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Changed sections for computing the crossing number.

1 The main program

Each PSLA for n lines has a unique parent with $n - 1$ lines. This defines a tree structure on the PSLAs. The principle of the enumeration algorithm is a depth-first traversal of this tree.

Change: We are keeping statistics for several independent characteristics, one of which (the *crossing_number*) can rise to high values (see `MAX_CROSSINGS` in Section 3). Therefore, we reduce the maximum number `MAXN` of pseudolines from 15 to what we really need.

```

6  #define MAXN 11      /* The maximum number of pseudolines for which the program will work. */
    < Include standard libraries 10 >
    < Types and data structures 4 >
    < Global variables 5 >
    < Subroutines 27 >
    < Core subroutines for recursive generation 15 >
    int main(int argc, char *argv[])
    {
        < Parse the command line 13 >;
    #if readdatabase      /* reading from the database */
        < Read all point sets of size  $n_{max} + 1$  from the database and process them 77 >
        return 0;
    #endif
    #if enumAOT
        < Initialize statistics and open reporting file 52 >;
        < Start the generation 16 >;
        < Report statistics 54 >;
    #endif
        return 0;
    }

```

2 Statistics

Characteristics:

- number h of hull points.
- period p of rotational symmetry on the hull. (The order of the rotation group is h/p .)
- mirror symmetry, with or without fixed vertex on the hull (3 possibilities).

In addition, we keep

- the number of halving-lines, *num_halving_lines*.
- the crossing number, *crossing_number*.

PSLAccount counts OAOT of point sets with a marked point on the convex hull, but no specified traversal direction. <http://oeis.org/A006245> (see below) is the same sequence with n shifted by 0. *xPSLAccount* counts OAOT of point sets with a marked point on the ... ?

```

51 #define NO_MIRROR 0
    #define MIRROR_WITH_FIXED_VERTEX 1
    #define MIRROR_WITHOUT_FIXED_VERTEX 2
    < Global variables 5 > +≡
    long long unsigned countPSLA[MAXN + 2], countO[MAXN + 2], countU[MAXN + 2];
    long long unsigned PSLAccount[MAXN + 2]; /* A006245, Number of primitive sorting networks on  $n$ 
        elements; also number of rhombic tilings of  $2n$ -gon. Also the number of oriented matroids of rank 3 on
         $n(?)$  elements. */
    /* 1, 1, 2, 8, 62, 908, 24698, 1232944, 112018190, 18410581880, 5449192389984 ... until  $n = 16$ . */
    long long unsigned xPSLAccount[MAXN + 2];
    long long unsigned classcount[MAXN + 2][MAXN + 2][MAXN + 2][3][MAX_HALVING_LINES + 1][MAX_CROSSINGS + 1];
    int num_halving_lines; /* global variable; this is not clean */
    long long unsigned numComparisons ← 0, numTests ← 0; /* profiling */

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53 ¶ 〈Gather statistics about the AOT, collect output 53〉 ≡
    int hulledges[MAXN + 1];
    int hullsize ← upper_hull_PSLA(n, hulledges);    /* Determine the extreme points: */
    int rotation_period;
    boolean has_fixed_vertex;
    boolean has_mirror_symmetry;
    int n_points ← n + 1;    /* number of points of the AOT */
    boolean lex_smallest ← is_lex_smallest_P_matrix(n, hulledges, hullsize, &rotation_period,
        &has_mirror_symmetry, &has_fixed_vertex);
    if (lex_smallest) {
        countU[n_points]++;    /* We count to contribution from this AOT to the various counters countO,
            PS�Account, xPS�Account according to the symmetry information. */
        if (has_mirror_symmetry) {
            countO[n_points]++;
            PS�Account[n] += rotation_period;
            if (has_fixed_vertex) xPS�Account[n] += rotation_period / 2 + 1;
                /* works for even and odd rotation_period */
            else xPS�Account[n] += rotation_period / 2;
        }
        else {
            countO[n_points] += 2;
            PS�Account[n] += 2 * rotation_period;
            xPS�Account[n] += rotation_period;
        }
        int crossing_number ← count_crossings(n);
        assert(num_halving_lines ≤ MAX_HALVING_LINES);
        classcount[n_points][hullsize][rotation_period][¬has_mirror_symmetry ?
            NO_MIRROR : has_fixed_vertex ? MIRROR_WITH_FIXED_VERTEX :
            MIRROR_WITHOUT_FIXED_VERTEX][num_halving_lines][crossing_number]++;
    }
    #if 0    /* debugging */
        printf("found_n=%d. %Ld", n_points, countO[n_points]);
        print_small(S, n_points);
    #endif
    This code is used in chunk 18.

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¶ The statistics gathered in the *classcount* array are written to a *reportfile* so that a subsequent program can conveniently read and process it.

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55 〈Report statistics 54〉 +≡
    if (strlen(fname)) {
        fprintf(reportfile, "#_N_max=%d/%d", n_max, n_max + 1);
        if (parts ≠ 1) fprintf(reportfile, ",_split-level=%d,_part_%d_of_%d", split_level, part, parts);
        fprintf(reportfile, "\n#x_N_hull_period_mirror-type_halving-lines_crossing-number_NUM\n");
        for_int_from_to (n, 0, n_max + 1) {
            char c ← 'T';    /* total count */
            if (parts ≠ 1 ∧ n > split_level + 1) c ← 'P';    /* partial count */
            for_int_from_to (k, 0, n_max + 1)
                for_int_from_to (p, 0, n_max + 1)
                    for_int_from_to (t, 0, 2)
                        for_int_from_to (h, 0, MAX_HALVING_LINES)
                            for_int_from_to (cr, 0, MAX_CROSSINGS)
                                if (classcount[n][k][p][t][h][cr]) fprintf(reportfile, "%c_%d_%d_%d_%d_%d_%d\n", c, n, k,
                                    p, t, h, cr, classcount[n][k][p][t][h][cr]);
        }
        if (parts ≡ 1) fprintf(reportfile, "EOF\n");
        else fprintf(reportfile, "EOF_%d,_part_%d_of_%d\n", split_level, part, parts);
        fclose(reportfile);
        printf("Results_have_been_written_to_file%s.\n", fname);
    }

```

3 Extension: Compute crossing-number for each AOT

What range of values should we anticipate for the number of halving-lines? By <https://oeis.org/A076523>, a set with $n = 12$ points (the maximum that the program is set up to deal with), has at most 18 halving-lines. According to S. Bereg and M. Haghpanah, New algorithms and bounds for halving pseudolines, *Discrete Applied Mathematics* 319 (2022) 194–206, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dam.2021.05.029>, Table 1 on p. 196, the number of halving lines-with for odd numbers n of points are nearly 70 % higher than for the adjacent even values. I could not find the bounds for small odd n in the literature. After running the program once with a larger safety margin, it was found that a set with $n = 11$ points has at most 24 halving-lines. (The program checks if the bound is not violated.)

```
58 #define MAX_HALVING_LINES 24
#define MAX_CROSSINGS (MAXN + 1) * MAXN * (MAXN - 1) * (MAXN - 2) / 24
/* crossing-number goes up to  $\binom{n}{4}$  for  $n$  points */
```

¶ How to check for a crossing.

This algorithm is like the program for drawing the wiring diagram, except that it does not draw anything.

The program computes the number of crossings $num_crossings_on_level[p]$ at each level p including the crossings with line 0. A crossing at level p is a crossings between consecutive tracks p and $p + 1$, $0 \leq p \leq n - 1$.

From this information, there is an easy formula to compute the crossing number of the complete graph K_n when it is drawn on this point set, see Lovász, Vesztergombi, Wagner, and Welzl, *Convex quadrilaterals and k -sets*, DOI:10.1090/conm/342/06138.

```
59 #define CHECK_CROSSING(p)
{
{
int i ← line_at[p];
int j ← line_at[p + 1];
if (i < j ∧ next_crossing[i] > i ∧ next_crossing[j] < j ∧ next_crossing[j] ≠ 0)
/* Line i wants to cross down and line j wants to cross up. */
/* (In this case, we must actually have next_crossing[i] ≡ j and next_crossing[j] ≡ i.) */
crossings[num_crossings++] ← p;
/* The value p indicates a crossing between tracks p and p + 1. */
}
}

⟨ Subroutines 27 ⟩ +≡
int count_crossings(int n)
{
int next_crossing[MAXN + 1];
int line_at[MAXN + 1];
int num_crossings_on_level[MAXN - 1];
int crossings[MAXN]; /* stack */
int num_crossings ← 0; /* Initialize */
for_int_from_to (i, 1, n) {
next_crossing[i] ← SUCC(i, 0);
/* current crossing on each line; The first crossing with line 0 “at ∞” is not considered. */
line_at[i - 1] ← i; /* which line is on the p-th track, 0 ≤ p < n. tracks are numbered p = 0...n - 1
from top to bottom. */
}
for_int_from_to (p, 0, n - 1) num_crossings_on_level[p] ← 1; /* counting the crossing with line 0 */
/* maintain a stack crossings of available crossings. p ∈ crossings means that tracks p and p + 1 are
ready to cross */
for_int_from_to (p, 0, n - 2) CHECK_CROSSING(p)
while (num_crossings) { /* Main loop */
int p ← crossings[--num_crossings];
num_crossings_on_level[p]++; /* update the data structures to CARRY OUT the crossing */
int i ← line_at[p];
int j ← line_at[p + 1];
next_crossing[i] ← SUCC(i, next_crossing[i]);
next_crossing[j] ← SUCC(j, next_crossing[j]);
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    line_at[p] ← j;
    line_at[p + 1] ← i;    /* Look for new crossings: */
    if (p > 0) CHECK_CROSSING(p - 1)
    if (p < n - 1) CHECK_CROSSING(p + 1)
  }    /* compute result */
  int crossing_formula ← -(n + 1) * n * (n - 1) / 2;
  for_int_from_to (p, 0, n - 1)
    crossing_formula += num_crossings_on_level[p] * (n - 1 - 2 * p) * (n - 1 - 2 * p);
    /* global variable num_halving_lines is set. */
  if (n % 2)    /* n odd, number of points even: */
    num_halving_lines ← num_crossings_on_level[(n - 1) / 2];
  else    /* n even, number of points odd: */
    num_halving_lines ← num_crossings_on_level[n / 2] + num_crossings_on_level[n / 2 - 1];
  return crossing_formula / 4;
}

```