## Cooler than Cool: Cool-Lex Order for Generating New Combinatorial Objects

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## Chapter 1

## Introduction

#### 1.1 Combinatorial Generation: Looking at All the Possibilities

Combinatorial generation is defined as the exhaustive listing of combinatorial objects of various types. Frank Ruskey duly notes in his book *Combinatorial Generation* that the phrase "Let's look at all the possibilities" sums up the outlook of his book and the field as a whole [Rus03]. Examining all possibilities fitting certain criteria is frequently necessary in fields ranging from mathematics to chemistry to operations research. Combinatorial generation as an area of study seeks to find an underlying combinatorial structure to these possibilities and utilize it to obtain an algorithm to efficiently enumerate an appropriate representation of them [Rus03].

A quintessential result of the combinatorial generation in practice is Frank Gray's reflected binary code, or Gray code. Gray codes give a "reflected" ordering of binary strings such that each successive string in the ordering differs from the previous string by exactly one bit. This contrasts from a lexicographic ordering of binary strings, in which a n-digit binary string can differ by up to n digits from its predecessor and will differ by approximately two (more precisely  $\sum_{i=0}^{n} 2^{i}$ , which is 1.9375 for 4 bit values and 1.996 for 8 bit values) bits on average<sup>1</sup>. The binary reflected Gray code, therefore, provides an ordering that requires as many bit switches as the more intuitive lexicographic order. Binary reflected Gray codes are widely used in electromechanical switches to reduce error and prevent spurious output associated with asynchronous bit switches. Crucially, Frank Gray's reflected binary code achieved a tangible benefit in error reduction through the use of an alternative method of enumerating binary strings. The technique of reflecting all or certain parts of a string to generate new strings has become one of the most widely used techniques in combinatorial generation.

### 1.2 Gray Codes for Strings, Lattice Paths and Trees

In this thesis, we are not concerned with counting combinatorial objects, but rather with efficiently ordering them. We aim to create a *Gray code* or *minimal change ordering* for these objects. Frank

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Consecutive pairs of binary digits in lexicographic order will differ in the bit at position i with probability  $\frac{1}{2^i}$ . Therefore, the average number of differing bits between two binary strings of length n is  $\sum_{i=0}^{n} 2^i$ , which converges to 2 as n grows large.

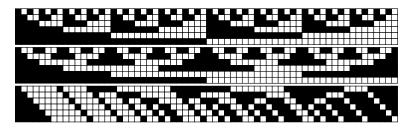


Figure 1.1: Lexicographic (top), binary reflected Gray code (middle), and cool-lex (bottom) enumerations of 6-bit binary strings. Individual strings are read vertically from top to bottom.

Gray's reflected binary code used complementing a single bit as the minimal change between successive binary strings in its ordering. Other notions of minimal changes in strings are adjacent-transpositions, or swaps, which interchange two adjacent symbols in a string, and shifts, in which a single symbol in a string moved to another position. Our Gray codes for strings will use a slightly more restrictive type of shift: a left-shift, which moves a single symbol somewhere to the left within a string. More specifically, if  $\alpha = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  is a string and i < j, then we let

$$\mathsf{left}_{\alpha}(j,i) = a_1 a_2 \dots a_{i-1} a_j a_i a_{i+1} \dots a_{j-1} a_{j+1} a_{j+2} \dots a_n.$$

Our gray code for ordered trees will use *firstborn-shifts*, which shift the first child of one node to be the first child of another node.

#### 1.3 Cool-Lex Order

Cool-lex order has introduced the idea of rotating sublists to enumerate languages. Different versions of cool-lex order have been shown to enumerate several sets of combinatorial objects, including binary strings, fixed weight binary strings, Dyck words, and multiset permutations. Cool-lex orders often lead to algorithms that are faster and simpler than standard lexicographic order. For example, the "multicool" package in R uses a loopless cool-lex algorithm to efficiently enumerate multiset permutations. The package started using cool-lex order for multiset permutations in versoin 1.1 and as of version 1.12 has been downloaded nearly a million times [CWKB21].

#### 1.4 Goals of this Thesis

Cool-lex has been shown to provide a minimal-change cyclic ordering for the sets of fixed-weight binary strings, multiset permutations, binary and k-ary Dyck words, and other languages [Wil09b]. A common thread in the cool-lex algorithms for combinatorial generation is their focus on the *first increase* of string, or the longest prefix of a string such that each successive symbol in the prefix is less than or equal to the previous symbol in the string.

This thesis will examine the use of cool-lex orders to enumerate other languages. Among these are ordered trees, Lukasiewicz words, and Motzkin words.

Dyck, Motzkin, and Lukasiewicz paths all share bijections with various combinatorial objects. For example, Dyck paths of length 2n share a bijection with binary trees with n nodes. Ruskey and Williams found that the cool-lex successor rule for enumerating Dyck words corresponded directly to a loopless successor rule for enumerating binary trees with a constant number of pointer changes [RW08].

## Chapter 2

# Background

#### 2.1 Dyck Words

The language of binary Dyck words is the set of sequences of binary digits that satisfy the following conditions: The sequence has an equal number of ones and zeroes and there is no prefix of the sequence in which the number of zeroes exceeds the number of ones. The Dyck language can equivalently be thought of as the set of balanced parentheses, with ones representing open parentheses and zeroes representing closing parentheses. In addition to balanced parentheses, Dyck words of length 2n are also in bijective correspondence with extended binary trees with n internal nodes. Given an extended binary tree B with n internal nodes, a Dyck word can be obtained by traversing B in preorder and recording each internal node as a 1 and each leaf with a 0, ignoring the final leaf of the tree.

# 2.2 Generalizations of Dyck words: Motzkin, Schröder, and Łukasiewicz paths

Motzkin, Schröder, and Lukasiewicz paths provide generalizations of Dyck words.

In addition to representing balanced parentheses, Dyck paths can be thought of as paths on a cartesian plane. Dyck paths are paths from (0,0) to (2n,0) that use 2n steps of either (1,1) (northeast) or (1,-1) (southeast) and never cross below the x axis. In the binary string representation of Dyck words, ones correspond to (1,1) steps and zerores correspond to (1,-1) steps.

Motzkin paths allow for (1,0) horizontal steps in addition to (1,1) and (1,-1) steps. Schröder paths are identical to Motzkin paths except they allow for (2,0) horizontal steps instead of (1,0). Lukasiewicz paths allow (1,-1) steps, (1,0) steps and any (1,k) step where k is a positive integer. All three languages retain the requirement that the path start at the origin, end on the x axis, and never step below the x axis.

These paths can be encoded in a number of different ways. In a -1-based encoding, each (1,i) step is encoded as i, and every prefix must have a nonnegative sum. In a  $\theta$ -based encoding, each (1,i) step is encoded as i+1, and the sum of every prefix must be as large as its length. We primarily use the  $\theta$ -based encoding. See Fig. 2.1 for examples of these paths using the  $\theta$ -based encoding.

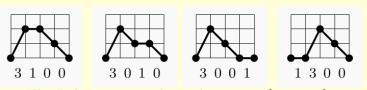
We refer to Motzkin, Schröder, and Lukasiewicz paths ending at (n,0) as paths of order n. This contrasts slightly with the classification of Dyck words of order n, which terminate at (2n,0)

In the context of fixed-content generation, Motzkin and Schröder paths are identical: Both will have northeast steps encoded as twos, horizontal steps encoded as ones, and southeast steps encoded as zeroes. However, their graphical representations Notably, Łukasiewicz are a generalization of Motzkin and Schröder paths, as any Motzkin or Schröder path is also a Lukasiewicz path.

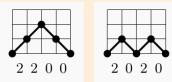
The number of Dyck words with n zeroes and n ones are counted by the nth Catalan number. Similarly, the number of Motzkin and Schröder paths of order n are counted by the nth Motzkin and big Schröder number respectively. The number of Lukasiewicz paths of order n are counted by the n Motzkin, Schröder, and Lukasiewicz paths bear a number of interesting bijective correspondences with other combinatorial objects. Richard Stanely's *Catalan Objects* outlines hundreds of interesting examples.



The Łukasiewicz paths with content  $\{0,0,0,4\}$  using 0-based strings. Note: The content is  $\{-1,-1,-1,3\}$  when using (-1)-based meander strings, or  $\{0,0,1\}$  for 3-ary Dyck words.



The Łukasiewicz paths with content  $\{0,0,1,3\}$ .



The Łukasiewicz / Schröder / Motzkin / Dyck paths with content  $\{0,0,2,2\}$ . Note: The content is  $\{[,\ [,\ ],\ ]\}$  for Dyck words or  $\{0,0,1,1\}$  for 2-ary Dyck words.

Figure 2.1

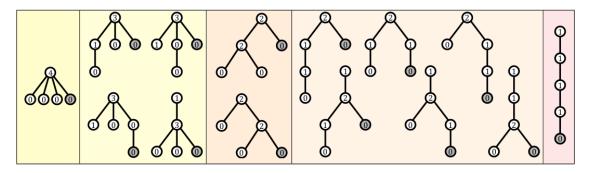


Figure 2.2: The  $C_4$ =14 Lukasiewicz paths of order n=4 are in bijective correspondence with the 14 rooted ordered trees with n+1=5 nodes. Given a tree, the corresponding word is obtained by recording the number of children of each node in preorder traversal; the zero from the rightmost leaf is omitted. For example, the two trees in the middle section correspond to 2200 (top) and 2020 (bottom) respectively.

Lukasiewicz paths of order n bear a particularly nice correspondence to rooted ordered trees with n+1 nodes. See Fig. 2.2 for an illustration of this.

#### 2.3 Cool-Lex Order on Different Combinatorial Objects

#### 2.3.1 Combinations: Fixed-Weight Binary Strings

Generating all binary strings with s zeroes and t ones is often referred to as combinations, since each string can be used to represent a choice of t elements from a set of size of s+t. The cool-lex successor rule for generating all fixed-weight binary strings was given by Aaron Williams in his Ph. D thesis and is as follows[Wil09b]:

Let S be a binary string of length n.

Let y be the position of the leftmost zero in S and x be the position of the leftmost 1 in S such that  $x \ge y$ . Additionally, note that  $S_1...S_{x-1}$  is the non-increasing prefix of S.

Let left(S, x) be a function that rotates the first i bits of a string S left circularly by one.

More formally, left $(S, x) = S_2, S_3, ..., S_i, S_1, S_{i-1}, S_{i+1}, S_{i+2}, ..., S_{2n}$ 

$$\frac{\leftarrow}{\operatorname{cool}}(S) = \begin{cases}
\operatorname{left}(S, x) & \text{if } S_{x+1} = 1 \\
\operatorname{left}(S, x + 1) & otherwise
\end{cases}$$

Note that  $S_1...S_{x-1}$  must be exactly  $1^{y-1}0^{x-y}$ , where exponentiation denotes repeated symbols. Because of this, the two left-shift operations can be replaced with can be replaced with either one or two symbol transpositions.

Let  $\mathsf{transpose}(S,i,j)$  with  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$  be a function that swaps  $S_i$  an  $S_j$ . More formally,  $\mathsf{transpose}(S,i,j) = S_1,S_2,\ldots,S_{i-1},S_jS_{i+1}\ldots S_{j-1}S_iS_{j+1}\ldots S_n$  The left-shift rule can be re-stated as follows:

$$\frac{\longleftarrow}{\operatorname{cool}}(S) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{transpose}(S, y, x) & \text{if } S_{x+1} = 1 \\ \operatorname{transpose}(\operatorname{transpose}(S, y, x), 1, x + 1) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

#### 2.3.2 Cool Lex Order on Dyck Paths and Binary Trees

Ruskey and Williams found the following successor rule for enumerating binary Dyck words, dubbed "CoolCat" due to its cool-lex order and (cat)alan numbers [RW08]: We will use  $\mathbf{B}_n$  to denote binary Dyck words with n ones and n zeroes. Note that the length of any string in  $\mathbf{B}_n$  is thus 2n. Let  $S \in \mathbf{B}_n$ 

Let the *i*th prefix shift of S, denoted by  $\mathsf{preshift}(S,i)$ , be a function that rotates the second through ith symbols of S one to the right circularly. More formally,

preshift
$$(S, i) = S_1, S_i, S_2, ..., S_{i-1}, S_{i+1}, S_{i+2}, ..., S_{2n}$$

Let k be the index of the 1 in the leftmost 01 substring in S if it exists. Note that if S has no 01 substring, then  $S = 1^n 0^n$ . The successor rule for S is as follows:

$$\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(S) = \begin{cases} \mathsf{preshift}(S, 2n) & \text{if } S \text{ has no } 01 \text{ substring} \\ \mathsf{preshift}(S, k+1) & \text{if } \mathsf{preshift}(S, k+1) \in \mathbf{B}_n \\ \mathsf{preshift}(S, k) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{2.1a}$$

Ruskey and Williams's algorithm can also enumerate a broader set of strings: The algorithm enumerates any set  $\mathbf{B}_{s,t}$  where for any  $S \in \mathbf{B}_{s,t}$  satisfies the constraint that each prefix of S has as many ones as zeroes. This is slightly broader than the language of Dyck words, as it does not have the requirement that a string have an equal number of ones and zeroes. We will focus on  $\mathbf{B}_n$  languages due to their correspondee with Dyck words.

Evaluating whether  $\operatorname{preshift}(S, k+1) \in B$  can be determined by looking  $S_{k+1}$  and the sum of the first k symbols of S:

The above algorithm can be Let  $S' = \operatorname{preshift}(S, k+1)$ 

Note that we know  $S \in \mathbf{B}_n$ .

Since preshift only rotates symbols, S' will automatically satisfy the requirement that strings in  $\mathbf{B}_n$  must have an equal number of zeroes and ones since S satisfied that requirement. Thus,  $S' \in \mathbf{B}_n$  will be determined by whether or not all prefixes of S' have at least as many ones as zeroes.

If  $S_{k+1}$  is a 1, then every prefix i of S' will have at least as many ones as the corresponding ith prefix of S. Thus, S' must be  $\in \mathbf{B}_n$ , as rotating a 1 to earlier in the string will never invalidate the requirement that every prefix of the string has at least as many ones as zeroes.

Note that the kth prefix of S must be of the form  $1^a0^b1$ , as otherwise there would be an earlier 01 prefix. Fruthermore,  $a \ge b$  as otherwise the bth prefix of S would have more zeroes than ones and S would not be a valid Dyck word.

If  $S_{k+1}$  is a 0, then  $S' \notin \mathbf{B}_n$  if and only if rotating a 0 to index 2 creates a prefix of S with more zeroes than ones. This will only happen if the k-1th prefix is exactly  $1^{\frac{k-1}{2}}0^{\frac{k-1}{2}}$ .

Therefore, preshift $(S, k+1) \in \mathbf{B}_n \iff S_{k+1} = 1$  or S starts with more than  $\lfloor \frac{k-1}{2} \rfloor$  ones

$$\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(S) = \begin{cases} \mathsf{preshift}(S, 2n) & \text{if } S \text{ has no } 01 \text{ substring} \\ \mathsf{preshift}(S, k+1) & S_{k+1} = 1 \text{ or } S \text{ starts with more than } \lfloor \frac{k-1}{2} \rfloor \text{ ones} \end{cases} \tag{2.2a}$$

$$\mathsf{preshift}(S, k) & \text{otherwise} \tag{2.2b}$$

Since k is the index of the first 01 substring in S,  $\sum_{i=1}^{k} S_i$  is actually just the number of consecutive ones to start S, which simplifies the evaluation of this conditional even further.

Ruskey and Williams provided a pseudocode implementation of CoolCat that utilized this fact to enumerate any  $\mathbf{B}_{s,t}$  using at most 2 conditionals per successor [RW08].

Due to its simplicity and efficienty, Don Knuth included the cool-lex algorithm for Dyck words in his 4th volume of *The Art of Computer Programming* and also provided an implementation of it for his theoretical MMIX processor architecture [Knu15].

#### 2.3.3 Multiset Permutations

Cool-lex order has also been shown to enumerate multiset permutations via prefix shifts. The rule given by Williams is as follows [Wil09a]:

Let S be a multiset of length n.

Let i be the maximum value such that  $S_{j-1} \ge s_j$  for all  $2 \le j \le i$ . In other words, i is the length of the non-increasing prefix of S.

Let  $\sigma_j(S)$  be a function that shifts the ith value of S into the first position, or equivalently rotates the first i elements of S right circularly. More formally,

$$\sigma_j(S) = S_j, S_1, S_1, \dots, S_{j-1}, S_j + 1, \dots, S_n$$

Then

$$\operatorname{nextPerm}(S) = \begin{cases} \sigma_{i+1}(S) & \text{if } i \leq n-2 \text{ and } s_{i+2} > s_i \\ \sigma_{i+2}(S) & \text{if } i \leq n-2 \text{ and } s_{i+2} \leq s_i \\ \sigma_n(S) & otherwise \end{cases}$$

See Fig. ?? for an example comparison of cool-lex and lexicographic order for two multisets.

This successor rule has the nice property of ensuring that length of the successor's non-increasing prefix is easy to find.

In particular, if  $S_{i+2}$  is shifted, then the length of the non-increasing prefix is either 1 if  $S_{i+2} \leq S_1$  or i+1 otherwise.

Similarly, if  $S_{i+1}$  is shifted, then the length of the non-increasing prefix is either 1 if  $S_{i+1} \leq S_1$  or i+1 otherwise.

This allows for a loopless implementation of the successor rule, as scanning the string to find the length of the non-increasing prefix is not required. Due to the simplicity and efficiency of this rule, it is used in the "multicool" package in R, which is used for generating multiset permutations, Bell numbers, and other combinatorial objects [CWKB21]. Further information on the package is available here: https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/multicool/versions/0.1-12

TODO: Common threads among cool-lex order. Non-increasing prefix.

## Chapter 3

## New Results

This thesis provides successor rules and implementations for enumerating the following languages: Ordered trees with a fixed number of nodes, Lukasiewicz words with fixed content, and Motzkin/Schroder words with fixed content. The algorithm for ordered trees is loopless and The algorithm for enumerating Lukasiewicz paths also provides a generalization of the cool-lex successor rule for multiset permutations, given in section 2.

#### 3.1 Loopless Ordered Tree Generation

This chapter presents the first loopless algorithm for generating all ordered trees with n nodes.

Ruskey and Williams previously gave a cool-lex algorithm for looplessly generating all Dyck words of a given length via prefix shifts [RW08]. In the same paper, Ruskey and Williams also gave a loopless algorithm for generating all binary trees with a fixed number in the same order.

This thesis provides a new algorithm that generates ordered trees with a fixed number of nodes in a cool-lex order. The algorithm generates a minimal change ordering of ordered trees in the same order as their corresponding Dyck words in Ruskey and Williams's paper. Like the cool-lex algorithms for Dyck words and binary trees, this algorithm can be implemented looplessly: each ordered tree takes worst-case constant time to generate. This is faster than other algorithms for generating ordered trees which take constant amortized time [PM21] [Er85] [Zak80] [Ska88]. Moreover, taken in conjunction with Ruskey and Williams's algorithms for Dyck words and binary trees, this algorithm completes a trio of loopless cool-lex algorithms for enumerating the three foremost Catalan structures.

Like the cool-lex algorithm for binary trees, this algorithm generates ordered trees stored as pointer structures. This contrasts from other efficient gray codes for enumerating ordered trees, which use either bit-strings or integer sequences to represent ordered trees [PM21] [Zak80] [Er85] as representations of ordered trees. Skarbek's 1988 paper *Generating Ordered Trees* gives a constant amortized time algorithm for generating ordered trees stored as pointer structures and is therefore a a noable exception to this [Ska88]. Generating ordered trees via a pointer structure facilitates the practical use of the trees generated by this algorithm, as a translation step between an alternative representation and a tree structure to traverse the tree is not necessary.

#### $3.1.1 \quad \text{Ordered Trees} \Longleftrightarrow \text{Dyck Words}$

This algorithm will use the bijection between ordered trees and Dyck words specified in [Sta15]. The bijection described by Stanely is as follows:<sup>1</sup>

Given an ordered tree T with n+1 nodes: Traverse T in preorder. Whenever going "down" an edge, or away from the root, record a 1. Whenever going "up" an edge, or towards the root, record a 0. The resulting binary sequence is a Dyck word D corresponding to the ordered tree T.

This process can be inverted as follows:

As before, let  $D = d_1...d_{2n}$  be a dyck word of order n with n > 0. Construct an ordered tree T via the following steps.

Create a root node of T. Keep track of a current node curr; set curr = root.

Stanley's text refers to ordered trees as plane trees and Dyck words as ballot sequences

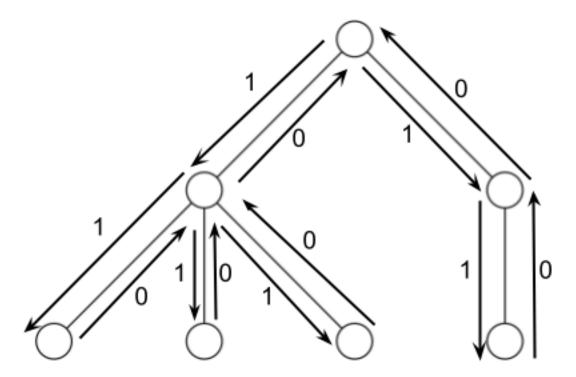


Figure 3.1: An ordered tree with 6 + 1 = 7 nodes corresponding to the order 6 Dyck word 110101001100.

- For each  $d_i$  such that  $1 \leq i \leq 2n$ 
  - if  $d_i = 1$ : append a rightmost child ch to curr's children; set curr = ch
  - if  $d_i = 0$ , set curr equal to curr's parent.

Figure 3.1 demonstrates both directions of this process. Note that each  $t_i$  with  $1 \le i \le n$  in a preorder traversal of T corresponds to the  $i^{\underline{th}}$  1 in D.

In addition to the above bijection, we define the following functions relating to ordered trees, Dyck words, and the correspondence between them.

- Let  $\mathsf{OTree}(D)$  and  $\mathsf{Dyck}(T)$  be functions that convert a Dyck word to an ordered tree and an ordered tree to a Dyck word respectively via the above process.
- Let  $Depth(t_i) = length$  of path between root and  $t_i$ . Depth(root) = 0
- Let oneindex(D, i) = be the index of the  $i^{\underline{th}}$  one in D.

The following remarks can be derived from the bijection between ordered trees and Dyck words.

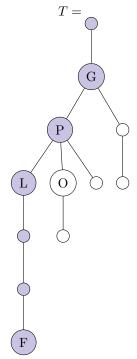
**Remark 1.**  $t_i$  corresponds to the ith one in D for  $1 \le i \le n$ 

*Proof.* Recall the method of constructing an ordered tree from a Dyck word. Each one in D creates a new node; zeroes in D do not create nodes. Generating an ordered tree from a Dyck word generates the nodes of the tree in preorder. Thus,  $t_i$  corresponds to the *i*th one in D for  $1 \le i \le n$ .

**Remark 2.** The difference in depths between nodes  $t_i$  and  $t_{i-1}$  is equal to one minus the number of zeroes between the  $(i-1)^{\underline{st}}$  and  $i^{\underline{th}}$  and ones in D

*Proof.* This remark can be stated formally as

$$Depth(t_i) - Depth(t_{i-1}) = 1 - (oneindex(D, i) - oneindex(D, i - 1) - 1)$$
(3.1)



D = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0]

Figure 3.2: An ordered tree with 12 nodes corresponding to the Dyck word 1111110000110010011000.

The left down path of T is highlighted in purple.

Note that  $(\mathsf{oneindex}(D,i) - \mathsf{oneindex}(D,i-1) - 1)$  is equal to the number of zeroes between the  $i^{\underline{th}}$  and  $(i-1)^{\underline{st}}$  ones in D.

This follows naturally from the bijection between Dyck words and ordered trees. Each zero corresponds to a step up in the tree before adding the next child.

If there are zero zeroes between the  $i^{\underline{th}}$  and  $(i-1)^{\underline{st}}$  ones in D,  $t_i$  is a child of  $t_{i-1}$ ; Depth $(t_i) = Depth(t_{i-1}) + 1$ 

If there is one zero between the  $i^{\underline{th}}$  and  $(i-1)^{\underline{st}}$  ones in D,  $t_i$  is a child of  $t_{i-1}$ 's parent;  $\mathsf{Depth}(t_i) = \mathsf{Depth}(t_{i-1}) + 1$ .

Each subsequent zero between  $t_{i-1}$  and  $t_i$  decreases  $\mathsf{Depth}(t_i)$  by one. Thus, the depth of  $t_i$  is the depth of  $t_{i-1}$  plus 1 minus the number of zeroes between  $t_{i-1}$  and  $t_i$ .

**Remark 3.** A preorder listing of Depth $(t_i)$  for each  $t_i \in T$  can be used to construct a Dyck word.

*Proof.* Let  $T = t_0, t_1, ...t_n$  be a preorder traversal of T. Note that  $t_0$  is the root of T Construct D as follows:

- Let  $D = \epsilon$
- For each  $t_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ 
  - $-\,$  Append a 1 to D
  - Append  $1 \mathsf{Depth}(t_i) + \mathsf{Depth}(t_{i-1})$  zeroes to D.
- Append  $Depth(t_n)$  zeroes to D.

#### 3.1.2 Successor Rule

Let F be the leftmost leaf of T, or equivalently the leftmost descendant of the root. Consider the unique path between the root of T and F, denoted path(T, root, F). We will refer to this path as the left-down path of T leftpath(T)

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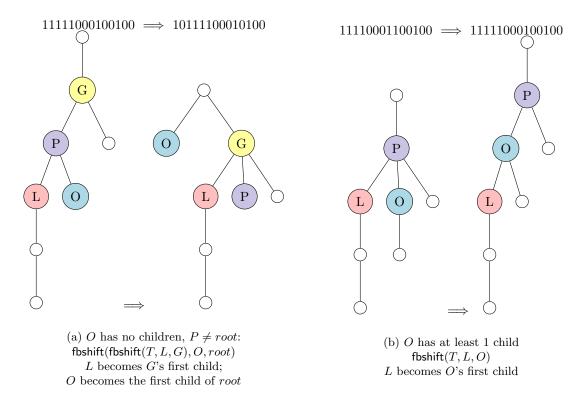


Figure 3.3: Illustrations of cases 3.2a and 3.2b

Given an ordered tree T, let O be the first node in a preorder traversal of T that is not in the path(T, root, F). Let P be O's parent. Let G be P's parent, and let L be P's leftmost child (or, equivalently, O's left sibling). The labels P, G, and L are mnemonics for O's (p)arent, (g)randparent, and (l)eft sibling. Fig. 3.4 gives an example illustrating O,P,G,L,F, and the left-down path in an tree.

Given an ordered tree T, let fbshift(T, A, B) be a function that shifts A to be the first child of B, with the restriction that A and B are each first-borns, or the first child of their respective parents.

The successor rule for enumerating ordered trees with n nodes can be stated as follows:

$$\mathsf{nextree}(T) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{fbshift}(\mathsf{fbshift}(T,L,G),O,root) & \quad \mathsf{if}\ P \neq root \ \mathsf{and}\ \mathsf{O}\ \mathsf{has}\ \mathsf{no}\ \mathsf{children} & (3.2\mathsf{a}) \\ \mathsf{fbshift}(T,L,O) & \quad \mathsf{otherwise} & (3.2\mathsf{b}) \end{array} \right.$$

Figure 3.3 gives a demonstration of the shifts in cases 3.2a and 3.2b

To make the order cyclic, an additional rule can be added, modifying the successor rule to be:

$$\mathsf{nextree}(T) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{fbshift}(T, F, root) & \mathsf{leftpath}(T) = T & (3.3a) \\ \mathsf{fbshift}(\mathsf{fbshift}(T, L, G), O, root) & \mathsf{if} \ P \neq root \ \mathsf{and} \ \mathsf{O} \ \mathsf{has} \ \mathsf{no} \ \mathsf{children} & (3.3b) \\ \mathsf{fbshift}(T, L, O) & \mathsf{otherwise} & (3.3c) \end{array} \right.$$

The following remarks can be derived from from the definition of the successor role and the nodes O,G,L, and T.

Let  $D = \mathsf{Dyck}(T)$ ; s be the number of consecutive ones to start D, and z be the number of consecutive zeroes starting at  $d_{s+1}$ . Note that z = (k-s-1);  $d_k = 1$ 

**Remark 4.** Depth
$$(O) = s - z + 1$$

*Proof.*  $t_s$  is the last node in the leftpath(T), as the left-down path has s+1 nodes starting at  $t_0$ .  $t_s$  has depth s, as it is exactly s steps from the root. Note that  $O = t_{s+1}$ . The number of zeroes between  $t_s$  and  $t_{s+1}$  is the number of zeroes between the  $s^{\underline{th}}$  and  $(s+1)^{\underline{st}}$  ones in  $D_i$ .

**Remark 5.** O corresponds to  $D_k$ , i.e. one index(D, s + 1) = k

*Proof.* Let  $D = \mathsf{Dyck}(T)$  and let k be the index of the 1 in the leftmost 01 substring of D. Let  $t_0...t_s = \mathsf{leftpath}(T)$ ;  $O = t_{s+1}$ .

Note that each 1 in D corresponds to a step down; each 0 to a step up. Consequently, leftpath(T) corresponds to the "all-one" prefix of D. In other words, leftpath(T) =  $t_0, t_1, ...t_s$  such that i = 0 or  $D_i = 1$ . Note that  $t_{s+1}$  is therefore the first node in a preorder traversal of T such that  $D_{\mathsf{oneindex}(D,s+1)} = 1$  and  $D_{\mathsf{oneindex}(D,s+1)-1} = 0$ . O is therefore also the first node in a preorder traversal of T such that  $t_{s+1} \notin \mathsf{leftpath}(T)$ . Therfore,  $\mathsf{oneindex}(D,s+1) = k$ , i.e.,  $t_{s+1} = O$  corresponds to the 1 in the leftmost 01 substring of D.

**Remark 6.** Every non-leaf node below P in leftpath(T) has exactly 1 child.

*Proof.* Suppose by way of contradiction that a node below P in  $\mathsf{leftpath}(T)$  had a second child. That child would not be in  $\mathsf{leftpath}(T)$  and would be traversed before O in preorder. O was specified to be the first node in a preorder traversal of T that is not in  $\mathsf{leftpath}(T)$ , which generates a contradiction.

**Remark 7.** L corresponds to  $D_{s-z+1}$ , i.e. one index(D, s+1) = k

*Proof.*  $\mathsf{Depth}(L) = \mathsf{Depth}(O) = s - z - 1$  since L and O are siblings. Therefore, L must be s - z - 1 steps down from the root  $\implies L$  is the s - j - 1th node in a preorder traversal of T  $\implies$  T corresponds to  $D_{s-z-1}$ .

#### 3.1.3 Proof of Correctness

Ruskey and Williams proved that, given a Dyck word of order n, 2.2 iteratively generates all Dyck words of order n. This proof will use the bijection between Dyck words of order n and ordered trees with n+1 nodes to show that that 3.2 generates all ordered trees with a given number of nodes.

Recall that the successor rule  $\operatorname{\mathsf{coolCat}}(D)$  generates all Dyck words. Therefore, To prove that  $\operatorname{\mathsf{nextree}}(T)$  generates all ordered trees with |T| nodes, it is sufficient to show that, given an arbitrary ordered tree T,

**Theorem 3.1.1.** Given an ordered tree T,  $nextree(T) = OTree(\overrightarrow{coolCat}(Dyck(T)))$ 

*Proof.*  $\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(D)$  and  $\mathsf{nextree}(T)$  are each broken down into 3 cases in equations 2.2 and 3.2 respectively.

For convenience, equations 3.4 and 3.5 give the expanded restatements of the successor rules for  $\overrightarrow{nextree}(T)$  and  $\overrightarrow{coolCat}(D)$  to facilitate comparisons between the two.

$$\mathsf{nextree}(T) = \begin{cases} \mathsf{fbshift}(T, F, root) & \mathsf{leftpath}(T) = T & (3.4a) \\ \mathsf{fbshift}(T, L, O) & \mathsf{if O has at least 1 child} & (3.4b) \\ \mathsf{fbshift}(\mathsf{fbshift}(T, L, G), O, root) & \mathsf{if } P \neq root \text{ and O has no children} & (3.4c) \\ \mathsf{fbshift}(T, L, O) & \mathsf{if O has no children and } P = root & (3.4d) \end{cases}$$

$$\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(D) = \begin{cases} \mathsf{preshift}(D,2n) & \text{if } D \text{ has no } 01 \text{ substring} \\ \mathsf{preshift}(D,k+1) & D_{k+1} = 1 \\ \mathsf{preshift}(D,k+1) & D_{k+1} = 0 \text{ and } s > \frac{k-1}{2} \\ \mathsf{preshift}(D,k) & D_{k+1} = 0 \text{ and } s = \frac{k-1}{2} \end{cases} \tag{3.5a}$$

We will show the following equivalences:

- 3.4a corresponds to 3.5a
- 3.4b corresponds to 3.5b
- 3.4c corresponds to 3.5c

#### • 3.4d corresponds to 3.5d

To accomplish this, we will first prove a few auxillary lemmas to be used to show equivalency between cases.

Let  $D = \mathsf{Dyck}(T)$ , s be the number of consecutive ones to start D, and z be the number of consecutive zeroes starting at  $d_{s+1}$ . Note that z = (k - s - 1);  $d_k = 1$ 

**Lemma 3.1.2.** D has no 01 substring  $\iff LD(T) = T$ 

*Proof.* If D has no 01 substring,  $D = 1^n 0^n$ , and T is n+1 nodes where  $t_0$  is the root and each  $t_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  is a child of  $t_{i-1}$  In this case, T is a single path of n+1 nodes, and the left-down path of T is the entire tree.

**Lemma 3.1.3.**  $D_{k+1} = 0 \iff O \text{ has no children}$ 

*Proof.* This follows logically from the bijection between Dyck words and ordered trees.  $D_k$  corresponds to O. If  $D_{k+1} = 0$ , an "upward" step is taken after O and consequently the next node after O cannot be a child of O. Since the ones in D give the nodes of T in preorder, O must have no children.

Informally, once you go "up" from O, the bijection between Dyck words and ordered trees gives no way to go "back down" to give O an additional child.

**Lemma 3.1.4.**  $P = root \iff s = z = \frac{k-1}{2}$ .

*Proof.* First, note that P = root simply means that O is a child of the root. O is a child of the root  $\iff$  Depth(O) = 1. Additionally, note that s + z = k - 1

As shown in remark 4, Depth(O) = s - z + 1. Therefore,  $P = root \iff s = z = \frac{k-1}{2}$  i.e. the first k-1 symbols of D are  $\frac{k-1}{2}$  ones followed by  $\frac{k-1}{2}$  zeroes.

#### Lemma 3.1.5. 3.4a corresponds to 3.5a

*Proof.* Let  $D = \mathsf{Dyck}(T)$ 

Per lemma 3.1.2 D has no 01 substring  $\iff$  leftpath(T) = T.

Thus, nextree(T) executes case 3.4a if and only if coolCat(D) executes case 3.5a

Note that since D has no 01 substring,  $D = 1^n 0^n$ .

Additionally, since leftpath(T) = T, T can be specified as follows.

T =

node	$t_0$	$t_1$	$t_2$	 $t_{n-1}$	$F = t_s = t_n$
depth	0	1	2	 n-1	n
Dyck				$1^{n}0^{n}$	

The third row of this table illustrates the construction of  $\mathsf{Dyck}(T)$  via the process specified in remark 3

Shifting F to be the first child of the root changes  $\mathsf{Depth}(F)$  to 1 and does not affect the depth of any other nodes. Thus, if  $T' = \mathsf{nextree}(T)$ ,

T =

node	$t_0$	$F = t_s = t_n$	$t_1$	$t_2$		$t_{n-1}$
depth	0	1	1	2		n-1
Dyck		1	$01^{n-1}0^{n-1}$			-1

Recall that  $\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(D) = \mathsf{preshift}(D, 2n)$  if D has no 01 substring.  $D_{2n} = 0$ , and therefore  $\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(D) = 101^{n-1}0^{n-1}$ 

Note that this is exactly the Dyck word constructed from T'. Therefore, if D has no 01 substring or leftpath(T) = T,

 $OTree(\overrightarrow{coolCat}(D)) = nextree(T)$ 

**Lemma 3.1.6.** *3.4c corresponds to 3.5c* 

*Proof.* Let  $D = \mathsf{Dyck}(T)$ 

Per lemma 3.1.4  $P = root \iff D$  starts with exactly  $\frac{k-1}{2}$  ones.

It was also previously shown that  $D_{k+1} = 0 \iff O$  has no children. Thus,  $\mathsf{nextree}(T)$  executes case 3.2a if and only if  $\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(D)$  executes case 3.5c

We now show that the execution of 3.2a is equivalent to the execution of 3.5c given case a. Given  $Dyck(T) = D = 1^{s}0^{z}10d_{k+2}d_{k+3}...d_{2n}$ , we aim to show that

 $\mathsf{Dyck}(\mathsf{nextree}(T)) = \overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(\mathsf{Dyck}(T))$ 

Note that nextree(T) = fbshift(fbshift(T, L, G), O, root).

Let  $T' = \mathsf{fbshift}(T, L, G); T'' = \mathsf{fbshift}(T', O, root)$ 

Note that nextree(T) = T''

Since  $P \neq root$ , we know that G, the parent of P, exists. Thus, we can assume that  $G, P, L \in \mathsf{leftpath}(T)$ . T can therefore be specified as follows:

T =

node	$t_0$	$t_1$		$G = t_{s-z-1}$	$P = t_{s-z}$	$L = t_{s-z+1}$		$F = t_s$	$O = t_{s+1}$	
depth	0	1		(s-z-1)	(s-z)	(s - z + 1)		s	(s - z + 1)	
Dyck			$1^s$							0

Furthermore, recall that L (and all other non-leaf nodes  $\in$  leftpath(T) must have exactly one child. Therefore, every node below L in leftpath(T) has its depth reduced by one; no other nodes have their depth affected by this shift. Therefore, T' can be written as follows:

$$T' =$$

node	$t_0$	$t_1$	 $G = t_{s-z-1}$	$L = t_{s-z+1}$		$F = t_s$	$P = t_{s-z}$	$O = t_{s+1}$	
depth	0	1	 (s-z-1)	(s-z)		(s-z)	(s-z+1)		
Dyck				$1^{s-1}$	$0^{z}1$	1	0		

Since L is now G's first child, P changes from being G's first child to G's second child. P is therefore removed from the left-down path of T', thereby making P the first node in a preorder traversal of T' that is not in the left-down path of T'. Therefore,  $|\mathsf{leftpath}(T')| = s$ ; O' = P.

Recovering a Dyck word from T', we obtain

 $D'=1^{s-1}0^z110d_{k+2}d_{k+3},\ldots,d_{2n}$ 

Next, we use fbshift(T', O, root) to obtain T'' = nextree(T)

 $\mathsf{fbshift}(T', O, root)$  shifts O to become the first child of the root. Note that we know that O has no children. Consequently, no nodes other than O have their depth affected by this shift. Thus,

$$T'' =$$

node	$t_0$	$O = t_{s+1}$	$t_1$	$t_2$		$G = t_{s-z-1}$	$L = t_{s-z+1}$		$F = t_s$	$P = t_{s-z}$	
depth	0	1	1	$1  2  \dots  (s-z-1)  (s-z)  \dots  s-1$						(s-z)	
Dyck		1		$01^{s-1}$							

Therefore, since  $T'' = \mathsf{nextree}(T)$ ,  $\mathsf{Dyck}(\mathsf{nextree}(T)) = 101^{s-1}0^z1\dots$ 

Since  $Dyck(T) = D = 1^s 0^z 10 \dots 3.5b$  gives that

 $\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(\mathsf{Dyck}(T)) = 101^{s-1}0^z1\dots$ 

Therefore, we have shown that  $\mathsf{Dyck}(\mathsf{nextree}(T)) = \overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(\mathsf{Dyck}(T)) = 101^{s-1}0^z1\dots$ 

Lemma 3.1.7. 3.4b corresponds to 3.5b

*Proof.* Per 3.1.3, as O has at least 1 child  $\iff D_{k+1} = 1$ .

Thus, nextree(T) will execute case 3.4b if and only if  $\overline{coolCat}(D)$  executes case 3.5b

Therefore, we aim to show that, given O has at least child and  $D_{k+1} = 1$ ,

preshift(Dyck(T), k + 1) = Dyck(fbshift(T, L, O))

Since  $D_{k+1} = 1$ , we can rewrite D as.  $D = 1^s 0^z 11$ 

T =

	node	$t_0$	$t_1$		$G = t_{s-z-1}$	$P = t_{s-z}$	$L = t_{s-z+1}$		$F = t_s$	$O = t_{s+1}$	$t_{s+2}\dots$
	depth	0	1		(s-z-1)	(s-z)	(s - z + 1)		s	(s - z + 1)	$s-z+2\dots$
ſ	Dyck			$1^s$						$0^{z}1$	1

Shift L to be O's first child:

Nodes  $L = t_{s-z+1}$  through  $F = t_s$  will now come after O in preorder traversal. Additionally, leftpath(T) will now go through O; every node in path(T, L, F) will have its depth increased by one.

Therefore,  $T' = \mathsf{nextree}(T)$  can be specified as follows:

T' =

	node	$t_0$	$t_1$		$G = t_{s-z-1}$	$P = t_{s-z}$	$O = t_{s+1}$	$L = t_{s-z+1}$		$F = t_s$	$t_{s+2}\dots$
	depth	0	1		(s-z-1)	(s-z)	(s - z + 1)	(s-z+2)		s+1	$s-z+2\dots$
ſ	Dyck			$1^{s+1}$							$0^z1\dots$

Note that  $z \ge 1$ , so z zeroes occur between the one corresponding to  $t_s$  and the one corresponding to  $t_{s+2}$ .

Next, recall that  $D = \mathsf{Dyck}(T) = D = 1^s 0^z 11 \dots$  and that k = s + z + 1

Therefore,  $\overrightarrow{\text{coolCat}}(D) = \text{preshift}(D, k+1) = 1^{s+1}0^{z}1...$ , which is the same as the Dyck word resulting from translating T' = nextree(T) to the Dyck word  $1^{s+1}0^{z}1...$ 

#### Lemma 3.1.8. 3.4d corresponds to 3.5d

*Proof.*  $T \neq \text{leftpath}(T) \iff D \text{ has a } 01 \text{ substring.}$ 

 $D_{k+1} = 1 \iff O$  has at least one child.

 $D_{k+1} = 0$  and  $s = \frac{k-1}{2} \iff O$  has no children and O is a child of the root.

O has no children and P=root. Therefore s=z, k=2s+1

We can thus rewrite  $D = \mathsf{Dyck}(T) = 1^s 0^s 101 \dots$ 

Furthermore, since s = z, O has depth 1.

T =

node	$P = t_0$	$L=t_1$		$F = t_s$	$O = t_{s+1}$	$t_{s+2}\dots$
depth	0	1		s	1	1
Dyck			$1^s$		$0^{s}1$	01

Nodes  $L = t_1$  through  $F = t_s$  will now come after O in preorder traversal. Additionally, leftpath(T) will now go through O; every node in path(T, L, F) will have its depth increased by one.

Therefore,  $T' = \mathsf{nextree}(T)$  can be specified as follows:

T' =

	node	$P = t_0$	$O = t_{s+1}$	$L=t_1$	 $F = t_s$	$t_{s+2}\dots$
	depth	0	1	2	 s+1	1
Ī	Dyck			$0^{s+1}1$		

Since  $D = \mathsf{Dyck}(T) = 1^s 0^s 101 \dots$ ,  $\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(D) = 1^{s+1} 0^{s+1} 1 \dots$  as per case 3.4d. This is identical to the Dyck word constructed from  $T' = \mathsf{nextree}(T)$ . Therefore, cases 3.4d and 3.5d are equivalent.

Since these 4 cases cover all cases for the two successor rules, we have shown that  $\mathsf{nextree}(T) = \mathsf{OTree}(\overrightarrow{\mathsf{coolCat}}(\mathsf{Dyck}(T)))$  in all cases.

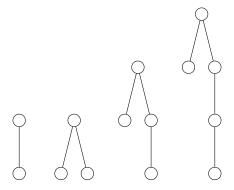


Figure 3.4: The initial trees returned by get\_initial\_tree in coolOtree with t = 1, 2, 3, and 4

#### 3.1.4 Loopless Implementation

The algorithm described in this section has been implemented in C using a tree node struct that contains fields for each node's parent, left child, and right sibling.

The functions shift\_tree\_a and shift\_tree\_b perform the shifts outlined in cases 3.2a and 3.2b respectively; the function get\_initial\_tree generates the first tree in the ordering.

t is a parameter equal to the number of non-root nodes in the tree; visit is a user-supplied function for visiting a tree.

```
void coolOtree(int t, void (*visit)(node*)){
    node* root = get_initial_tree(t);
    node* o=root->left_child->right_sibling;
    visit(root);
    //o is NULL for the final tree
    while(o){
        if(o->left_child){ //if o has a child
            shift_tree_b(root,o); 3.2b
            o=o->left_child->right_sibling;
        }else{
            if(o->parent == root){
                shift_tree_b(root,o); 3.2b
                o=o->right_sibling;
            }else{ //if the string isn't tight, shift a zero
                shift_tree_a(root,o); 3.2a
                o=o->right_sibling;
            }
        visit(root);
    }
}
```

#### **Algorithm 1** Generate all ordered trees with t+1 nodes

```
function COOL-ORDERED-TREES(t)
   ▷ Generate initial tree
     TODO
    visit(root)
    O \leftarrow root.lchild
    visit(root)
    while O \neq NULL do
        if O.lchild \neq NULL then
            P \leftarrow O.parent
            L \leftarrow P.lchild
            P.lchild \leftarrow O
            L.parent \leftarrow O
    \triangleright Initialize instance variables
    Initialize incs as an empty stack
    m \leftarrow |a|
    prefix\_sum \leftarrow |a| - 1
   ▶ Loop through all permutations
    while True do
        \triangleright Find indices for the shift
        if m == |a| then
            insert\_index \leftarrow 1
            shift\_index \leftarrow |a| - 1
        else if a_{m+1} > a_m - 1 then
            if a_{m+1} > a_m then
                incs.pop()
            shift\_index \leftarrow m
            insert\_index \leftarrow 0
            incs.append(m+1)
        else if a_m + 1 > 0 or prefix_sum > prefix_len then
            if a_{m+2} > a_{m+1} and a_{m+2} <= a_m then
                incs.pop()
            shift\_index \leftarrow m-1
            if a_{shift\_index} > 0 then
                insert\_index \leftarrow 0
            else
                insert\_index \leftarrow 1
            incs.append(m+1)
        else
            shift\_index \leftarrow m
            insert\_index \leftarrow 0
        \triangleright Do shift and visit
        a.insert(insert\_index, a.remove(shift\_index))
        visit(a)
        ▶ Update variables for next iteration
        if a_{insert\_index} < a_{insert\_index+1} then
            prefix\_sum \leftarrow a_0
            if insert\_index \neq m then
                incs.append(m+1)
        else
            prefix\_sum \leftarrow prefix\_sum + a_{insert\_index}
        if |incs| = 0 then
            return
        else
            m \leftarrow incs.pop()
```

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