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## Takeuchi number

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Entry type Definition Classification msc 05A16 The nth Takeuchi number  $T_n$  is the value of the function T(n, 0, n + 1) which measures how many times the Takeuchi function t(x, y, z) has to call itself to give the answer starting with x = n, y = 0, z = n + 1. For example, the second Takeuchi number is 4, since t(2, 0, 3) requires four recursions to obtain the answer 2. The first few Takeuchi numbers are 0, 1, 4, 14, 53, 223, 1034, 5221, 28437, listed in A000651 of Sloane's OEIS. Prellberg gives a formula for the asymptotic growth of the Takeuchi numbers:

$$T_n cB_n \exp\left(\frac{1}{2W(n)^2}\right)$$

, where c is the Takeuchi-Prellberg constant (approximately 2.2394331),  $B_n$  is the nth Bernoulli number and W(x) is Lambert's W function.

## References

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