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# Cantorian and bi-Cantorian tableaux LaCIM 2010

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## History

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We create the number  $b = b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4 b_5 \cdots$  where  $b_i \neq a_{ii}$ 



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So, if L contains all algebraic numbers of [0,1], Perm(T) is exactly the set of all transcendental numbers in [0,1].



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Let  $T', T \in \mathcal{T}_n^s$ . We write

 $T' \sim T \iff T'$  can be obtain from T by a finite sequence of invariant transformations.

We will say that T' is equivalent to T.



# Open problems (2008)

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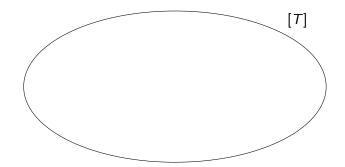
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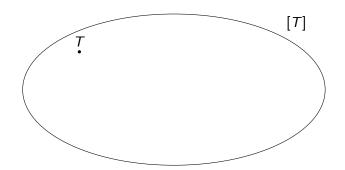
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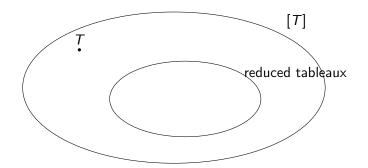


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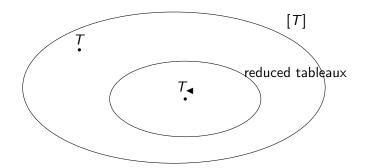


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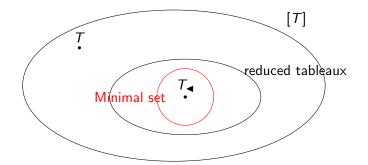


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## Number of Cantorian classes

Number of minimal representatives of dimension n over an alphabet of s letters :

$n \backslash s$	2	3	4	5
2	1	1	1	1
3	1	5	5	5
4	6	56	105	105
5	11	1875	$\geq 10000$	$\geq 12000$

## Cantorian minimal representatives

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Computed using Sage4.5.2 on a Intel 2.8Ghz machine

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#### Brute force enumerative results

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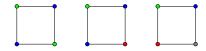
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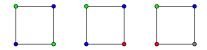
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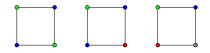




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