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letter to me

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$$1 + 3 = 4$$



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Sequences

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↑  
just visiting  
(permanent address  
still U. of Qld).

Dear Dr. Sloane,

Enclosed paper (to appear  
in J. Austral Math Soc) contains at  
least one of the sequences in your  
catalogue, namely #114 (p.41, Handbook of  
Integer sequences). This is our sequence  $\Sigma = 1 + T(n)$   
where  $T(n)$  = number of twills which can  
be woven on a loom with  $n$  harnesses.  
Note that term 18 of this sequence should  
be 3914.

Yours sincerely

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Table 2.  $T(n) =$  no. of  $n$ -harness twills

= no. of binary sequences <sup>length  $n$</sup>  up to necklace equivalence

Gilbert & Riordan have recorded this to  $n=20$ .

We have gone to  $n=20$  by taking  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$

$$1 + T(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} T(n, 2k),$$

where  $T(n, 2k) =$  # of  $n$ -harness twills with  $2k$  breaks

= # of length  $n$  binary sequences up to necklace equivalence, where the sequence has ... 01... or ... 10... (Changing given thread from one side to the other of a fabric is called a "break" by weavers.)

Table 3  $B(2k) =$  # of balanced twills of period  $2k$  = # of binary sequences of period  $2k$  with  $k$  0's &  $k$  1's per period



(up to necklace equivalence)

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Here the sequences we have found a reasonable number of terms for are in Table 8.

•  $F_b(n, k)$  = # of equiv. classes of <sup>balanced</sup> binary sequences of length  $n$ , with maximum float length  $k$   
~~and~~

Maximum Float length = <sup>maximum</sup> number of consecutive symbols of same value

eg. 1000000101 has max float length 5.

(again a weaving term)

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Permutation matrices are classified here as ways to tile the plane, where equiv. classes are found by allowing:

- complementation (for general sequences — I guess not for permas of any length);
- translation;
- rotation;
- reflection;
- reversals;
- cyclic shifts;

finite sequence of the above.

Equiv. classes in Table 2, page 404

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If you are a weaver anyway, please ignore my comments. If not, then floats, breaks & the idea of damask as a tensor product may be strange.

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