### PLANE PARTITION CORES

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#### 1. Introduction

The core C of a plane partition P is an array including all parts of the plane partition [7] which have a part to the right and a part below. For example, the core of the plane partition 5431 is 543 and of 5431 is 543 .

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The number of plane partitions of the positive integer m having core C is denoted N(m,C). Some values of N(m,C) can be found in Table I in Section 2; Section 2 also includes applications of triangular cores to enumeration of certain types of linear partitions and certain restricted walks. Enumeration of linear partitions and "random" walks have long been of interest [1], [8]. Lemmas used in evaluating N(m,C) are stated and proved in Section 3, along with notational remarks and examples. And the Theorem (the main result in this paper), useful in evaluation of N(m,C) for triangular cores C (which are related to linear partition and walk applications), is stated and proved in Section 4; notes and examples involving triangular cores and Fibonacci numbers [5] are included in Section 4.

## 2. Applications

A plane partition has no core if and only if all of its parts lie in one row or all of its parts lie in one column. The conjugate of a plane partition P is denoted P' and is a plane partition whose rows are the columns of P, respectively. Table I includes values of N(m,C) if C=C' and N(m,C)+N(m,C')=2N(m,C) if  $C\neq C'$ , as well as values of p(m), the number of linear partitions of M [3], for m=1 to m=20.

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Example T. If a core C_1 is represented by c_1 (where the c_2's are c_2 positive integers which are not necessarily equal), and is identified by 3 1 (using row lengths), then C_1' is c_1, C_2, and the Table I value c_2 corresponding, to c_2 is c_1, then c_2, then c_2 and c_2 is c_2, identified by 4, then c_2 and c_2 and c_3 is c_4.
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TABLE I

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4	2	3																					5
5	2	3	2																				7
6	2	4	4	I																			11
7	2	5	2	4	2																		15
8	2	6	2	5	4	2	1																22
9	2	7	2	6	2	6	i	2	2														30
10	2	8	2	7	2	8	0	4	6	2	l												42
11	2	9	2	8	2	10	0	2	4	6	5	2	2	2									56
12	2	10	2	9	2	12	0	2	4	8	8	4	4	2	2	2	2	2					77
13	2	11	2	10	2	14	0	2	4	10	9	2	2	0	6	6	8	4	2	2	2	ı	101
14	2	12	2	11	2	16	0	2	4	12	11	2	2	0	8	4	12	4	4	4	8	2	
15	2	13	2	12	2	18	0	2	4	14	13	2	2	0	10	4	12	4	2	2	12	0	
16	2	14	2	13	2	20	0	2	4	16	15	2	2	0	12	4	14	4	2	2	16	0	
17	2	15	2	14	2	22	0	2	4	18	17	2	2	0	14	4	16	4	2	2	20	0	
18	2	16	2	15	2	24	0	2	4	20	19	2	2	0	16	4	18	4	2	2	24	0	
19	2	17	2	16	2	26	0	2	4	22	21	2	2	0	18	4	20	4	2	2	28	0	
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## TABLE I (cont.)

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   6 4 8 2 8 4 2 2 2 2 2 1 1
                                                             176
  8 2 12 0 8 6 4 4 6 6 4 6 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
                                                             231
17 10 2 12 0 6 6 2 2 4 8 4 12 0 6 4 8 8 6 8 2 4
18 12 2 14 0 6 7 2 2 4 10 4 14 0 8 2 12 12 6 12 0 4
19 14 2 16 0 6 8 2 2 4 12 4 17 0 10 2 12 16 4 12 0 4
  16 2 18 0 6 9 2 2 4 14 4 20 0 12 2 14 20 4 14 0 4
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                                                             297
   4 4 4 6 2 6 10 4 6 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2
                                                             385
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   2 2 2 10 0 4 20 0 4 7 8 2 12 4 8 6 12 4 8 18 6 6
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        1 1 2 2 2 3 2 2 4 3
                              1 121
                                         2 3 2 1 3 2 4 3 2 4
                  1 2 1
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  2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 1
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A triangular core C is one with t rows of length t, t-1, ..., 1, respectively. The minimal number of parts in a plane partition with triangular core C (containing t rows) is denoted M(C); and M(C)= (t+1)(t+2)/2. Core  $C_2$  in Example T is triangular, t=4, and  $M(C_2)$ = 5(6)/2=15; the plane partition ccc1 has the smallest number of parts, cc1 cc1 cc1

15, of any plane partition having core C2.

Let all parts in a plane partition having m parts and triangular core C (with t rows) be 1; row sums of this plane partition are parts in a linear partition of m; and N(m,C) is the number of linear partitions of m of the following type:

- a) the linear partition has at least t+1 parts if part t+1 is 1, with all parts 1 thereafter, and has exactly t+1 parts if part t+1 is 2;
- b) part 1 is at least t+1, and part 2 is t if part 1 is greater than t+1 and is t or t+1 if part 1 is t+1;
  - c) for t = 1, ..., t-1, if part i equals part i+1 then part i+2 is 2 less than part i+1, and if part i is greater than part i+1 then part i+2 is equal to part i+1 or is one less than part i+1.

Example P. The number of linear partitions of m=12 satisfying (1) with t=3 is 8. The 8 possibilities are shown (all with core ccc; c=1 cc cc

in all instances).

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ccc111, ccc11, ccc11, ccc1, ccc1, ccc1, ccc1.
cc1
         cc1
                cc1
                        cc1
                                cc11
                                       cc11
                                             cc1
                                                    cc1
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                                             c11
                                                    c1
                c1
c1
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                 11
                        1
                                11
                                       1
                                             1
                                                    1
1
                 1
                                1
                                             1
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They correspond to the linear partitions 6+3+2+1, 5+3+3+1, 5+3+2+2, 5+3+2+1+1, 4+4+2+2, 4+4+2+1+1, 4+3+3+1+1, 4+3+2+1+1+1 of 12, respectively; all satisfy (1). Using the Theorem (stated in Section 4), the value of N(12,C), t=3, is A+B+E+D, where A=A<sub>2</sub>=C(3,2)+F<sub>2</sub>=4 since  $2 \le [4/2]$ , B=0 since  $2 \le [5/2]$ , E=t+1=4, D=0 (since t\neq 4); and N(12, C)=4+0+0+4=8.

Consider a walk (on a plane) from R' to R to S to S' (with R to the right of Q, S below Q,  $\overline{QR}=\overline{QS}=t+1$ , QR horizontal and perpendicular to QS at Q, R=R' or R' to the right of R, S=S' or S' below S) of the following type:

- a) if R'≠R, start at R', walk left to R and down 1, left 1, and if R'=R, walk from R down 1 then either left 0 or left 1;
- b) from row 2 to row 3, ..., row t to row t+1:if on line RS, walk down
  1, then either left 0 or left 1, and if not on line RS (i.e. if 1 unit to the right of RS), walk down 1 and left 2;
  - c) from row t to row t+1: if on line RS, walk down 1, then either left 0 or left 1 (if left 0, the walk actually terminates one unit to the right of S, and if left 1, continue down from S to S'), and if not on line RS, walk down 1 and left 2 to S (and the walk terminates at S).

Note that the walker must be on line RS at least every other row level from R to S. For example, the diagram Q11R111R' corresponds to t=3, RR'=4,

11 S 1 S'

SS=2.

An m-walk (given t and the corresponding triangular core C) is one satisfying (2) and such that  $m-M(C)=\overline{RR'}+\overline{SS'}+j$ , where j is the number of left 0's taken from R to S (or from R to one unit to the right of S). Then, for given t, the number of m-walks is N(m,C).

Example W. The number of 12-walks, t=3, is 8. The 8 possibilities are shown:

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i=0, 12-10=RR'+SS'+0, RR'+SS'=2,
ccc111, ccc11, ccc1,
            cc1
cc1
            c1
                       c1
c1
j=1, 12-10=\overline{RR'}+\overline{SS'}+1, \overline{RR'}+\overline{SS'}=1,
           ccc11,
                       ccc1.
ccc1,
                                   cccl1.
cc11
           cc1
                                   cc1
                       cc1
c1
           c11
                       c11
i=2, 12-10=\overline{RR'}+\overline{SS'}+2, \overline{RR'}+\overline{SS'}=0,
cccl.
cc11
c1
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N(12,C)=3+4+1=8. The 8 possible plane partitions here correspond to those in Example P (but are given in a different order); and N(12,C) can be computed using Table I (as was done in Example P).

## 3. Evaluation of N(m,C).

A linear partition of a positive integer n, as defined by Andrews [1], is a finite nonincreasing sequence of positive integers  $n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_r$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^r n_i = n$ ; the  $n_i$  are the parts of the partition and p(n) is the number of linear partitions of n. A plane partition of the positive integer n is a representation of n in the form  $n = \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} n_{i,j}$ , where the  $n_{i,j}$  are nonnegative integers such that  $n_{i,j} \ge n_{i,j+1}$  and  $n_{i,j} \ge n_{i+1,j}$ , as in works by MacMahon [4], Gordon and Houton [2], and Stanley [7]; the nonzero  $n_{i,j}$  are the parts of the plane partition.

The core of a plane partition is defined to be an array including all parts of the plane partition which have a part to the right and a part below; if the given plane partition has no such parts, we have an "empty" array and say the plane partition has no core. Each plane partition either has a unique core or has no core. But not every plane partition array can serve as a core of a plane partition.

both have the same core, 5332 . The plane partitions (3) 6211 422

of any plane partition since if a minimum number of parts are appropriately adjoined to the right and below, a plane partition 54321 with core 5432 3211 32 221

(different from (5)) is obtained.

A plane partition has no core if and only if all of its parts lie in one row or all of its parts lie in one column. Conditions under which a plane partition array is not a core of any plane partition are given in Lemma 2 below.

In this paper we will include only the case in which all parts of a plane partition not in the core of the plane partition are 1's; this array of 1's will be called the fence of the plane partition. A plane partition having no core must have all parts 1, and is its own fence. For example, the plane partition 1111 has no core and the fence of this plane partition is 1111.

The lengths of the rows in a core (or in any plane partition array) having t rows will be denoted by  $r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_t$ , respectively (with t,  $r_1, r_2$ , ...,  $r_t$  positive integers and  $r_1 \ge r_2 \ge ... \ge r_t$ ). The number of rows in a given core (or in any given plane partition array) of length r<sub>1</sub> will be denoted v<sub>1</sub>, of length  $r_{v_1+1}$  will be denoted  $v_2$ , and so forth, with the number of rows of length  $r_{v_1+v_2+\dots+v_{e,1}+1}=r_t$  denoted by  $v_s$  (where  $s,v_1,\dots,v_s$  are positive integers); and v<sub>1</sub>+v<sub>2</sub>+...+v<sub>s</sub>=t. For a plane partition having m parts (m a positive integer), core C and fence F, denote by N(C) the number of parts in the core and by N(F) the number of parts (1's) in the fence; then N(C)+ N(F)=m. If C is a core, denote by M(C) the minimal number of parts in any plane partition having core C. M(C) is unique, and for any plane partition having core C and m parts,  $M(C) \le m$ . Define F(C)=M(C)-N(C); F(C) is the minimal number of 1's in a fence for a given core C. For any positive integer m and core C define N(m,C) to be the number of plane partitions having m parts and core C. If m < M(C) then N(m,C)=0. N(M(C),C)=1.

For convenience, each part of a core of a plane partition will be labeled c, where different c's in a core can assume different (positive integer) values. In Example 1, (1) can be represented as ccc1.

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Example 2. Given the core C: cccc , we have t=4, r_1=5, cccc ccc ccc
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 $r_2=r_3=4$ ,  $r_4=2$ ,  $v_1=1$ ,  $v_2=2$ ,  $v_3=1$ , with  $v_1+v_2+v_3=t=4$ . The plane partition having core C and the smallest possible number of parts is

(1) cccc1; N(C)+N(F)=15+7=22; M(C)= 22. The only plane partition cccc1 ccc11

having C as a core and M(C) parts is (1), and N(M(C),C)=1.

<u>Lemma 1</u>. If C is a core, then  $M(C)=2r_1+r_2+...r_t+1+t-s$ .

Proof. F(C) is equal to the number of columns in C plus the number of rows to which a 1 must be adjoined; a 1 must be adjoined to the first row and to any row of the same length as the row above it.  $F(C)=r_1+1+(v_1-1+v_2-1+...+v_s-1)=r_1+1+t-s$ . And  $M(C)=N(C)+F(C)=r_1+r_2+...+r_t+1+t-s=2r_1+r_2+...+r_t+1+t-s$ .

In Example 2, M(C)=2(5)+4+4+2+1+4-3=22.

The evaluation of N(m,C) is simplified by consideration of special cases.

<u>Lemma 2</u>. If A is a plane partition array with  $r_i \ge r_{i+1} + 2 = r_{i+2} \ge 3$  for  $i+1>v_1$  and  $t\ge i+2$ , then no plane partition having A as a core exists.

Proof. Assume a plane partition having such an array as core does exist. Then a portion of rows i, i+1, i+2 can be represented as ...ccc... ...cc11 ...cc1

The first 1 in row i+1 has a 1 to the right and below, so must be in the core of the plane partition. Therefore, A cannot serve as a core of any plane partition. ||

The conjugate of a plane partition P is denoted P' and is a plane partition whose rows are the columns of P, respectively. The next lemma follows directly.

Lemma 3. There is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of plane partitions having a given core C and the set of plane partitions having the core C'. If no plane partition having a given plane partition array A as core exists, then no plane partition having A' as core exists.

# Example 3. The plane partitions represented by (1) ccc11 and ccl

(1') cc1 correspond under the correspondence noted in Lemma 3; the cc1 cl l

Since the array A: cccc cannot serve as a core for any plane partition cc cc

(by Lemma 2), then there exists no plane partition having A': ccc as ccc cc c

core.

## Lemma 4. Let C be a core with $t \ge 2$ .

- 1. If  $r_1=r_2$  or if  $r_t\geq 2$  then there exists a positive integer k such that N(m,C) attains a constant value for all  $m\geq M(C)+k$ . If  $r_1=r_2$  and  $r_t\geq 2$  then this constant value is 0.
- 2. If  $r_1 > r_2$  and  $r_1 = 1$  then there exist positive integers k and q such that if  $m \ge M(C) + k$  then N(m+1,C) N(m,C) = q.

Proof. To simplify consideration of cases, a - will be used to indicate a position in which the adjoining of a 1 to the plane partition having the given core and M(C) parts does not change the core, and a \* will be used to indicate a position in which the adjoining of a 1 does change the core.

1. Suppose that  $r_1=r_2$  and  $r_1\ge 2$ . A portion of the plane partition with core C and M(C) parts can be represented as ccc...c1\* with at least ccc...c1\*

cc 11

one - present. N(M(C),C)=1. (There is only one plane partition with core C if M(C)=m since no 1's are adjoined.) N(M(C)+1,C) is the number of -'s. (One 1 is adjoined, and this 1 can be adjoined in a position indicated by a -.) If -'s are in adjacent rows, they must be in adjacent columns, and adjoining 1's in both indicated positions will result in altering the core; therefore, 1's cannot be adjoined in both indicated positions if the core is to be left unchanged. There exist at most a finite number of -'s, say w. If k>w then N(M(C)+k,C)=0. (More than w 1's cannot be placed in w positions. If some -'s are in adjacent rows, k might be  $\leq w$ .)

If  $r_i \ge 2$  and  $r_1 > r_2$ , we can represent a portion of the plane partition having the given core and M(C) parts as cc...c1.

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Again, N(M(C),C)=1 and N(M(C)+1,C) is the number of -'s. Any number of 1's can be adjoined to the first row so that N(m,C)>0 for all  $m\geq M(C)$ . If k exceeds the number of -'s, say w, then N(M(C)+k,C) = N(M(C)+h,C) for  $h\geq k$  (where h is an integer, since at most w-1 1's can be placed in positions indicated by -'s below the first row).

Similarly, the result holds if  $r_1=1$  and  $r_1=r_2$ .

2. Suppose that  $r_1 > r_2$  and  $r_i = 1$ . A portion of the plane partition having the given core and M(C) parts can be represented as cc...c1...c1...

cl 1 N(M(C),C)=1 and N(M(C)+1,C) is the number of -'s. Any number of 1's can be adjoined to the first row and to the first column, and N(m,C)>0 for all  $m \ge M(C)$ . If w is the number of -'s, N(M(C)+k+1,C)-N(M(C)+k,C)=N(M(C)+k+2,C)-N(M(C)+k+1,C)=N(M(C)+h+1,C)-N(M(C)+h,C) for k>w and for all integers  $h\ge k+1$ .  $\parallel$ 

## Example 4.

1. Consider the plane partition with core C and M(C) parts represented by ccccc1\* . N(M(C),C)=N(23,C)=1 . ccccc1\*

cccccl' ccllllcl\* l-

N(M(C)+1,C)=3. (There are 3 -'s). N(M(C)+2,C)=3. (There are 2 cases with one 1 adjoined to row 3 and 1 case with both 1's adjoined to column 1.) N(M(C)+3,C)=2. (There is 1 case with one 1 adjoined to row 3 and 1 case with all three 1's adjoined to column 1.) And N(M(C)+k,C)=2 for  $k\ge 3$ .

2. Consider the plane partition with core C and M(C) parts

represented by ccccc1- . 
$$N(M(C),C)=N(18,C)=1$$
 .  $N(M(C)+1,C)=5$  .  $ccc1-cc11-c1*1-$ 

N(M(C)+2,C)=1+3+5=9. (There is 1 case with two 1's adjoined to row 1, 3 cases with one 1 adjoined to row 1, and 5 cases with no 1's adjoined to row 1.) Similarly, N(M(C)+3,C)=1+3+3+3=10, N(M(C)+4,C)=1+3+3+2+3=12, N(M(C)+5,C)=1+3+3+2+2+3=14; and N(M(C)+k+1,C)-N(M(C)+k+1,C)=2=q if  $k\ge 3$ .

<u>Lemma 5.</u> If m is an integer,  $m\ge 3$ , then  $p(m)=2+\sum_{C}N(m,C)$  where the summation is taken over all cores C having all parts 1.

Proof. There is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of plane partitions having all parts 1 and the set of linear partitions. A plane partition with b columns and  $c_1$  parts in column 1,  $c_2$  parts in column 2, ....,  $c_b$  parts in column b (where b,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , ...,  $c_b$  are positive integers,  $c_1 \ge c_2 \ge ... \ge c_b$ ) corresponds to the linear partition with parts  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , ...,  $c_b$ . The linear partitions of m are those corresponding to the two plane partitions with all parts 1 and m parts and no core (111 ... 1 and 1) and 1

those corresponding to plane partitions with all parts 1 and m parts which have a core. The number of linear partitions of m is  $2+\sum_{C}N(m,C)$  where C is a core with all parts 1 (since N(m,C)=0 if m < M(C)).

Table I includes values of N(m,C) or 2N(m,C) for  $1 \le m \le 20$  and cores C with all parts 1 and M(C) $\le m$ . The cores are specified by  $r_1$ .

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If C and C' are the same, the entry is N(m,C), and if C is not the same as C', the entry is N(m,C)+N(m,C')=2N(m,C) which is the number of plane partitions having m parts and core C or C'. Table entries were computed by using the results and techniques discussed above. Values of p(m) [3] are also given.

## 4. Triangular Cores.

A triangular core C is specified by t (with t a positive integer and t-1:

 $r_1=t$ ,  $r_2=t-1$ , ...,  $r_t=1$ ) and has t(t+1)/2 parts, and a representation of the plane partition having this core and M(C)=(t+1)(t+2)/2 parts is

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cc...cl-
cc...cl-
...
cl-
1-
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The number of plane partitions with m=M(C)+v parts and triangular core (having t(t+1)/2 parts) and first row of length t+1+s will be denoted by n(t,v,s). Note that n(t,0,0)=N(M(C),C)=1 and n(t,1,1)+n(t,1,0)=N(M(C)+1,C)=1+(t+1)=t+2. The Fibonacci numbers,  $F_1, F_2, \ldots$ , the greatest integer function [ ], and C(n,r) (with C(n,r)=n(n-1) ... (n-r+1)/r! for positive integers n and n, n, n and n and n and n and n the statement of the following lemma and the main Theorem [5], [6].

<u>Lemma 6.</u> B1.  $F_w+F_{w-1}+...+F_2+F_1+1=F_{w+2}$ .

B2. If  $v \ge [(t+4)/2]$ ,  $t \ge 2$ , then  $n(t,v,1) = F_t$ .

B3. If v>[(t+1)/2] then  $n(t,v,0)=F_{t+1}$ .

Proof. Mathematical induction is used. B1:  $F_1+1=2=F_3$ ; assume that  $F_{w-1}+...+F_2+F_1+1=F_{w+1}$ ; then  $F_w+F_{w-1}+...+F_2+F_1+1=F_w+F_{w+1}=F_{w+2}$ . B2:  $n(2,3,1)=1=F_2=n(2,4,1)=...=n(2,v,1)$  if  $v\geq [(2+4)/2]$  and  $n(3,3,1)=2=F_3=n(3,4,1)=...=n(3,v,1)$  if  $v\geq [(3+4)/2]$ ; assume that  $n(T,v,1)=F_T$  if  $v\geq [(T+4)/2]$ ,  $2\leq T\leq t-1$ ; then  $n(t,v,1)=n(t-2,v-1,1)+n(t-3,v-1,1)+...+n(2,v-1,1)+n(1,v-1,1)+1=F_{t-2}+F_{t-3}+...+F_2+F_1+1=F_t$  (by B1) if  $v-1\geq [(t-2+4)/2]$  iff  $v\geq [(t-2+4+2)/2]=[(t+4)/2]$ . B3:  $n(2,2,0)=2=F_3=n(2,3,0)=...=n(2,v,0)$  if v>[(2+1)/2] and  $n(3,2,0)=3=F_4=n(3,3,0)=...=n(3,v,0)$  if v>[(3+1)/2];

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assume that n(T,v,0)=F_{T+1} if v>[(T+1)/2], 2\le T \le t-1; then n(t,v,0)=n(t-1,v,1)+n(t-1,v,0)=F_{t-1}+F_t=F_{t+1} (by B2) if v\ge [(t-1+4)/2] and v>[(t-1+1)/2], thus if v>[(t+1)/2].
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Theorem. Let C be a triangular core having t(t+1)/2 parts. Then
N(M(C)+0,C)=1, N(M(C)+1,C)=t+2, and,
for v \ge 2, N(M(C)+v,C)=A+B+E+D, where
A = A_1 = F_{t+1} if v > [(t+1)/2] and
A = A_2 = C(t-(v-2),v)+F_2 \cdot C(t-v,v-2)+F_4 \cdot C(t-(v+1),v-3) +
       F_6 \cdot C(t-(v+2),v-4)+...+F_{2(v-3)} \cdot C(t-(2v-4),2) +
       F_{2(v-2)} \cdot C(t-(2v-3),1)+F_{2(v-1)} if v \le [(t+1)/2].
B = F_t \cdot (v-[(t+2)/2]) if v>[(t+2)/2] and
B = 0 if v \le [(t+2)/2].
E = t+1.
D = D_1 + D_2 + D_3 + D_4 + ... + D_{(t/2)-1} with
     D_1 = F_3 + t(t-3)/2 if t \ge 4, v > 2 and
     D_1 = 0 otherwise,
     D_2 = F_5 + (F_4 + 1)(t-5)/1! + (t-6)(t+2)/3! if t \ge 6, v > 3 and
     D_2 = 0 otherwise.
     D_3 = F_7 + (F_6 + 1)(t - 7)/1! + (F_4 + 1)(t - 8)(t - 7)/2! +
           (t-8)(t-7)(t-6)(t+3)/4! if t\ge 8, y>4 and
     D_3 = 0 otherwise,
     D_4 = F_9 + (F_8 + 1)(t-9)/1! + (F_6 + 1)(t-10)(t-9)/2! +
           (F_4+1)(t-10)(t-9)(t-8)/3! +
           (t-10)(t-9)(t-8)(t-7)(t+4)/5! if t\ge 10, v>5 and
     D_4 = 0 otherwise,
     D_{(t/2)-1} = F_{2(t/2)-1} + (F_{2(t/2)-2} + 1)(t - (2[t/2]-1))/1! +
       (F_{2[t/2]-4}+1)(t-(2[t/2]))(t-(2[t/2]-1))/2! +
       (F_{2[t/2]-6}+1)(t-(2[t/2]))(t-(2[t/2]-1))(t-(2[t/2]-2))/3!+...+
       (F_6+1)(t-(2[t/2]))(t-(2[t/2]-1)) \dots (t-([t/2]+5))(t-([t/2]+4))/([t/2]-3)! +
       (F_4+1)(t-(2[t/2]))(t-(2[t/2]-1)) \dots (t-([t/2]+4))(t-([t/2]+3))/([t/2]-2)! +
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(t-(2[t/2]))(t-(2[t/2]-1))...(t-([t/2]+3))(t-([t/2]+2)) \cdot (t+([t/2]-1))/[t/2]! if v>[t/2] and D_{[t/2]-1}=0 otherwise.
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Proof. As noted above, N(M(C)+0,C)=1, N(M(C)+1,C)=t+2. Assume that  $v \ge 2$ .  $N(M(C)+v,C)=n(t,v,v)+n(t,v,v-1)+n(t,v,v-2)+\dots+n(t,v,2)+n(t,v,1)+n(t,v,0)$ . It will be proved that (1) E=n(t,v,v)+n(t,v,v-1), (2)  $B=n(t,v,1)+n(t,v,2)+\dots+n(t,v,v-[(t+2)/2])$ , (3) A=n(t,v,0) and (4)  $D=n(t,v,v-2)+n(t,v,v-3)+\dots+n(t,v,v-[t/2])$ .

- (1). n(t,v,v)=1, n(t,v,v-1)=t (since v-1 1's are adjoined to cc ... c1 in row 1 and the other 1 can be adjoined to row 3 or 4 or ... or t+2) so that n(t,v,v)+n(t,v,v-1)=E=t+1.
- (2). n(t,v,1)+n(t,v,2)+n(t,v,3)+...+n(t,v,v-[(t+2)/2])=n(t,v,1)+n(t-2,v-2,1)+ n(t-2,v-2,0)+n(t-2,v-3,1)+n(t-2,v-3,0)+...+n(t-2,[(t+2)/2],1)+n(t-2,[(t+2)/2],0)  $=F_t+F_{t-2}+F_{t-1}+F_{t-2}+F_{t-1}+...+F_{t-2}+F_{t-1}$  (by B2 and B3) which equals  $(v-[(t+2)/2])\cdot F_t=B$  if v>[(t+2)/2] (where v-[(t+2)/2] is the number of  $F_t=F_{t-2}+F_{t-1}$  terms). If v<[(t+2)/2] there are no terms and the value is 0=B and if v=[(t+2)/2] then  $(v-[(t+2)/2])\cdot F_t=0=B$ .
- (3). If v>[(t+1)/2] then  $n(t,v,0)=F_{t+1}=A_1$  (by B3). Suppose that  $v\le[(t+1)/2]$ .

 $\begin{array}{l} n(t,2,0) = n(t-1,2,1) + n(t-2,2,1) + \ldots + n(2,2,1) + n(1,2,1) + 1 = t-1 + t-2 + \ldots + 2 + 1 + 1 \\ = C(t,2) + 1 \quad (by B2). \end{array}$ 

 $\begin{array}{ll} n(t,3,0) = n(t-1,3,1) + n(t-2,3,1) + \ldots + n(5,3,1) + n(4,3,1) + n(3,3,1) + n(2,3,1) + \\ n(1,3,1) + 1 = n(t-3,2,1) + n(t-3,2,0) + n(t-4,2,1) + n(t-4,2,0) + \ldots + n(3,2,1) + \\ n(3,2,0) + n(2,2,1) + n(2,2,0) + n(1,2,1) + n(1,2,0) + n(2,3,1) + n(1,3,1) + 1 = \\ n(t-3,2,1) + n(t-4,2,1) + \ldots + n(3,2,1) + n(2,2,1) + n(1,2,1) + 1 - 1 + n(t-3,2,0) \\ + n(t-4,2,0) + \ldots + n(3,2,0) + n(2,2,0) + n(1,2,0) + F_4 \qquad \text{where } n(2,3,1) + n(1,3,1) + 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 = F_4. \end{array}$ 

Since n(t-3,2,1)+n(t-4,2,1)+...+n(3,2,1)+n(2,2,1)+n(1,2,1)+1-1=

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n(t-2,2,0)-1, v=2, n(2,2,0)=F_3 (because 2>[3/2]) and F_3=C(2,2)+1, and
 n(1,2,0)=1, then n(t,3,0)=C(t-2,2)+1+C(t-3,2)+1+...+C(3,2)+1+C(2,2)+1+
 F_4+1-1=C(t-1,3)+1(t-3)+F_4=C(t-1,3)+F_2 \cdot C(t-3,1)+F_4
 Assume that n(t,v-1,0)=C(t-(v-3),v-1)+F_2 \cdot C(t-(v-1),v-3)+
 F_4 \cdot C(t-v,v-4) + F_6 \cdot C(t-(v+1),v-5) + \ldots + F_{2(v-5)} \cdot C(t-(2v-7),3) + F_{2(v-4)} \cdot C(t-(2v-7),3)
 C(t-(2v-6),2)+F_{2(v-3)}\cdot C(t-(2v-5),1)+F_{2(v-2)}\cdot n(t,v,0)=n(t-1,v,1)+n(t-2,v,1)
+...+n(2v-1,v,1)+n(2v-2,v,1)+n(2v-3,v,1)+...+n(3,v,1)+n(2,v,1)+n(1,v,1)+1
=n(t-3,v-1,1)+n(t-3,v-1,0)+n(t-4,v-1,1)+n(t-4,v-1,0)+...+n(2v-3,v-1,1)+
n(2v-3,v-1,0)+n(2v-4,v-1,1)+n(2v-4,v-1,0)+n(2v-5,v-1,1)+n(2v-5,v-1,0)
+...+n(1,v-1,1)+1-1+n(1,v-1,0)+n(2,v,1)+n(1,v,1)+1=n(t-3,v-1,1)+
n(t-4,v-1,1) + ... + n(2v-3,v-1,1) + n(2v-4,v-1,1) + n(2v-5,v-1,1) + ... + n(1,v-1,1)
+1-1+n(t-3,v-1,0)+n(t-4,v-1,0)+...+ n(2v-3,v-1,0)+n(2v-4,v-1,0)+
n(2v-5,v-1,0)+...+n(1,v-1,0)+F_4 where n(2,v,1)+n(1,v,1)+1=F_4. Note that
n(t-3,v-1,1)+n(t-4,v-1,1)+...+n(2v-3,v-1,1)+n(2v-4,v-1,1)+n(2v-5,v-1,1)
+...+n(1,v-1,1)+1=n(t-2,v-1,0), that n(2v-4,v-1,0)
=F_{2v-3} (since v-1>[(2v-3)/2]), that F_{2v-3}=C(v-1,v-1)+F_2 · C(v-3,v-3)+
F_4 \cdot C(v-4,v-4)+...+F_{2v-8} \cdot C(2,2)+F_{2v-6} \cdot C(1,1)+F_{2v-4} (because
1+F_2+F_4+...+F_{2v-8}+F_{2v-6}+F_{2v-4}=F_{2v-3}), and that n(2v-5,v-1,0)+...+n(1,v-1,0)
+F_{4}-1=F_{2v-4}+...+F_{2}+F_{4}-1=F_{2v-4}+...+F_{4}+F_{3}+F_{4}+1-1=F_{2(v-1)}
Then n(t,v,0)=C(t-2-(v-3),v-1)+F_2 \cdot C(t-2-(v-1),v-3)+F_4 \cdot C(t-2-v,v-4)
               +F_6 \cdot C(t-2-(v+1),v-5)+...+F_{2(v-5)} \cdot C(t-2-(2v-7),3)
              +F_{2(v-4)} \cdot C(t-2-(2v-6),2) +F_{2(v-3)} \cdot C(t-2-(2v-5),1) +F_{2(v-2)}
+C(t-3-(v-3),v-1)+F_2 \cdot C(t-3-(v-1),v-4)+F_4 \cdot C(t-3-v,v-4)
               +F_6C(t-3-(v+1),v-5)+...+F_{2(v-5)}\cdot C(t-3-(2v-7),3)
              +F_{2(v-4)} \cdot C(t-3-(2v-6),2)+F_{2(v-3)} \cdot C(t-3-(2v-7),1)+F_{2(v-2)}
+C(v,v-1)+F_2 \cdot C(v-2,v-3)+F_4 \cdot C(v-3,v-4)+F_6 \cdot C(v-4,v-5)+...
              +F_{2(v-4)} \cdot C(3,2)+F_{2(v-3)} \cdot C(2,1)+F_{2(v-2)}
+C(v-1,v-1)+F_2 \cdot C(v-3,v-3)+F_4 \cdot C(v-4,v-4)+F_6 \cdot C(v-5,v-5)+...
               +F_{2(v-4)} \cdot C(2,2)+F_{2(v-3)} \cdot C(1,1)+F_{2(v-2)}
+F_{2(v-1)} =
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$$\begin{split} &C(t\text{-}(v\text{-}2),v)\text{+}F_2\cdot C(t\text{-}v,v\text{-}2)\text{+}F_4\cdot C(t\text{-}(v\text{+}1),v\text{-}3)\text{+}F_6\cdot C(t\text{-}(v\text{+}2),v\text{-}4)\\ &+\ldots \text{+}F_{2(v\text{-}5)}\cdot C(t\text{-}(2v\text{-}6),4)\text{+}F_{2(v\text{-}4)}\cdot C(t\text{-}(2v\text{-}5),3)\\ &+F_{2(v\text{-}3)}\cdot C(t\text{-}(2v\text{-}4),2)\text{+}F_{2(v\text{-}2)}\cdot C(t\text{-}(2v\text{-}2),1)\text{+}F_{2(v\text{-}1)}\\ &=A_2\ .\\ &(4).\ \ n(t,v,v\text{-}2)=n(t\text{-}1,2,0)=n(t\text{-}2,2,1)\text{+}n(t\text{-}2,2,0).\\ &\text{If}\ \ t\text{=}4,\ v\text{=}2,\ \text{then}\ \ n(t\text{-}2,2,0)\text{=}n(2,2,0)\text{=}F_3\ \text{(by }A_1)\ \text{and}\\ &n(4,v,v\text{-}2)\text{=}t\text{-}2\text{+}2\text{-}4\text{=}F_3\text{+}4(4\text{-}3)/2\text{=}D_1\ .}\\ &\text{If}\ \ t\text{>}4,\ \ n(t\text{-}2,2,0)\text{=}n(t\text{-}2,2)\text{+}F_2\ \text{(by }A_2)\ \text{and }n(t,v,v\text{-}2)\text{=}t\text{-}2\text{+}C(t\text{-}2,2)\text{+}F_2\\ &=F_3\text{+}t(t\text{-}3)(1\text{+}(t\text{-}2)/2)\text{=}F_3\text{+}t(t\text{-}3)/2\text{=}D_1\ .} \end{split}$$

Mathematical induction will be used to prove the formulas for

$$D_2, D_3, ..., D_{[t/2]-1}$$
. Let  $D_r=D_r(t), r=1, ..., [t/2]-1$ .

$$D_1 = D_1(t) = n(t,v,v-2)$$
 (above).

To show that 
$$D_2 = D_2(t) = n(t,v,v-3)$$
, with  $D_2(t) = n(t-1,3,0) =$ 

$$n(t-2,3,1)+n(t-2,3,0) = n(t-3,2,0)+n(t-2,3,0)$$
, it will suffice to show that

$$D_2(t) - D_1(t-2) = n(t-2,3,0)$$
 (since  $D_1(t) = n(t,v,v-2) = n(t-1,2,0)$  implies that  $n(t-3,2,0) = D_1(t-2)$ ).

$$D_2(t) - D_1(t-2) = F_5 - F_3 + (t-5)(F_4+1-(t-2)/2)+(t-6)(t-5)(t+2)/3!$$

= 
$$F_4+C(t-5,1) \cdot F_2+(t-5)(F_3+1-(t-2)/2)+(t-5)(t-4)(t+2)/3!-2(t-5)(t+2)/3!$$

$$=F_4+C(t-5,1)\cdot F_2+C(t-3,3)+(t-5)(F_3+1-(t-2)/2+5(t-4)/3!-2(t+2)/3!)$$

$$= F_4 + F_2 \cdot C(t-5,1) + C(t-3,3) + 0$$

= n(t-2,3,0) by  $A_2$ . Note that t-6 was replaced by t-4-2 and that t+2 was replaced by t-3+5 in the next step.

And 
$$D_2(t) = n(t,v,v-3)$$
.

Similarly, to show that  $D_3 = D_3(t) = n(t,v,v-4)$ , it suffices to show that

$$D_3(t) = D_2(t-2) = n(t-2,4,0)$$
.

$$D_3(t) - D_2(t-2) = F_7 - F_5 + (t-7)F_5 + (t-8)(t-7)((F_4+1)/2! - t/3!) + (t-8)(t-7)(t-6)(t+3)/4!$$

$$=F_6+F_4\cdot C(t-7,1)+(t-7)F_3+(t-6)(t-7)(F_2/2!+(F_3+1)/2!-t/3!)\\-2(t-7)((F_3+F_2+1)/2!-t/3!)+(t-5)(t-7)(t-6)(t+3)/4!\\-3(t-7)(t-6)(t+3)/4!$$

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= F_6 + F_4 \cdot t(t-7,1) + C(t-6,2) \cdot F_2 + C(t-4,4) + (t-6)(t-7)(0)
= n(t-2,4,0) (by A<sub>2</sub>) since 3/2!-t/3!+2/3!+(7(t-5)-3(t+3))/4!
= -4(t-11)/4! + (4t-44)/4! = 0. Note that t-8 was replaced by t-6-2
and by t-5-3, respectively, and that t+3 was replaced by t-4+7 in the next
step.
And D_3(t) = n(t,v,v-4).
Assume that D_{m-1} = D_{m-2}(t-2)+n(t-2,m,0).
Show that D_m(t)-D_{m-1}(t-2) = n(t-2,m+1,0).
D_{m}-D_{m-1}(t-2)=F_{2m+1}-F_{2m-1}+(t-(2m+1))(F_{2m}+1-F_{2m-2}-1)
       +(t-(2m+2))(t-(2m+1))(F_{2m-2}+1+F_{2m-4}-1)/2!
       +(t-(2m+2))(t-(2m+1))(t-(2m))(F_{2m-4}+1-F_{2m-6}-1)/3!
       +...
       +(t-(2m+2))(t-(2m+1)) ... (t-(m+5))(F_6+1-F_4-1)
       +(t-(2m+2))(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+4))((F_a+1)/(m-1)!-(t+m-3)/m!)
       +(t-(2m+2))(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+4))(t-(m+3))(t+m)/(m+2)!
= F_{2m} + (t-(2m+1))(F_{2m-1}) + (t-(2m+2))(t-(2m+1))(F_{2m-3})/2!
       +(t-(2m+2))(t-(2m+1))(t-(2m))(F_{2m-5})/3!
       + ...
       +(t-(m+4)-(m-2))(t-(2m+1)) ... (t-(m+5))F_5/(m-2)!
       +(t-(2m+2))(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+4))((F_4+1)/(m-1)!-(t-(t+m-3)/m!)
       +(t-(m+2)-m)(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+4))(t-(m+3))(t-(m+1)+2m+1)/(m+1)!
=F_{2m}+F_{2m-2}\cdot C(t-(2m+1),1)+F_{2m-3}(t-2m)(t-(2m+1))/2!
       -F_{2m-3} \cdot 2(t-(2m+1))/2!+F_{2m-3}(t-(2m+1))
       +F_{2m-5} \cdot (t-(2m-1)-3)(t-(2m+1))(t-2m)/3!
       + ...
       +F_5 \cdot (t-(m+4))(t-(2m+1)) \dots (t-(m+5))/(m-2)!
       -F_5 \cdot (m-2)(t-(2m+1)...(t-(m+5))/(m-2)!
       +(t-(m+3)-(m-1))(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m-4))((F_4+1)/(m-1)!-(t+m-1)/m!)
       +(t-(2m+2))(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+4))(t-(m+3))(t+m)/(m+1)!
= F_{2m} + F_{2m-2} \cdot C(t-(2m+1),1) + F_{2m-4} \cdot C(t-2m,2) + ... + F_4 \cdot C(t-(m+4),m-2)
       +F_{2m-5}(t-2m)(t-(2m+1))/2! +F_{2m-5}(t+(2m-1))(t-(2m+1))(t-2m)/3!
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-F_{2m-5} \cdot 3(t-(2m+1))(t-2m)/3!
      +F_{s}(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+5))/(m-3)!
      +F_3(t-(m+4))(t-(2m+1)) ... (t-(m+5))/(m-2)!
      -F_5(m-2)(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+5))/(m-2)!
      +(t-(m+3))(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+4))((F_4+1)/(m-1)!-(t+m-1)/m!)
      +(t-(m+2)-m)(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+4))(t-(m+3))(t+m)/(m+1)!
= F_{2m}+F_{2m-2} \cdot C(t-(2m+1),1)+F_{2m-4} \cdot C(t-2m,2)+...+F_4 \cdot C(t-(m+4),m-2)
      +F_2 \cdot C(t-(m+3),m-1)+C(t-(m+1),m+1)
      +(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+4))(t-(m+3))((F_3+1)/(m-1)!-(t+m-3)/m!)
      -(m-1)(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+4))((F_2+1)/(m-1)!-(t+m-3)/m!)
      +(t-(2m+1)) ... (t-(m+3))(t-(m+2))(2m+1)/(m+1)!
      -m(t-(2m+1))...(t-(m+3))(t+m)/(m+1)!
=F_{2m}+F_{2m-2}\cdot C(t-(2m+1),1)+F_{2m-4}\cdot C(t-2m,2)+...+F_4\cdot C(t-(m+4),m-2)
       +F_2: C(t-(m+3),m-1)+C(t-(m+1),m+1)+(t-(2m+1)) ...(t-(m+3))(0)
= n(t-2.m+1.0) (by A<sub>2</sub>) since (m-1)/m!+(F_3+1)/(m-1)!-(t+m-3)/m!
+(2m+1)(t-(m+2))/(m+1)!-m(t+m)(m+1)!
= -(m+1)(t-3m-2)/(m+1)!+(m+1)(t-3m-2)/(m+1)! = 0.
And D_m(t) = n(t,v,v-(m+1)) for m=1, 2, ..., \lceil t/2 \rceil - 1.
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Reference to diagrams lead to relations among n(t,v,s) expressions as well as results given in the theorem.

Example 5. For a triangular core C, with t=4, v=5,

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1	1-	1-	1	1	1
E=n(4,5,5)+n		$D=D_1$	B=n(4,5,2		Ā=n(4,5,0)
=n(3,0,0)+n(3,0,0)	3,1,0)		n(4,5,1	l)	=n(3,5,1)
, .		=n(3,2,0)	• • •	•	+n(3,5,0)
= 1 + 4	ļ	=4	=3+3		=n(2,4,0)
					+n(3,5,0)
					=2+3

$$N(5 \cdot 6/2+5,C) = n(4,5,5)+n(4,5,4)+n(4,5,3)+n(4,5,2)+n(4,5,1)+n(4,5,0)$$
  
= A + B + E + D = 5+2(3)+(1+4)+4=20, which equals

 $F_5 + F_4 (5-3) + (4+1) + (F_3 + 2)$  (as given by the theorem).

Example 6. Let C be a triangular core. Applications of the theorem for t=7 and t=12 are given.

1. t = 7.

N(8.9/2+0, C) = 1.

N(36+1,C)=7+2=9.

 $N(36+2,C)=A+B+E+D=(C(7,2)+F_2)+0+(7+1)+0=22+0+8+0=30.$ 

 $N(36+3,C)=A+B+E+D=(C(6,3)+F_2 \cdot C(4,1)+F_4)+0+(7+1)+(F_3+7\cdot4/2)$ =27+0+8+16=51.

$$\begin{split} N(36+4,C) = &A + B + E + (D_1 + D_2) = (C(5,4) + F_2 \cdot C(3,2) + F_4 \cdot C(2,1) + F_6) + 0 \\ &+ (7+1) + (16 + F_5 + (F_4 + 1)2/1! + 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 9/3!) = 22 + 0 + 8 + (16 + 16) = 62 \; . \end{split}$$

 $N(36+5,C) = F_8 + F_7 \cdot (5-4) + 8 + (32) = 21 + 13 + 8 + 32 = 74$ 

For v > [(t+2)/2] = 4,

 $N(36+v,C) = F_8 + F_7(v-4) + 8 + 32 = 21 + 13(v-4) + 8 + 32 = 3v+9$ .

2. t=12.

 $N(13 \cdot 14/2+0,C) = 1.$ 

N(91+1,C)=12+2=14.

 $N(91+2,C) = A+B+E+D = (C(12,2)+F_2)+0+(12+1)+0=67+0+13+0=80.$ 

 $N(91+3,C) = A+B+E+D_1 = (C(11,3)+F_2 \cdot C(9,1)+F_4) + 0+13+(F_3+12 \cdot 9/2)$ =177+0+13+56 =246.

 $N(91+4,C) = A+B+E+(D_1+D_2) = (C(10,4)+F_2 \cdot C(8,2)+F_4 \cdot C(7,1)+F_6)$   $+0+13+(56+F_5+(F_4+!)\cdot 7/1!+6\cdot 7\cdot 14/3!)$  =267+0+13+(56+131)=467.

 $N(91+5,C) = A+B+E+(D_1+D_2+D_3) = (C(9,5)+F_2 \cdot C(7,3)+F_4 \cdot C(6,2) +F_6 \cdot C(5,1)+F_8)+0+13+(56+131+F_7+(F_6+1) \cdot 5/1!+(F_4+1)4 \cdot 5/2! +4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 15/4!) = 267+0+13+(56+131+173) = 640.$ 

 $N(91+6,C) = A+B+E+(D_1+D_2+D_3+D_4) = (C(8,6)+F_2 \cdot C(6,4)+F_4 \cdot C(5,3) +F_6 \cdot C(4,2)+F_8 \cdot C(3,1)+F_{10})+0+13+(56+131+173+F_9+(F_8+1)3/1!$ 

$$+(F_6+1)2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4/3! + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 16/5!)$$

$$=239+0+13 +(56+131+173+159) =771 .$$

$$N(91+7,C) = A+B+E+(D_1+D_2+D_3+D_4+D_5) = F_{13}+0+13$$

$$+(56+131+173+159+F_{11}+(F_{10}+1)(1)/1!+0) =233+0+13$$

$$+(56+131+173+159+145) =233+0+13+664 =910 .$$

$$N(91+8,C) = F_{13}+F_{12}(8-7)+13+664 =1054 .$$

$$For v > [(t+2)/2] = 7,$$

$$N(91+v,C) = F_{13}+F_{12}(v-7)+13+664 =233+144(v-7)+13+664$$

$$=144v-98 .$$

Some values of N((t+1)(t+2)/2+v,C), where C is a triangular core and v>[(t+2)/2], are shown.