

Almost all classical propositions are intuitionistic

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This cannot be **all**, since $((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$ is classical, but not intuitionistic.

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In this work : I address those *canonical expressions*, namely

- **implicative propositions** are considered up-to renaming of variables,
- two **implicative propositions** are the same if they differ by the renaming of variables.
- better, I consider **implicative propositions** with a canonical naming of variables.

Restricted Growth Strings

Consider the list of variables of an expression of size 10 :

$x \ y \ y \ x \ y \ x \ z \ x \ x \ x$

or

$\beta \ \alpha \ \alpha \ \beta \ \alpha \ \beta \ \gamma \ \beta \ \beta \ \beta$

If we name canonically the variables, we get :

$\alpha_0 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_0 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_0 \ \alpha_1 \ \alpha_0 \ \alpha_0 \ \alpha_0$

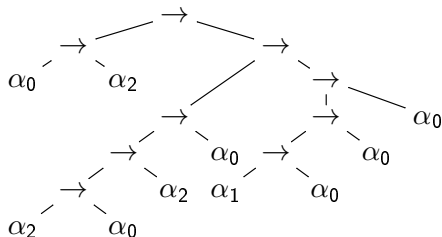
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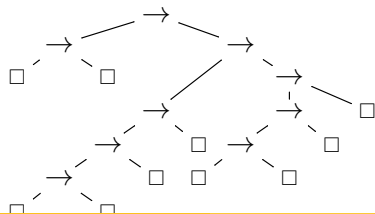
- **Restricted Growth Strings** for Knuth,
- **Irregular Staircases** for Flajolet and Sedgewick and
- more generally **equivalence classes**.

Canonical expressions

Canonical expressions are binary expressions with variables named canonically by a **restricted growth string**. The binary operator is \rightarrow .



Hence a **canonical expression** is a pair (**binary tree**, **restricted growth string**)



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Catalan and Bell numbers

- **Binary trees** are counted by **Catalan numbers**, C_n .
- **Restricted growth string** or **equivalence classes** are counted by **Bell numbers**, ϖ_n .
- **Canonical expressions** are counted by sequence $K_n = C_{n-1}\varpi_n$ (**A289679** in the OEIS).

$$K_n \sim n! \frac{4^{n-1} e^{e^r - 1}}{\pi \sqrt{2(n-1)^3 r(r+1) e^r}}$$

$r \equiv r(n)$ is the positive root of the equation $re^r = n + 1$.

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This relies on

- an efficient and correct **random generation algorithm** and
- efficient algorithms for checking properties, at the price of checking only **weak** properties.

Random generation

There are two **linear algorithms** for **random generation** found in Knuth's books

The Art of Computer Programming chapter 4.

- **Remy's algorithm** for **random generation of binary trees**,
- **Stam's algorithm** for **random generation of equivalence classes**.



Ratio of simple intuitionistic theorems

R_n is the **ratio** of **simple intuitionistic theorems** (goal as premise) among **canonical expressions**.

n	$\frac{\log(n)}{n}$	R_n
25	0,128755033	0.2214
50	0,07824046	0.1248
100	0,046051702	0.0506
500	0,012429216	0.0119
1000	0,006907755	0.006

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36% non simple antilogies are simple theorems.

More precisely,

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MP theorem

An **MP theorem** is a proposition

- with goal α_i and
- two premises α_j and $\alpha_j \rightarrow \alpha_i$

Therefore it has the form :

$$\dots \rightarrow (\alpha_j \rightarrow \alpha_i) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \alpha_j \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \alpha_i$$

or

$$\dots \rightarrow \alpha_j \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (\alpha_j \rightarrow \alpha_i) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \alpha_i$$

An **easy theorem** is a theorem which is **simple** or **MP**.

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Cheap theorems

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