Enumerative and algebraic combinatorics, a bijective approach:
commutations and heaps of pieces (with interactions in physics, mathematics and computer science)

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## Epilogue Kepler Towers

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System of Kepler towers

- regular polygons $P_{2}, P_{4}, P_{8}, \ldots$.

$$
P_{i} \quad 2^{i} \quad \text { edges }\{0
$$

- heaps $H_{1}, \ldots, H_{k}$ $H_{i}$ heap of dimers above $P_{i}$ ( $=$ tower)
(*) at level 0 , $H_{i}$ contains







Prop. The number of system of Kepler towers having $n$ dimers is

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Catalan } \\
\text { number }
\end{array} \quad C_{n}=\frac{1}{n+1}\binom{2 n}{n}
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Why Kepler Towers ?


## Donald Knuth



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The distribution of system of Kepler towers according to the number of towers is the strabler distribution


$$
\max \left(k, k^{\prime}\right)
$$



Deck path $w$
Height $\quad h(w)$
logarithmic height lh (w)

$$
=\left\lfloor\log _{2}(1+h(w))\right\rfloor
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& l h(w)=k \\
\Leftrightarrow \quad & 2^{k}-1 \leqslant h(w)<2^{k+1}-1
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { (complete) } \\
& \text { binary trees } \\
& n \text { (internal) vertices (1984) } \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { Strahler } n b=k \\
\text { Knuth }
\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}
\text { (2005) }
\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}
\text { Deck paths } \\
\text { length } 2 n \\
l h(w)=k
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
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$$
S_{\leqslant k}(t)=\frac{F_{2^{t k+1}}(t)}{F_{2^{k+1}} 1}(t)
$$

Fibonacci polynomial

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S_{k}(t)=\frac{t^{2^{k-1}}}{F_{2^{k+1}-1}(t)} \\
& \quad \underline{e x:} \quad S_{3}(t)=\frac{t^{7}}{F_{15}(t)} \\
& S_{k}(t)=S_{k-1}(t) \times \frac{t^{\left(2^{2-1}\right)}}{L_{2}(t)} \quad=\underbrace{\frac{1}{F_{1}}}_{1} \times \frac{t}{L_{2}^{(t)}} \times \frac{t}{L_{4}^{(t)}} \times \frac{t}{L_{8}^{(t)}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$L_{n}(t) \quad$ Lucas polynomial
system of Kepler towers number of towers


Programs to Read
ZEILBERGER, FRANCTON, VIENNOT, an explanatory introduction, and a MetaPost source file for VIENNOT Three Catalan bijections related to Strahler numbers, pruning orders, and Kepler towers (February 2005)

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