

**1. Intro.** I'm experimenting with a novel way to represent permutations, and applying it to Langford's problem. The latter problem can be regarded as the task of creating a permutation  $p$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  with the property that  $p_i = k$  implies  $p_{i+n} = k + i + 1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . (It means that we put the digit  $i$  into positions  $k$  and  $k + i + 1$ . This model for the problem was studied by Gent, Miguel, and Rendl in *LNCS 4612* (2007), 184–199.)

The permutation representation uses *order encoding* in two dimensions: We have variables  $y_{ij}$  meaning that  $p_i \leq j$  and  $z_{ij}$  meaning that  $q_j \leq i$ , where  $q$  is the inverse of  $p$ . The permutation  $p$  is implicit; we have  $p_i = k$  if and only if  $y_{ik} = 1$  and  $y_{i(k-1)} = 0$  if and only if  $z_{ik} = 1$  and  $z_{(i-1)k} = 0$ . The boundary conditions are  $y_{i0} = z_{0j} = 0$  and  $y_{in} = z_{nj} = 1$ . Also  $y_{i(j-1)} \leq y_{ij}$  and  $z_{(i-1)j} \leq z_{ij}$ .

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int n; /* command-line parameter */
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    register int i, j, k, nn;
    <Process the command line 2>;
    <Generate the monotonicity clauses 3>;
    <Generate the clauses that relate y's to z's 4>;
    <Generate the clauses for Langford's problem 5>;
}
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**2.** <Process the command line 2>  $\equiv$

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if (argc  $\neq$  2  $\vee$  sscanf(argv[1], "%d", &n)  $\neq$  1) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s n\n", argv[0]);
    exit(-1);
}
nn = n + n;
```

This code is used in section 1.

**3.** <Generate the monotonicity clauses 3>  $\equiv$

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for (i = 1; i  $\leq$  nn; i++) {
    printf("%dy%d\n", i, 0);
    printf("%dz%d\n", 0, i);
    printf("%dy%d\n", i, nn);
    printf("%dz%d\n", nn, i);
}
for (i = 1; i  $\leq$  nn; i++)
    for (j = 1; j  $\leq$  nn; j++) {
        printf("%dy%d_%dy%d\n", i, j - 1, i, j);
        printf("%dz%d_%dz%d\n", i - 1, j, i, j);
    }
```

This code is used in section 1.

4. We can derive the following clauses by imagining a matrix with  $x_{ij} = [p_i = j]$  and eliminating the  $x$  variables.

⟨Generate the clauses that relate  $y$ 's to  $z$ 's 4⟩ ≡

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for (i = 1; i ≤ nn; i++)
  for (j = 1; j ≤ nn; j++) {
    printf("%dy%□dz%□~dz%d\n", i, j - 1, i - 1, j, i, j);
    printf("%dy%□dz%□~dz%d\n", i, j, i - 1, j, i, j);
    printf("%dy%□~dy%□~dz%d\n", i, j - 1, i, j, i - 1, j);
    printf("%dy%□~dy%□dz%d\n", i, j - 1, i, j, i, j);
  }

```

This code is used in section 1.

5. ⟨Generate the clauses for Langford's problem 5⟩ ≡

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for (i = 1; i ≤ n; i++) {
  printf("%dy%d\n", i, nn - 1 - i);
  printf("%dy%d\n", i + n, i + 1);
}
for (i = 1; i ≤ n; i++) {
  for (j = 1; j ≤ nn - 1 - i; j++) {
    printf("%dy%□~dy%□~dy%d\n", i, j - 1, i, j, i + n, i + j);
    printf("%dy%□~dy%□dy%d\n", i, j - 1, i, j, i + n, i + j + 1);
  }
  for (j = i + 2; j ≤ nn; j++) {
    printf("%dy%□~dy%□~dy%d\n", i + n, j - 1, i + n, j, i, j - i - 2);
    printf("%dy%□~dy%□dy%d\n", i + n, j - 1, i + n, j, i, j - i - 1);
  }
}

```

This code is used in section 1.

**6. Index.***argc*: 1, 2.*argv*: 1, 2.*exit*: 2.*fprintf*: 2.*i*: 1.*j*: 1.*k*: 1.*main*: 1.*n*: 1.*nn*: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.*printf*: 3, 4, 5.*scanf*: 2.*stderr*: 2.

- ⟨ Generate the clauses for Langford's problem 5 ⟩ Used in section 1.
- ⟨ Generate the clauses that relate  $y$ 's to  $z$ 's 4 ⟩ Used in section 1.
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