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Classification of Spanning Trees by Isomorphism. Preliminary report.

A celebrated result of Cayley says there are n^{n-2} labeled trees on n vertices, and many elementary proofs are known. Significantly harder is the enumeration of unlabeled trees, for which no closed formula currently exists. We present a high-level description of an algorithm of McKay et al. that efficiently generates one copy of each unlabeled tree on a given number of vertices. Moreover, we know from Burnside's lemma that the size of the isomorphism class of a tree T on n vertices is $\frac{n!}{\text{Aut}(T)}$. Taken together, we may fully classify all labeled trees on n vertices according to isomorphism. The talk concludes with a demonstration of the algorithm implemented in Sage and discussion of a possible extension to classify the spanning trees of an arbitrary graph. (Received September 22, 2015)