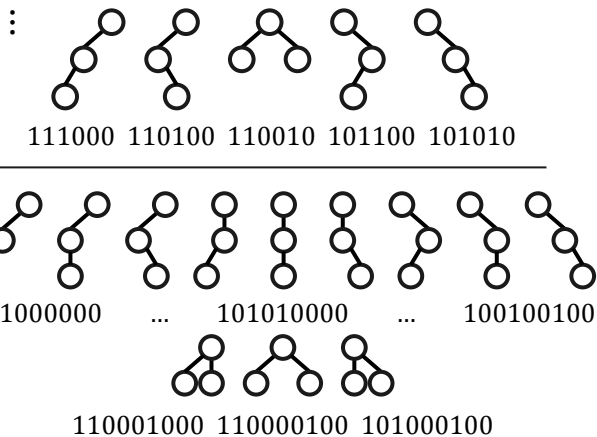
# Generalizing Catalan Objects including $k$ -ary Catalan Squares

Many standard (2-ary) Catalan objects have  $k$ -ary generalizations.

OEIS [A000108](#) (2-Catalan): 1, 1, 2, **5**, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430, 4862, 16796, 58786, 208012, 742900, ...

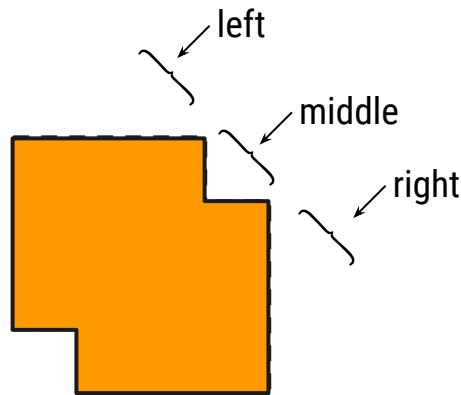
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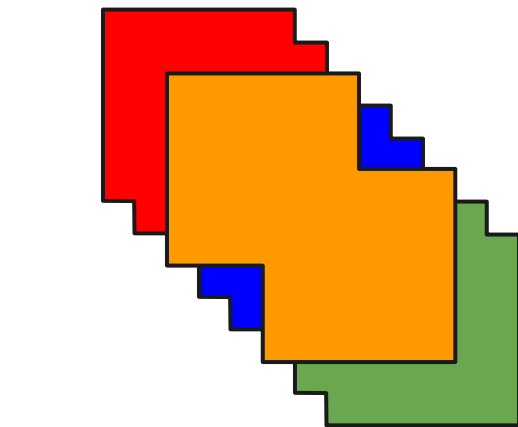


Binary trees and Dyck with  $n = 3$ .

$k$ -ary trees and  $k$ -ary Dyck words  $k = 3$ .



Two squares on a layer instead of one.  
 More generally,  $k-1$  at the same layer,  
 which creates  $k$  locations for recursion.



Representation using generalized protocol

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Represent a  $k$ -ary Catalan square instance using pattern avoidance.

- $k-1$  copies of each symbol instead of 1 copy.
- Avoids 231 due to our protocol, and ...
- Avoids 121 due to recursive nesting.

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Number of intervals (i.e., ordered pairs  $(x,y)$  such that  $x \leq y$ ) in the Kreweras lattice (noncrossing partitions ordered by refinement) of size  $n$ , see the Bernardi & Bonichon (2009) and Kreweras (1972) references. - [Noam Zeilberger](#), Jun 01 2016

Number of sum-indecomposable (4231,42513)-avoiding permutations.

Conjecturally, number of sum-indecomposable (2431,45231)-avoiding permutations. - [Alexander Burstein](#), Oct 19 2017

$a(n)$  is the number of topologically distinct endstates for the game Planted Brussels Sprouts on  $n$  vertices, see Ji and Propp link. - [Caleb Ji](#), May 14 2018

Number of complete quadrillages of  $2n+2$ -gons. See Baryshnikov p. 12. See also Nov. 10 2014 comments in [A134264](#). - [Tom Copeland](#), Jun 04 2018

$a(n)$  is the number of 2-regular words on the alphabet  $[n]$  that avoid the patterns 231 and 221. Equivalently, this is the number of 2-regular tortoise-sortable words on the alphabet  $[n]$  (see the Defant and Kravitz link). - [Colin Defant](#), Sep 26 2018

$a(n)$  is the number of Motzkin paths of length  $3n$  with  $n$  steps of each type, with the condition that  $(1, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$  steps alternate (starting with  $(1, 0)$ ). - [Helmut Prodinger](#), Apr 08 2019

$a(n)$  is the number of uniquely sorted permutations of length  $2n+1$  that avoid the patterns 312 and 1342. - [Colin Defant](#), Jun 08 2019

The compositional inverse o.g.f. pair in Copeland's comment above are

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(list; graph)

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OEIS [A001764](#) does not mention  $Av^2(231, 121)$  (i.e., 2-regular words avoiding 231 and 121). But it does discuss  $Av^2(231, 122)$  ... **Now I'm sucked in!**





**Colin Defant** <colindefant@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 18, 7:11PM



to me ▼

Hi Aaron,

I agree that this is interesting and deserves to be in print somewhere, and I think it would be a **great submission to Permutation Patterns!** I don't know of anywhere in the literature where it's written down, so I assume it's fair game. Unfortunately, I'm pretty busy with several projects at the moment, so I don't think I can handle picking up another one. But I wish you the best and hope you get some nice results!

Best,

Colin.

# STACK-SORTING FOR WORDS

COLIN DEFANT AND NOAH KRAVITZ

**ABSTRACT.** We introduce operators *hare* and *tortoise*, which act on words as natural generalizations of West's stack-sorting map. We show that the heuristically slower algorithm *tortoise* can sort words arbitrarily faster than its counterpart *hare*. We then generalize the combinatorial objects known as valid hook configurations in order to find a method for computing the number of preimages of any word under these two operators. We relate the question of determining which words are sortable by *hare* and *tortoise* to more classical problems in pattern avoidance, and we derive a recurrence for the number of words with a fixed number of copies of each letter (permutations of a multiset) that are sortable by each map. In particular, we use generating trees to prove that the  $\ell$ -uniform words on the alphabet  $[n]$  that avoid the patterns 231 and 221 are counted by the  $(\ell + 1)$ -Catalan number  $\frac{1}{\ell n + 1} \binom{(\ell + 1)n}{n}$ . We conclude with several open problems and conjectures.

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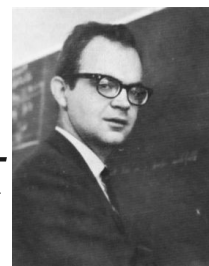


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$k = 2$

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Reduce  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$  by

- $3 \rightarrow 2$  [always]
- $2 \rightarrow 1$  [optional]

Must apply the same symmetries to both patterns.  
e.g.,  $Av(123, \mathbf{132}) \neq Av(123, \mathbf{231})$

Defant & Kravitz (2020)

A.W. (2023)

## Pairs of Consistent Patterns

There are  $6 \cdot 6 = 36$  pairs of patterns of the form  $(\alpha, \beta)$  where

$$\alpha \in \{123, 132, 213, 231, 312, 321\} \text{ and } \beta \in \{112, 121, 122, 211, 212, 221\}.$$

Up to standard symmetries, there are  $36 / 4 = 9$  distinct pairs or *classes*.

	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$	$C_7$	$C_8$	$C_9$
representative	(123,112)	(123,121)	(123,211)	(132,112)	(132,121)	(132,122)	(132,211)	(132,212)	(132,221)
reverse	(321,211)	(321,121)	(321,112)	(231,211)	(231,121)	(231,221)	(231,112)	(231,212)	(231,122)
inverse	(321,221)	(321,212)	(321,122)	(312,221)	(312,212)	(213,112)	(312,122)	(312,121)	(312,112)
both	(123,122)	(123,212)	(123,221)	(213,122)	(213,212)	(312,211)	(213,221)	(213,121)	(213,211)

The 36 pairs of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  patterns partition into 9 classes by reverse and/or inverse.

Our main result proves that 3 of these classes count the k-ary Catalan numbers.

- These classes contain exactly the pairs that are consistent.
- The other classes do not count k-Catalan numbers when  $k > 2$ .
- The result for  $C_6$  was proven by Defant and Kravitz using (231, 221).



## Consistent Pairs and Inequality Chains

The consistent  $(\alpha, \beta)$  pairs can also be understood as enforcing a chain of two inequalities.

- The  $\alpha$  pattern enforces two strict inequalities.
- The  $\beta$  pattern softens one of the strict inequalities into a weak inequality.

Avoiding  $\alpha = 123$

$\nexists$  indices  $i < j < k$

with values  $p_i < p_j < p_k$

Avoiding  $\beta = 112$

$\nexists$  indices  $i < j < k$

with values  $p_i = p_j < p_k$

Avoiding  $(123, 112)$

$\nexists$  indices  $i < j < k$

with values  $p_i \leq p_j < p_k$

Avoiding an  $\alpha$  pattern in  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n$ .

Avoiding a  $\beta$  pattern in  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n$ .

Avoiding a consistent  $(\alpha, \beta)$  pair  
in  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n$ .

Similarly, avoiding  $(123, 122)$  forbids  $p_i < p_j \leq p_k$  instead of  $p_i \leq p_j < p_k$ .

Of course, weak inequalities only make sense when the word has repeated symbols.

# Proofs

Only proving the two new cases ...

## General Approach

We provide bijections between  $r$ -regular words over  $[m]$  and  $(r+1)$ -Dyck words of order  $m$ .

- Each word in the first set,  $[m]^r$ , has  $m$  symbols and length  $n = rm$ .
- Each word in the second set,  $\mathbb{D}^{r+1}(m)$ , is  $(r+1) \cdot m = rm + m = n + m$  bits in length.

Therefore, our bijections cannot be one symbol to one bit.

The mappings must create an additional  $m$  bits overall, or  $+1$  per element in  $[m]$ .

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A  $r$ -regular word over  $[m]$  for  $r = 3$  and  $m = 5$ .  
It has length  $n = r \cdot m = 15$ .

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An  $(r+1)$ -ary Dyck word of order  $m$  for  $r = 3$  and  $m = 5$ .  
It has length  $(r+1) \cdot m = rm + m = n + m = 15 + 5 = 20$ .

The mappings  $f: [m]^r \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^{r+1}(m)$  focus on some type of first occurrence for the symbols in  $[m]$ .

- The other copies of each symbol are used for positioning.
- Each of these first occurrences contribute an additional bit (on average).



## Smallest Seen (aka Left-to-Right Minima)

Given a word  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n$ , an entry  $p_i$  is *smallest seen* if  $p_i = \min(p_1 p_2 \cdots p_i) < \min(p_1 p_2 \cdots p_{i-1})$ . So if the word is read from left-to-right, then it is the first occurrence of a new smallest symbol.

- The first symbol  $p_1$  is always smallest seen.
- An  $r$ -regular word in  $[m^r]$  has between 1 and  $m$  smallest seen entries.

333322221111

322233311121

Words in  $[3^4]$  with three  
smallest seen entries.

123412341234

144433322211

Words in  $[4^3]$  with one  
smallest seen entries.

## Smallest Seen and $\text{Av}^r(123, 112)$

Words that avoid 123 and 112 are uniquely determined by their smallest seen entries.

**Lemma:** If  $\pi, \pi' \in \text{Av}_m^r(123, 112)$  have the same smallest seen entries, then  $\pi = \pi'$ .

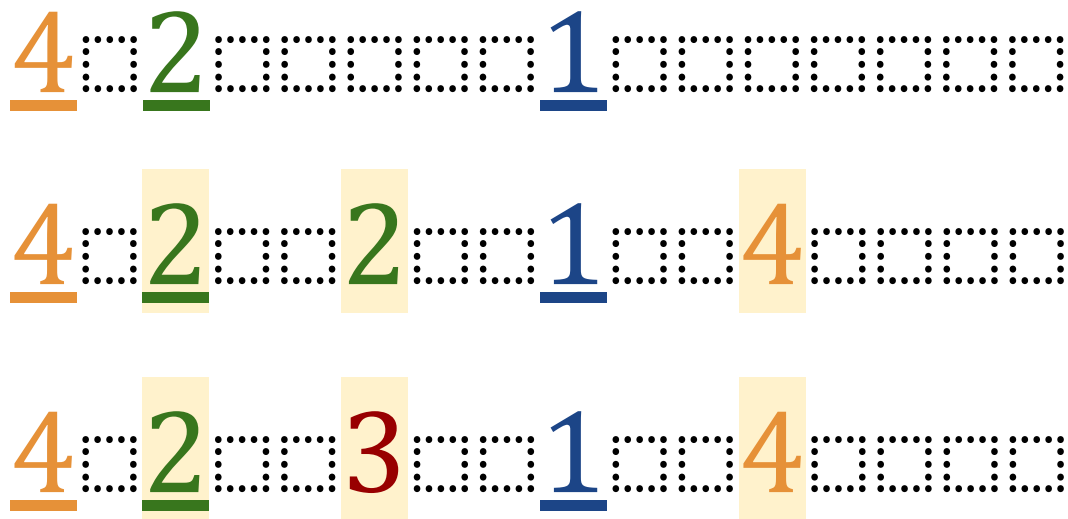
**Proof:** We claim that the non-smallest seen symbols are in *non-increasing order*.  
Otherwise, we can prove that  $\pi$  will be forced to contain a 123 or 112 pattern.

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Completing a word in  $\text{Av}_3^4(123, 112)$   
from its smallest seen entries.

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- Completing a word  $\pi \in \text{Av}_4^4(123, 112)$  from its smallest seen entries (aka left-to-right minima).
- If the remaining symbols are not in non-increasing order, then there is an increase (e.g., 24 or 34).
- If the smaller symbol in the increasing pair has previously been seen, then  $\pi$  contains 112.
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## Mapping $f_1$ from $r$ -Regular Words to Binary Strings

Define a mapping  $f_1 : [m]^r \rightarrow \mathbb{B}(n+m)$  for  $n = mr$  that works from left-to-right as follows.

- Map smallest seen entries to  $1^{s+1}0$ , where  $s$  is counts the newly skipped symbols from  $m, \dots, 1$ .
- Map every other entry to 0.

$$f_1(\underline{3}3\underline{2}33222\underline{1}111) = \underline{1}00\underline{1}000000\underline{1}0000$$

skipped 4, 3 so  $s=2$       no new skips so  $s=0$        $s+1=3$  copies of 1       $s+1=1$  copies of 1

$$f_1(\underline{2}443\underline{1}321) = \underline{1}11\underline{0}0000\underline{1}0000$$

Easy case: no skipped symbols.  
The smallest seen are in the order 3, 2, 1.

Skipped smallest symbols.  
The smallest seen are in the order ~~4, 3~~, 2, 1.  
So the number of new skips are 2 then 0.

**Lemma:** The restriction  $f_1 \mid \text{Av}_m^r(123, 112)$  is one-to-one to  $(r+1)$ -ary Dyck words  $\mathbb{D}^{r+1}(m)$ .

**Proof:** If  $\pi \in \text{Av}_m^r(123, 112)$ , then  $f_1(\pi) \in \mathbb{D}^{r+1}(m)$  because it contains  $m$  copies of 1, and each member of  $[m]$  creates one copy of 1 and  $1+(r-1) = r$  later copies of 0. The restriction is one-to-one from the previous uniqueness lemma, and that  $f_1(\pi) \neq f_1(\pi')$  when  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  have different smallest seen entries.

# Inverse of $f_1$ from Dyck Words to $\text{Av}^r(123, 112)$

Scan the Dyck word from left to right.

- Map maximal blocks of the form  $1^{i+1}0$  to the smallest seen symbol skipping over  $i$  symbols.
- Map other copies of 0 to largest remaining unexhausted symbol.

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Member of  $\mathbb{D}^{3+1}(5)$ .

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Member of  $\text{Av}_5^3(123, 112)$ .

The result is in  $[m^r]$  and avoids 123 and 112 by the previous discussion.

Case ① Bijection

$f_1 : \text{Av}_3^2(123, 112) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$

332211	100100100
332121	100101000
331221	100110000
323211	101000100
323121	101001000
321321	101010000
313221	101100000
233211	110000100
233121	110001000
231321	110010000
213321	110100000
133221	111000000

$r = 2$  and  $m = 3$

# Case ① Bijection

First left-to-right minima

3 → 10 set low=3

2 → 110 set low=2

1 → 1110 set low=1

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$$f_1^{-1} : \text{Av}_3^2(123, 112) \leftarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$$

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First maximal 1\*0 block

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**r = 2 and m = 3**

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110 → 2      set low=2

1110 → 1      set low=1

Extra 0s

Fill with largest remaining symbols.

# Case ① Bijection

$$f_1^{-1} : \text{Av}_3^2(123, 112) \leftarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$$

<u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>2</u> 211	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>1</u> 00100
<u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>2</u> 121	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>1</u> 01000
<u>3</u> <u>3</u> <u>1</u> 221	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>1</u> <u>1</u> 0000
<u>3</u> <u>2</u> 3211	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u> 00100
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<u>3</u> <u>2</u> 1321	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u> 10000
<u>3</u> <u>1</u> 3221	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> <u>1</u> <u>1</u> 00000
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<u>2</u> <u>1</u> 3321	<u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u> <u>1</u> 00000
<u>1</u> 3322 <u>1</u>	<u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u> 00000

**r = 2 and m = 3**

First maximal 1\*0 block

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Extra 0s

Fill with largest remaining symbols.

Second maximal 1\*0 block

if low=3 10 → 2 set low=2

if low=3 110 → 1 set low=1

if low=2 10 → 1 set low=1

# Case ① Bijection

$$f_1^{-1} : \text{Av}_3^2(123, 112) \leftarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$$

<u>33</u> <u>2</u> <u>2</u> 11	<u>100</u> <u>100</u> 100
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<u>33</u> <u>1</u> 221	<u>100</u> <u>110</u> 000
<u>3</u> <u>2</u> <u>3</u> 211	<u>10</u> <u>1000</u> 100
<u>3</u> <u>2</u> 3121	<u>10</u> <u>100</u> 1000
<u>3</u> <u>2</u> 1321	<u>10</u> <u>10</u> 10000
<u>3</u> <u>1</u> 3221	<u>10</u> <u>110</u> 0000
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<u>2</u> <u>1</u> 3321	<u>110</u> <u>10</u> 0000
<u>1</u> 33221	<u>1110</u> 00000

**r = 2 and m = 3**

First maximal 1\*0 block

10 → 3 set low=3

110 → 2 set low=2

1110 → 1 set low=1

Extra 0s

Fill with largest remaining symbols.

Second maximal 1\*0 block

if low=3 10 → 2 set low=2

if low=3 110 → 1 set low=1

if low=2 10 → 1 set low=1

Extra 0s

Fill with largest remaining symbols.

# Case ① Bijection

$$f_1^{-1} : \text{Av}_3^2(123, 112) \leftarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$$

<u>33</u> <u>22</u> <u>11</u>	<u>100</u> <u>100</u> <u>100</u>
<u>33</u> <u>21</u> <u>21</u>	<u>100</u> <u>1010</u> <u>00</u>
<u>33</u> <u>1221</u>	<u>100</u> <u>110000</u>
<u>32</u> <u>32</u> <u>11</u>	<u>101000</u> <u>100</u>
<u>32</u> <u>31</u> <u>21</u>	<u>10100100</u> <u>00</u>
<u>32</u> <u>1321</u>	<u>101010000</u> <u>00</u>
<u>31</u> <u>3221</u>	<u>101100000</u> <u>00</u>
<u>2332</u> <u>11</u>	<u>110000</u> <u>100</u>
<u>233</u> <u>121</u>	<u>11000100</u> <u>00</u>
<u>231</u> <u>321</u>	<u>110010000</u> <u>00</u>
<u>21</u> <u>3321</u>	<u>110100000</u> <u>00</u>
<u>133221</u>	<u>111000000</u> <u>00</u>

**r = 2 and m = 3**

First maximal 1\*0 block

10 → 3 set low=3

110 → 2 set low=2

1110 → 1 set low=1

Extra 0s

Fill with largest remaining symbols.

Second maximal 1\*0 block

if low=3 10 → 2 set low=2

if low=3 110 → 1 set low=1

if low=2 10 → 1 set low=1

Extra 0s

Fill with largest remaining symbols.

Third maximal 1\*0 block

10 → 1 set low=1

# Case ① Bijection

$$f_1^{-1} : \text{Av}_3^2(123, 112) \leftarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$$

<u>332211</u>	<u>100100100</u>
<u>332121</u>	<u>100101000</u>
<u>331221</u>	<u>100110000</u>
<u>323211</u>	<u>101000100</u>
<u>323121</u>	<u>101001000</u>
<u>321321</u>	<u>101010000</u>
<u>313221</u>	<u>101100000</u>
<u>233211</u>	<u>110000100</u>
<u>233121</u>	<u>110001000</u>
<u>231321</u>	<u>110010000</u>
<u>213321</u>	<u>110100000</u>
<u>133221</u>	<u>111000000</u>

**r = 2 and m = 3**

First maximal 1\*0 block

10 → 3 set low=3

110 → 2 set low=2

1110 → 1 set low=1

Extra 0s

Fill with largest remaining symbols.

Second maximal 1\*0 block

if low=3 10 → 2 set low=2

if low=3 110 → 1 set low=1

if low=2 10 → 1 set low=1

Extra 0s

Fill with largest remaining symbols.

Third maximal 1\*0 block

10 → 1 set low=1

Extra 0s

Fill with largest remaining symbols.





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have only proved it correct, not tried  
it.

— *Donald Knuth* —

AZ QUOTES



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— *Donald Knuth* —

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```

# Input:  perm  $\in Av_m^r(123,112)$ 
# Output: dyck  $\in \mathbb{D}^{r+1}(m)$ 
def f1(perm, m, r):
    low = m+1
    dyck = []
    for symbol in perm:
        if symbol < low:
            diff = low-symbol
            dyck += [1]*diff
            low = symbol
        dyck += [0]
    return dyck

```

```

# Input:  dyck  $\in \mathbb{D}^{r+1}(m)$ 
# Output: perm  $\in Av_m^r(123,112)$ 
def f1inv(dyck, m, k):
    perm = () # Built one symbol at a time.
    low = m+1 # Left-to-right minima in perm.
    run = 0   # Current run of 1s in Dyck.
    Q = []    # Symbols to add to perm.
    for bit in dyck:
        run += bit
        if run == 0:
            perm = perm + (Q.pop(),)
        elif bit == 0:
            Q[:0] = [s for s in range(low-run, low)
                    for _ in range(k-1)][1:]
            low -= run
            perm = perm + (low,)
            run = 0
    return perm

```

Python code for computing  $f_1$  and its inverse. The functions run in linear-time.

```
def containsPattern(perm, pattern, forceLast=False):
    n = len(perm)
    m = len(pattern)
    bits = [1]*((m-1) if forceLast else m) + [0]*(n-m)
    for subCombo in coolMultiperms(bits):
        combo = tuple(subCombo) + (1,) if forceLast else tuple(subCombo)
        subperm = tuple(perm[i] for i in range(n) if combo[i] == 1)
        suborder = tuple(sorted(set(subperm)).index(x)+1 for x in subperm)
        if suborder == tuple(pattern):
            return True
    return False
```

Only check patterns that include the most recently added symbol.

```
def multipermsAvoidingPatterns(multiset, patterns, prefix = ()):
    if len(multiset) == 0:
        yield prefix
        return
    for s in set(multiset):
        for pattern in patterns:
            if containsPattern(prefix + (s,), pattern, True):
                return
    for s in set(multiset):
        index = multiset.index(s)
        multisetMinus = multiset[:index] + multiset[index+1:]
        prefixPlus = prefix + (s,)
        yield from multipermsAvoidingPatterns(multisetMinus, patterns, prefixPlus)
```

When backtracking make sure that every remaining symbol can be added.

Python code for generating all multiset permutations that avoid a list of patterns.

111444333222  
411144333222  
441114333222  
444111333222  
444311133222  
444331113222  
444333211122  
444333221112  
111444332223  
411144332223  
441114332223  
444111332223  
444311132223  
444331112223  
444332111223  
444332211123  
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444111322233  
444311122233  
444321112233  
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111444222333  
411144222333  
441114222333  
444111222333

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444221112333  
111442224333  
411142224333  
441112224333  
442111224333  
442211122333  
111422233333  
411122233333  
421112223333  
422112223333  
111222233333  
211122233333  
221112223333  
222112223333  
422212223333  
442222223333  
444222223333  
444322222333  
444332221333  
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411143332224  
441113332224  
443111332224  
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221112333444  
222111333444  
322211133444  
332221113444  
333222111444  
433322211144  
443332221114  
444333222111

STOP

$$Av^r(231, 121)$$

Case

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## First Occurrences

The *first occurrences* of a word are its the values and their first (i.e., leftmost) position in the word. In other words,  $(v, k)$  is a first occurrence if  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_{k-1}$  does not contain  $v$  and  $p_k = v$ .

The  $i^{\text{th}}$  *first occurrence* refers to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  first occurrence when the word is read from left-to-right. In other words, we order the first occurrences by positions rather than values.

$p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4 p_5 p_6 p_7 p_8 p_9 p_{10} p_{11} p_{12}$

443111322234

4 3 1 2

Example of first occurrences:

$(4,1), (3,3), (1,4) (2,8)$ .

$p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4 p_5 p_6 p_7 p_8 p_9 p_{10} p_{11} p_{12}$

111333222444

1 3 2 4

Maximum positions of first occurrences in an  $r$ -regular word: 1, 4, 7, 10.

The first symbol is always the 1<sup>st</sup> first occurrence.

**Remark:** In an  $r$ -regular word, there are  $r$  first occurrences, and the position of  $i^{\text{th}}$  first occurrence is at most  $r \cdot (i-1) + 1$ .

This remark is highly suggestive of a  $k$ -ary Dyck word for  $k = r + 1$ .

## First Occurrences and Avoiding 231, 121

Words that avoid 231 and 121 are uniquely determined by their content and first occurrences.

**Lemma:** If  $\pi, \pi' \in \text{Av}_m^r(231, 121)$  have the same first occurrences, then  $\pi = \pi'$ .

**Proof:** Let  $n = rm$  and  $\pi = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_{rm} \in \text{Av}_m^r(231, 121)$ . Consider  $p_d$  for  $d = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . If  $p_d$  is not a first occurrence, then we'll prove that it is completely determined by  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_{d-1}$ . Let  $\#_{k,d}$  be the number of copies of  $k \in [m]$  before  $p_d$ . That is,  $\#_{k,d} = |\{i : p_i = k \text{ for } 1 \leq i < d\}|$ . We claim that  $p_d$  is the *smallest possible symbol* (i.e., it is the smallest seen which isn't exhausted). That is,  $p_d = \min(k \in [m] \mid 0 < \#_{k,d} < r)$ .

4 3 1 2

4 4 3 1 1 1 3 2 2 2 3 4

Completing  $\pi \in \text{Av}_4^3(231, 121)$  from firsts.

4 3 1 2

1 3 1

Creating a 121.

4 3 1 2

1 4 3

Creating a 132.

Otherwise, there are two cases to consider for  $p_d = x$ .

1. If  $x$  is the second-smallest possible symbol, then a 121 pattern will be created.
2. If  $x$  is not the second-smallest possible symbol, then a 132 pattern will be created.

Define a mapping  $f_2 : [m^r] \rightarrow \mathbb{B}(n+r)$  for  $n = mr$  to transform the input from left-to-right as follows.

- Replace each first occurrence of a symbol with 1, and every other occurrence of a symbol with 0.
- Insert an extra 0 for the last occurrence of each  $v \in [m]$ . But batch the insertions follows:  
Insert  $\ell$  copies for the largest value of  $\ell$  in which all  $1, 2, \dots, v-1, v+1, \dots, v+\ell-1$  finish earlier.  
i.e.,  $v-1$ , smaller values and  $\ell-1$  larger values have earlier last occurrences than  $v$ .

Diagram illustrating the step-by-step construction of the binary sequence  $f_2(443111322234)$ . The sequence is built from left to right, with each new digit being the XOR of the previous digit and the last digit of the previous sequence. The sequence is shown in two rows: 10110000100000 and 101100010000. The digits are color-coded to match the sequence: 1 (orange), 0 (blue), 1 (red), 1 (blue), 0 (blue), 0 (blue), 0 (blue), 0 (blue), 1 (blue), 0 (green), 0 (green), 0 (green), 0 (green), 0 (green), 0 (green).

Easy case: no batching of extra 0s.

The last occurrences are in the order  $1, 2, \dots, m$ .

last 3 last 1 last 2 last 4

$f_2(43321124) = 1101100000$

11011000

## Batching of extra 0s.

The last occurrences are in the order 3,1,2,4.  
Thus, 3's extra 0 is added after 2's extra 0.

**Lemma:** The restriction  $f_2 \mid \text{Av}_m^r(231, 121)$  is one-to-one to  $(r+1)$ -ary Dyck words  $\mathbb{D}^{r+1}(m)$ .

**Proof:** If  $\pi \in \text{Av}_m^r(231, 121)$ , then  $f_2(\pi)$  is a Dyck word by the first occurrence positions remark. The restriction is one-to-one from the previous uniqueness lemma, and that  $f_2(\pi) \neq f_2(\pi')$  when  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  have different first occurrences.





*Aiguille* (ay·gwee) a large, sharp peak. [French for “needle”.]

[peakhigh.co.za/mountain-terminology/](http://peakhigh.co.za/mountain-terminology/)

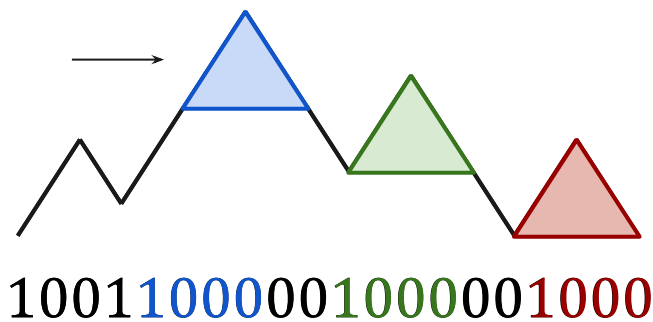


## Aiguille Reductions and the Inverse of $f_2$

There are two natural notions of an “apex” in a k-ary Dyck word. (They are equivalent when  $k=2$ .)

- A *peak* is a substring of the form  $10$ .
- An *aiguille* is a substring of the form  $10^{k-1}$ . Or  $10^r$  in an  $(r+1)$ -ary Dyck word.

Every non-empty k-ary Dyck word contains at least one aiguille.



A 4-ary Dyck word, its Dyck path, and aiguilles.

$f_2$

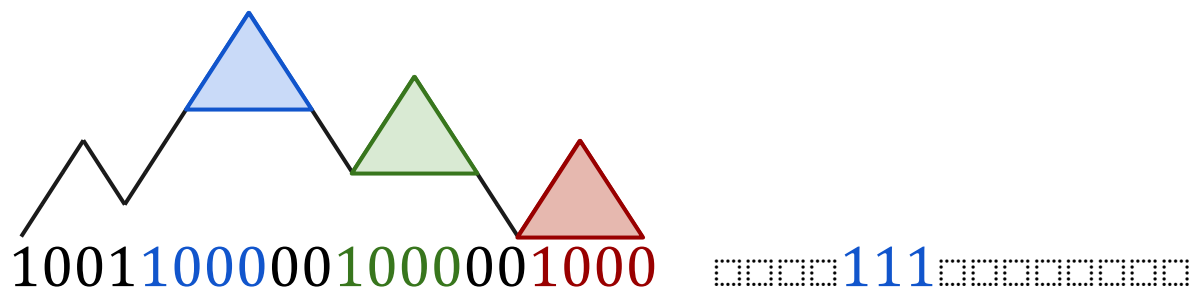
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The 3-ary word that maps to the Dyck word.

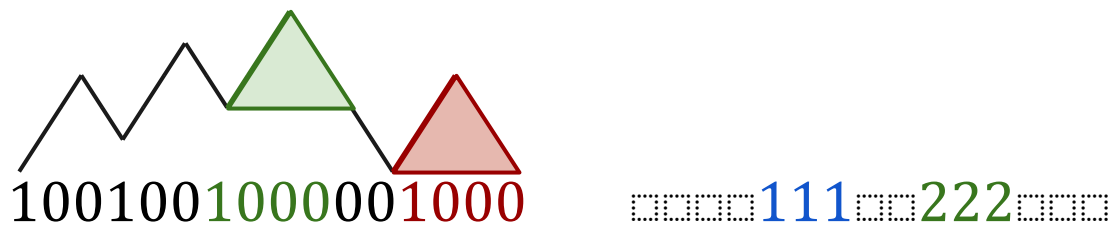
If  $\pi \in \text{Av}_m(1(231,121))$ , then the leftmost aiguille  $0^{r-1}$  created by  $f_2$  is from the  $1^r$  substring in  $\pi$ .

- The last  $0$  is an extra. It must be obtained from the last copy of  $1$ .

The inverse  $f_2^{-1} : \mathbb{D}^{r+1}(m) \rightarrow \text{Av}_m^r(231,121)$  applies this recursively w/ successively larger symbols.



An example aiguille reduction.



An example aiguille reduction.

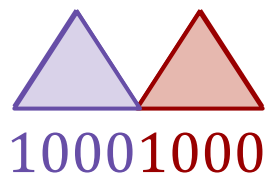
- Note that new aiguilles can be created.



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An example aiguille reduction.

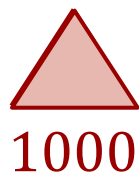
- Note that new aiguilles can be created.



444311133222□□□□

An example aiguille reduction.

- Note that new aiguilles can be created.



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An example aiguille reduction.

- Note that new aiguilles can be created.

**Case ② Bijection**

$$f_2 : \text{Av}_3^2(231, 121) \leftrightarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$$

**r = 2 and m = 3**

112233	100100100
113223	100110000
113322	100101000
211233	110000100
221133	101000100
311223	110010000
311322	110001000
321123	111000000
322113	110100000
331122	101001000
332112	101100000
332211	101010000



## Case ② Bijection

$$f_2 : \text{Av}_3^2(231, 121) \leftrightarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$$

$$r = 2 \text{ and } m = 3$$

1 <u>1</u> 2233	10 <u>0</u> 100100
1 <u>1</u> 3223	10 <u>0</u> 110000
1 <u>1</u> 3322	10 <u>0</u> 101000
21 <u>1</u> 233	110 <u>0</u> 00100
221 <u>1</u> 33	1010 <u>0</u> 0100
31 <u>1</u> 223	110 <u>0</u> 10000
31 <u>1</u> 322	110 <u>0</u> 01000
321 <u>1</u> 23	1110 <u>0</u> 0000
3221 <u>1</u> 3	11010 <u>0</u> 000
331 <u>1</u> 22	1010 <u>0</u> 1000
3321 <u>1</u> 2	10110 <u>0</u> 000
33221 <u>1</u>	101010 <u>0</u> 00

## Case ② Bijection

$$f_2 : \text{Av}_3^2(231, 121) \leftrightarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$$

 $r = 2$  and  $m = 3$ 

1 <u>1</u> 2 <u>2</u> 33	10 <u>0</u> 1 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 100
1 <u>1</u> 32 <u>2</u> 3	10 <u>0</u> 11 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 00
1 <u>1</u> 332 <u>2</u>	10 <u>0</u> 101 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 0
21 <u>1</u> <u>2</u> 33	110 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 100
2 <u>2</u> 1 <u>1</u> 33	1010 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 100
31 <u>1</u> 2 <u>2</u> 3	110 <u>0</u> 1 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 00
31 <u>1</u> 32 <u>2</u>	110 <u>0</u> 01 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 0
321 <u>1</u> <u>2</u> 3	1110 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 00
32 <u>2</u> 1 <u>1</u> 3	11010 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 00
331 <u>1</u> 2 <u>2</u>	1010 <u>0</u> 1 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 0
3321 <u>1</u> <u>2</u>	10110 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 0
332 <u>2</u> 1 <u>1</u>	101010 <u>0</u> <u>0</u> 0

## Case ② Bijection

$$f_2 : \text{Av}_3^2(231, 121) \leftrightarrow \mathbb{D}^3(3)$$

 $r = 2$  and  $m = 3$ 

1 <u>1</u> 22 <u>3</u> <u>3</u>	100 <u>1</u> 00 <u>1</u> 00 <u>0</u>
11 <u>3</u> 22 <u>3</u>	100 <u>1</u> 100 <u>0</u> <u>0</u>
11 <u>3</u> <u>3</u> 22	100 <u>1</u> 0100 <u>0</u>
211 <u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>3</u>	1100 <u>0</u> 0 <u>0</u> 100 <u>0</u>
2211 <u>3</u> <u>3</u>	10100 <u>0</u> 0100 <u>0</u>
311 <u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>3</u>	1100 <u>1</u> 00 <u>0</u> <u>0</u>
311 <u>3</u> 22	1100 <u>0</u> 100 <u>0</u>
3211 <u>2</u> <u>3</u>	11100 <u>0</u> 0 <u>0</u> <u>0</u>
32211 <u>3</u>	110100 <u>0</u> 0 <u>0</u> <u>0</u>
3311 <u>2</u> <u>2</u>	10100 <u>1</u> 00 <u>0</u> <u>0</u>
33 <u>2</u> 11 <u>2</u>	101100 <u>0</u> 0 <u>0</u> <u>0</u>
33 <u>2</u> <u>2</u> 11	1010100 <u>0</u> 0 <u>0</u>

# Additional Observations

These are conjectures that are “OEIS proven” experimentally!  
In other words, each sequence matches *at most one* entry in the OEIS.



# **Exploring the Space**

## Subsets of Base Patterns (Alpha only)

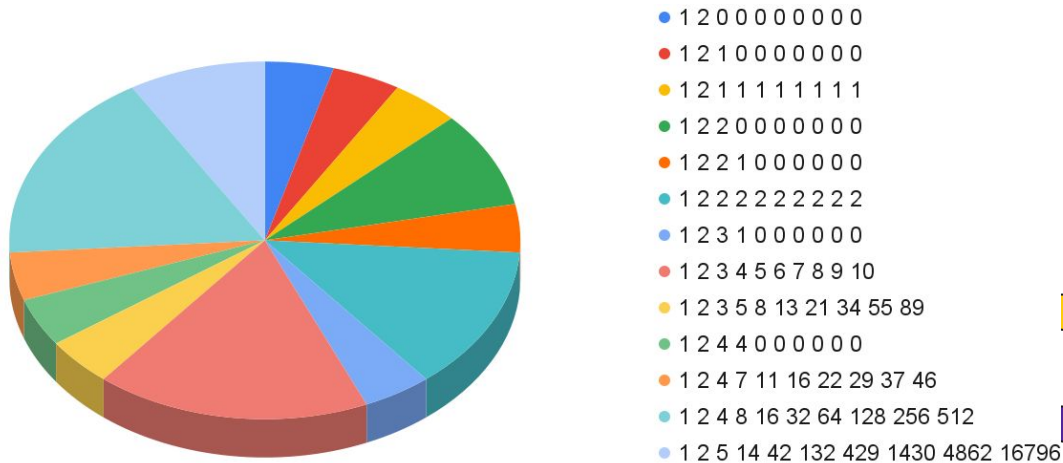
Suppose that we have a set of base patterns. For example, standard length 3 patterns are below.

$$A = \{(1,2,3), (1,3,2), (2,1,3), (2,3,1), (3,1,2), (3,2,1)\}$$

We want to run experiments on *all subsets* of some base patterns, simultaneously.

For the above set A, there are 18 non-empty subsets, up to isomorphisms of the square.

They give 13 different sequences for  $r = 1$  (i.e., permutations).



Fibonacci sequence from  
 $\{123, 132, 213\}$

Catalan sequence from  
 $\{123\}$  and  $\{132\}$

Some sequences are obtained by avoiding more than one subset of patterns from A.

1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430, 4862, 16796, ... [A000108](#) (Catalan) is obtained by two subsets.

Classic sequences:  $a(n) = n$ , Fibonacci, Lazy Caterer  $a(n) = (n+1)/2 + 1$ ,  $a(n) = 2^n$ , Catalan.

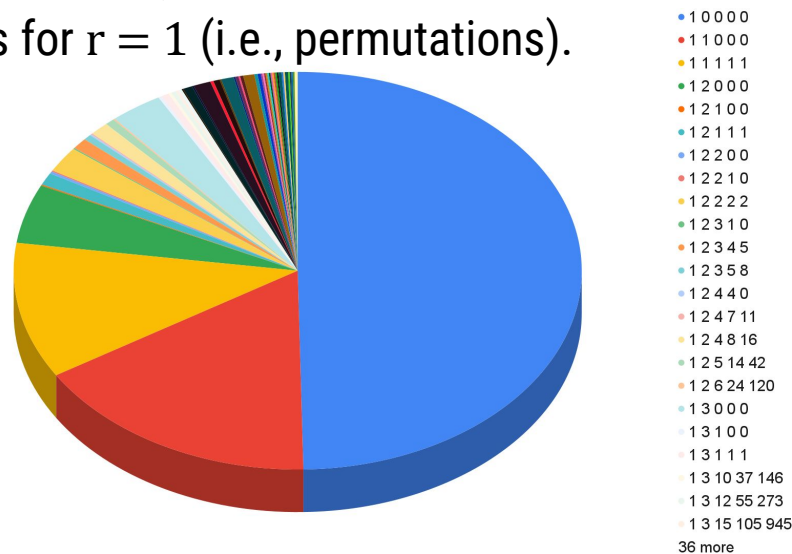
# Subsets of Base Patterns (Alpha $\cup$ Beta)

In this talk we have been considering,

$$\Gamma = A \cup B = \{(1,2,3), (1,3,2), (2,1,3), (2,3,1), (3,1,2), (3,2,1)\} \cup \{(1,1,2), (1,2,1), (1,2,2), (2,1,1), (2,1,2), (2,2,1)\}$$

There are 1103 non-isomorphic subsets (slightly more than  $2^{12}/4$  by self-symmetries).

They give 59 different sequences for  $r = 1$  (i.e., permutations).



Sequences from avoiding subsets of  $\Gamma$ -patterns over  $\{1,1,2,2,3,3,\dots,m,m\}$  for  $m = 1,2,\dots,5$ .

Most of the sequences are uninteresting (e.g., **1 0 0 0 0 ...**). Let's define this as  $a(5) \leq 5$ .



A composite image showing astronauts on the moon. In the foreground, an astronaut in a white spacesuit is sitting on the lunar surface, holding a small rectangular object. A soccer ball is on the ground near their feet. In the background, two other astronauts are visible on the horizon, one of whom appears to be kicking a ball. The Earth is a large, curved horizon in the distance, showing blue oceans and yellow city lights. The sky is black with many stars.

# Alpha Patterns\*

\* in r-regular words



	123	132	123, 132	123, 231	132, 213	132, 231	132, 312
r = 1	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000079</a>	<a href="#">A000124</a>	<a href="#">A000079</a>	<a href="#">A000079</a>	<a href="#">A000079</a>
	Catalan numbers	Catalan numbers	Powers of 2	Central polygonal numbers	Powers of 2	Powers of 2	Powers of 2
r = 2	<a href="#">A220097</a>	<a href="#">A220097</a>	<a href="#">A164908</a>	<a href="#">A054567</a>	<a href="#">A100191</a>	<a href="#">A099856</a>	<a href="#">A164908</a>
	Avoid 123 in 2-regular	Avoid 123 in 2-regular	Cellular automata 14, 46, 142, 174	Ulam's spiral (west spoke)	Related to Pascal tetrahedron	Hankel transform 1,-18,0,0,...	Cellular automata 14, 46, 142, 174
r = 3	<a href="#">A266736</a>	<a href="#">A266736</a>					
	Avoid 123 in 3-regular	Avoid 123 in 3-regular					
r = 4	<a href="#">A266739</a>	<a href="#">A266739</a>					
	Avoid 123 in 4-regular	Avoid 123 in 4-regular					

Forbidding singletons and pairs from  $A = \{(1,2,3), (1,3,2), (2,1,3), (2,3,1), (3,1,2), (3,2,1)\}$  in  $r$ -regular words. Restricted to “interesting” sequences.

	123, 132, 213	123, 132, 231	123, 132, 312	123, 231, 312	132, 213, 231	123,132,213,231
r = 1	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000027</a>	<a href="#">A000027</a>	<a href="#">A000027</a>	<a href="#">A000027</a>	
	Catalan numbers	Positive integers	Positive integers binomial(1n, 1)	Positive integers	Positive integers	
r = 2	<a href="#">A122365</a>		<a href="#">A000384</a>			
	$2a(n-1) + 4a(n-2) - a(n-3)$ $a(0) = 0$ and $a(1) = a(2) = 1$		Hexagonal numbers binomial(2n, 2)			
r = 3			<a href="#">A006566</a>			
			Dodecahedral numbers binomial(3n, 3)			
r = 4			<a href="#">A060541</a>			
			binomial(4n, 4)			

Forbidding triplets and quartets from  $A = \{(1,2,3), (1,3,2), (2,1,3), (2,3,1), (3,1,2), (3,2,1)\}$  in  $r$ -regular words. Restricted to “interesting” sequences.

# Beta Patterns



	112	121	112, 121	112, 212	121, 212
r = 1	<a href="#">A000142</a>	<a href="#">A000142</a>	<a href="#">A000142</a>	<a href="#">A000142</a>	<a href="#">A000142</a>
	Factorial numbers	Factorial numbers	Factorial numbers	Factorial numbers	Factorial numbers
r = 2	<a href="#">A001147</a>	<a href="#">A001147</a>	<a href="#">A000012</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000142</a>
	Stirling permutations (2n-1)!!	Stirling permutations (2n-1)!!	Ones	Catalan	Factorial numbers
r = 3	<a href="#">A007559</a>	<a href="#">A007559</a>	<a href="#">A000012</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000142</a>
	Triple factorial (3n-2)!!!	Triple factorial (3n-2)!!!	Ones	Catalan	Factorial numbers
r = 4	<a href="#">A007696</a>	<a href="#">A007696</a>	<a href="#">A000012</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000142</a>
	Quartic factorial (4n-3)!!!!	Quartic factorial (4n-3)!!!!	Ones	Catalan	Factorial numbers

Forbidding subsets of  $B = \{(1,1,2), (1,2,1), (1,2,2), (2,1,1), (2,1,2), (2,2,1)\}$  in r-regular words.





$(\alpha, \beta)$ -Pairs

# Avoiding $(\alpha, \beta)$ Patterns

There are  $6 \cdot 6 / 4 = 9$  unique  $(\alpha, \beta)$  pairs with  $\alpha \in \{123, 132, 213, 231, 312, 321\}$  and  $\beta \in \{112, 121, 122, 211, 212, 221\}$ . Below are the integer sequences that are obtained by avoiding each of these pairs in k-regular words.

classes	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>7</sub>	C <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>9</sub>
representative	(123,112)	(123,121)	(123,211)	(132,112)	(132,121)	(132,122)	(132,211)	(132,212)	(132,221)
reverse	(321,211)	(321,121)	(321,112)	(231,211)	(231,121)	(231,221)	(231,112)	(231,212)	(231,122)
inverse	(321,221)	(321,212)	(321,122)	(312,221)	(312,212)	(213,112)	(312,122)	(312,121)	(312,112)
both	(123,122)	(123,212)	(123,221)	(213,122)	(213,212)	(312,211)	(213,221)	(213,121)	(213,211)
k=2	A000108	A000108	A000108	A000108	A000108	A000108	A000108	A000108	A000108
k=3	A001764	A109081	trivial	A001333	A001764	A001764	A005408	A109081	A001333
k=4	A002293	A161797	trivial	A003688	A002293	A002293	A016777	A161797	A048654
k=5	A002294	A321798	trivial	A015448	A002294	A002294	A016813	A321798	A048655
k=6	A002295	A321799	trivial	A015449	A002295	A002295	A016861	A321799	A048693
k=7	A002296	new	trivial	A015451	A002296	A002296	A016921	new	A048694
k=8	A007556	new	trivial	A015453	A007556	A007556	A016993	new	A048695

k-ary Catalan

$$\sum_{i=0,1,\dots,n} \frac{C(n,i)}{(n-i+1)} \cdot C(n+(k-2) \cdot i-1, n-i)$$

Formula 1

1, k, 0, 0, ...

Generalized Fibonacci

k-ary Catalan

$$(k-1) \cdot n + 1$$

k-ary Catalan

Formula 2

Formula 1

Generalized Pellian

All experiments result in at most one OEIS sequence for large enough n.

	123, 112	123, 121	123, 211	132, 112	132, 121	132, 122	132, 211	132, 212	132, 221
r = 1	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>	<a href="#">A000108</a>
	Catalan numbers	Catalan numbers	Catalan numbers	Catalan numbers	Catalan numbers	Catalan numbers	Catalan numbers	Catalan numbers	Catalan numbers
r = 2	<a href="#">A001764</a>	<a href="#">A109081</a>		<a href="#">A001333</a>	<a href="#">A001764</a>	<a href="#">A001764</a>	<a href="#">A005408</a>	<a href="#">A109081</a>	<a href="#">A001333</a>
	3-Catalan numbers				3-Catalan numbers	3-Catalan numbers			
r = 3	<a href="#">A002293</a>	<a href="#">A161797</a>		<a href="#">A003688*</a>	<a href="#">A002293</a>	<a href="#">A002293</a>	<a href="#">A016777</a>	<a href="#">A161797</a>	<a href="#">A048654</a>
	4-Catalan numbers				4-Catalan numbers	4-Catalan numbers			
r = 4	<a href="#">A002294</a>	<a href="#">A321798</a>		<a href="#">A015448</a>	<a href="#">A002294</a>	<a href="#">A002294</a>	<a href="#">A016813</a>	<a href="#">A321798</a>	<a href="#">A048655</a>
	5-Catalan numbers				5-Catalan numbers	5-Catalan numbers			
r = 5	<a href="#">A002295</a>	<a href="#">A321799</a>		<a href="#">A015449</a>	<a href="#">A002295</a>	<a href="#">A002295</a>	<a href="#">A016861</a>	<a href="#">A321799</a>	<a href="#">A048693</a>
	6-Catalan numbers				6-Catalan numbers	6-Catalan numbers			
r = 6	<a href="#">A002296</a>	new		<a href="#">A015451</a>	<a href="#">A002296</a>	<a href="#">A002296</a>	<a href="#">A016921</a>	new	<a href="#">A048694</a>
	7-Catalan numbers				7-Catalan numbers	7-Catalan numbers			
r = 7	<a href="#">A007556</a>	new		<a href="#">A015453</a>	<a href="#">A007556</a>	<a href="#">A007556</a>	<a href="#">A016993</a>	new	<a href="#">A048695</a>
	8-Catalan numbers				8-Catalan numbers	8-Catalan numbers			





**Other  $\Gamma = A \cup B$  Subsets?**  
(We'll look at one subset here)





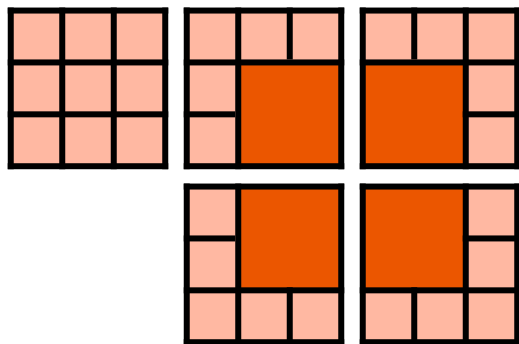
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# Jacobsthal Sequence

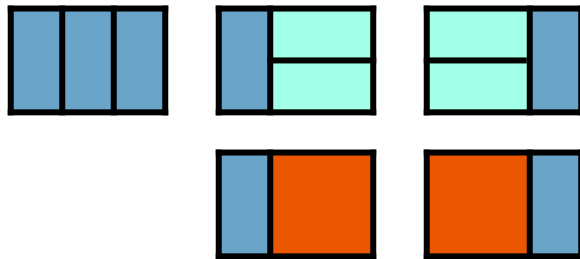
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$$a(n) = a(n-1) + 2 \cdot a(n-2) \text{ with } a(0) = 0, a(1) = 1.$$

# Jacobsthal Combinatorial Objects (n = 4)



Tile 3-by-(n-1) grid with 1-by-1 and 2-by-2 squares tiles.



Tiling 2-by-(n-1) grid with dominoes (1-by-2 / 2-by-1) and 2-by-2 tiles.

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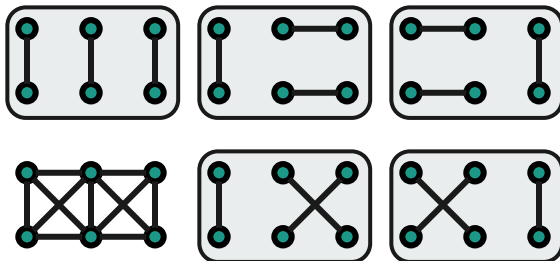
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Binary strings of length n-1 from  $(0 \cup 10 \cup 11)^*$ .



Perfect matchings of a 2-by-n grid graph with added diagonal edges.

332211 322311 223311

332112 331122

**New:**  $\text{Av}^2(121,123,132,213)$

*Thank You!*  
*Merci!*