## **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)



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We define similarly the ordinary and greedy Tamari orders on m-Dyck paths.

[Bergeron & Préville-Ratelle 12, Dermenjian 22(a)]

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Bijection with greedy intervals?



# III. A proof for greedy intervals (m=1)

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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  $v_2$ .



#### Lemma

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

$$J(1) = \frac{(1-8t)^{3/2} - 1 + 12t - 24t^2}{32t^2} = \sum_{n \ge 1} \frac{3 \cdot 2^{n-1}}{(n+1)(n+2)} {2n \choose n} t^n.$$

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

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Indeed, with this change of variables, one conjectures:

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• One has to check a polynomial identity:

$$\Lambda^{(m+2)}(1) = u^{m+2} \left( 1 - z \sum_{e=0}^{m} u^{e}(m+1-e) \right).$$

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- Greedy 1-Tamari intervals form a subset of ordinary 1-Tamari intervals: which triangulations do they correspond to? cf. [Bernardi & Bonichon 07]

# Thanks for your attention