

1096-VN-1159 **Naiomi T. Cameron*** (ncameron@lclark.edu), Department of Mathematical Sciences, Lewis & Clark College, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road, Portland, OR 97219. *Generalized Fine and Motzkin Number Sequences*. Preliminary report.

In this talk, I will describe a generalization of each of the Fine and Motzkin numbers and point out some connections between them. A generalized t -Dyck path is a path from $(0, 0)$ to $((t+1)n, 0)$ using up and down steps of the form $U(1, 1)$ and $D(1, -t)$ and never going below the x -axis. The generalized Fine sequence counts generalized t -Dyck paths with no hills, where a hill is defined as a ground level subpath of length $t + 1$ and form $UU \cdots UD$. (Note that this is different than counting t -Dyck paths having no peaks of minimal height.) I will present a generalization of the nonobvious identity

$$(2z + z^2)F^2(z) - (1 + 2z)F(z) + 1 = 0,$$

where $F(z)$ is the generating function for Fine numbers, indicating how this generalization can be used to compute the asymptotic proportion of t -Dyck paths having a given number of hills. The generalization of the Motzkin number sequence will be obtained by adding t steps of the form $(1, 0), (1, -1), (1, -2), \dots, (1, -t+1)$ to the step set of t -Dyck paths. I will describe a coloring of these modified paths which retrieves the generalized Catalan numbers and I will discuss subsets of these generalized Motzkin paths which are enumerated by the generalized Fine sequence. (Received September 13, 2013)