§1 SETSET INTRODUCTION 1

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1. Introduction. This program finds all nonisomorphic sets of SET cards that contain no SETs.

In case you don't know what that means, a SET card is a vector (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) where each x_i is 1, 2, or 3. Thus there are 81 possible SET cards. A SET is a set of three SET cards that sums to (0,0,0,0) modulo 3. Equivalently, the numbers in each coordinate position of the three vectors in a SET are either all the same or all different. (It's kind of a 4-dimensional tic-tac-toe with wraparound.)

There are $4! \times 3!^4 = 31104$ isomorphisms, since we can permute the coordinates in 4! ways and we can permute the individual values of each coordinate position in 3! ways.

A web page of David Van Brink states that you can't have more than 20 SET cards without having a SET. He says that he proved this in 1997 with a computer program that took about one week to run on a 90MHz Pentium machine. I'm hoping to get the result faster by using ideas of isomorph rejection, meanwhile also discovering all of the k-element SET-less solutions for $k \leq 20$.

The theorem about at most 20 SET-free cards was actually proved in much stronger form by G. Pellegrino, Matematiche 25 (1971), 149–157, without using computers. Pellegrino showed that any set of 21 points in the projective space of 81 + 27 + 9 + 3 + 1 elements, represented by nonzero 5-tuples in which x and -x are considered equivalent, has three collinear points; this would correspond to sets of three distinct points in which the third is the sum or difference of the first two.

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2. Our basic approach is to define a linear ordering on solutions, and to look only for solutions that are smallest in their isomorphism class. In other words, we will count the sets S such that $S \leq \alpha S$ for all automorphisms α . We'll also count the number t of cases where $S = \alpha S$; then the number of distinct solutions isomorphic to S is 31104/t, so we will essentially have also enumerated the distinct solutions.

The ordering we use is standard: Vectors are ordered lexicographically, so that (1,1,1,1) is the smallest SET card and (3,3,3,3) is the largest. Also, when S and T both are sets of k SET cards, we define $S \leq T$ by first sorting the vectors into order so that $s_1 < \cdots < s_k$ and $t_1 < \cdots < t_k$, then we compare (s_1, \ldots, s_k) lexicographically to (t_1, \ldots, t_k) . (Equivalently, we compare the smallest elements of S and T; if they are equal, we compare the second-smallest elements, and so on, until we've either found inequality or established that S = T.)

For example, the set $\{(1,2,2,3), (2,2,3,3)\}$ is isomorphic to the set $\{(1,1,1,1), (1,1,2,2)\}$, because we can interchange coordinates 1 and 4, then map $3 \mapsto 1$ in coordinate 1, $2 \mapsto 1$ in coordinate 2, and $(2,3) \mapsto (1,2)$ in coordinate 3. The set $\{(1,1,1,1), (1,1,2,2)\}$ has 32 automorphisms, hence 31104/32 = 972 sets are isomorphic to it.

We will generate the elements of a k-set in order. If we have $s_1 < \cdots < s_k$ and $\{s_1, \ldots, s_k\} \le \{\alpha s_1, \ldots, \alpha s_k\}$ for all α , it is not hard to prove that $\{s_1, \ldots, s_j\} \le \{\alpha s_1, \ldots, \alpha s_j\}$ for all α and $1 \le j \le k$. (The reason is that S < T and $t \ge \max T$ implies $S \cup \{s\} < S \cup \{\infty\} < T \cup \{t\}$, for all s.) Therefore every canonical k-set is obtained by extending a unique canonical (k-1)-set.

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Data structures. It's convenient to represent SET card vectors in a compact code, as an integer between 0 and 80.

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\langle \text{Type definitions 3} \rangle \equiv
                                         /* a SET card (x_1 + 1, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4 + 1) represented as ((x_1x_2x_3x_4)_3 */
  typedef char SETcard;
See also section 9.
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This code is used in section 1.

When we output a SET card, however, we prefer a hexadecimal code.

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\langle \text{Global variables 4} \rangle \equiv
          int hexform[81] = \{ \#1111, \#1112, \#1113, \#1121, \#1122, \#1123, \#1131, \#1132, \#1133, \#1131, \#1132, \#1131, \#1132, \#1131, \#1132, \#1131, \#1132, \#1131, \#1132, \#1131, \#1132, \#1131, \#1132, \#1133, \#1131, \#1132, \#1131, \#1132, \#1133, \#1131, \#1132, \#1133, \#1131, \#1132, \#1133, \#1131, \#1132, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#1133, \#
                                #1211, #1212, #1213, #1221, #1222, #1223, #1231, #1232, #1233,
                               #1311, #1312, #1313, #1321, #1322, #1323, #1331, #1332, #1333,
                                #2111, #2112, #2113, #2121, #2122, #2123, #2131, #2132, #2133,
                                *2211, *2212, *2213, *2221, *2222, *2223, *2231, *2232, *2233,
                               #2311, #2312, #2313, #2321, #2322, #2323, #2331, #2332, #2333,
                               #3111, #3112, #3113, #3121, #3122, #3123, #3131, #3132, #3133,
                                #3211, #3212, #3213, #3221, #3222, #3223, #3231, #3232, #3233,
                                #3311, #3312, #3313, #3321, #3322, #3323, #3331, #3332, #3333};
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See also sections 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17, and 35.

This code is used in section 1.

 $\langle \text{Global variables 4} \rangle + \equiv$

5. We will frequently need to find the third card of a SET, given any two distinct cards x and y, so we store the answers in a precomputed table.

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char z[3][3] = \{\{0, 2, 1\}, \{2, 1, 0\}, \{1, 0, 2\}\}; /* x + y + z \equiv 0 \pmod{3} */
  char third [81][81];
6. #define pack(a, b, c, d) ((((a) * 3 + (b)) * 3 + (c)) * 3 + (d))
\langle \text{Initialize } 6 \rangle \equiv
     int a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h;
     for (a = 0; a < 3; a ++)
       for (b = 0; b < 3; b ++)
          for (c = 0; c < 3; c++)
            for (d = 0; d < 3; d++)
               for (e = 0; e < 3; e ++)
                  for (f = 0; f < 3; f +++)
                    for (g = 0; g < 3; g ++)
                       for (h = 0; h < 3; h++)
                          third[pack(a, b, c, d)][pack(e, f, g, h)] = pack(z[a][e], z[b][f], z[c][g], z[d][h]);
  }
See also sections 7, 11, and 14.
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This code is used in section 1.

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7. An even bigger table comes next: We precompute the permutation of SET cards for each of the 31104 potential automorphisms.

And, what the heck, we compute the inverse permutation too; it's only another 2.5 megabytes.

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#define pmap(d) trit[perm[p][d]]
\langle \text{Initialize } 6 \rangle + \equiv
       {
               int a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, p, s, t;
               for (p = 0; p < 24; p++)
                      for (a = 0; a < 6; a ++)
                             for (b = 0; b < 6; b++)
                                      for (c = 0; c < 6; c++)
                                             for (d = 0; d < 6; d++)
                                                    for (e = 0; e < 3; e ++)
                                                            for (f = 0; f < 3; f ++)
                                                                    for (g = 0; g < 3; g ++)
                                                                            for (h = 0; h < 3; h++)
                                                                                    trit[0] = perm[a][e], trit[1] = perm[b][f],
                                                                                                   trit[2] = perm[c][g], trit[3] = perm[d][h],
                                                                                                   alf = ppack(p, a, b, c, d),
                                                                                                   s = pack(e, f, g, h), t = pack(pmap(0), pmap(1), pmap(2), pmap(3)),
                                                                                                   aut[alf][s] = t, tua[alf][t] = s;
       }
8. \langle \text{Global variables 4} \rangle + \equiv
       char trit[4];
                                                               /* four ternary digits */
        \mathbf{char} \ perm[24][4] = \{\{0,1,2,3\},\{0,2,1,3\},\{1,0,2,3\},\{1,2,0,3\},\{2,0,1,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\},\{2,1,0,3\}
                       \{0,1,3,2\},\{0,3,1,2\},\{1,0,3,2\},\{1,3,0,2\},\{3,0,1,2\},\{3,1,0,2\},
                       \{0,2,3,1\},\{0,3,2,1\},\{2,0,3,1\},\{2,3,0,1\},\{3,0,2,1\},\{3,2,0,1\},
                       \{1, 2, 3, 0\}, \{1, 3, 2, 0\}, \{2, 1, 3, 0\}, \{2, 3, 1, 0\}, \{3, 1, 2, 0\}, \{3, 2, 1, 0\}\};
       char aut[31104][81], tua[31104][81]; /* basic permutation tables */
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9. Cards of a set are linked together cyclically in order of their values, with an "infinite" card at the head. We also maintain an array of 31104 elements, one for each automorphism of a given element s_l of the canonical set $\{s_1, \ldots, s_l\}$ that we're working with. Such an array is called a "node." In essence, the nodes for (s_1, \ldots, s_l) represent an array of 31104 sets $\{\alpha s_1, \ldots, \alpha s_l\}$, each isomorphic to $\{s_1, \ldots, s_l\}$.

Each element αs_k at level k also has a threshold level tlevel, which can be understood as follows: Suppose $S = \{s_1, \ldots, s_l\}$ is the current canonical l-set of interest, so that $\alpha S = \{\alpha s_1, \ldots, \alpha s_l\} \geq S$ for all α . If $\alpha S > S$, there is a smallest index i such that $t_i > s_i$, where t_i is the ith smallest element of αS ; in that case we say that the threshold value of αs_k is s_i , and the threshold level is i. A tentative value of s_{l+1} can be immediately rejected if αs_{l+1} is less than s_i , because such a set $\{s_1, \ldots, s_{l+1}\}$ would not be canonical. On the other hand, if αs_{l+1} is greater than s_i , no action needs to be taken since the threshold stays the same in this case.

The threshold level is considered to be l+1 if $\alpha S=S$. In that case, we say by convention that the threshold value is unknown.

```
\langle \text{Type definitions } 3 \rangle + \equiv
  typedef struct elt_struct {
                         /* value of this element */
     SETcard val;
                      /* the level of the threshold value */
     char tlevel;
     char level;
                      /* the level when the threshold was set */
                                   /* next larger element of a set */
     struct elt_struct *link;
     struct elt_struct *next;
                                    /* next element waiting for the same threshold */
                                     /* the link to change when the threshold is hit */
     struct elt_struct *fixer;
  } element;
  typedef struct {
     SETcard v; /* s_l */ element image[isos]; /* \alpha s_l for each automorphism \alpha */
  } node;
    The node for s_l is called current[l], and current[0] contains the header nodes of circular lists.
\#define head current[0]
                                        /* s_i */
#define curval(i) current[i].v
\langle \text{Global variables 4} \rangle + \equiv
  node current [22]; /* the nodes for s_1, s_2, etc. */
11. #define infty 81
                                /* larger than any SETcard value */
\langle \text{Initialize } 6 \rangle + \equiv
  for (j = 0; j < isos; j++) head .image[j].val = infty, head .image[j].tlevel = 1,
          head.image[j].link = head.image[j].fixer = \&head.image[j];
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12. Each pair (s_i, s_j) for $1 \le i < j \le l$ defines a third SET card t that must not be appended to the set $\{s_1, \ldots, s_l\}$. The auxiliary table tab[t] tells how many such pairs exist for a given t. This table also counts cards that are forbidden because they would produce values αs_{l+1} less than the threshold for some α .

Another auxiliary table, called *here*, records the cards that are present in the current set.

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\langle Global variables 4\rangle +\equiv unsigned int tab [82]; /* nonzero for forbidden cards */ char here [81]; /* nonzero for cards in \{s_1, \ldots, s_l\} */
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13. We keep lists of all elements that need to be updated when a particular value s is appended to the current set. Such a list begins at top[s]. The list beginning at top[infty] is the one for unknown thresholds, namely for all elements such that α is an automorphism of $\{s_1, \ldots, s_l\}$.

When an element is removed from a list as part of the updating at level l, it is placed on list back[l], so that everything can be downdated when we backtrack. A separate list aback[l] is for elements removed from top[infty].

```
\langle Global variables 4\rangle +\equiv element *top[82]; /* elements waiting for a particular card */ element *oldtop[22][81]; /* saved values of top */ element *back[22], *aback[22]; /* lists for undoing */
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14. Automorphism 0 is the identity, and we need not bother updating its entries.

15. Here's a subroutine that might facilitate debugging: It simply counts the elements of a list.

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 \langle \text{ Subroutines } \mathbf{15} \rangle \equiv \\ & \text{ int } count(\mathbf{element} \ *p) \\ \{ \\ & \text{ register int } c; \\ & \text{ register element } *q; \\ & \text{ for } (q=p,c=0; \ q; \ q=q \text{-}next) \ c++; \\ & \text{ return } c; \\ \}
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This code is used in section 1.

6 BACKTRACKING SETSET §16

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Backtracking.
                            Now we're ready to construct the tree of all canonical SET-free sets \{s_1, \ldots, s_l\}.
\langle Enumerate and print all solutions 16 \rangle \equiv
  l = 0; j = 0;
moveup: while (tab[j]) j \leftrightarrow j
  if (j \equiv infty) goto big\_backup;
  l +++, curval(l) = j, here[j] = 1;
  for (k = 0; k < infty; k++) oldtop[l][k] = top[k];
  auts = 1, newauts = \Lambda;
  \langle Update the data structures for all elements whose threshold is j, or backup 21\rangle;
   (Update the data structures for all elements whose threshold is unknown, or backup 29);
   \langle Record the current canonical l-set as a solution 34\rangle;
  \langle \text{Update } tab \mid 19 \rangle;
  j = curval(l) + 1; goto moveup;
big\_backup: \langle Downdate \ tab \ 20 \rangle;
  j = curval(l);
  (Downdate the data structures for all elements whose threshold was unknown 30);
  \langle Downdate the data structures for all elements whose threshold was j = 28 \rangle;
  for (k = 0; k < infty; k++) top[k] = oldtop[l][k];
  here[j] = 0;
  j++, l--;
  if (l) goto moveup;
This code is used in section 1.
17. \langle \text{Global variables 4} \rangle + \equiv
                   /* automorphisms of the current l-set */
  int auts;
                               /* the list of nontrivial automorphisms at level l *
  element *newauts;
18. \langle \text{Local variables } 18 \rangle \equiv
  int l;
              /* the current level */
                             /* miscellaneous indices; usually j = s_l */
See also section 22.
This code is used in section 1.
19. \langle \text{Update } tab | 19 \rangle \equiv
  for (j = 1; j < l; j \leftrightarrow) tab[third[curval(j)][curval(l)]]\leftrightarrow;
This code is used in section 16.
20. \langle \text{ Downdate } tab | 20 \rangle \equiv
  for (j = 1; j < l; j \leftrightarrow) tab[third[curval(j)][curval(l)]] --;
This code is used in section 16.
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21. Now we come to the main point of this program, the part where elements αs are incorporated into the data structures because their threshold value has occurred.

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\langle Update the data structures for all elements whose threshold is j, or backup 21 \rangle \equiv
  for (pp = \Lambda, p = top[j]; p; r = p \rightarrow next, p \rightarrow next = pp, pp = p, p = r) {
     ll = p \rightarrow level;
     alf = p - \& current[ll].image[0];
     (Make quick check for easy cases that become dormant 23);
     \langle \text{Bring } current[k].image[alf] \text{ up to date for } ll < k \leq l \text{ 24} \rangle;
     \langle Compute the new threshold for \alpha, or backup 25\rangle;
  top[j] = \Lambda, back[l] = pp;
This code is used in section 16.
22. \langle \text{Local variables } 18 \rangle + \equiv
  element *p, *pp; /* element of list and its predecessor */
  int ll;
               /* a previous or future level number */
                /* the current automorphism of interest */
  register element *q, *r;
                                      /* registers for list manipulations */
                /* another convenient integer variable */
  int jj;
```

23. The list of elements waiting for j to occur will, I believe, consist mostly of the 384 elements inserted on level 1, namely those α for which $\alpha j = 0$. Once we have set $s_l = j$, the next question is almost always, "What is the value of j' for which $\alpha j' = 1$?," because we usually have $s_0 = 0$ and $s_1 = 0$. More generally, if we are waiting for j because $\alpha j = s_i$, we will next be interested in the value j' for which $\alpha j' = s_{i+1}$. If that value of j' is less than j (which equals s_l) but not already present, or if tab[j'] is nonzero, we know that j' will never be added to the current set, so we need not consider α any further.

We can save a significant amount of work in such cases, especially when l is rather large, so the following code is useful even though not strictly necessary.

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\langle Make quick check for easy cases that become dormant 23\rangle \equiv
   jj = tua[alf][curval(p \rightarrow tlevel + 1)];
   if (tab[jj] \lor (jj < j \land \neg here[jj])) {
      for (jj = curval(p \rightarrow tlevel) + 1; jj < curval(p \rightarrow tlevel + 1); jj ++) {
         k = tua[alf][jj];
         if (k > j) tab[k] ++;
                                                                                      /* (s_1, \ldots, s_l) isn't canonical */
         else if (here[k]) \( Begin backing up in Case A 33 \);
                          /* no need to update since jj won't occur */
      continue;
This code is used in section 21.
24. #define succ(p) (element *)((char *) p + sizeof(node))
\langle \text{Bring } current[k].image[alf] \text{ up to date for } ll < k < l \ 24 \rangle \equiv
   for (ll++, q = succ(p); q < \&current[l].image[0]; ll++, q = succ(q)) {
      q \rightarrow val = aut[alf][curval(ll)];
      for (r = p \rightarrow fixer; r \rightarrow link \rightarrow val < q \rightarrow val; r = r \rightarrow link);
      q \rightarrow link = r \rightarrow link;
                           /* we have inserted q \neg val into the sorted list for \alpha *
      r \rightarrow link = q;
   q \rightarrow val = curval(p \rightarrow tlevel), q \rightarrow link = p \rightarrow fixer \rightarrow link, p \rightarrow fixer \rightarrow link = q;
This code is used in section 21.
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(Compute the new threshold for \alpha, or backup 25) \equiv
   for (r = q, ll = p \rightarrow tlevel + 1; r \rightarrow link \rightarrow val \equiv curval(ll); r = r \rightarrow link, ll ++);
   if (r \rightarrow link \rightarrow val < curval(ll))
                                          /* oops, (s_1, \ldots, s_l) isn't canonical */
      \langle \text{ Begin backing up in Case B } 32 \rangle;
   q \rightarrow tlevel = ll, q \rightarrow fixer = r;
   \langle Tabulate newly forbidden values 26\rangle;
  if (ll > l) auts ++, q \rightarrow next = newauts, newauts = q;
   else jj = tua[alf][curval(ll)], q \rightarrow level = l, q \rightarrow next = top[jj], top[jj] = q;
This code is used in section 21.
26. If p-tlevel = i, we have already used tab to forbid all s values such that \alpha s < s_i and \alpha s \notin \{s_1, \ldots, s_i\}.
At this point we essentially want to increase i to the new threshold level ll. If ll > l, however, we forbid
values only up to s_l, because \alpha is an automorphism of the full set \{s_1, \ldots, s_l\} in this case.
\langle Tabulate newly forbidden values 26 \rangle \equiv
   for (jj = (ll > l? j: curval(ll)) - 1; jj > curval(p \rightarrow tlevel); jj - ) {
     k = tua[alf][jj];
     if (k > j) tab[k] ++;
This code is used in section 25.
27.
     Later we'll want to undo that last step.
\langle Untabulate values that were considered newly forbidden 27\rangle \equiv
   for (jj = (ll > l? j: curval(ll)) - 1; jj > curval(p \rightarrow tlevel); jj - ) {
     k = tua[alf][jj];
     if (k > j) tab[k]—;
This code is used in section 28.
28. Indeed, in a backtrack program, everything we do that affects subsequent decisions must eventually
   The main thing we must undo at this point is to remove the l-ll elements that were sorted in to the list
\langle Downdate the data structures for all elements whose threshold was j \geq 28 \rangle \equiv
   pp = \Lambda, p = back[l];
backup_a: while (p) {
     alf = p - \& current[p \rightarrow level].image[0];
                                                                /* the "quick check" worked */
     if (p \rightarrow fixer \rightarrow link < \& current[l].image[0]) {
        for (jj = curval(p \rightarrow tlevel) + 1; jj < curval(p \rightarrow tlevel + 1); jj ++) {
           k = tua[alf][jj];
           if (k > j) tab[k]—;
     } else {
        ll = current[l].image[alf].tlevel;
        (Untabulate values that were considered newly forbidden 27);
     backup_b: ll = p \rightarrow level;
        for (r = p \rightarrow fixer, jj = l - ll; jj; r = r \rightarrow link)
           if (r \rightarrow link > p) jj --, r \rightarrow link = r \rightarrow link \rightarrow link;
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This code is used in section 16.

 $r = p \neg next, p \neg next = pp, pp = p, p = r;$

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(Update the data structures for all elements whose threshold is unknown, or backup 29) \equiv
  for (pp = \Lambda, p = top[infty]; p; r = p \rightarrow next, p \rightarrow next = pp, pp = p, p = r) {
     alf = p - \& current[l-1].image[0];
     jj = aut[alf][j];
     if (jj < j) (Begin backing up in Case C 31);
     q = succ(p);
     q \rightarrow link = p \rightarrow fixer \rightarrow link, p \rightarrow fixer \rightarrow link = q;
     if (jj > j) {
        q \rightarrow val = jj, q \rightarrow level = l, q \rightarrow tlevel = l, q \rightarrow fixer = p \rightarrow fixer;
        jj = tua[alf][j], q \rightarrow next = top[jj], top[jj] = q;
     } else {
        q \rightarrow val = jj, q \rightarrow tlevel = l + 1, q \rightarrow fixer = q;
        auts ++, q \rightarrow next = newauts, newauts = q;
     for (jj = curval(l-1) + 1; jj < j; jj ++) {
        k = tua[alf][jj];
        if (k > j) tab[k] ++;
     }
   top[infty] = newauts, aback[l] = pp;
This code is used in section 16.
30. Obwindate the data structures for all elements whose threshold was unknown 30 \ge 10^{-10}
  pp = \Lambda, p = aback[l];
backup_c: while (p) {
     alf = p - \& current[l-1].image[0];
     q = succ(p);
     p \rightarrow fixer \rightarrow link = q \rightarrow link;
     for (jj = curval(l-1) + 1; jj < j; jj ++) {
        k = tua[alf][jj];
        if (k > j) tab[k]—;
     r = p \neg next, p \neg next = pp, pp = p, p = r;
   top[infty] = pp;
This code is used in section 16.
31. It's slightly tricky to begin backing up when we're in the middle of updating a data structure.
\langle \text{ Begin backing up in Case C 31} \rangle \equiv
     r = p, p = pp, pp = r;
     goto backup_{-}c;
This code is used in section 29.
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32. This is one of those fairly rare occasions when it's OK to jump into the middle of a loop. 
 \langle \text{Begin backing up in Case B 32} \rangle \equiv \{ \\ r = p \text{-} next, p \text{-} next = pp, pp = r; \\ \text{goto } backup\_b; \\ \}
This code is used in section 25.

33. \langle \text{Begin backing up in Case A 33} \rangle \equiv \{ \\ \text{for } (jj --; jj > curval(p \text{-} tlevel); jj --) \{ \\ k = tua[alf][jj]; \\ \text{if } (k > j) \ tab[k] --; \\ \} \\ r = p, p = pp, pp = r; \\ \text{goto } backup\_a; \\ \}
This code is used in section 23.
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34. The totals. While we're at it, we might as well determine exactly how many SET-less k sets are possible. Then we'll know the precise odds of having no SET in a random deal.

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 \langle \text{ Record the current canonical } l\text{-set as a solution } 34 \rangle \equiv \\ \text{ if } (\textit{verbose} \lor l \leq 8) \; \{ \\ \text{ for } (j=1;\;j < l;\;j++)\;\; printf("."); \\ \textit{printf}("\%04x_{\square}(\%d) \land ", \textit{hexform}[\textit{curval}(l)], \textit{auts}); \\ \} \;\; \text{else if } (l \geq 20) \; \{ \\ \text{ for } (j=1;\;j \leq l;\;j++)\;\; printf("_{\square}\%x", \textit{hexform}[\textit{curval}(j)]); \\ \textit{printf}("_{\square}(\%d) \land n", \textit{auts}); \\ \} \\ \textit{non\_iso\_count}[l]++; \\ \textit{total\_count}[l]+=31104.0/(\textbf{double}) \;\; \textit{auts}; \\ \text{This code is used in section 16.}
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35. Integers of 32 bits are insufficient to hold the numbers we're counting, but double precision floating point turns out to be good enough for exact values in this problem.

```
⟨Global variables 4⟩ +≡
int non_iso_count [30]; /* number of canonical solutions */
double total_count [30]; /* total number of solutions */
int verbose = 0; /* set nonzero for debugging */

36. ⟨Print the totals 36⟩ ≡
for (j = 1; j \le 21; j++)
  printf ("%20.20g_SETless_\%d-sets_\(\%d_\)cases)\n", total_count [j], j, non_iso_count [j]);
This code is used in section 1.
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