

# $p$ -adic systems - a survey

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Tables of sequences:

1	1	0	0	0	...
2	2	1	0	0	...
3	3	1	0	0	...
4	4	2	1	0	...
5	5	2	1	0	...
6	6	3	1	0	...
7	7	3	1	0	...
8	8	4	2	1	...
9	9	4	2	1	...
10	10	5	2	1	...
11	11	5	2	1	...
12	12	6	3	1	...
13	13	6	3	1	...
14	14	7	3	1	...
15	15	7	3	1	...
16	16	8	4	2	...
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$S(F_2)$	0	1	2	3	...

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6	6	3	5	8	...
7	7	11	17	26	...
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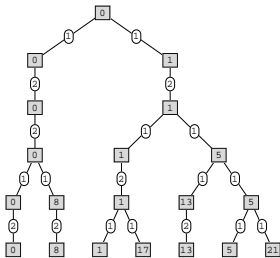
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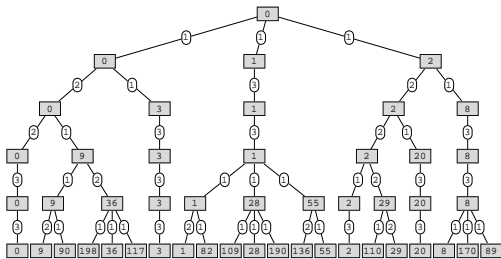
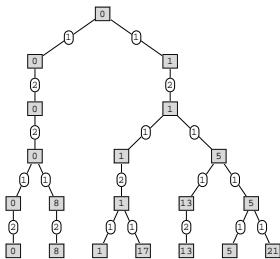
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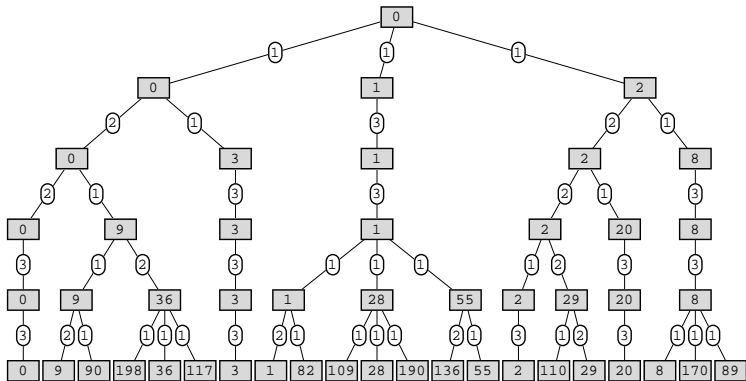
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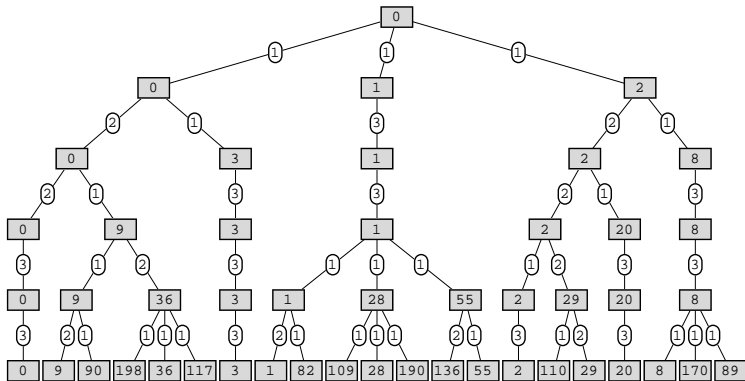
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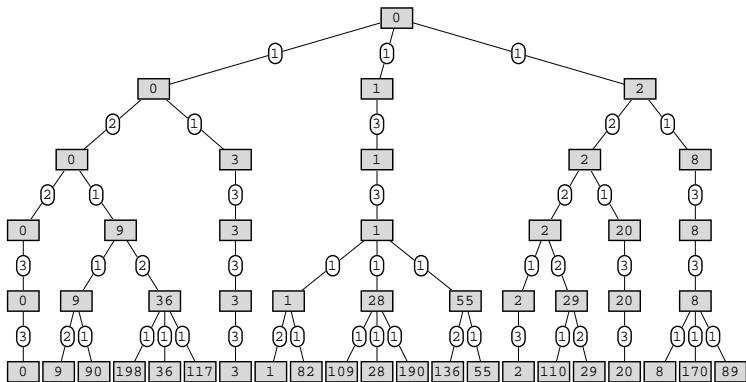
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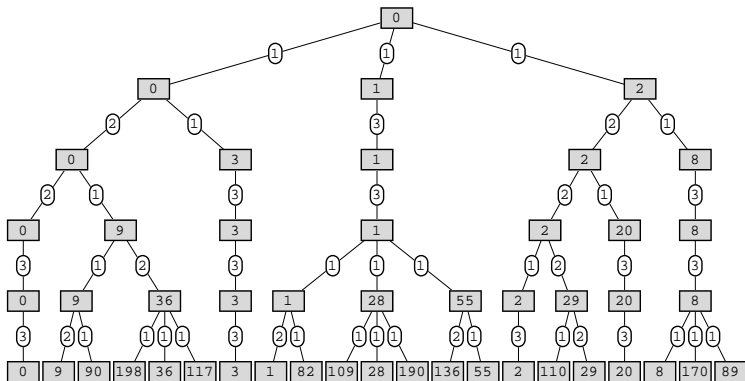
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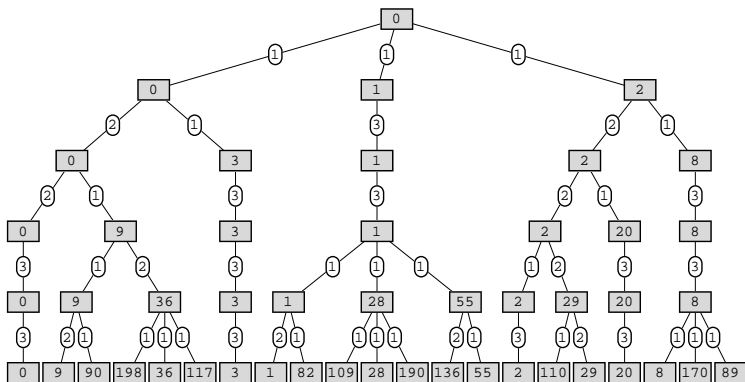


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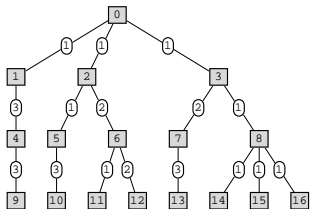
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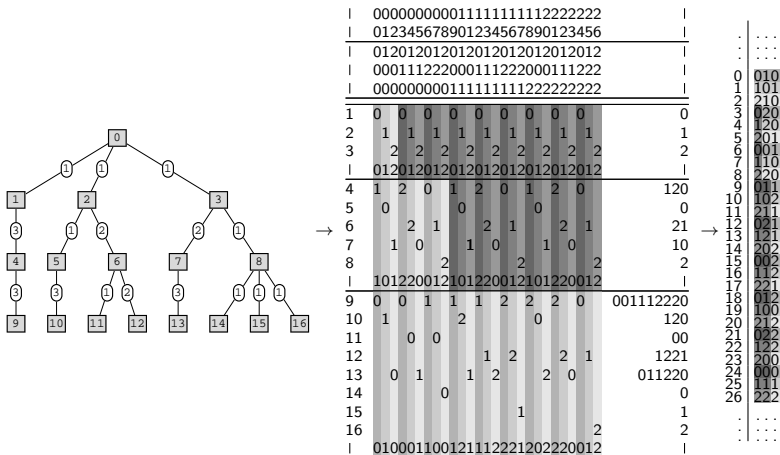
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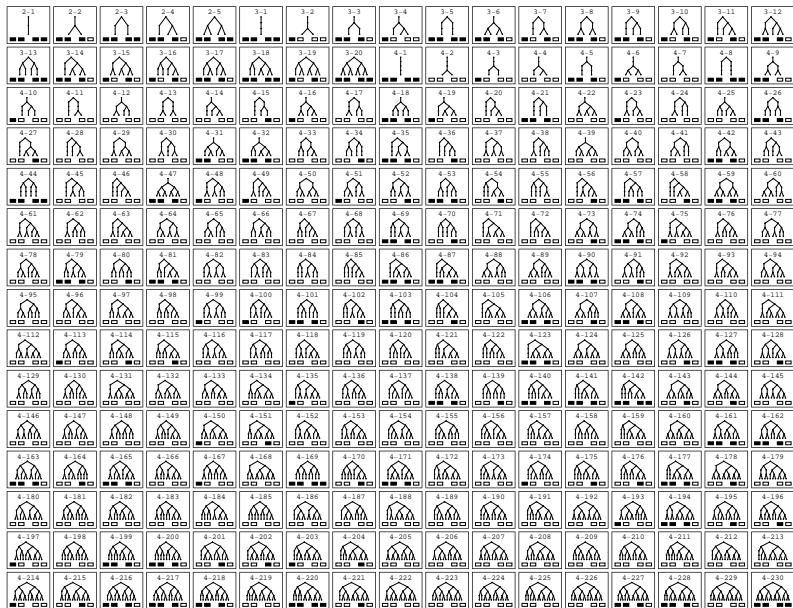
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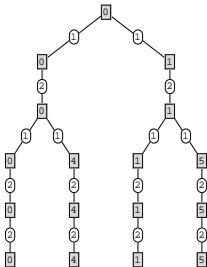
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