Combinatorial Generation in the Presence of Symmetry

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Application: Generating Chemical Molecules





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Application: Compiling Software



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Other Objects Directed Graphs



Other Objects Hypergraphs



Other Objects Colored (Partitioned) Graphs



Other Objects

Latin Squares

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This 16×16 latin square assists in the construction of a Williams Design.

Other Objects Partially-Ordered Sets



Subobjects Independent Sets




Subobjects (Proper) Colorings



Generation Algorithms

Goal: Generate all unlabeled objects that satisfy the constraints.

Symmetry Breaking

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(Ostrowski talked about this, also my CS Colloquium)

Canonical Deletion

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Brendan McKay, Isomorph-free exhaustive generation, J. of Algorithms (1997).

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- 1. Build objects piece-by-piece.
- 2. Define a *canonical construction path* to every unlabeled object.
- 3. Only follow paths that agree with the canonical construction path.

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The vertex v is the canonical deletion.




































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$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} 2^{\binom{n}{2}} \cdot \frac{nf(n)}{n!} \approx 2^{N^2 - N \log N}$$

where f(n) is the average time to compute canonical labels and automorphisms.

n	Labeled graphs of order <i>n</i>
6	32,768
7	2,097,152
8	268,435,456
9	68,719,476,736
10	35,184,372,088,832
11	36,028,797,018,963,968
12	73,786,976,294,838,206,464
13	302,231,454,903,657,293,676,544
14	2,475,880,078,570,760,549,798,248,448
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OEIS Sequence A002851 Grows $2^{\Omega(n^2)}$				

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Implementation

My **TreeSearch** library enables parallelization in the Condor scheduler.

Executes on the **Open Science Grid**, a collection of supercomputers around the country.





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Q: How can we integrate **constraint propagation** with canonical deletion?

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Requires building a canonical deletion that has the number of perfect matchings be **monotonic!**

To learn more...

- B. D. McKay. Isomorph-free exhaustive generation.
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- F. Margot. Pruning by isomorphism in branch-and-cut.
- ▶ B. D. McKay, A. Meynert. Small latin squares, quasigroups, and loops.
- G. Brinkmann, B. D. McKay. Posets on up to 16 points.
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- D. Stolee. Isomorph-free generation of 2-connected graphs with applications.
- D. Stolee. Generating *p*-extremal graphs.

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