

(Downloaded from <https://cs.stanford.edu/~knuth/programs.html> and typeset on May 28, 2023)

1. Intro. This program tests an amazingly simple algorithm that generates all n -node trees with the property that the k th node in preorder has t_k link fields. (A link field is either zero or it points to a subtree.) In the special case that $t_k = 2$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$, we get Skarbek's algorithm for binary trees, Algorithm 7.2.1.6B. In the special case that $t_k = t$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$, we get an algorithm that was sent to me by James Korsh in December 2004. I happened to notice that Korsh's idea works in the general case considered here; but I'll let him have the fun of constructing a formal proof, because the basic insights are essentially his.

The number of trees generated does not appear to have a simple formula in general. But one can show bijectively that such trees are equivalent to integer sequences $a_1 \dots a_{n-1}$ with the property that $a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_{n-1} \geq 0$ and $a_k \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-k} (t_j - 1)$.

The numbers t_1, \dots, t_n are input on the command line.

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#define maxn 100      /* n should be less than this */
#include <stdio.h>
int h[maxn];          /* the table of degrees; h_k = t_k - 1 */
int l[maxn][maxn];    /* the links (right to left) */
int count;

main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    register int j, k, n, r, x, y;
    <Read the t's from the command line 2>;
    for (j = 1; j < n; j++) l[j][h[j]] = j + 1;
    while (1) {
        <Visit the current tree 3>;
        for (j = 1, x = l[1][0]; x ≡ j + 1; j = x, x = l[j][0]) l[j][0] = 0, l[j][h[j]] = x;
        if (j ≡ n) break;
        for (r = 1; l[j][r] ≡ 0; r++) ;
        for (k = 0, y = l[j][r]; l[y][0]; k = y, y = l[y][0]) ;
        if (k) l[k][0] = 0; else l[j][r] = 0;
        l[j][0] = 0, l[j][r - 1] = y, l[y][0] = x;
    }
}
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2. #define abort(m)
    { fprintf(stderr, "%s!\n", m);
      exit(j); }

<Read the t's from the command line 2> ≡
n = argc - 1;
if (n ≡ 0) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s t1 t2 . . . tn\n", argv[0]);
    exit(0);
}
if (n ≥ maxn) abort("I can't handle that many degrees");
for (j = 1; j ≤ n; j++) {
    if (sscanf(argv[j], "%d", &h[j]) ≠ 1) abort("unreadable degree");
    h[j]--;
    if (h[j] < 0) abort("Each degree must be positive");
    if (h[j] ≥ maxn) abort("Degree is too large");
}
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This code is used in section 1.

3. For each tree, we print out the array of links, with link 0 last.

⟨ Visit the current tree 3 ⟩ \equiv

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    count++;
    printf("%d:", count);
    for (j = 1; j ≤ n; j++) {
        for (k = h[j]; k ≥ 0; k--) printf("□%d", l[j][k]);
        if (j < n) printf(";");
    }
    printf("\n");

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This code is used in section 1.

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