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1. This is a quick program to find all canonical forms of reflection networks for small n .

Well, when I wrote that paragraph I believed it, but subsequently I have added lots of bells and whistles because I wanted to compute more stuff. At present this code determines the number B_n of equivalence classes of reflection networks (i.e., irredundant primitive sorting networks); also the number of weak equivalence classes, either with (C_{n+1}) or without (D_{n+1}) anti-isomorphism; and the number of preweak equivalence classes (E_{n+1}) , which is the number of simple arrangements of $n + 1$ pseudolines in a projective plane. For each representative of D_{n+1} it also computes the “score,” which is the number of ways to add another pseudoline crossing the network.

If compiled without the `NOPRINT` switch, each member of B_n is printed as a string of transposition numbers, generated in lexicographic order. This is followed by `*` if the string is also a representative of C_{n+1} when prefixed by $01 \dots n$. And if the string is also a representative of D_{n+1} , you also get the score in brackets, followed by `#` if it is a representative of E_{n+1} . If not a representative of D_{n+1} , the symbol `>` is printed followed by the string of an anti-equivalent network.

If compiled with the `DEBUG` switch, you also get intermediate output about the backtrack tree and the networks generated while searching for anti-equivalence and preweak equivalence.

I wrote this program to allow n up to 10; but integer overflow will surely occur in $B_{10} \approx 2 \times 10^{10}$, if I ever get a computer fast enough to run that case. When $n = 7$, this program took 48 seconds to run, on January 12, 1991; the running time for $n = 6$ was 1 second, and for $n = 8$ it was 57 minutes. Therefore I made a stripped-down version to enumerate only B_n when $n = 9$.

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

2. There’s an array $a[1 \dots n]$ containing k inversions; an index j showing where we are going to try to reduce the inversions by swapping $a[j]$ with $a[j + 1]$; and two arrays for backtracking. At choice-level l we set $t[l]$ to the current j value, and we also set $c[l]$ to 1 if we swapped, 0 if we didn’t.

```
#define swap(j)
    { int tmp = a[j]; a[j] = a[j + 1]; a[j + 1] = tmp; }
#define npairs 120 /* should be greater than  $2\binom{n+1}{2}$  */
#define ncycle 240 /* should be greater than  $4\binom{n+1}{2}$  */
<Global variables 2> ≡
    int n; /* number of elements to be reflected */
    int a[10]; /* array that shows progress */
    int k; /* number of inversions yet to be removed */
    int j; /* current place in array */
    int l; /* current choice level */
    int c[npairs]; /* code for choices made */
    int t[npairs]; /* j values where choices were made */
    int i, ii, iii; /* general-purpose indices */
    int bn, cn, dn, en; /* counters for  $B_n, C_{n+1}, D_{n+1}, E_{n+1}$  */
    int smin, smax; /* counters for “scores” */
    float stot; /* grand total of scores */
```

See also sections 8 and 13.

This code is used in section 3.

3. The value of n is supposed to be an argument.

```
#define abort(s)
    { fprintf(stderr,s); exit(1); }

⟨Global variables 2⟩

main(argc, argv)
    int argc;    /* number of args */
    char **argv; /* the args */
{
    if (argc ≠ 2) abort("Usage: _reflect_n\n");
    if (sscanf(argv[1], "%d", &n) ≠ 1 ∨ n < 2 ∨ n > 10) abort("n _should _be _in _the _range _2..10!\n");
    ⟨Initialize 4⟩;
    ⟨Run through all canonical reflection networks 5⟩;
    printf("B=%d, _C=%d, _D=%d, _E=%d\n", bn, cn, dn, en);
    printf("scores_min=%d, _max=%d, _mean=%.1f\n", smin, smax, stot/(float) dn);
}
```

4. ⟨Initialize 4⟩ ≡

```
for (j = 1; j ≤ n; j++) a[j] = n + 1 - j;
k = n * (n - 1); k /= 2;
c[0] = 0;    /* a convenient sentinel */
l = 1;
j = n;
bn = cn = dn = en = smax = 0;
stot = 0.0;
smin = 1000000000;
```

This code is used in section 3.

5. ⟨Run through all canonical reflection networks 5⟩ ≡

```
moveleft: j--;
loop:
    if (j ≡ 0) {
        if (k ≡ 0) ⟨Print a solution 7⟩;
        ⟨Backtrack, either going to loop or to finished when all possibilities are exhausted 6⟩;
    }
    if (a[j] < a[j + 1]) goto moveleft;
    t[l] = j;
    c[l++] = 0;
    goto moveleft;
finished: ;
```

This code is used in section 3.

6. \langle Backtrack, either going to *loop* or to *finished* when all possibilities are exhausted 6 $\rangle \equiv$

```

while (c[--l]) {
    j = t[l];
    swap(j);
    k++;
}
if (l  $\equiv$  0) goto finished;
j = t[l];
c[l++] = 1;
swap(j);
k--;
if (++j  $\equiv$  n) j--;
goto loop;

```

This code is used in section 5.

7. \langle Print a solution 7 $\rangle \equiv$

```

{
#ifdef DEBUG
    for (i = 1; i < l; i++) putchar('0' + c[i]);
    putchar(':');
#endif
#ifdef NOPRINT
    for (i = 1; i < l; i++)
        if (c[i]) putchar('0' - 1 + t[i]);
#endif
     $\langle$  Check if it gives a new CC system on  $n + 1$  elements 9  $\rangle$ ;
#ifdef NOPRINT
    putchar('\n');
#endif
    bn++;
}

```

This code is used in section 5.

8. Here's part of the program I wrote after getting the above to work. The idea is to see if the almost-canonical form for an $(n + 1)$ -element network is weakly equivalent to any lexicographically smaller almost-canonical forms. If not, we print an asterisk, because it represents a new weak equivalence class.

The forms are kept in locations r through $r + n(n + 1)/2 - 1$ of array b , which starts out like t but with the transpositions 1, 2, \dots , n prefaced. End-around shifts are performed (advancing r by 1 each time) until the original form appears again.

\langle Global variables 2 $\rangle + \equiv$

```

int b[ncycle]; /* larger array used for testing weak equivalence */
int r, rr; /* the first and last active locations in b */
int d[npairs]; /* copy of the present network */
int rrr; /*  $\binom{n+1}{2}$  */

```

9. \langle Check if it gives a new CC system on $n + 1$ elements 9 $\rangle \equiv$

```

for ( $rr = 0$ ;  $rr < n$ ;  $rr++$ )  $b[rr] = rr + 1$ ;
for ( $i = 1$ ;  $i < l$ ;  $i++$ )
  if ( $c[i]$ ) {
     $b[rr] = d[rr] = t[i]$ ;
     $rr++$ ;
  }
 $d[rr] = 1$ ;      /* sentinel */
 $rrr = rr$ ;
 $r = 0$ ;
while (1) {
   $\langle$  Shift the first transposition to the other end 10  $\rangle$ ;
  if ( $b[r] \equiv 1$ )  $\langle$  Test lexicographic order; break if equal or less 11  $\rangle$ ;
}
```

This code is used in section 7.

10. \langle Shift the first transposition to the other end 10 $\rangle \equiv$

```

 $j = n - b[r++]$ ;
for ( $i = rr++$ ;  $b[i - 1] < j$ ;  $i--$ )  $b[i] = b[i - 1]$ ;
 $b[i] = j + 1$ ;
```

This code is used in section 9.

11. \langle Test lexicographic order; **break** if equal or less 11 $\rangle \equiv$

```

{
   $b[rr] = 0$ ;      /* sentinel, is less than the 1 we put in  $d$  */
  for ( $i = r + n$ ;  $b[i] \equiv d[i - r]$ ;  $i++$ ) ;
  if ( $b[i] < d[i - r]$ ) {
    if ( $i \equiv rr$ ) { /* total equality */
#ifndef NOPRINT
       $putchar(' *')$ ;
#endif
     $cn++$ ;
     $\langle$  Make the big test for pre-weak equivalence 12  $\rangle$ ;
  }
  break;
}
}
```

This code is used in section 9.

12. Well, after I got that going I couldn't resist continuing until I had all simple arrangements of pseudolines enumerated. That requires looking at another $\binom{n+1}{2}$ cases to see if they are weakly equivalent to anything seen before.

And, surprise, it also meant testing for anti-isomorphism.

```

⟨ Make the big test for pre-weak equivalence 12 ⟩ ≡
  ⟨ Reset b to a double cycle 14 ⟩;
  ⟨ Test the reverse of b for weak equivalence; goto done if weakly equivalent to a previous case 15 ⟩;
  ⟨ Compute the score for this weak equivalence/antiequivalence class rep 22 ⟩;
  for (r = 0; r < rrr; r++) {
    ⟨ Move the “pole” into the cell preceding the first transposition module 20 ⟩;
    for (ref = 0; ref < 2; ref++) {
      if (ref ≡ 0)
        for (i = 0; i < rrr; i++) y[i] = x[i];
      else ⟨ Replace the present x by the reverse of y 16 ⟩;
      ⟨ If the new network is weakly equivalent to a lexicographically smaller one, goto done 17 ⟩;
    }
  }
#endif NOPRINT
  putchar('#'); /* a new preweak class, not related to anything earlier */
#endif
  en++;
done: ;

```

This code is used in section 11.

13. For this part of the program we use an array *x* analogous to *b*; also variables *s* and *ss* analogous to *r* and *rr*; also an array *e* analogous to *d*.

```

⟨ Global variables 2 ⟩ +=
  int x[ncycle]; /* network to be tested for weak equivalence */
  int m; /* largest element in x so far */
  int y[npairs]; /* elements to be carried around to the right as x is formed */
  int jj; /* the number of elements in y */
  int s, ss; /* the active region of x */
  int e[npairs]; /* starting point */
  int rep; /* number of repetitions */
  int ref; /* number of reflections */

```

14. At this point *i* − *r* points just past the end of the *d* data, and the first *n* entries of *b* are still equal to 1, 2, . . . , *n*. The network we construct here is not necessarily in canonical form.

```

⟨ Reset b to a double cycle 14 ⟩ ≡
  rr = i − r;
  for (i = n; i < rr; i++) b[i] = d[i];
  for ( ; i < rr + rr; i++) b[i] = n + 1 − b[i − rr];

```

This code is used in section 12.

15. One nice thing is that reflection and turning upside down preserve canonicity when we do both simultaneously.

```

⟨ Test the reverse of  $b$  for weak equivalence; goto done if weakly equivalent to a previous case 15 ⟩ ≡
  for ( $i = 0$ ;  $i < rrr$ ;  $i++$ )  $x[rrr - 1 - i] = n + 1 - b[i]$ ;
   $s = 0$ ;  $ss = rrr$ ;
  while ( $x[s] > 1$ ) ⟨ End-around shift  $x$  19 ⟩;
  for ( $i = s + n$ ;  $i < ss$ ;  $i++$ )  $e[i - s] = x[i]$ ;
   $e[rrr] = 1$ ; /* another sentinel */
  while (1) {  $x[ss] = 0$ ; /* sentinel */
  for ( $i = s + n$ ;  $x[i] \equiv d[i - s]$ ;  $i++$ ) ;
  if ( $i \equiv ss$ ) break; /* anti-isomorphic to itself */
  if ( $x[i] < d[i - s]$ ) { /* anti-isomorphic to previous guy */
#ifdef NOPRINT
    putchar('>');
    for ( $i = s + n$ ;  $i < ss$ ;  $i++$ ) putchar( $x[i] + '0' - 1$ );
#endif
    goto done;
  }
  do ⟨ End-around shift  $x$  19 ⟩
  while ( $x[s] > 1$ ) ;
   $x[ss] = 0$ ;
  for ( $i = s + n$ ;  $x[i] \equiv e[i - s]$ ;  $i++$ ) ;
  if ( $i \equiv ss$ ) break; /* anti-isomorphic to some future guy */
  }

```

This code is used in section 12.

```

16. ⟨ Replace the present  $x$  by the reverse of  $y$  16 ⟩ ≡
{
  for ( $i = 0$ ;  $i < rrr$ ;  $i++$ )  $x[rrr - 1 - i] = n + 1 - y[i]$ ;
   $s = 0$ ;  $ss = rrr$ ;
  while ( $x[s] > 1$ ) ⟨ End-around shift  $x$  19 ⟩;
#ifdef DEBUG
    putchar('/');
    ⟨ If debugging, print the active region of  $x$  25 ⟩;
#endif
}

```

This code is used in section 12.

```

17. ⟨ If the new network is weakly equivalent to a lexicographically smaller one, goto done 17 ⟩ ≡
  for ( $i = s + n$ ;  $i < ss$ ;  $i++$ )  $e[i - s] = x[i]$ ;
  while (1) { ⟨ If the  $x$  network is weakly equivalent to an earlier one, goto done; if weakly equivalent to
    the present one, goto okay 18 ⟩;
  do ⟨ End-around shift  $x$  19 ⟩
  while ( $x[s] > 1$ ) ;
  ⟨ If debugging, print the active region of  $x$  25 ⟩;
   $x[ss] = 0$ ; /* sentinel */
  for ( $i = s + n$ ;  $x[i] \equiv e[i - s]$ ;  $i++$ ) ;
  if ( $i \equiv ss$ ) break; /* now  $x$  is back to its original state and we found nothing */
  }
okay: ;

```

This code is used in section 12.

18. \langle If the x network is weakly equivalent to an earlier one, **goto** *done*; if weakly equivalent to the present one, **goto** *okay* [18](#) $\rangle \equiv$

```

 $x[ss] = 0;$       /* sentinel */
for ( $i = s + n;$   $x[i] \equiv d[i - s];$   $i++$ ) ;
if ( $i \equiv ss$ ) goto okay;
if ( $x[i] < d[i - s]$ ) goto done;

```

This code is used in section [17](#).

19. \langle End-around shift x [19](#) $\rangle \equiv$

```

{
   $j = n - x[s++];$ 
  for ( $i = ss++;$   $x[i - 1] < j;$   $i--$ )  $x[i] = x[i - 1];$ 
   $x[i] = j + 1;$ 
}

```

This code is used in sections [15](#), [16](#), and [17](#).

20. The only somewhat tricky operation comes in here. We use the fact that the first ‘1’ in a canonical network is always immediately followed by 2, ..., n ; reversing these, decreasing the previous by 1, and increasing the remaining by 1 takes that line around the pole. This operation might require carrying some transpositions around from left to right.

```

⟨ Move the “pole” into the cell preceding the first transposition module 20 ⟩ ≡
  ⟨ If debugging, print the active region of b 24 ⟩;
  s = 0; ss = rrr;
  iii = jj = 0;
  x[0] = m = rep = b[r];
  rr = r + rrr;
  for (i = r + 1; i < rr; i++) {
    j = b[i] - 1;
    ⟨ Insert the value j + 1 canonically into x 21 ⟩;
  }
  for (i = 0; iii < rrr - 1; i++) {
    j = n - 1 - y[i];
    ⟨ Insert the value j + 1 canonically into x 21 ⟩;
  }
  ⟨ If debugging, print the active region of x 25 ⟩;
  while (rep--) {
    m = 0;
    for (i = 0; x[i] ≠ 1; i++) {
      x[i]--;
      if (x[i] > m) m = x[i];
    }
    iii = i - 1;
    jj = 0;
    for (j = n - 1; j ≥ 0; j--)
      if (j ≡ 0 ∧ i ≡ 0) {
        x[0] = m = 1;
        iii = 0;
      }
      else ⟨ Insert the value j + 1 canonically into x 21 ⟩;
    for (i += n; i < rrr; i++) {
      j = x[i];
      ⟨ Insert the value j + 1 canonically into x 21 ⟩;
    }
    for (i = 0; iii < ss - 1; i++) {
      j = n - 1 - y[i];
      ⟨ Insert the value j + 1 canonically into x 21 ⟩;
    }
    ⟨ If debugging, print the active region of x 25 ⟩;
  }
}

```

This code is used in section 12.

21. We must carry over items that exceed m , which denotes the maximum value stored so far, because we want the first element of $x[0]$ to remain in place.

```

⟨ Insert the value  $j + 1$  canonically into  $x$  21 ⟩ ≡
  if ( $j > m$ )  $y[jj++] = j$ ;
  else {
    if ( $j \equiv m$ )  $m++$ ;
    for ( $ii = ++iii$ ;  $x[ii - 1] < j$ ;  $ii--$ )  $x[ii] = x[ii - 1]$ ;
     $x[ii] = j + 1$ ;
  }
```

This code is used in section 20.

22. The score is computed in several passes, although I do know how to do it in linear time. Since the x array is currently unused, I store in $x[i]$ the score for the cell following transposition i .

```

⟨ Compute the score for this weak equivalence/antieuivalence class rep 22 ⟩ ≡
   $dn++$ ;
   $rr = rrr + rrr$ ;
  for ( $i = 0$ ;  $i < rr$ ;  $i++$ )  $x[i] = 1$ ;
  for ( $j = 2$ ;  $j \leq n$ ;  $j++$ ) ⟨ Fill in the cell counts  $x[i]$  for cases when  $b[i] = j$  23 ⟩;
  { register int  $score = 0$ ;
    for ( $i = 0$ ;  $i < rr$ ;  $i++$ )
      if ( $b[i] \equiv n$ )  $score += x[i]$ ;
     $stot += (\text{float}) score$ ;
    if ( $score > smax$ )  $smax = score$ ;
    if ( $score < smin$ )  $smin = score$ ;
  }
#ifdef NOPRINT
  printf("_[%d]",  $score$ );
#endif
}
```

This code is used in section 12.

23. As we fill the cell counts, we assume that $x[ii]$ is the previous cell having $b[i] = j$. We assume that $b[i] \equiv i + 1$ for $0 \leq i < n$.

```

⟨ Fill in the cell counts  $x[i]$  for cases when  $b[i] = j$  23 ⟩ ≡
  { int  $acc = 0$ ;
    int  $p$ ; /* most recent  $x[i]$  when  $b[i] = j - 1$  */
     $ii = rr$ ;
    for ( $i = 0$ ;  $i < rr$ ;  $i++$ ) { register int  $delta = j - b[i]$ ;
      if ( $delta \equiv 0$ ) {
         $x[ii] = acc$ ;
         $ii = i$ ;
         $acc = p$ ;
      }
      else if ( $delta \equiv 1$ ) {
         $p = x[i]$ ;
         $acc += p$ ;
      }
    }
     $x[ii] = acc + x[rr]$ ;
  }
```

This code is used in section 22.

24. ⟨ If debugging, print the active region of *b* [24](#) ⟩ ≡

```
#ifndef DEBUG
    printf("\n>");
    for (m = r; m < r + rrr; m++) putchar(b[m] + '0' - 1);
#endif
```

This code is used in section [20](#).

25. ⟨ If debugging, print the active region of *x* [25](#) ⟩ ≡

```
#ifndef DEBUG
    printf("\n□□");
    for (m = s; m < ss; m++) putchar(x[m] + '0' - 1);
#endif
```

This code is used in sections [16](#), [17](#), and [20](#).

| | |
|--|--|
| <i>a</i> : 2 . | <i>r</i> : 8 . |
| <i>abort</i> : 3 . | <i>ref</i> : 12 , 13 . |
| <i>acc</i> : 23 . | <i>rep</i> : 13 , 20 . |
| <i>argc</i> : 3 . | <i>rr</i> : 8 , 9 , 10 , 11 , 13 , 14 , 20 , 22 , 23 . |
| <i>argv</i> : 3 . | <i>rrr</i> : 8 , 9 , 12 , 15 , 16 , 20 , 22 , 24 . |
| <i>b</i> : 8 . | <i>s</i> : 13 . |
| <i>bn</i> : 2 , 3 , 4 , 7 . | <i>score</i> : 22 . |
| <i>c</i> : 2 . | <i>smax</i> : 2 , 3 , 4 , 22 . |
| <i>cn</i> : 2 , 3 , 4 , 11 . | <i>smin</i> : 2 , 3 , 4 , 22 . |
| <i>d</i> : 8 . | <i>ss</i> : 13 , 15 , 16 , 17 , 18 , 19 , 20 , 25 . |
| DEBUG: 1 , 7 , 16 , 24 , 25 . | <i>sscanf</i> : 3 . |
| <i>delta</i> : 23 . | <i>stderr</i> : 3 . |
| <i>dn</i> : 2 , 3 , 4 , 22 . | <i>stot</i> : 2 , 3 , 4 , 22 . |
| <i>done</i> : 12 , 15 , 18 . | <i>swap</i> : 2 , 6 . |
| <i>e</i> : 13 . | <i>t</i> : 2 . |
| <i>en</i> : 2 , 3 , 4 , 12 . | <i>tmp</i> : 2 . |
| <i>exit</i> : 3 . | <i>x</i> : 13 . |
| <i>finished</i> : 5 , 6 . | <i>y</i> : 13 . |
| <i>fprintf</i> : 3 . | |
| <i>i</i> : 2 . | |
| <i>ii</i> : 2 , 21 , 23 . | |
| <i>iii</i> : 2 , 20 , 21 . | |
| <i>j</i> : 2 . | |
| <i>jj</i> : 13 , 20 , 21 . | |
| <i>k</i> : 2 . | |
| <i>l</i> : 2 . | |
| <i>loop</i> : 5 , 6 . | |
| <i>m</i> : 13 . | |
| <i>main</i> : 3 . | |
| <i>moveleft</i> : 5 . | |
| <i>n</i> : 2 . | |
| <i>ncycle</i> : 2 , 8 , 13 . | |
| NOPRINT: 1 , 7 , 11 , 12 , 15 , 22 . | |
| <i>npairs</i> : 2 , 8 , 13 . | |
| <i>okay</i> : 17 , 18 . | |
| <i>p</i> : 23 . | |
| <i>printf</i> : 3 , 22 , 24 , 25 . | |
| <i>putchar</i> : 7 , 11 , 12 , 15 , 16 , 24 , 25 . | |

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