## Greedy Tamari intervals


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## I. Tamari orders on Dyck paths

## Dyck paths

A Dyck path of size $n=10$ (size=number of up steps)


Encoding: I for up steps, 0 for down steps

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We define similarly the ordinary and greedy Tamari orders on m-Dyck paths.
[Bergeron \& Préville-Ratelle 12, Dermenjian 2.2.(a)]

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## II. Intervals in Tamari orders

$[v, w], v \preccurlyeq w$

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We took a different approach...
(which also works for ordinary intervals)

## A new product for the greedy order

The star product
For $v_{1}$ and $v_{2}$ non-empty, let $v=v_{1} * v_{2}$ be obtained by replacing the last peak of $v_{1}$ by $v_{2}$.


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$\rightarrow$ Solution via the quadratic method [Brown 65]

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## IV. When m is general: sketch of the proof

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$$

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$$
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$$

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