# A Canonical Tree Decomposition for Chirotopes

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Possible **applications**: entries of algorithms using only the orientation, build a database of every relevant configurations of points (testing conjectures, benchmarks, ...)

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**Conclusion** big universe, we probably can only build telescopes

In this talk, we define an operation that builds big chirotopes by **assembling** smaller chirotopes together



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triangulations of a given point set: •  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 2^n)$  [Alvarez and Seidel 2013] •  $\mathcal{O}(n^{(11+o(1))\sqrt{n}})$  [Marx and Miltzow 2016]

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- **Fastest generic algorithms:** Compute the number of
- **Strategy** Combine generic algorithms with bowtie

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## Triplets of triangulations of $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , and maximal crossing-free






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The number of triangulations of a chirotope tree can be computed in **polynomial time** from the **precomputed** full triangulation polynomials of the nodes [BFGK]

 $pprox 5.92966751.10^{180}$ computed exactly in a few seconds using Sagemath.



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#### $P_{\alpha,x^*}(x) = x^2(1 + x + x^2)$ $P_{\alpha,x^*}(1) = 3$



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#### Enumerating the 2002 triangulations of a 10 point configuration kills sagemath #38187





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**Limitation:** only for a fixed **given** tree. Does not apply for recursive families of chirotope trees.









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**Kernel method**: find two u(x) analytic canceling the kernel to reduce to a linear system

We obtain  $F(1,x) = \sum_{n\geq 1} |\mathcal{T}_{\alpha_n}| x^n$  (A066357)  $|\mathcal{T}_{\alpha_n}| \sim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3 - 2\sqrt{2}}{16\sqrt{2-2}} \frac{4^{2n+2}}{n^{3/2}}.$ 

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idea of proof: showing that a split and merge process is confluent



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This is a **telescope**:  $3(n - O(n - 2))t_{n-1} \le d_n \le O(n^{-3})t_n$ . [BFGK] Chirotope trees with many nodes promote elements in convex positions





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This is a **telescope**:  $3(n - O(n - 2))t_{n-1} \le d_n \le O(n^{-3})t_n$ . [BFGK] Chirotope trees with many nodes promote elements in convex positions

#### **Further work**

how efficiently can one decompose a given chirotope into a canonical chirotope tree?
what other statistics can be computed efficiently via this decomposition?
can we apply analytic combinatorics to more complex trees, for instance a complete full binary tree?





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