

# Pattern match avoidance in cycle structure

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The reduction  $\text{red}(n_1, \dots, n_k)$  is a function that replaces the  $i$ -th largest number with  $i$

Example:

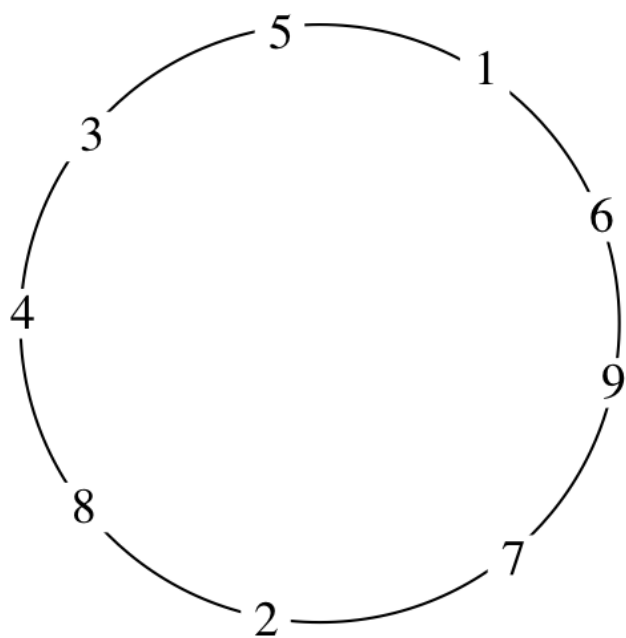
$$\text{red}(21 \ 5 \ 10 \ 9 \ 7) = 5 \ 1 \ 4 \ 3 \ 2$$

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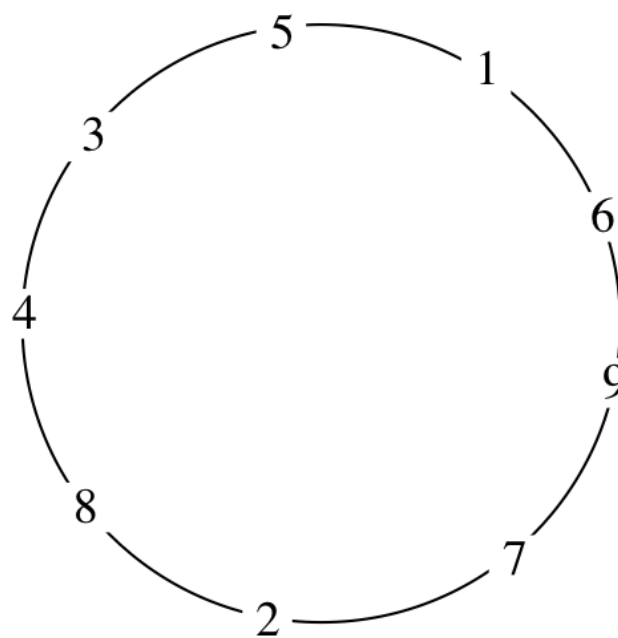
For  $\tau \in S_m$  there is a  $\tau$ -cycle-occurrence in a cycle  $C = (c_0, \dots, c_{p-1})$  if there is an  $r$  and indices  $0 < i_1 < \dots < i_{m-1} \leq p - 1$  such that  $\text{red}(c_r, c_{r+i_1}, \dots, c_{r+i_{m-1}}) = \tau$  (Where the subscripts are taken mod  $p$ )

If the occurrence involves consecutive entries it is called a  $\tau$ -cycle-match

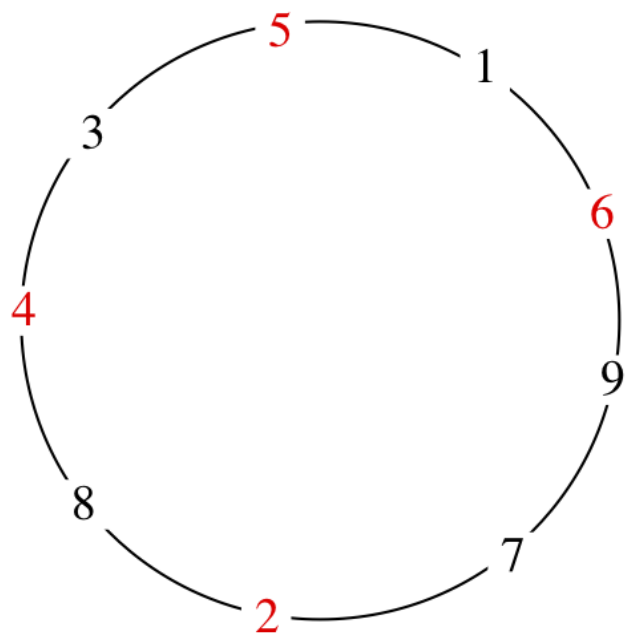
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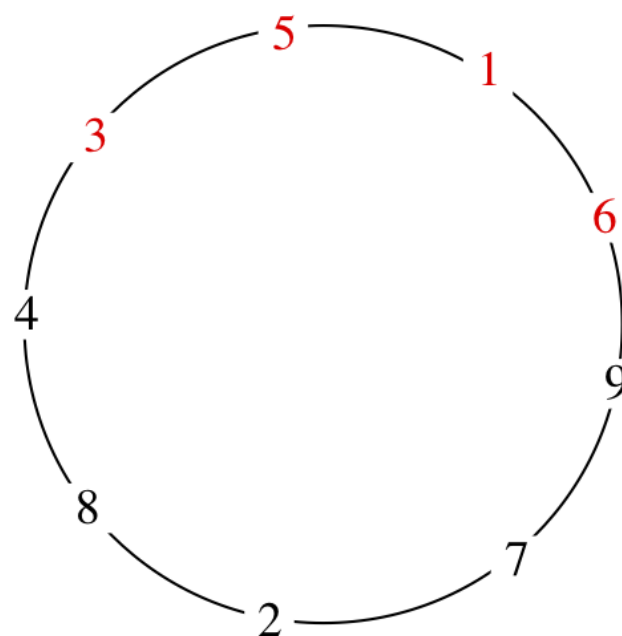
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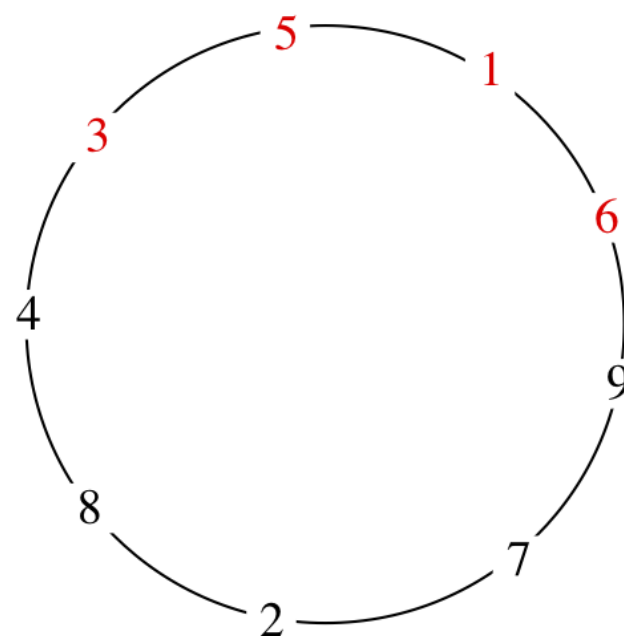
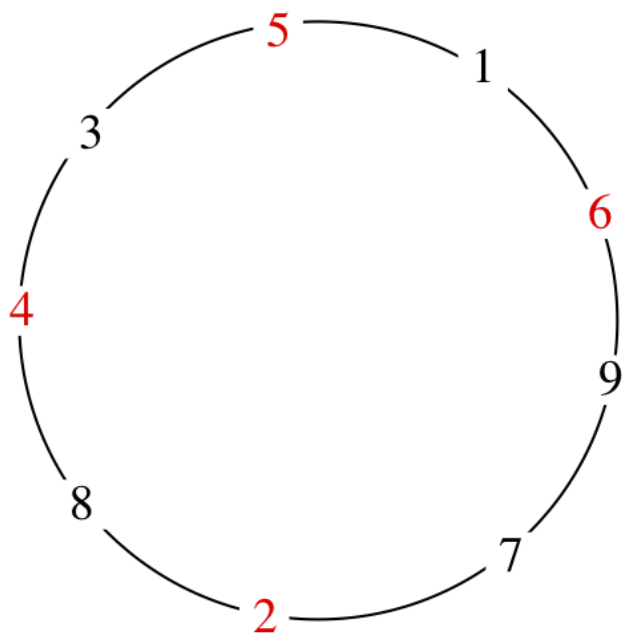


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$$\begin{array}{ll} \tau = 1\ 2\ 3\ 4 & \tau_2 = 2\ 3\ 4\ 1 \\ \tau_2 = 3\ 4\ 1\ 2 & \tau_3 = 4\ 1\ 2\ 3 \end{array}$$

$$\beta = 2\ 3\ 1\ 4$$



The focus of this talk will be to count

1. the number of  $n$ -permutations that have no  $\tau$ -cycle-occurrences in any cycle denoted

$$ncoS_n(\tau)$$

2. the number of  $n$ -permutations that have no  $\tau$ -cycle-matches in any cycle denoted

$$ncmS_n(\tau)$$

$$NCO_\tau(t) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} ncoS_n(\tau) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (1)$$

$$NCM_\tau(t) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} ncmS_n(\tau) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \quad (2)$$

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Two patterns  $\tau$  and  $\beta$  are cycle-occurrence-Wilf-equivalent  
(co-Wilf-equivalent) if  $NCO_\tau(t) = NCO_\beta(t)$

Two patterns  $\tau$  and  $\beta$  are cycle-match-Wilf-equivalent  
(cm-Wilf-equivalent) if  $NCM_\tau(t) = NCM_\beta(t)$

Any cyclic permutation of  $\tau$  is co-Wilf-equivalent to  $\tau$



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Reversing a Cycle:

$$(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1})^{cr} = (c_{m-1}, c_{m-2}, \dots, c_0)$$

Complementing a Cycle:

$$(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1})^{cc} = (n + 1 - c_0, n + 1 - c_1, \dots, n + 1 - c_{m-1})$$

$\sigma^{cr}$  is the result when you reverse all cycles of  $\sigma$

$\sigma^{cc}$  is the result when you complement all cycles of  $\sigma$

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Note: Reversing (complementing) the cycle structure of  $\sigma$  is different from reversing (complementing)  $\sigma$

$$\sigma = 1324 = (1)(23)(4)$$

$$\sigma^r = \sigma^c = 4231 = (14)(2)(3)$$

$$\sigma^{cr} = \sigma^{cc} = (4)(23)(1) = \sigma$$

$\tau$  is co-Wilf-equivalent and cm-Wilf-equivalent to  $\tau^r$  and  $\tau^c$

The basic theorem of exponential structures allows us to simplify the problem of enumerating  $ncoS_n(\tau)$  and  $ncmS_n(\tau)$  to just enumerating single cycles.

Let  $W_m : \mathcal{C}_m \rightarrow R$  be a weight function that sends cycles of length  $m$  to a ring  $R$ . Then let  $\mathcal{C}_{n,k}$  be the set of all permutations of length  $n$  with  $k$  cycles.

For  $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}_{n,k}$ , let

$$W(\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^k W_{p_i}(C_i)$$

where  $p_i$  is the length of  $C_i$ .

## Theorem of Exponential Structures:

### Theorem 0.1.

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^n x^k \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{C}_{n,k}} W(\sigma) = e^{x \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{W_m(C_m)t^m}{m!}}. \quad (3)$$

For some pattern  $\tau$ . if we let the weight function be

$W_p(C) = 1$  if  $C$  has no  $\tau$ -matches and  $W_p(C) = 0$  if  $C$  does have a  $\tau$ -match then we get the generating functions:

$$NCO_\tau(t, x) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n \\ c \text{ has no} \\ \tau\text{-cycle-occurrences}}} x^{cyc(\sigma)} = e^x \sum_{m \geq 1} ncoC_m(\tau) \frac{t^m}{m!}. \quad (4)$$

and

$$NCM_\tau(t, x) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n \\ c \text{ has no} \\ \tau\text{-cycle-matches}}} x^{cyc(\sigma)} = e^x \sum_{m \geq 1} ncmC_m(\tau) \frac{t^m}{m!}. \quad (5)$$

Example 1: Let  $\tau = 1 \ 2$ . It is clear that the only cycles that have no 1 2-cycle-occurrences or 1 2-cycle-matches are cycles of length 1.

$$ncoC_1(1 \ 2) = ncmC_1(1 \ 2) = 1$$

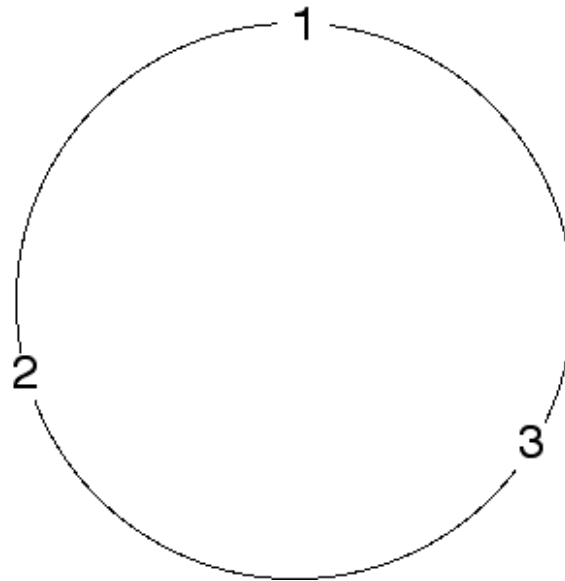
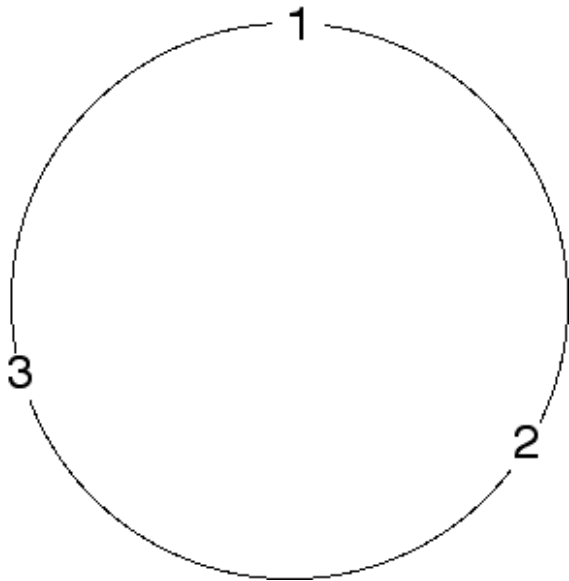
$$ncoC_m(1 \ 2) = ncmC_m(1 \ 2) = 0 \text{ for } m \geq 2$$

$$\sum_{m \geq 1} ncoC_m(\tau) \frac{t^m}{m!} = \sum_{m \geq 1} ncmC_m(\tau) \frac{t^m}{m!} = t$$

$$NCO_\tau(t, x) = NCM_\tau(t, x) = e^{xt}$$

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$$\sum_{m \geq 1} ncoC_m(\Upsilon) \frac{t^m}{m!} = t + \frac{t^2}{2}$$

$$NCO_{\Upsilon}(t, x) = e^{x(t+t^2/2)}$$



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Let  $C = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$  have no  $\Upsilon$ -cycle-matches and  $c_0 = 1$ . If  $n \geq 3$

$$1. \ c_0 < c_1 > c_2$$

$$2. \ c_0 < c_1 > c_2 < c_3$$

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But if  $n = 2k + 1$  is odd then we will be forced to have  $c_{2k-1} > c_{2k} > c_0$  which will give a 3 2 1-match. Therefore  $n$  must be even and  $c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}$  must be an alternating permutation.

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \text{Alt}_{2n+1} \frac{t^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = \tan(t)$$

$$\sum_{m \geq 1} ncmC_m(\Upsilon) \frac{t^m}{m!} = t - \log |\cos(t)|$$

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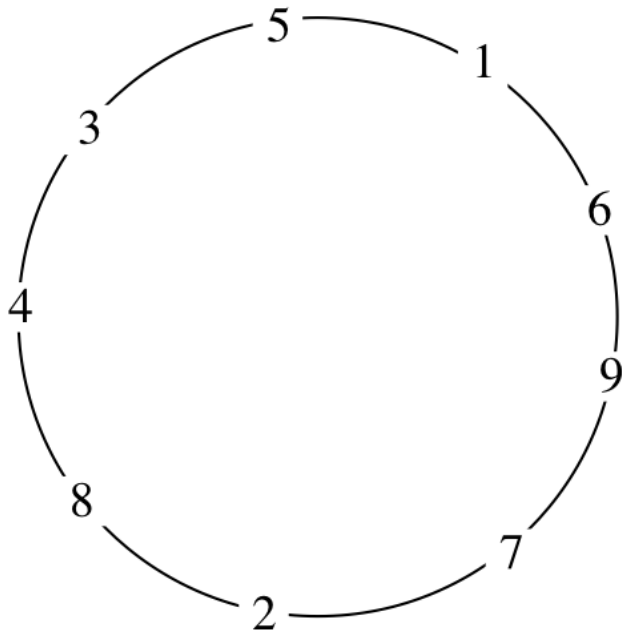
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$$NCM_{\Upsilon}(t, x) = e^{x(t - \log |\cos(t)|)} = e^{xt} \sec^x(t)$$

Let  $C = (c_0, \dots, c_{p-1})$  be a cycle with its smallest element  $c_0$  written first. Then  $\text{cdes}(C) = \text{des}(c_0, \dots, c_{p-1}) + 1$

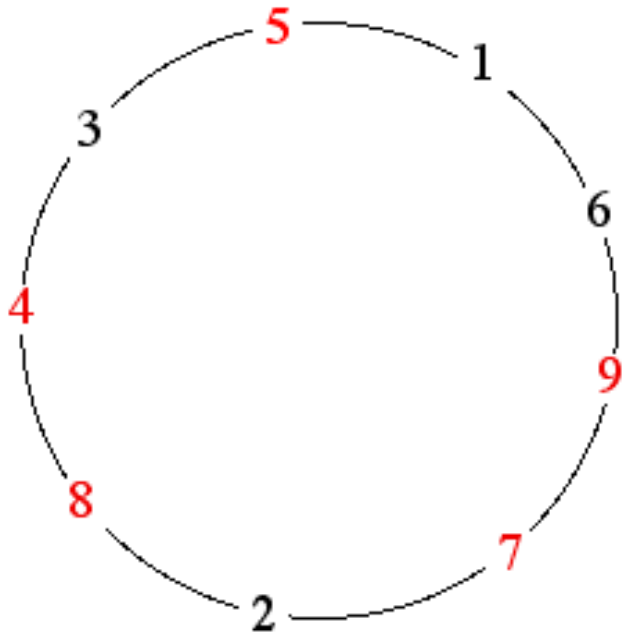
$$(1\ 6\ 9\ 7\ 2\ 8\ 4\ 3\ 5)$$



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Let  $nmS_n(\tau)$  be the number of  $n$ -permutations that have no  $\tau$ -matches.

If  $\tau$  starts with 1 then  $ncmS_n(\tau) = nmS_n(\tau)$  for all  $n$ .

$$1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} ncmS_n(\tau) \frac{t^n}{n!} = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} nmS_n(\tau) \frac{t^n}{n!}$$

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Example:

$$\sigma = (5\ 10\ 11)(3\ 6\ 4\ 8)(1\ 9\ 7\ 2)$$

$$\bar{\sigma} = 5\ 10\ 11 \mid 3\ 6\ 4\ 8 \mid 1\ 9\ 7\ 2$$

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**Lemma 0.2.** *If  $\tau \in S_j$  and  $\tau$  starts with 1, then for any  $\sigma \in S_n$ ,*

- 1.  $\sigma$  has  $k$  cycles if and only if  $\bar{\sigma}$  has  $k$  left-to-right minima,*
- 2.  $\text{cdes}(\sigma) = 1 + \text{des}(\bar{\sigma})$ , and*
- 3.  $\sigma$  has no cycle- $\tau$ -matches if and only if  $\bar{\sigma}$  has no  $\tau$ -matches.*

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If  $\tau$  starts with 1,

$$\begin{aligned}
 NCM_{\tau}(t, x, y) &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\sigma \text{ has no} \\ \tau\text{-cycle-matches}}} x^{\text{cyc}(\sigma)} y^{\text{cdes}(\sigma)} \\
 NM_{\tau}(t, x, y) &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\sigma \text{ has no} \\ \tau\text{-matches}}} x^{\text{LtoRmin}(\sigma)} y^{1+\text{des}(\sigma)} \\
 &= \exp \left( x \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{t^m}{m!} \sum_{\substack{c \text{ has no} \\ \tau\text{-cycle-matches}}} y^{\text{cdes}(c)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $\tau$  starts with 1.

$$NM_\tau(t) = NCM_\tau(t) = \exp \left( \sum_{m \geq 1} ncmC_m(\tau) \frac{t^m}{m!} \right)$$

$$\sum_{m \geq 1} ncmC_m(\tau) \frac{t^m}{m!} = \log(NM_\tau(t))$$

$$NM_\tau(t, x) = NCM_\tau(t, x) = \exp \left( x \sum_{m \geq 1} ncmC_m(\tau) \frac{t^m}{m!} \right)$$

$$NM_\tau(t)^x = NM_\tau(t, x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\sigma \text{ has no} \\ \tau\text{-matches}}} x^{\text{LtoRmin}(\sigma)}$$

Example: Let  $\tau = 132$  and let

$$A_n(y) = \sum_{\substack{c \in \mathcal{C}_n \\ c \text{ has no} \\ \tau\text{-cycle-matches}}} y^{\text{cdes}(c)} = \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n \\ \sigma \text{ starts with 1} \\ \sigma \text{ has no} \\ \tau\text{-cycle-matches}}} y^{1+\text{des}(\sigma)}$$

$$A_1 = y \quad (1)$$

$$A_2 = y \quad (12)$$

$$A_3 = y \quad (123), \langle 132 \rangle$$

$$\tau = 132$$

$A_n$  with  $n \geq 4$

$$k = 2 \quad 1 \underbrace{2 \_ \dots \_}_{n-1} \quad \text{we get } A_{n-1}(y)$$

$$k = 3 \quad 1 \_ 2 \_ \dots \_ \quad \text{can't avoid } 132$$

$$k \geq 4 \quad \underbrace{1 \_ \dots \_}_{k-1} \underbrace{2 \_ \dots \_}_{n-k+1} \quad \binom{n-2}{k-2} A_{k-1}(y) A_{n-k+1}(y)$$

So now we get the recursion

$$A_n = A_{n-1}(y) + \sum_{k=4}^n \binom{n-2}{k-2} A_{k-1}(y) A_{n-k+1}(y)$$

Let  $A(t, y) = \sum_{n \geq 0} A_n(y) \frac{t^n}{n!}$

Then the recursion

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leads to the differential equation:

$$A''(t, y) = (A'(t, y))^2 + (1 - y - yt)(A'(t, y))$$

and solution

$$A(t, y) = -\log\left(1 - y \int_0^t e^{s - ys - y \frac{s^2}{2}} ds\right)$$

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$$NCM_\tau(t, x, y) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} NM_\tau(t, x, y) &= \exp\left[x\left(-\log\left(1 - y \int_0^t e^{s-ys-y\frac{s^2}{2}} ds\right)\right)\right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 - y \int_0^t e^{s-ys-y\frac{s^2}{2}} ds}\right)^x \end{aligned}$$

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The method we used for 132 will give us a differential equation for all patterns  $\tau \in S_m$  that have the form

$$\tau = 1 \ 2 \ \dots \ (j - 1) \ \alpha \ j$$

Where  $\alpha$  is any permutation of the last  $m - j$  numbers.

Example: 1 2 3 4 9 6 8 10 7 5

Suppose  $\tau = 1 \ 2 \ \dots \ (j - 1) \ \alpha \ j$

$$NM_\tau(t, x, y) = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} U_n^\tau(x, y) \frac{t^n}{n!}}$$

$$U_n^\tau = (1 - y)U_{n-1}^\tau + y^{\text{des}(\alpha)+1} \binom{n-j}{m} U_{n-m-j+1}^\tau$$



Remmel and Mendes proved the following theorem:

**Theorem 0.3.** *For  $j \geq 2$  and  $\tau = j \dots 2 1$ ,*

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in S_n \\ \tau\text{-match}(\sigma)=0}} y^{\text{des}(\sigma)} = \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i \mathcal{R}_{n-1, i, j-1} y^i \right)^{-1}$$

where  $\mathcal{R}_{n, i, j}$  is the number of rearrangements of  $i$  zeroes and  $n - 1$  ones such that  $j$  zeroes never appear consecutively.

This theorem gives the following result:

If  $\tau = 1 \ 2 \dots j$  then

$$NM_{\tau}(t, x, y) = NCM_{\tau}(t, x, y) = \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{t^n}{n!} \sum_{i \geq 0} (-1)^i \mathcal{R}_{n-1, i, j-1} y^i} \right)^x$$

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$\boxed{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4}$  ..... Remmel and Mendes

$\boxed{1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 3}$  .....  $j = 3, \alpha = 1$

$\boxed{1 \ 3 \ 2 \ 4}$  .....  $U_n = (1 - y)U_{n-1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\frac{n}{2}} (-y)^{k-1} C_{k-1} U_{n-2k+1}$

$\boxed{1 \ 3 \ 4 \ 2}$  .....  $j = 2, \alpha = 1 \ 2$

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