Area-Depth Symmetric Catalan Polynomial

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Open Problem: Find a combinatorial proof that shows $C_n(q, t)$ is symmetric.

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- $(a_1(\pi), \dots, a_n(\pi)) = (0, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 0, 1)$
- area $(\pi) = 8$
- Remark: Dyck paths are uniquely characterized by their area sequences.

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Theorem (Ardila 2003)

The Tutte polynomial $T_{Cat_n}(q, t) = \sum_{\pi \in D_n} q^{IR(\pi)} t^{RET(\pi)}$ of the Catalan Matroid is symmetric in q and t.

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Idea of proof:

- Look at parking functions as labelled trees under some bijection
- Associate edges to this tree based off the area statistic
- Show that all connected graphs can be obtained from this

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 - Can we find two maps from Dyck paths to plane trees such that their composition interchanges area and dinv?
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$$M_n(1,1) = 4^{n-2} \sum_{j=0}^{4} (-1)^j \binom{4}{j} \binom{n+(j-1)/2}{n}$$

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Thanks for listening!