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Dear Dr. Sloane,

I was very pleased to learn that your *Handbook of Integer Sequences* is now available through the Internet. Your book, twenty years old, has proved invaluable to me; and a frequently-updated list of sequences is even better.

I am enclosing two things: one, a preprint of an article submitted by Ansuman Bagchi and myself to *J. Graph Theory*; two, some charts of numbers to which the article refers (but which it does not explicitly provide).

In my opinion there are four classes of sequences inherent to the charts; let me give each in turn.

A-I 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, 233, 377, 610, 987, 1597, ...

A-II 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 16, 21, 28, 37, 49, 65, 86, 114, 151, 200, 265, 351, 465, 616, 816, 1081, 1432, 1897, 2513, 3329, ...

A-III 1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 4, 4, 5, 7, 7, 11, 11, 16, 18, 23, 29, 34, 45, 52, 68, 81, 102, 126, 154, 194, 235, 296, 361, 450, 555, 685, 851, 1046, ...

A-IV 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 4, 2, 5, 4, 6, 7, 7, 11, 9, 16, 13, 22, 20, 29, 31, 38, 47, 51, 69, 71, 98, 102, 136, 149, 187, 218, 258, 316, 360, 452, ...

A-V 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 2, 6, 4, 7, 7, 8, 11, 9, 16, 11, 22, 15, 29, 22, 37, 33, 46, 49, 57, 71, 72, 100, 94, 137, 127, 183, 176, 240, ...

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These sequences correspond to the number of k -th order maximal independent sets (as defined in the aforementioned article) in a path graph, for $k = -1, 1, 3, 5,$ and $7,$ respectively. For $k = -1,$ we see the Fibonacci sequence [256]. For $k \geq 1,$ we discover an infinite family of "Fibonacci sequences" first located by Green and cited in your book: $k = 1$ is precisely sequence 102; $k = 3$ is sequence 59.

If you look at the first five charts (corresponding to path graphs), the rightmost nonzero entry in each row corresponds to the number of *maximum* independent sets

in a path graph of that size; these numbers by definition are on the chart for all k . Hence if we subtract 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 4, 1, 5, ... from each of the above sequences, we locate our second class of sequences. Bagchi calls these the number of *strict* k -th order maximal independent sets; "strict" because they are maximal but not maximum. (Additionally, for $k = -1$ I am disregarding the column of ones.)

- B-I 0, 0, 3, 4, 11, 16, 32, 49, 87, 137, 231, 369, 608, 978, 1595, 2574, ...
- B-II 0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 1, 6, 4, 11, 10, 20, 21, 36, 41, 64, 77, 113, 141, 199, 254, 350, 453, 615, 803, 1080, 1418, 1896, 2498, 3328, ...
- B-III 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 0, 6, 1, 10, 4, 15, 10, 22, 20, 33, 35, 51, 57, 80, 90, 125, 141, 193, 221, 295, 346, 449, 439, 684, 834, 1045, 1283, ...
- B-IV 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 0, 6, 0, 10, 1, 15, 4, 21, 10, 28, 20, 37, 35, 50, 56, 70, 84, 101, 121, 148, 171, 215, 241, 315, 342, 451, ...
- B-V 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 0, 6, 0, 10, 0, 15, 1, 21, 4, 28, 10, 36, 20, 45, 35, 56, 56, 71, 84, 93, 120, 126, 165, 175, 221, ...

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(To the best of my knowledge, none of those sequences are in your list.)

We can do the same for cycle graphs. Here are the sequences corresponding to the number of k -th order maximal independent sets in *cycle* graphs, for $k = -1, 1, 3, 5$, and 7:

- C-I 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 18, 29, 47, 76, 123, 199, 322, 521, 843, 1364, 2207, ...
- C-II 0, 2, 3, 2, 5, 5, 7, 10, 12, 17, 22, 29, 39, 51, 68, 90, 119, 158, 209, 277, 367, 486, 644, 853, 1130, 1497, 1983, 2627, 3480, 4610, 6107, 8090, ...
- C-III 0, 2, 3, 2, 5, 2, 7, 2, 9, 7, 11, 14, 13, 23, 20, 34, 34, 47, 57, 67, 91, 101, 138, 158, 205, 247, 306, 387, 464, 592, 713, 898, 1100, 1362, 1692, ...
- C-IV 0, 2, 3, 2, 5, 2, 7, 2, 9, 2, 11, 2, 13, 9, 15, 18, 17, 29, 19, 42, 28, 57, 46, 74, 75, 93, 117, 121, 174, 167, 248, 242, 341, 359, 462, 533, ...
- C-V 0, 2, 3, 2, 5, 2, 7, 2, 9, 2, 11, 2, 13, 2, 15, 2, 17, 11, 19, 22, 21, 35, 23, 50, 25, 67, 36, 86, 58, 107, 93, 130, 143, 155, 210, 191, ...

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For $k = -1$, we see the Lucas sequence [924]. For $k = 1$, we see the Perrin sequence [163] (later located by D. Fielder). For $k \geq 3$, we discover an infinite family of "Perrin sequences" — made interesting because $p|A_k(p)$ for all prime p (e.g., the 29th element of each sequence is divisible by 29.)

For cycle graphs, the number of maximum independent sets follows the sequence 0, 2, 3, 2, 5, 2, 7, 2, 9, 2, 11, ..., so we can subtract those values from the sequence. (For $k = -1$ I am again disregarding the column of ones.)

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- D-I 0, 0, 0, 4, 5, 15, 21, 44, 66, 120, 187, 320, 508, 841, 1349, 2205, ...
- D-II 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 8, 3, 15, 11, 27, 26, 49, 53, 88, 102, 156, 190, 275, 346, 484, 621, 851, 1105, 1495, 1956, 2625, 3451, 4608, 6076, 8088, ...
- D-III 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 5, 0, 12, 0, 21, 5, 32, 17, 45, 38, 65, 70, 99, 115, 156, 180, 245, 279, 385, 435, 590, 682, 896, 1067, 1360, ...
- D-IV 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7, 0, 16, 0, 27, 0, 40, 7, 55, 23, 72, 50, 91, 90, 119, 145, 165, 217, 240, 308, 357, 427, 531, ...
- D-V 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 9, 0, 20, 0, 33, 0, 48, 0, 65, 9, 84, 29, 105, 62, 128, 110, 153, 175, 189, ...

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If these sequences seem interesting enough for inclusion in the online *Handbook* let me know -- I will confirm the numbers and send them to you. (The charts were thrown together in a few hours for a presentation I was giving, and I did quite a bit of calculating in my head. Consequently there may be errors.)

Additionally some interesting sequences exist for the number of "equivalence classes" of k -th order maximal independent sets in paths and cycles. I could provide you with those as well.

Yours truly,

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Greetings:

I received your letter Friday and was able to verify the sequences today. Presumably you have the original letter, so I will simply label the sequences as they were labelled there.

A-I: [256]

A-II: [102]

A-III: [59]

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A-IV: 1 2 1 3 1 4 2 5 4 6 7 7 11 9 16 13 22 20 29 31 38 47 51 69 71 98
102 136 149 187 218 258 316 360 452 509 639 727 897 1043

A-V: 1 2 1 3 1 4 1 5 2 6 4 7 7 8 11 9 16 11 22 15 29 31 37 33 46 49 57
71 72 100 94 137 127 183 176 240 247 312 347 406

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B-I: 0 0 3 4 11 16 32 49 87 137 231 369 608 978 1595 2574 4179 6754
10944 17699 28655 46355 75023 121379 196416 317796 514227 832024 1346267

B-II: 0 0 1 0 3 1 6 4 11 10 20 21 36 41 64 77 113 141 199 254 350 453
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B-III: 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 6 1 10 4 15 10 22 20 33 35 51 57 80 90 125 141 193 221
295 346 449 539 684 834 1045 1283 1600 1967 2451 3012 3752 4612 5738 7063

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B-IV: 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 6 0 10 1 15 4 21 10 28 20 37 35 50 56 70 84 101
121 148 171 217 241 315 342 451 490 638 707 896 1022 1256 1473 1765 2111

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B-V: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 6 0 10 0 15 1 21 4 28 10 36 20 45 35 56 56
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C-I: [924]

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C-III: 0 2 3 2 5 2 7 2 9 7 11 14 13 23 20 34 34 47 57 67 91 101 138 158 205
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2544 3084 3666 4314 5250 6077 7463 8621 10547 12287 14861

C-V: 0 2 3 2 5 2 7 2 9 2 11 2 13 2 15 2 17 11 19 22 21 35 23 50 25 67 36 86
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D-I: 0 0 0 4 5 15 21 44 66 120 187 319 507 840 1348 2204 3553 5776
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Barring typographical errors these numbers are correct; I checked them twice.

Regards,

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