

# Combinatorics of increasing trees:

## Bijections, asymptotics and algorithms

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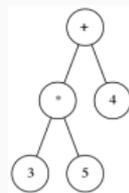
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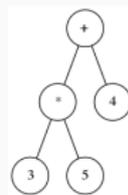


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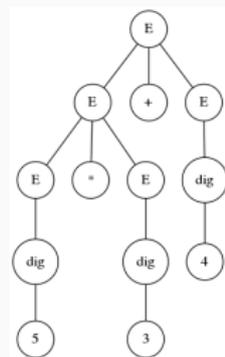
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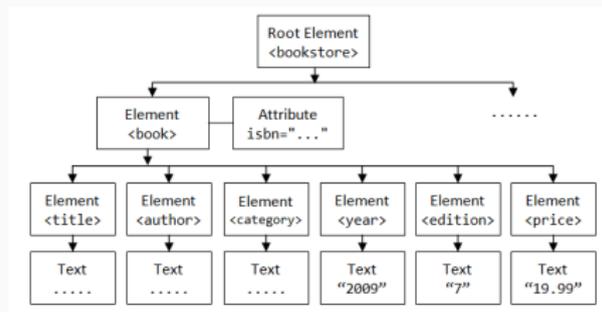


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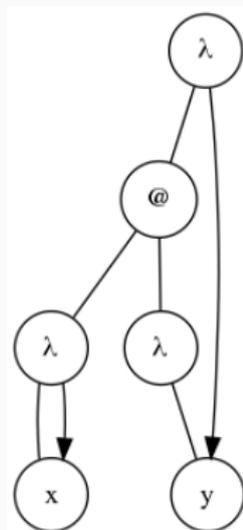
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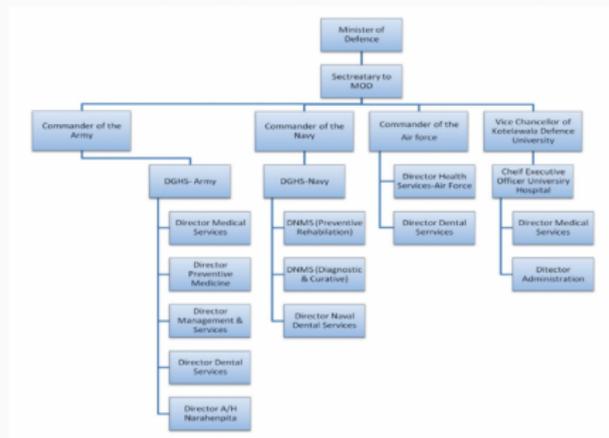
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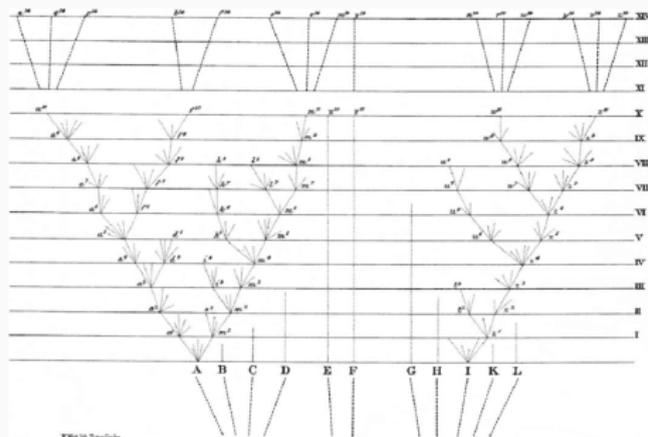


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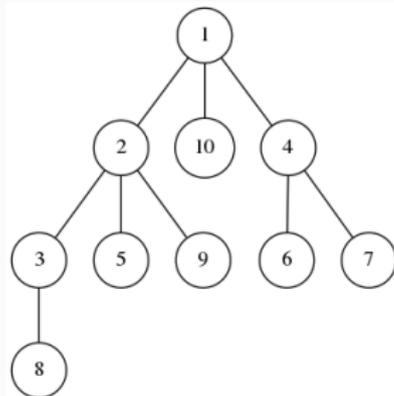
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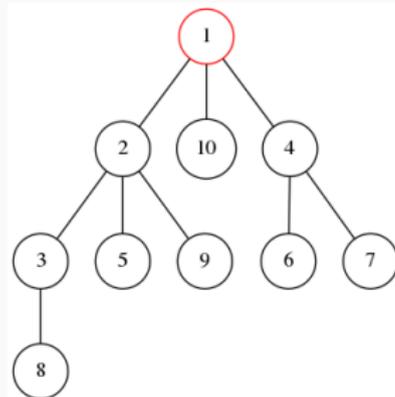
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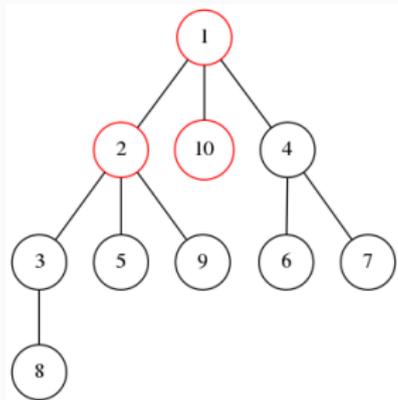
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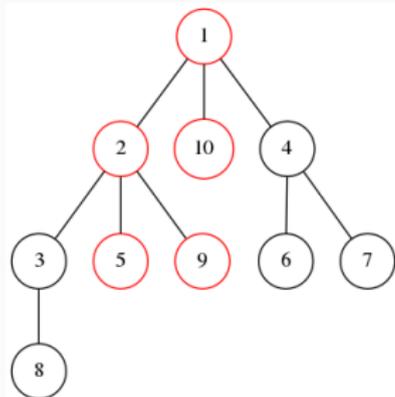
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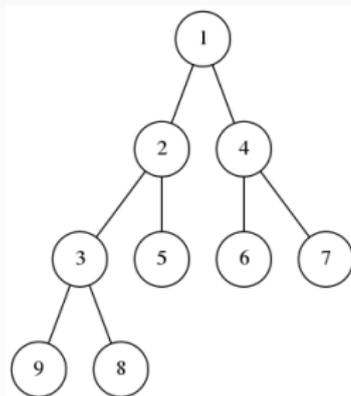
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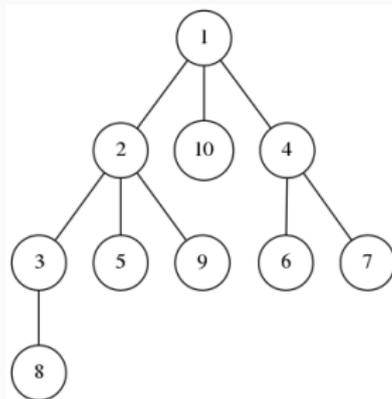


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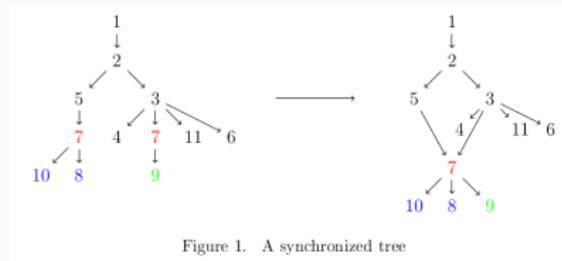


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- Theorems for automatic asymptotic estimates.
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The terms are then obtained by  $n![z^n]B(z)$  and are called Ordered Bell numbers:

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**Example: Increasing binary trees.**

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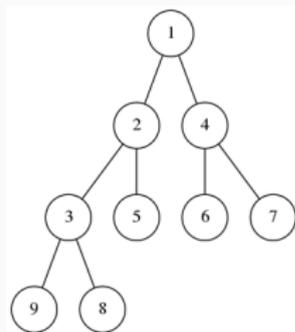
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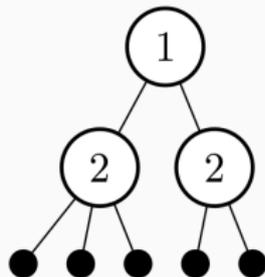
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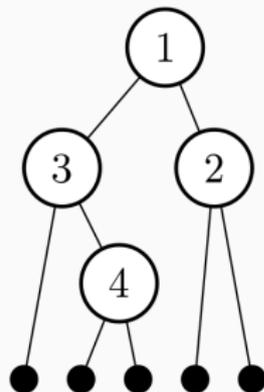
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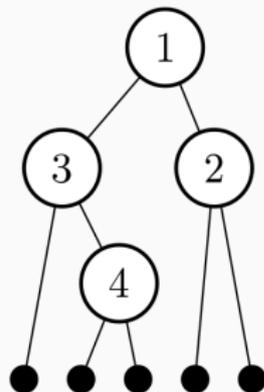
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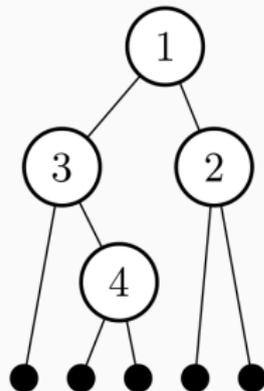


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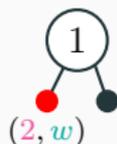
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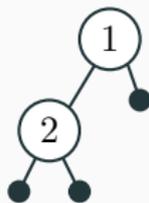
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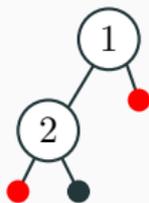
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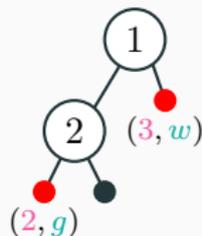
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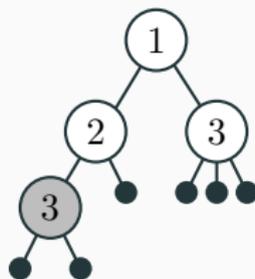
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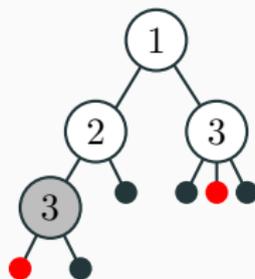
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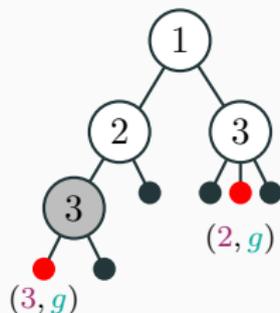
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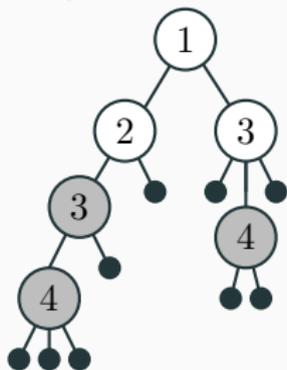
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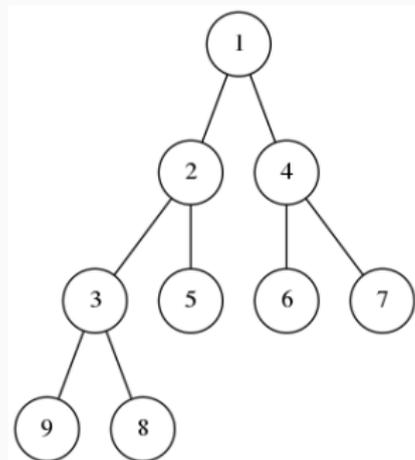
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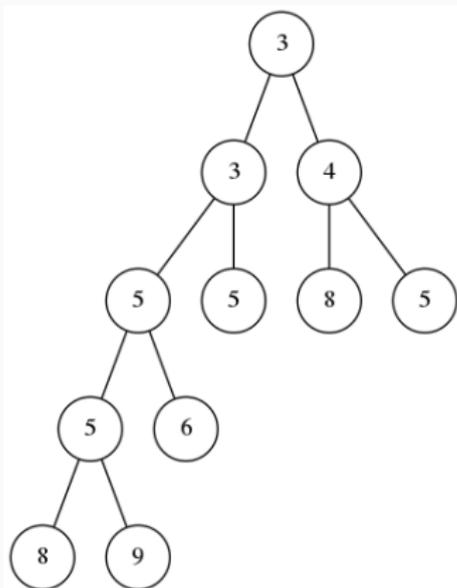
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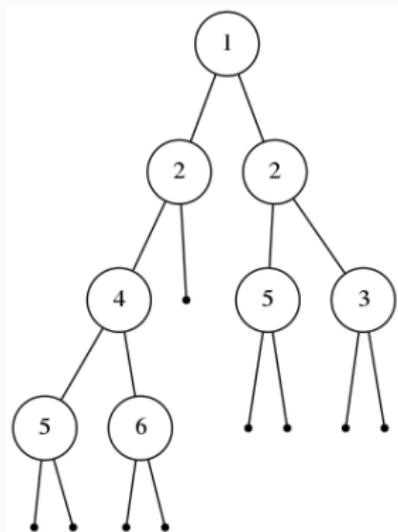
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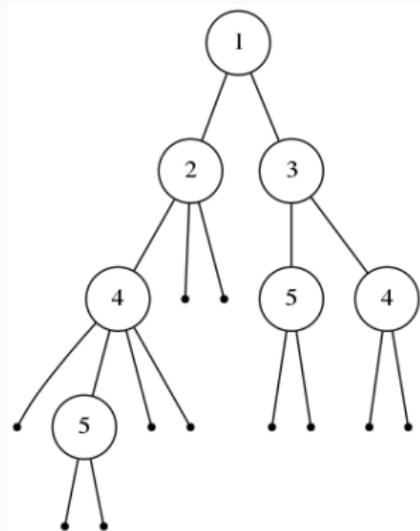
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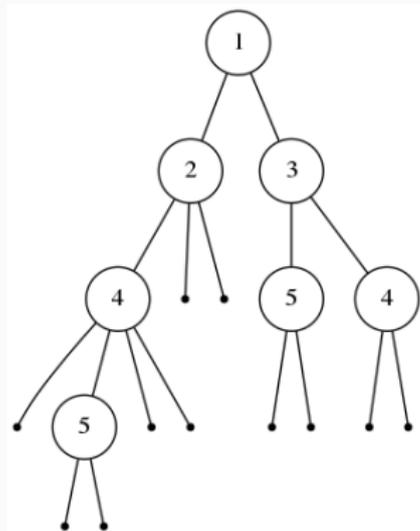
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## Tree classes built with this evolution process

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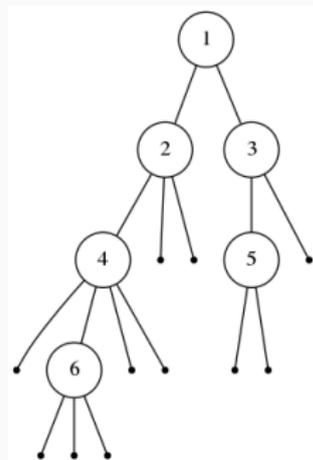
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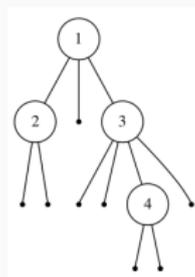
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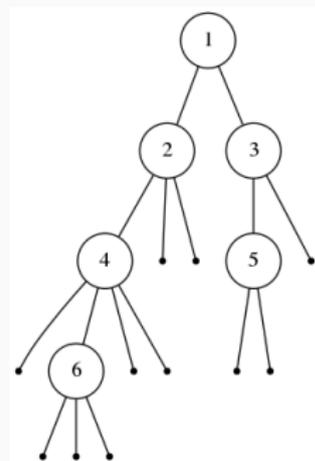
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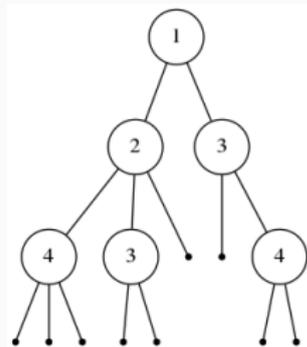
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Height of the tree	$\Theta(\ln n)$		
Degree of the root	$2e - 3$	$14e - 4e^2 - 8$	Modified Poisson

	2-ary	3-ary	4-ary	5-ary	6-ary	7-ary	8-ary	9-ary	10-ary
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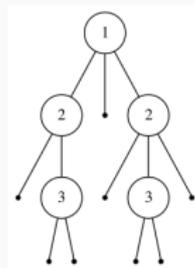
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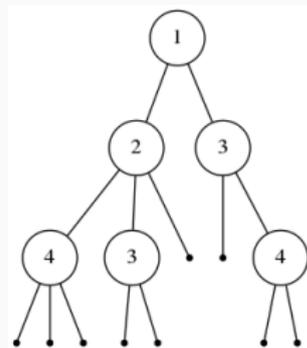


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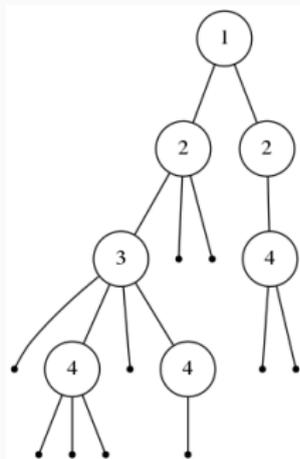
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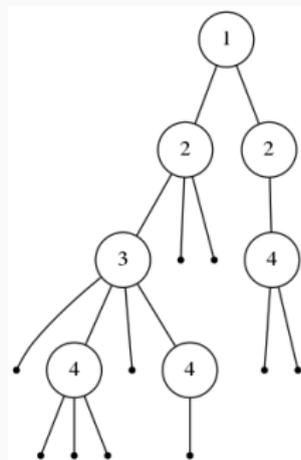


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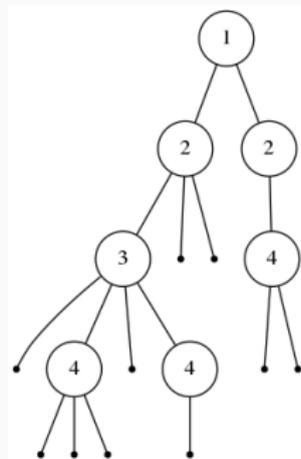


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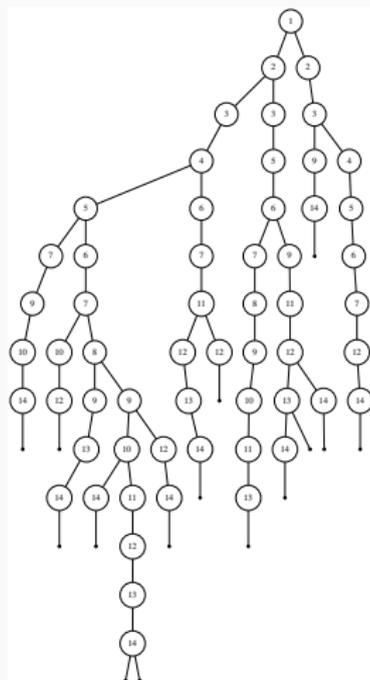
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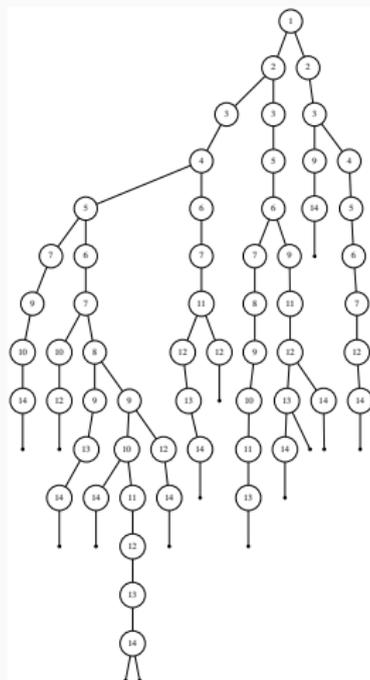


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## **Applications**

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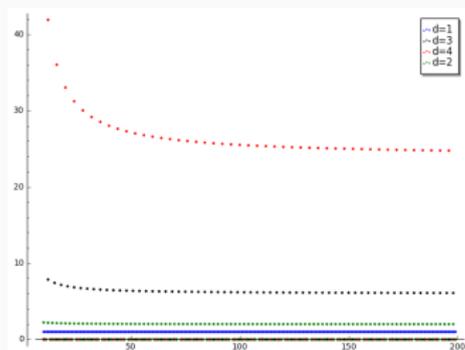
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**Table 2:** Asymptotic behaviour for  $B_n^d$  for  $d \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  when  $n \equiv 0 \pmod d$ . The sequences in OEIS appear shifted (without periodicities).



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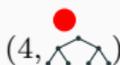
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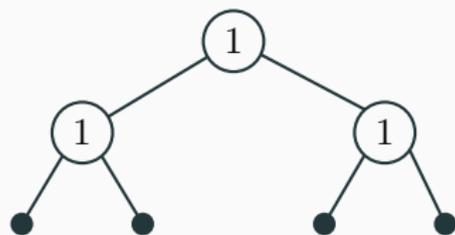
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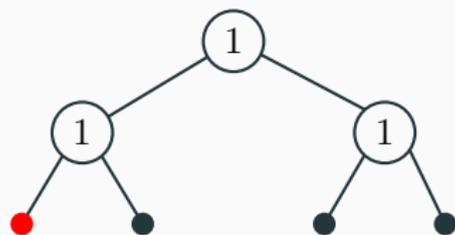
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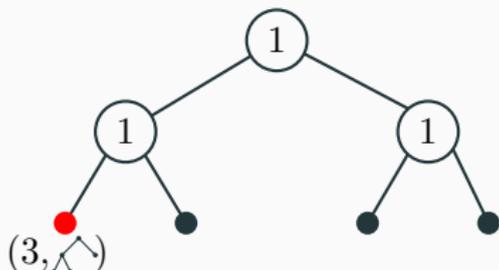
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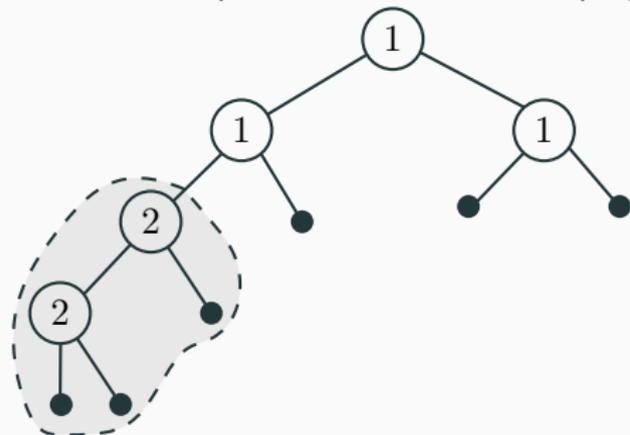
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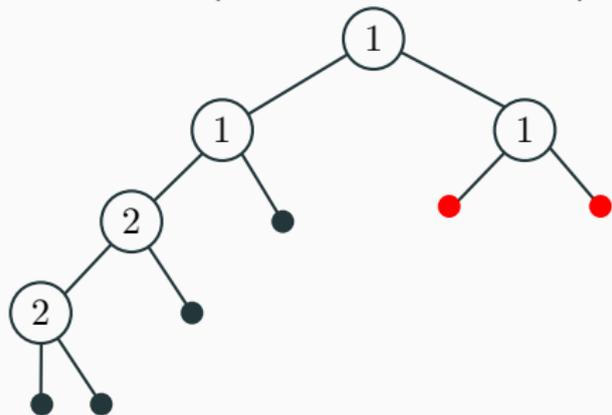
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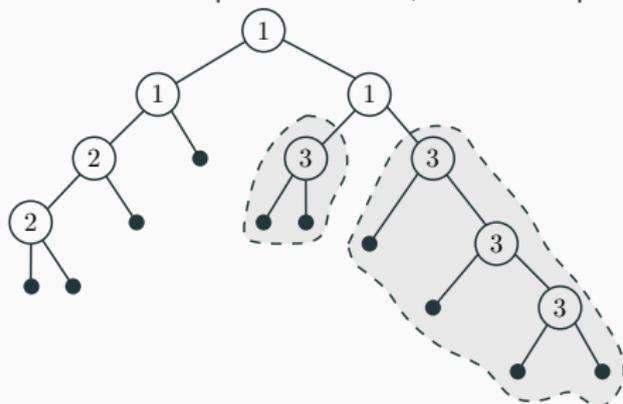
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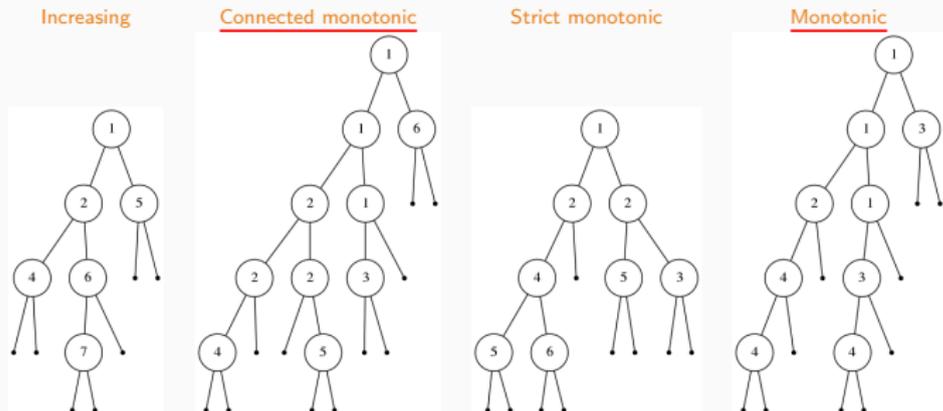
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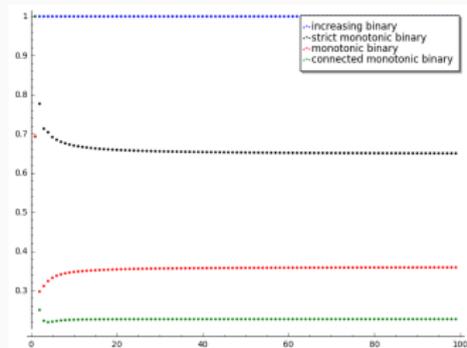
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- Using different values of  $\phi$  and  $r$  we can specify and enumerate trees (counted by their leaves) with the different increasing labellings.
- **Theorem 1** applies to give the asymptotic behaviours.

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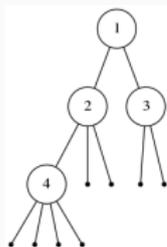


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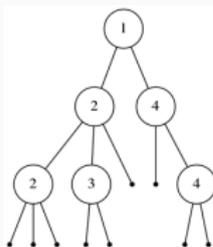
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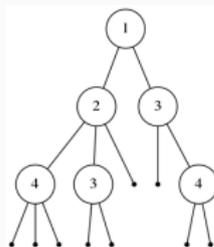
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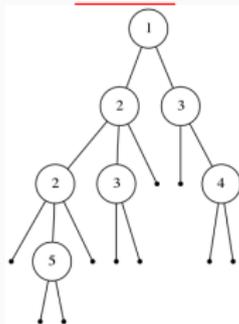
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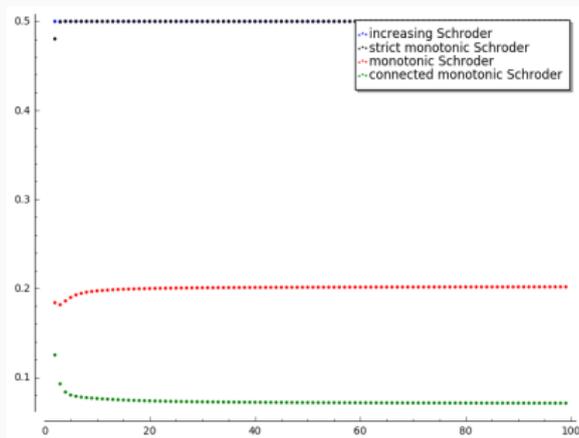


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C. M. Schröder trees	$\{1\}$	$(S(z) - z)$	$\alpha n! n^2$	Theorem I
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## **Conclusion and future works**

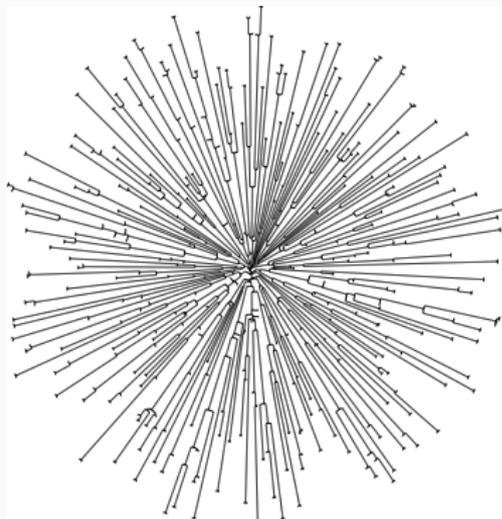
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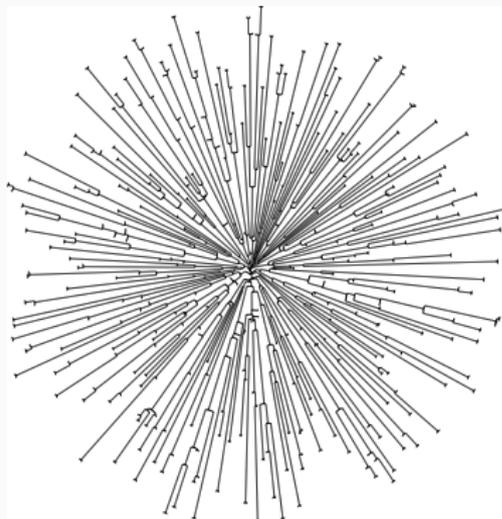
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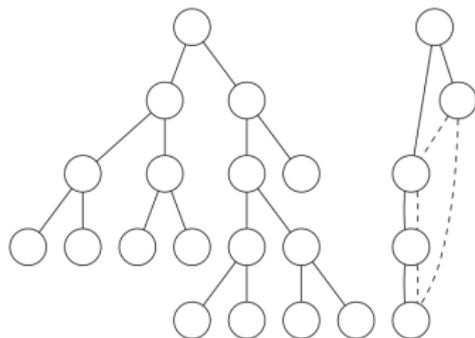
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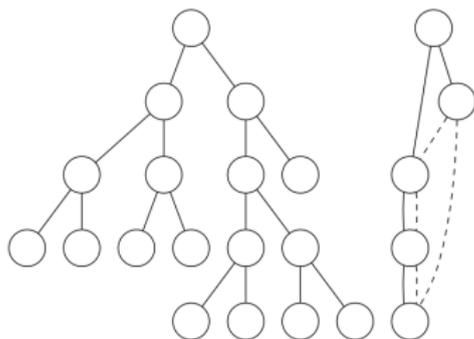
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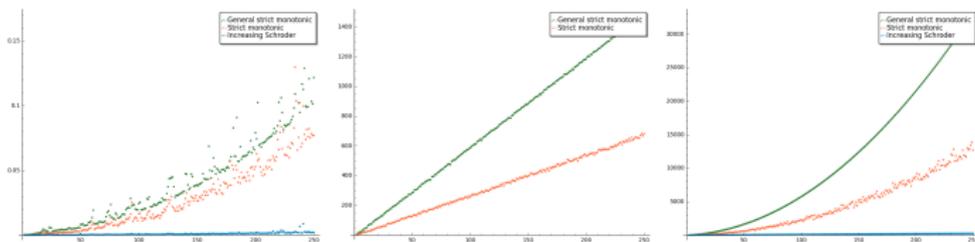
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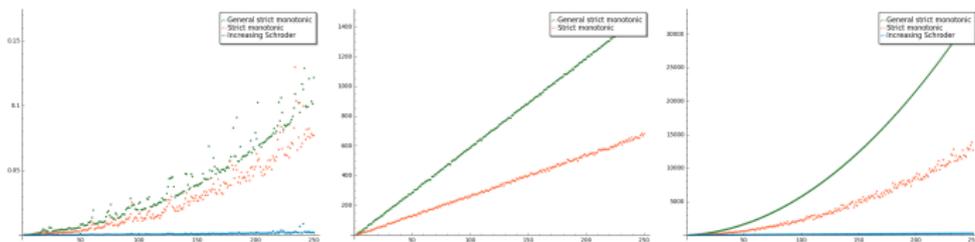
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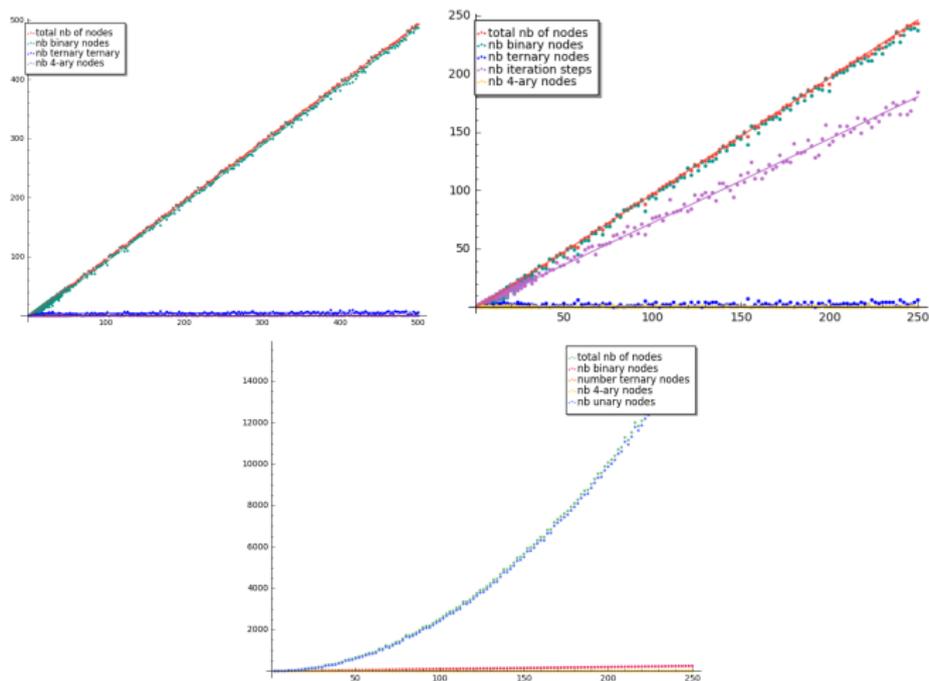
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# Simulation of some parameters



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