

# Some Calculations regarding Foulkes' Conjecture

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# Notation

(the following was presented on the blackboard)

joint work with J. Müller

$$M_n := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, S_n := \{\pi : M_n \rightarrow M_n \text{ bijective}\}$$

$\pi \cdot \varphi$  means **first**  $\pi$ , **then**  $\varphi$  for mappings throughout

$$S_m \text{ wr } S_n := \underbrace{(S_m \times \dots \times S_m)}_{n \text{ factors}} \rtimes S_n \text{ (wreath product)}$$

$$\implies |S_m \text{ wr } S_n| = (m!)^n \cdot n!, S_m \text{ wr } S_n \leq S_{m \cdot n}$$

$$\Omega_{m,n} := S_m \text{ wr } S_n \setminus S_{m \cdot n} = \{(S_m \text{ wr } S_n) \cdot \pi \mid \pi \in S_{m \cdot n}\}$$

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(as  $\mathbb{Q}S_{m \cdot n}$ -modules)

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This can all be implemented efficiently on a computer.

We need typically 1 byte per entry or  $m \cdot n$  bytes per vector.



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**Example:**  $m = 3, n = 2, v = v_1 = [1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2]$

**S-minimal**

$$\varphi^{(3,2)} \longmapsto \underbrace{[1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3]}_{\text{all permutations}} + [1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 2] + \dots$$

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**So:**

(1) permute, (2)  $S$ -minimalize, (3)  $U$ -minimalize, (4) lookup.

$\rightarrow$  get  $S$ -minimal and  $U$ -minimal vector

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Let  $U := S_5 \times \cdots \times S_5 \triangleleft H$ .

Consider first all vectors in  $V := V^{(5,5)}$ .

**Def.:** We again call the lexicographically smallest vector in each  $U$ -orbit  $U$ -minimal.

**Idea:** Only store  $U$ -minimal vectors.

**Problem:** Action is perm. of entries +  $S$ -minimalization.

**Lemma:**

$v$   $S$ -minimal  $\implies$  the  $U$ -minimalization of  $v$  is  $S$ -minimal.

**So:**

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Those we can classify beforehand into  $H$ -orbits.

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## Main Computation (parallel, distribute data):

Run (parallelized) through  $v_2H$ , apply all  $g_i^{-1}$ , and do:

- $S$ -minimalize
- $U$ -minimalize
- lookup  $H$ -orbit
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