Enumeration of permutations avoiding a triple of 4-letter patterns is almost all done

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Abstract. This paper basically completes a project to enumerate permutations avoiding a triple T of 4-letter patterns, in the sense of classical pattern avoidance, for every T. There are 317 symmetry classes of such triples T and previous papers have enumerated avoiders for all but 14 of them. One of these 14 is conjectured not to have an algebraic generating function. Here, we find the generating function for each of the remaining 13, and it is algebraic in each case.

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1 Introduction

This paper is the last in a series whose goal is to enumerate the permutations avoiding the patterns in T for each of the $\binom{24}{3}$ $\binom{24}{3}$ triples T of 4-letter patterns. There are 317 symmetry classes of these triples and 242 Wilf classes; hence, 242 distinct counting sequences. A Wilf class is said to be small or large depending on whether it contains one or more symmetry classes. The symmetry classes in large Wilf classes were enumerated in [\[7,](#page-51-0)8] (combined in [\[9\]](#page-51-2)). For $T \subseteq S_4$ with $|T| \geq 8$, see [\[15,](#page-52-0) [16\]](#page-52-1). The small

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Wilf classes that can be enumerated by the insertion encoding algorithm (INSENC) [\[2,](#page-51-3)[21\]](#page-52-2) are listed in Table [2](#page-52-3) in the appendix. The small Wilf classes not amenable to INSENC are listed in Table [1](#page-1-0) below along with a reference to either a published paper or to a result in the present paper. The numbering in both tables follows that of Table 2 in [\[9\]](#page-51-2), where representative triples for all 317 symmetry classes are listed in lex order of counting sequence. The generating function for Case 237, the only one not enumerated, is conjectured not to be differentially algebraic (see [\[1\]](#page-51-4) and [\[18,](#page-52-4) Seq. A257562]).

Our work extends earlier results concerning the enumeration of permutations avoiding one or two 4-letter patterns. Permutations avoiding a single 4-letter pattern have been well studied (see, e.g., [\[19,](#page-52-5) [20,](#page-52-6) [22\]](#page-52-7)), and there are 56 symmetry classes of pairs of 4-letter patterns, all but 5 of which have been enumerated (see [\[24\]](#page-52-8)). Le [\[14\]](#page-52-9) established that these 56 symmetry classes form 38 distinct Wilf classes, and of these 38, 12 can be enumerated with regular insertion encodings (see [\[21\]](#page-52-2)). Some of these generating functions were computed by hand by Kremer and Shiu [\[13\]](#page-51-5). In [\[17\]](#page-52-10), Simion and Schmidt enumerated permutations avoiding any subset of S_3 , in particular, any subset of S_3 of size three. Our results here then address the analogous problem on S_4 and complete the enumeration in the case of three patterns.

The organization of this paper is as follows. In the next section, we recall some previous terminology and notation. In the third section, we provide proofs of generating function formulas corresponding to the final thirteen symmetry classes for three patterns of length four. In the appendix, the generating functions for all small Wilf classes that can be done using INSENC are listed.

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No.	T	Reference	No.	T	Reference
15	${2134, 3412, 1243}$	$\overline{4}$	29	${1324, 2143, 3421}$	$\left\lbrack 3\right\rbrack$
30	${4231, 2143, 1324}$	$[3] % \includegraphics[width=1\textwidth]{images/Traj_4.pdf} \caption{Schematic diagram of the estimators in the image. The left-hand side is the same as in the image.} \label{fig:Traj_4.pdf}$	49	${2341, 1324, 4123}$	[5]
69	${3412, 1324, 1234}$	$\sqrt{5}$	72	${3412, 1324, 1243}$	[5]
74	${3412, 1243, 1234}$	Theorem 3.5	75	${4231, 1324, 1243}$	$\left[5\right]$
76	${3412, 1324, 4123}$	[5]	77	${3412, 3124, 1243}$	$\left[6\right]$
80	${4312, 1324, 4123}$	$[5] % \includegraphics[width=1\textwidth]{images/TrDiM-Architecture.png} \caption{The 3D maps of the estimators in the image. The three different values are shown in the image.} \label{TrDiS}$	84	${4231, 1324, 4123}$	$\lbrack 5 \rbrack$
86	${3412, 4132, 1324}$	$\sqrt{5}$	88	${1324, 3412, 3421}$	[5]
90	${1243, 2431, 3412}$	$\left[6\right]$	93	${1324, 2413, 3421}$	[5]
99	${4231, 3142, 1324}$	[5]	103	${2314, 1342, 4123}$	[6]
106	${1342, 2143, 3412}$	$\left[6\right]$	109	${2143, 3412, 3421}$	Theorem 3.47
118	${3412, 1423, 1234}$	[6]	121	${3412, 2341, 1243}$	Theorem 3.9
125	${2341, 4123, 1243}$	Theorem 3.17	130	${3412, 3124, 1342}$	[6]
131	${2134, 1342, 4123}$	[6]	132	${1324, 2341, 2413}$	[5]
133	${2143, 2314, 1342}$	$\left[6\right]$	134	${2134, 4123, 1243}$	$[4] % \includegraphics[width=1\textwidth]{images/TrDiM-Architecture.png} \caption{The figure shows the results of the estimators in the left hand side.} \label{TrDiM-Architecture}$
149	${3412, 4123, 1234}$	Theorem 3.22	150	${4312, 4132, 1324}$	[5]
151	${4312, 1324, 1423}$	$\sqrt{5}$	153	${4231, 1324, 1423}$	$\sqrt{5}$
156	${1324, 2341, 2431}$	$\sqrt{5}$	158	${1324, 1342, 3412}$	$\overline{5}$
159	${3412, 1423, 1243}$	$\lceil 6 \rceil$	162	${3412, 1342, 4123}$	$\left[6\right]$
163	${3412, 2314, 1342}$	$\left[6\right]$	164	${2341, 4123, 1423}$	$\left[6\right]$

Table 1: Small Wilf classes not amenable to INSENC.

2 Preliminaries

For a pattern set T under consideration, $F_T(x)$ denotes the generating function $\sum_{n\geq 0} |S_n(T)|x^n$ for T-avoiders and $G_m(x)$ the generating function for T-avoiders $\pi = i_1 \pi^{(1)} i_2 \pi^{(2)} \cdots i_m \pi^{(m)} \in S_n(T)$ with m left-right maxima $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_m = n$; thus $F_T(x) = \sum_{m \geq 0} G_m(x)$. Note that $G_1(x) = x F_T(x)$ if no pattern in T starts with 4, with $G_0(x) = 1$. For several of the triples T, our efforts are directed toward finding an expression for $G_m(x)$, usually distinguishing the case $m = 2$, and sometimes also $m = 3$, from larger values of m. In cases such as these where we make use of the method of generating functions, we examine the structure of an avoider by splitting the class of avoiders into subclasses according to a judicious choice of parameters. This choice is made so that each member of a subclass can be decomposed into independent parts. The generating function $(g.f.)$ for a subclass (a summand in the full g.f.) is then the product of the g.f.'s for each of the individual parts, and we speak of the "contribution" of the various parts to the g.f. for the subclass. By contrast, in cases 74, 125 and 185, prior to computing the g.f., we determine an explicit formula that directly enumerates the class of avoiders in question. To do so, we consider appropriate combinatorial parameters related to the class,

which involve here the position of and/or the actual letters contained within the leftmost ascent. The g.f. then follows from the explicit formula and a calculation, one that often involves multiple sums and is computer-assisted. In the last three cases, we make use of (and modify in one case) the method of generating forests $[22]$ to determine a system of functional equations satisfied by the related g.f.'s, which we then solve by the *kernel method* (see, e.g., [\[11\]](#page-51-11)).

Throughout, $C(x) = \frac{1-\sqrt{1-4x}}{2x}$ denotes the g.f. for the Catalan numbers $C_n := \frac{1}{n+1} {2n \choose n}$ $\binom{2n}{n} = \binom{2n}{n}$ $\binom{2n}{n}$ – $\binom{2n}{n}$ $\binom{2n}{n-1}$. As is well known [\[12,](#page-51-12)[23\]](#page-52-11), $C(x)$ is the g.f. for $(|S_n(\pi)|)_{n\geq 0}$, where π is any one of the six 3-letter patterns. The identity $C(x) = \frac{1}{1-xC(x)}$ or, equivalently, $xC(x)^2 = C(x) - 1$, is used to simplify some of the results. Occasionally, we need the g.f. for avoiders of a 3-letter and a 4-letter pattern; see [\[24\]](#page-52-8) for a comprehensive list.

3 Proofs

3.1 Case 74: {1234, ¹²⁴³, ³⁴¹²}

Recall within a permutation $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n$ that an index i for which $\pi_i < \pi_{i+1}$ is called an *ascent*. The letters π_i and π_{i+1} are referred to as the *ascent bottom* and *ascent top*, respectively. The *leftmost ascent* is the smallest j such that $\pi_j < \pi_{j+1}$ and the *leftmost ascent bottom* and top are the corresponding letters π_i and π_{i+1} , respectively. For example, if $\pi = 87436512$, then π has ascents at indices 4 and 7 and the leftmost ascent top and bottom are 6 and 3, respectively. Similar terminology applies when discussing the rightmost ascent.

Suppose that a permutation $\pi = \pi_1 \cdots \pi_n$ has its leftmost ascent at index *i*. Then we will refer to the prefix $\pi_1 \cdots \pi_i$ as the *initial descent sequence* (IDS). For example, if $\pi = 64325178$, then the leftmost ascent occurs at index 4 and the IDS is 6432. Let $T = \{1234, 1243, 3412\}$. To enumerate members of $S_n(T)$, we will classify them according to the value of the leftmost ascent bottom and the nature of the IDS. We first enumerate the following restricted class of T-avoiders.

LEMMA 3.1 The number of T-avoiding permutations of length n whose first letter is $\leq n-2$, whose leftmost ascent top is n, and whose IDS does not comprise a set of consecutive integers is given by

$$
b_n = \sum_{a=1}^{n-4} \sum_{b=a+2}^{n-2} \sum_{m=2}^{b-a} {b-a-1 \choose m-2} \left[(b-m+1)(n-b-1) + {n-b-2 \choose 2} \right], \qquad n \ge 5.
$$

Moreover,

$$
b_n = \frac{1}{12}(n-2)(3 \cdot 2^n - (n-1)(n^2 - 3n + 12)).
$$

Proof. Let \mathcal{B}_n denote the set of T-avoiding permutations in question. Suppose $\pi \in \mathcal{B}_n$ has first letter $b \leq n-2$, leftmost ascent at index m, and leftmost ascent bottom a. Note that the IDS of π not comprising a set of consecutive integers implies $b \ge a + 2$ and $2 \le m \le b - a$. Then π may be written as $\pi = ba_1 \cdots a_{m-2} a_n \pi'$ (*), where $a_1 > \cdots > a_{m-2}$ belong to $[a+1,b-1]$. Note that the subsequence of π comprising $[b + 1, n]$ avoids $\{123, 132, 3412\}$ and thus must either (i) decrease, (ii) have the form $n, n-1, \ldots, s+1, s-1, \ldots, b+1, s$ for some $b+2 \leq s \leq n-1$, or (iii) have the form $n, n-1, \ldots, s+1, s-1, \ldots, t, s, t-1, \ldots, b+1$ for some $b+3 \leq s \leq n-1$ and $b+2 \leq t \leq s-1$. Observe further that the $b - m$ letters in $[b - 1]$ lying within π' must decrease in order to avoid 3412.

Let x denote the largest (and hence leftmost) letter in $[b-1]$ occurring in π' . Note that $x > a$ by the assumption on the IDS of π . If (i) holds, then the element x must occur between $b + 2$ and $b + 1$ or directly following $b+1$ in order to avoid an occurrence of 1243 of the form $ax(b+2)(b+1)$. Since the letters in $[b-1]$ within π' must decrease, it follows that there are $b-m+1$ ways in which to position the elements of $[b-m]$ in π' , which uniquely determines π' . If (ii) holds, then there are once again $b-m+1$ ways in which to position the elements of $[b-1]$ in π' for each s. Thus, combining cases (i) and (ii), there are $(b-m+1)(n-b-1)$ possibilities for π' for each b and m.

On the other hand, if (iii) holds, then x (and hence all elements of $[b-1]$ in π') must follow $b+1$, for otherwise there would be a 3412 of the form $(s - 1)sx(b + 1)$ if x came between s and $b + 1$ or a 1243 of the form $axs(b+1)$ if x occurred prior to s. Thus, there are

$$
\sum_{s=b+3}^{n-1} \sum_{t=b+2}^{s-1} 1 = \sum_{s=b+3}^{n-1} (s-b-2) = \binom{n-b-2}{2}
$$

possibilities for π' satisfying (iii). In all cases, there are $\binom{b-a-1}{m-2}$ $\binom{-a-1}{m-2}$ choices for the letters $a_1 > \cdots > a_{m-2}$. Note that for each choice of the a_i , the number of possibilities for π' is the same. Furthermore, any permutation π of the form (*) above, where π' satisfies (i), (ii) or (iii), is seen to avoid T. Considering all possible a, b and m then yields b_n members of \mathcal{B}_n altogether.

Thus,

$$
b_n = \sum_{a=1}^{n-4} \sum_{b=a+2}^{n-2} \sum_{m=2}^{b-a} {b-a-1 \choose m-2} \left[(b-m+1)(n-b-1) + {n-b-2 \choose 2} \right], \qquad n \ge 5.
$$

Note that

$$
\sum_{m=2}^{b-a} {b-a-1 \choose m-2} \left[(b-m+1)(n-b-1) + {n-b-2 \choose 2} \right]
$$

= $2^{b-a-2} (n^2 + (a-b-6)n + 5b + 7 - a - ab)$
 $-\frac{1}{2} (n^2 - (2b+5-2a)n + (b+2)(b+3) - 2a(b+1)),$

which leads to

$$
\sum_{b=a+2}^{n-2} \sum_{m=2}^{b-a} {b-a-1 \choose m-2} \left[(b-m+1)(n-b-1) + {n-b-2 \choose 2} \right]
$$

= $2^{n-a-2}(n-4+a) - \frac{1}{6}(n^3 - 6n^2 - (3a^2 - 9a - 11)n + 2a^3 - 3a^2 - 5a - 18).$

Hence,

$$
b_n = \frac{1}{12}(n-2)(3 \cdot 2^n - (n-1)(n^2 - 3n + 12)),
$$

which completes the proof. \Box

We now consider a class of T-avoiding permutations where the IDS consists of consecutive integers.

LEMMA 3.2 The number of T-avoiding permutations of length n whose first letter is $\leq n-2$, whose leftmost ascent top is n, and whose IDS comprises a set of consecutive integers is given by

$$
(n-5)2^{n-1} + {n+1 \choose 2} + 3
$$
, $n \ge 3$.

Proof. Suppose $\pi = \pi_1 \cdots \pi_n$ is of the form under consideration where $n \geq 3$ and that π has leftmost ascent at index m with $\pi_m = a$. Then the first m letters of π are $a + m - 1, a + m - 2, \ldots, a$, where $1 \le a \le n-2$ and $1 \le m \le n-a-1$. Elements of $[a-1]$ must decrease within π in order to avoid 3412. On the other hand, elements of $[a + m, n]$ satisfy conditions (i), (ii) or (iii) as described in the proof of the previous lemma (where b is taken there to be $a + m - 1$). If (i) holds, then it is seen that members of $[a - 1]$ may be placed (in decreasing order) following any of the elements of $[a + m, n]$ within π without introducing an occurrence of T. Thus, there are in this case $\binom{n-m-1}{q-1}$ $\binom{-m-1}{a-1}$ possible π given a and m . This implies that there are a total of

$$
\sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-a-1} {n-m-1 \choose a-1} = \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \left({n-1 \choose a} - 1 \right) = 2^{n-1} - n
$$

permutations in this case. If (ii) holds, then letters in $[a - 1]$ again may be inserted following any members of $[a + m, n]$, whereas if (iii) holds, then one cannot place letters in $[a - 1]$ directly after s or members of $[a + m + 1, t - 1]$ in order to avoid 3412. Thus in (ii), there as $n - a - m + 1$ possible places to insert letters in $[a-1]$, while in (iii), there are $n-t+1$ such places.

For each a and m , considering all s and t yields

$$
\sum_{t=a+m}^{n-2} \sum_{s=t+1}^{n-1} {n-t+a-1 \choose a-1} = \sum_{t=a+m}^{n-1} {n-t+a-1 \choose a-1} (n-t-1)
$$

=
$$
\sum_{t=a+m}^{n} {n-t+a-1 \choose a-1} (n-t-1) + 1
$$

=
$$
\sum_{t=a+m}^{n} {n-t+a-1 \choose a-1} (n-t+a) - (a+1) {n-m \choose a} + 1
$$

=
$$
a {n-m+1 \choose a+1} - (a+1) {n-m \choose a} + 1 = f(a,m)
$$

possible permutations for (ii) and (iii) combined. Summing over all possible a and m then gives

$$
\sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-a-1} f(a,m) = \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-a} f(a,m) = \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \left(a \binom{n+1}{a+2} - (a+1) \binom{n}{a+1} + n - a \right)
$$

=
$$
\sum_{a=0}^{n-1} \left((a+2) \binom{n+1}{a+2} - (a+1) \binom{n}{a+1} - 2 \binom{n+1}{a+2} + n - a \right)
$$

=
$$
(n+1)(2^{n}-1) - n2^{n-1} - 2(2^{n+1}-n-2) + \binom{n+1}{2}
$$

=
$$
(n-6)2^{n-1} + n + 3 + \binom{n+1}{2}.
$$

Combining this with the prior case (i) completes the proof. \Box

LEMMA 3.3 The number of T-avoiding permutations of length n whose leftmost ascent top is $n-1$ is given by

$$
d_n = (n+8)2^{n-3} + 1 - \binom{n+2}{2} - \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(2n-3)}{6}, \qquad n \ge 3.
$$

Proof. Let π be a member of $S_n(T)$ under consideration have first letter $b \leq n-2$ and leftmost ascent bottom a. Then the elements of $[b+1, n-1]$ must decrease within π . For if not and $b+1 \leq x < y \leq n-2$ with x to the left of y, then there is a 1234 if n is to the right of y, a 1243 if n occurs between x and y, and a 3412 if n occurs between $n-1$ and x. Let S denote the elements of $[n]$ comprising the IDS of π . First suppose S does not consist of consecutive integers and let x denote the largest element of $[a + 1, b - 1]$ not belonging to S. We consider further cases based off of the position of the letter n within π . First assume n lies to the right of $b+1$. Then x must occur after n or between $b+1$ and n in order to avoid 1234. Let the leftmost ascent of π occur at index m. Since the elements of $[b-1]$ to the right of $n-1$ within π must decrease, we see that there are $b-m+1$ ways in which to arrange the elements of $[b] - S$. As there are $\binom{b-a-1}{m-2}$ $\binom{-a-1}{m-2}$ ways in which to select the middle $m-2$ elements of S, considering all a, b and m gives

$$
\sum_{a=1}^{n-4} \sum_{b=2}^{n-2} \sum_{m=2}^{b-a} {b-a-1 \choose m-2} (b-m+1)
$$

possible permutations in this case. On the other hand, if n lies to the left of $b + 1$, then all letters in $[b-1]-S$ must occur after $b+1$, for otherwise there would be a 3412 as seen with $(n-1)nx(b+1)$ or a 1243 in the form $axn(b+1)$. There are thus $n-b-2$ possible positions for n relative to the letters in $[b + 1, n - 2]$, which yields

$$
\sum_{a=1}^{n-4} \sum_{b=2}^{n-2} \sum_{m=2}^{b-a} {b-a-1 \choose m-2} (n-b-2)
$$

additional permutations.

Combining the two preceding cases implies that the number of permutations under consideration for which S does not consist of consecutive integers is given by

$$
\sum_{a=1}^{n-4} \sum_{b=2}^{n-2} \sum_{m=2}^{b-a} {b-a-1 \choose m-2} (n-m-1) = \sum_{m=2}^{n-3} (n-m-1) \sum_{b=m+1}^{n-2} \sum_{a=1}^{b-m} {b-a-1 \choose m-2}
$$

=
$$
\sum_{m=2}^{n-3} (n-m-1) \sum_{b=m+1}^{n-2} \left({b-1 \choose m-1} - 1 \right) = \sum_{m=2}^{n-3} (n-m-1) \left({n-2 \choose m} - (n-m-1) \right)
$$

=
$$
2^{n-2} - n + \sum_{m=2}^{n-3} (n-2) {n-3 \choose n-m-3} - \sum_{m=2}^{n-3} (n-m-1)^2 = n2^{n-3} - n + 1 - \sum_{m=1}^{n-2} m^2
$$

=
$$
n2^{n-3} - n + 1 - \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(2n-3)}{6}, \qquad n \ge 4.
$$

Now assume $S = \{a, a+1, \ldots, a+m-1\}$ for some $1 \le a \le n-2$ and $1 \le m \le n-a-1$. Then the subsequence of π comprising the letters in $[a + m, n]$ must have the form $n - 1, n - 2, \ldots, t, n, t 1, \ldots, a+m$ for some $a+m \leq t \leq n-1$. Letters in $[a-1]$ may occur only after $a+m$ or members of $[t, n-1]$ if $t > a+m$, for otherwise there would be an occurrence of 3412. If $t = a+m$, letters in $[a-1]$ may occur after any member of $[a+m,n]$. In either case, there are $\binom{n-t+a-1}{a-1}$ $\binom{t+a-1}{a-1}$ ways in which to arrange the members of $[a-1]$, which must decrease. One can verify that permutations π obtained in this manner are T -avoiding. Considering all a, m and t gives

$$
\sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-a-1} \sum_{t=a+m}^{n-1} {n-t+a-1 \choose a-1} = \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-a-1} \left({n-m \choose a} - 1 \right) = \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \left({n \choose a+1} - (n-a) \right)
$$

= $2^n - {n+1 \choose 2} - 1$

possibilities. Combining this case with the previous yields d_n permutations in all.

Let $a_n = |S_n(T)|$. We may express a_n in terms of the b_n and d_n sequences as follows, where we take $b_n = 0$ if $n \leq 4$.

LEMMA 3.4 If $n \geq 2$, then

$$
a_n = a_{n-1} + (2n-9)2^{n-2} + 3 + {n+1 \choose 2} + b_n + \sum_{m=0}^{n-3} d_{n-m},
$$
\n(1)

with $a_1 = 1$, where b_n and d_n are as defined above.

Proof. We enumerate the remaining cases of $S_n(T)$. Let $\pi \in S_n(T)$ and not of a form described in Lemmas [3.1–](#page-3-0)[3.3,](#page-6-0) where $n \geq 3$. If π starts with n, then there are clearly a_{n-1} possibilities. Since members of $S_n(T)$ starting with a letter $\leq n-2$ must have leftmost ascent top either equal to $n-1$ or n, the only remaining case is if π starts with $n-1$, which we now assume. If the leftmost ascent top of π is n, then $\pi = (n-1)\rho' n \rho''$, where ρ' and ρ'' are possibly empty and decreasing. This gives 2^{n-2} possible π . So assume π has leftmost ascent top $n - m - 1$ for some $1 \leq m \leq n - 3$. Since any ascent top of π is either the largest or second largest letter yet to appear (otherwise 1234 or 1243 would be present), it follows that π must start $n-1, n-2, \ldots, n-m$. These letters are seen to be extraneous concerning the avoidance of T and thus may be deleted (note that they impose no restrictions when considering 3412 since $n - m - 1$ is the first ascent top). This leaves a permutation of the form enumerated by d_{n-m} . Considering all possible m then yields $\sum_{m=1}^{n-3} d_{n-m}$ possibilities. Combining the additional cases discussed here with those from Lemmas [3.1–](#page-3-0)[3.3](#page-6-0) completes the proof. \Box

By Lemmas [3.1,](#page-3-0) [3.3](#page-6-0) and [3.4,](#page-7-0) we have

$$
a_n = a_{n-1} + (2n - 9)2^{n-2} + 3 + {n+1 \choose 2}
$$

+
$$
\frac{1}{12}(n-2)(3 \cdot 2^n - (n-1)(n^2 - 3n + 12))
$$

+
$$
\sum_{m=0}^{n-3} ((n-m+8)2^{n-m-3} + 1 - {n-m+2 \choose 2} - \frac{(n-m-1)(n-m-2)(2n-2m-3)}{6}),
$$

which is equivalent to

$$
a_n = a_{n-1} + (n-1)2^n - \frac{1}{6}(n-1)(n^3 - 3n^2 + 14n - 6), \qquad n \ge 2,
$$

with $a_1 = a_0 = 1$. Hence, we can state the following result.

THEOREM 3.5 Let $T = \{1234, 1243, 3412\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{1 - 9x + 35x^2 - 75x^3 + 98x^4 - 78x^5 + 36x^6 - 12x^7}{(1 - x)^6(1 - 2x)^2}.
$$

3.2 Case 121: {1243, ²³⁴¹, ³⁴¹²}

We need the following lemmas.

LEMMA 3.6 For $d \geq 1$, define $N_d(x)$ to be the generating function for permutations $\pi = (n - d (1)\pi'n\pi'' \in S_n(T)$ such that π'' contains the subsequence $(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(n-d)$, and set $N(x) =$ $\sum_{d\geq 1}$ $N_d(x)$ $\frac{N_d(x)}{(1-x)^d}$. Then

$$
N(x) = \frac{x^3(1 - 6x + 15x^2 - 21x^3 + 15x^4 - 3x^5)}{(1 - x)^4(1 - 2x)^2(1 - 3x + 1 + x^2)}.
$$

Proof. Refine $N_d(x)$ to $N_{d,e}$ counting avoiders where π' has e letters. Since π avoids 1243 and $d \ge 1$, we see that π' is decreasing.

Let $\pi = (n-d-1)\pi'n\pi'' \in S_n(T)$ such that π'' contains the subsequence $(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(n-d)$ and π' contains e letters, say $\pi' = j_e j_{e-1} \cdots j_1$. To find $N_1(x)$, write π'' as $\alpha(n-1)\beta$. If $\alpha = \emptyset$, then β is decreasing and the contribution is $\frac{x^{e+3}}{(1-x)^e}$ $\frac{x^{-(1-x)+1}}{(1-x)^{e+1}}$. Otherwise, the maximal letter of α is between j_{s-1} and js for some $s \in [e+1]$ where $j_0 = 0$ and $j_{e+1} = n-2$. Since π avoids 1243 and 2341, $j_{s-1} < \beta < j_s$. The letters in π'' smaller than $n-2$ are decreasing. Thus, by considering whether β is empty or not, we obtain a contribution of $\frac{x^{e+4}}{(1-x)}$ $\frac{x^{e+4}}{(1-x)^s} + \frac{x^{e+5}}{(1-x)}$ $\frac{x^{e+5}}{(1-x)^2}$ for $2 \le s \le e+1$, and of $\frac{x^{e+4}}{(1-x)}$ $\frac{x^{c+4}}{(1-x)^2}$ for $s = 1$. Hence,

$$
N_{1,e}(x) = \frac{x^{e+3}}{(1-x)^{e+1}} + \sum_{s=2}^{e+1} \left(\frac{x^{e+4}}{(1-x)^s} + \frac{x^{e+5}}{(1-x)^2} \right) + \frac{x^{e+4}}{(1-x)^2}
$$

which leads to

$$
N_1(x) = \sum_{e \ge 0} N_{1,e}(x) = \frac{x^3(1 - 3x + 4x^2 - 3x^3)}{(1 - x)^4(1 - 2x)}.
$$
\n(2)

For $d \geq 2$, by a decomposition similar to the case $d = 1$, we see that

$$
N_{d,e}(x) = xN_{d-1,e}(x) + \frac{x^{d+e+3}}{(1-x)^{d+1}}.
$$

Summing over $e \geq 0$, we obtain for $d \geq 2$,

$$
N_d(x) = xN_{d-1}(x) + \frac{x^{d+3}}{(1-x)^{d+2}}.
$$

,

Multiplying by $\frac{1}{(1-x)^d}$ and summing over $d \geq 2$, we have

$$
N(x) - \frac{N_1(x)}{1-x} = \frac{x}{1-x}N(x) + \sum_{d\geq 2} \frac{x^{d+3}}{(1-x)^{2d+2}}.
$$

Now use [\(2\)](#page-8-1) and solve for $N(x)$ to complete the proof.

LEMMA 3.7 Define $M(x)$ to be the generating function for permutations $\pi = i\pi' n \pi'' \in S_n(T)$ with 2 left-right maxima such that $i \leq n-2$. Then

$$
M(x) = \frac{x^3(1 - 6x + 16x^2 - 25x^3 + 20x^4 - 5x^5)}{(1 - x)^4(1 - 2x)^2(1 - 3x + x^2)}
$$

.

,

Proof. Let $M_d(x)$ denote the generating function for permutations $\pi = i\pi' n\pi'' \in S_n(T)$ with 2 leftright maxima such that π'' contains the subsequence $(n-1)\cdots(n-d)$ and $i \leq n-d-1$. Clearly, $M_1(x) = M(x)$. Since π avoids 1243, there is no letter greater than i between n and $n - d + 1$. Thus, all letters greater than i in π'' must occur to the right of $n-d+1$. We denote the subsequence comprising these letters by γ .

To find $M_d(x)$, write γ as $\alpha(n-d)\beta$. In cases (i) $\alpha = \beta = \emptyset$, (ii) $\alpha \neq \emptyset$ and $\beta = \emptyset$, (iii) $\alpha = \emptyset$ and $\beta \neq \emptyset$, we have the contributions (i) $N_d(x)$, (ii) $xM_d(x)$, (iii) $M_{d+1}(x)$, respectively. Thus, we may assume that $\alpha, \beta \neq \emptyset$. Note first that $i + 1$ must occur in β , for otherwise $i(i + 1)$ is a 12 within a 1243, and by similar reasoning $\beta < \alpha$. Thus, α and β form decreasing subsequences since π avoids 2341 and 3412, which implies $\alpha\beta$ is decreasing. Furthermore, no letter in $[i-1]$ can occur to the right of $n - d$, for otherwise there would be an occurrence of 2341 of the form $i(n - d - 1)(n - d)i'$ for some $i' \in [i-1]$. From the preceding observations, we see that π can be expressed as follows:

$$
\pi = i(i-1)\cdots i'n\gamma^{(1)}(n-1)\gamma^{(2)}\cdots\gamma^{(d-1)}(n-d+1)\gamma^{(d)}(n-d-1)\cdots\gamma^{(e-1)}(n-e) \n\gamma^{(e)}(n-d)(n-e-1)\cdots(i+1),
$$

where $e \geq d+1$, $i \geq i' > \gamma^{(1)} \cdots \gamma^{(e)}$ and $\gamma^{(1)} \cdots \gamma^{(e)}$ is decreasing (for otherwise, 1243 would be present). Thus, we have a contribution of $\sum_{e \geq d+1} \frac{x^{e+3}}{(1-x)^e}$ $\frac{x^{e+3}}{(1-x)^{e+2}} = \frac{x^{d+4}}{(1-x)^{d+2}}$ $\frac{x^{a+4}}{(1-x)^{d+2}(1-2x)}$. Hence

$$
M_d(x) = N_d(x) + xM_d(x) + M_{d+1}(x) + \frac{x^{d+4}}{(1-x)^{d+2}(1-2x)},
$$

which implies

$$
M_d(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} N_d(x) + \frac{1}{1-x} M_{d+1}(x) + \frac{x^{d+4}}{(1-x)^{d+3}(1-2x)}.
$$

Multiplying by $\frac{1}{(1-x)^{d-1}}$ and summing over $d \ge 1$, we obtain

$$
\sum_{d\geq 1} \frac{M_d(x)}{(1-x)^{d-1}} = N(x) + \sum_{d\geq 1} \frac{M_{d+1}(x)}{(1-x)^d} + \sum_{d\geq 1} \frac{x^{d+4}}{(1-x)^{2d+2}(1-2x)},
$$

which is equivalent to

$$
M_1(x) = N(x) + \sum_{d \ge 1} \frac{x^{d+4}}{(1-x)^{2d+2}(1-2x)}
$$

and the result follows from Lemma [3.6.](#page-8-2)

Lemma 3.8

$$
G_2(x) = x^2 F_T(x) + \frac{x^3(2 - 14x + 42x^2 - 70x^3 + 64x^4 - 27x^5 + 4x^6)}{(1 - x)^4(1 - 2x)^2(1 - 3x + x^2)}.
$$

Proof. Clearly, $G_2(x) = M(x) + H(x)$, where $H(x)$ is the generating function for permutations $\pi = (n-1)\pi' n \pi'' \in S_n(T)$. Since $(n-1)\pi' n$ avoids T if and only if π' avoids T, $G_2(x) = M(x) +$ $x^2 F_T(x) + H'(x)$, where $H'(x)$ is the generating function for permutations $\pi = (n-1)\pi' n \pi'' \in S_n(T)$ where π'' is nonempty. By similar arguments as in the proofs of Lemmas [3.6](#page-8-2) and [3.7,](#page-9-0) one can show that $H'(x) = \frac{x^3(1-2x+2x^2)}{(1-x)^3(1-2x)}$ $\frac{x^3(1-2x+2x^2)}{(1-x)^3(1-2x)}$ and the result follows using Lemma [3.7.](#page-9-0)

THEOREM 3.9 Let $T = \{1243, 2341, 3412\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{1}{1 - 3x + x^2} + \frac{1}{1 - x} + \frac{1 - x + x^2}{(1 - x)^4} - \frac{2(1 - x)(1 - 2x - x^2)}{(1 - 2x)^3}.
$$

Proof. To find $G_m(x)$ with $m \geq 3$, let $\pi = i_1 \pi^{(1)} \cdots i_m \pi^{(m)} \in S_n(T)$ with $m \geq 3$ left-right maxima. Since π avoids T, we see that $\pi^{(s)} = \emptyset$ for all $s \geq 4$, with $i_1 < \pi^{(3)} < i_2$. If $\pi^{(3)} = \emptyset$, then we have a contribution of $x^{m-2}G_2(x)$. Otherwise, the letters in $\pi^{(1)}\pi^{(2)}$ smaller than i_1 are decreasing and the letters of $\pi^{(2)}\pi^{(3)}$ between i_1 and i_2 are decreasing. Thus, we have a contribution of $\frac{x^{m+1}}{(1-x)^2(1-2x)}$. Hence,

$$
G_m(x) = x^{m-2}G_2(x) + \frac{x^{m+1}}{(1-x)^2(1-2x)}
$$

.

Summing over $m \geq 3$, we obtain

$$
F_T(x) - 1 - xF_T(x) - G_2(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}G_2(x) + \frac{x^4}{(1-x)^3(1-2x)},
$$

and the result follows by substituting for $G_2(x)$ and solving for $F_T(x)$.

3.3 Case 125: {1243, ²³⁴¹, ⁴¹²³}

We treat this case in 4 subsections.

3.3.1 Case I

Let $T = \{1243, 2341, 4123\}$ and u_n denote the number of T-avoiding permutations of length n starting with $n-1$ and having leftmost ascent of the form a, n , where $2 \le a \le n-1$. If $1 \le i \le n-1$, then Let $C'_{n,i}$ denote the number of 123-avoiding permutations of length n whose leftmost ascent occurs at index *i*, with $C'_{n,n} = 1$. The numbers u_n may be expressed explicitly in terms of $C'_{n,i}$ as follows.

Lemma 3.10 We have

$$
u_n = C_{n-2} + \sum_{a=2}^{n-2} \sum_{t=0}^{n-2-a} {n-2-a \choose t} u'(n-t, a), \qquad n \ge 3,
$$
 (3)

where

$$
u'(m, a) = \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} {i+m-2-a \choose i} C'_{a-1,i}, \qquad 2 \le a \le m-2.
$$

Proof. Clearly, there are C_{n-2} permutations avoiding T that start $n-1$, n. So let $\pi \in S_n(T)$ be a permutation enumerated by u_n having leftmost ascent bottom $a \leq n-2$. Then π is either of the form $\pi = (n-1)a_1a_2\cdots a_t a_n\pi'$, where $a_1 > a_2 > \cdots > a_t > a$ for some $t \ge 1$ or $\pi = (n-1)a_n\pi'$. One may verify that the letters a_1, \ldots, a_t are extraneous concerning the avoidance of the patterns in T (note that these letters have no bearing on 2341, since letters in $[a+1, n-2]$ occurring to the right of a in π must occur as a decreasing subsequence to avoid 4123). Let $u'(m, a)$ denote the number of T-avoiding permutations of length m starting $(m-1)am$. Considering all possible a and t thus implies that there are $\sum_{a=2}^{n-2} \sum_{t=0}^{n-2-a} {n-2-a \choose t} u'(n-t,a)$ permutations π of the stated form above.

To complete the proof of [\(3\)](#page-10-1), we need to establish the formula above for $u'(m, a)$. To do so, let $\rho \in S_m(T)$ be of the form enumerated by $u'(m, a)$. Then $\rho = (m - 1) a m \rho'$ for some permutation ρ' of $[a-1] \cup [a+1,m-2]$. Note that ρ' is 123-avoiding with all letters in $[a+1,m-2]$ descending since ρ avoids 4123. Thus, ρ' may be obtained by inserting letters from $[a+1, m-2]$ within a 123-avoiding permutation λ of [a – 1]. Suppose $\lambda = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \cdots \lambda_{a-1}$, with the first ascent of λ occurring at index i (where $i = a - 1$ if $\lambda = (a - 1) \cdots 21$). Since ρ' avoids 123, no letter from $[a + 1, m - 2]$ may be inserted beyond the $(i + 1)$ -st letter of λ . Also, letters are to be inserted in decreasing order, with letters preceding λ allowed. Since there are $i+1$ positions in which to insert the letters from $[a+1, m-2]$, it follows that there are $\binom{i+m-2-a}{i}$ possible ρ for each λ whose first ascent occurs at index *i*. One may verify that permutations ρ so obtained avoid T. Considering all $1 \le i \le a - 1$ yields the desired formula for $u'(m, a)$ and completes the proof. formula for $u'(m, a)$ and completes the proof.

Let $C_{n,i}$ denote the number of 123-avoiding permutations of length n having first letter i. Let $q(x,y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^n C_{n,i} x^n y^i$ and $\ell(x,y) = \sum_{n\geq 1} \sum_{i=1}^n C'_{n,i} x^n y^i$. Then the latter may be expressed in terms of the former as follows.

Lemma 3.11 We have

$$
\ell(x,y) = \frac{xy}{(1-xy)^2} q\left(\frac{x}{1-xy}, 1-xy\right) + \frac{xy}{1-xy}.\tag{4}
$$

Proof. We refine $C'_{a,i}$ according to the leftmost ascent bottom. That is, let $C'_{a,i,j}$ denote the number of 123-avoiding permutations π of length a with leftmost ascent at index i and leftmost ascent bottom j. Note that $C'_{a,i,j}$ can only be non-zero when $1 \leq j \leq a - i$. Furthermore, any letters of π coming prior to j are extraneous concerning avoidance of the patterns in T and thus may be deleted, as can the leftmost ascent top. This leaves a permutation of the form enumerated by $C_{a-i,j}$. Upon selecting the first $i - 1$ letters of π , which must belong to $[j + 1, a]$, yields the formula

$$
C'_{a,i} = \sum_{j=1}^{a-i} C'_{a,i,j} = \sum_{j=1}^{a-i} {a-j \choose i-1} C_{a-i,j}, \qquad 1 \le i \le a-1,
$$

with $C'_{a,a} = 1$. Thus we have

$$
\ell(x,y) = \sum_{a\geq 1} C'_{a,a}(xy)^a + \sum_{a\geq 2} \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{a-i} {a-j \choose i-1} C_{a-i,j} \right) x^a y^i
$$

$$
= \frac{xy}{1-xy} + \sum_{a\geq 2} \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^i {a-j \choose i-j+1} C_{i,j} \right) x^a y^{a-i}
$$

$$
= \frac{xy}{1-xy} + \sum_{i\geq 1} \sum_{j=1}^i C_{i,j} \sum_{a\geq i+1} {a-j \choose i-j+1} x^a y^{a-i}
$$

$$
= \frac{xy}{1-xy} + \frac{xy}{(1-xy)^2} \sum_{i\geq 1} \sum_{j=1}^i C_{i,j} \left(\frac{x}{1-xy} \right)^i (1-xy)^j,
$$

which implies [\(4\)](#page-11-0). \Box

Note that from [\[10\]](#page-51-13), we have

$$
q(x,y) = \frac{xy(1 - yC(xy))}{1 - x - y}.
$$
\n(5)

We now calculate the generating function $u(x) = \sum_{n \geq 3} u_n x^n$, which will be needed later. Lemma 3.12 We have

$$
u(x) = x^{2}(C(x) - 1) + (1 - x)r\left(\frac{x}{1 - x}, 1 - x\right),
$$
\n(6)

where

$$
r(x,y) = \frac{x^4y^2}{(1-x-xy)^2}q\left(\frac{xy(1-x)}{1-x-xy}, \frac{1-x-xy}{1-x}\right) + \frac{x^4y^2}{(1-x)(1-x-xy)}.
$$

Proof. First note that

$$
\sum_{n\geq 4} \sum_{a=2}^{n-2} u'(n, a) x^n y^a = \sum_{n\geq 4} \sum_{a=2}^{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} C'_{a-1,i} {i+n-2-a \choose i} x^n y^a
$$

=
$$
\sum_{a\geq 2} \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} C'_{a-1,i} y^a \sum_{n\geq a+2} {i+n-2-a \choose i} x^n = \sum_{a\geq 2} \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} C'_{a-1,i} \frac{x^{a+2} y^a}{(1-x)^{i+1}}
$$

=
$$
\frac{x^3 y}{1-x} \sum_{a\geq 1} \sum_{i=1}^a C'_{a,i} \frac{(xy)^a}{(1-x)^i} = \frac{x^3 y}{1-x} \ell \left(xy, \frac{1}{1-x}\right)
$$

=
$$
\frac{x^4 y^2}{(1-x-xy)^2} q \left(\frac{xy(1-x)}{1-x-xy}, \frac{1-x-xy}{1-x}\right) + \frac{x^4 y^2}{(1-x)(1-x-xy)},
$$

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where we have used [\(4\)](#page-11-0) in the final equality. Next observe that

$$
\sum_{n\geq 4} \sum_{a=2}^{n-2} \sum_{t=0}^{n-2-a} {n-2-a \choose t} u'(n-t,a) x^n y^a = \sum_{a\geq 2} \sum_{n\geq a+2} \sum_{t=a+2}^{n} {n-2-a \choose n-t} u'(t,a) x^n y^a
$$

=
$$
\sum_{a\geq 2} \sum_{t\geq a+2} u'(t,a) y^a \sum_{n\geq t} {n-2-a \choose t-2-a} x^n = \sum_{a\geq 2} \sum_{t\geq a+2} u'(t,a) \frac{x^t y^a}{(1-x)^{t-a-1}}
$$

=
$$
(1-x) \sum_{t\geq 4} \sum_{a=2}^{t-2} u'(t,a) \left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)^t ((1-x)y)^a = (1-x)r \left(\frac{x}{1-x}, (1-x)y\right).
$$

Multiplying both sides of [\(3\)](#page-10-1) by x^n , and summing over $n \geq 3$, then gives

$$
u(x) = x^{2}(C(x) - 1) + \sum_{n \ge 4} \left(\sum_{a=2}^{n-2} \sum_{t=0}^{n-2-a} {n-2-a \choose t} u'(n-t, a) \right) x^{n}
$$

= $x^{2}(C(x) - 1) + (1-x)r \left(\frac{x}{1-x}, (1-x)y \right) |_{y=1},$

which implies [\(6\)](#page-12-0). \Box

Now let b_n denote the number of T-avoiding permutations of length n whose leftmost ascent is of the form a, n for some $2 \le a \le n-1$. For example, $b_3 = 1$ (for 231) and $b_4 = 5$ (for 2413, 2431, 3241, 3412 and 3421). Then we have the following recurrence formula.

Lemma 3.13 We have

$$
b_n = b_{n-1} + u_n + 2^{n-3} - n + 2 + \binom{n-2}{4} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-4} \sum_{i=1}^{n-3-j} \binom{n-i-2}{j+1} C_{n-2-j,i}, \qquad n \ge 3, \tag{7}
$$

with $b_2 = 0$, where u_n is given by [\(3\)](#page-10-1) above.

Proof. Let π be a member of $S_n(T)$ enumerated by b_n . If the first letter of π is $n-1$, then there are u_n possibilities by definition, so assume $n \geq 4$ and that the first letter of π is less than $n-1$. Then $\pi = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_j a_n \pi'$, where $j \ge 0$ and $2 \le a < a_j < \cdots < a_1 \le n-2$. Let $S = \{a_1, \ldots, a_j\}$, where S is possibly empty. Note that π' is nonempty and let x denote the first letter of π' . If $x = n - 1$, then it is seen that x may be deleted and there are b_{n-1} possibilities.

Now suppose $x \in [a-1]$. Note that π' is 123-avoiding due to 4123. Furthermore, this is the only restriction on π' since n, x implies all letters in $[a+1, n-1]$ in π' must decrease, and thus no letter to the left of n can serve as a "2" within an occurrence of 2341 or as a "4" within a 4123. Also, $x < a$ implies all elements of $S \cup \{a\}$ are extraneous concerning the avoidance of 1243 as well. Thus, these letters may all be deleted in addition to n, leaving a permutation of the form enumerated by $C_{n-2-j,i}$ for some $i \in [a-1]$. Considering all $2 \le a \le n-2$, $0 \le j \le n-2-a$ and $1 \le i \le a-1$ gives

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-2} \sum_{j=0}^{n-2-a} \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} {n-2-a \choose j} C_{n-2-j,i} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-4} \sum_{i=1}^{n-3-j} C_{n-2-j,i} \sum_{a=i+1}^{n-2-j} {n-2-a \choose j}
$$

=
$$
\sum_{j=0}^{n-4} \sum_{i=1}^{n-3-j} {n-2-i \choose j+1} C_{n-2-j,i}
$$

possibilities in this case.

Next let $a + 1 \leq x \leq n - 2$. Here, we consider two cases on S. Note that S cannot comprise all of $[a + 1, n - 2]$ due to our assumption on x. First suppose $S = [a + 1, s] \cup [t, n - 2]$ for some $a \leq s < t - 1 \leq n - 2$, where $S = \emptyset$ is possible. Then π' is of the form

$$
\pi' = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_p (n-1) d_1 d_2 \cdots d_q,
$$

where $p \ge 1$, $q \ge 0$ and $b_1 \in [a+1, n-2]$. Note that no elements of $[a-1]$ can occur to the right of $n-1$, for otherwise there would be an occurrence of 2341 of the form $ab_1(n-1)z$ for some $z \in [a-1]$. Since letters occurring between n and $n-1$ within π are decreasing due to 4123, the final $a-1$ letters b_i must comprise $[a-1]$; that is, we have $b_{p-a+2} = a-1$, $b_{p-a+2} = a-2$, ..., $b_p = 1$. Since $a \ge 2$, the d_i letters must also decrease in order to avoid 4123. Furthermore, all of the d_i letters are less than all of the letters in $[a + 1, n - 2]$ occurring between n and $n - 1$, for otherwise, there would be an occurrence of 1243 (with a and $n-1$ corresponding to the "1" and "4", respectively). Thus, the subsequence $b_1b_2 \cdots b_{p-a+1}d_1d_2 \cdots d_q$ comprises all elements of $[a+1, n-2]$ occurring to the right of n within π in decreasing order, where $p \ge a$ and q is possibly zero. One may verify that the corresponding π of the stated form is T -avoiding. Considering all a and S implies that there are

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \sum_{i=0}^{n-3-a} \sum_{j=0}^{n-3-a-i} (n-2-a-i-j) = \sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \sum_{i=0}^{n-3-a} \binom{n-1-a-i}{2} = \sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \binom{n-a}{3} = \binom{n-1}{4}
$$

possibilities in this case.

If S is not of the form $[a + 1, s] \cup [t, n + 2]$, then there must exist some $v_1 < u < v_2$ all belonging to $[a+1, n-2]$ such that $u \in S$ and $v_1, v_2 \notin S$. If $\pi' = b_1 \cdots b_p (n-1) d_1 \cdots d_q$ is as before, with $q > 0$, then $b_1 \ge v_2 > u$ and $d_q \le v_1 < u$ implies $ub_1(n-1)d_q$ is a 2341, which is impossible. Thus $q = 0$ and there is only one way in which to arrange the letters within π to the right of n, i.e., letters in $[n-2]-S$ in decreasing order followed by $a-1,\ldots,1,n-1$. By subtraction, there are for $n\geq 4$,

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \left(2^{n-2-a} - 1 - \sum_{i=0}^{n-3-a} \sum_{j=0}^{n-3-i} 1 \right) = 2^{n-3} - (n-2) - \sum_{a=2}^{n-3} {n-1-a \choose 2}
$$

$$
= 2^{n-3} - (n-2) - {n-2 \choose 3}
$$

possible members of $S_n(T)$ in this case. Combining all of the previous cases gives [\(7\)](#page-13-0).

3.3.2 Case II

Let d_n denote the number of T-avoiding permutations of length n not starting with n whose leftmost ascent is of the form $a, n-1$ for some $2 \le a \le n-2$. Note, for example, $d_5 = 6$, the enumerated permutations being $\{24135, 24153, 24315, 32415, 34125, 34215\}$. Then d_n may be expressed in terms of b_n as follows.

Lemma 3.14 We have

$$
d_n = d_{n-1} + b_{n-1} - b_{n-2} + \binom{n-3}{2} + \sum_{a=3}^{n-3} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-3-a} \sum_{m=1}^{n-2-a-\ell} \binom{n-5-\ell-m}{a-3} m, \qquad n \ge 5, \tag{8}
$$

with $d_4 = 1$, where b_n is given by [\(7\)](#page-13-0) above.

Proof. Let \mathcal{B}_m and \mathcal{D}_m denote the subsets of $S_m(T)$ enumerated by b_m and d_m for $m \geq 3$. To show [\(8\)](#page-14-0), consider forming members of \mathcal{D}_n by inserting n somewhere to the right of $n-1$ within members of \mathcal{B}_{n-1} , where $n \geq 5$. First note that there are d_{n-1} possibilities if the letter $n-2$ is to directly follow $n-1$ within a member of \mathcal{B}_{n-1} , upon deleting $n-1$. Let \mathcal{B}'_m denote the subset of \mathcal{B}_m consisting of those members where $m-1$ does not directly follow m. Note that one may always append the letter n to a member of \mathcal{B}_{n-1}' without introducing an occurrence of one of the patterns in T, which yields $b_{n-1} - b_{n-2}$ members of \mathcal{D}_n .

We now consider the various cases considered in the proof of recurrence [\(7\)](#page-13-0) above in an effort to determine any further members of \mathcal{D}_n . Let $\pi \in \mathcal{B}_{n-1}'$. If the first letter of π is $n-2$, then n must be added as the final letter (in order to avoid 2341), and hence there are no additional members of \mathcal{D}_n coming from this case (beyond those already accounted for by $b_{n-1} - b_{n-2}$ above). So assume henceforth that the first letter of π is less than $n-2$, and write $\pi = \pi' a(n-1)\pi''$, where $a \geq 2$ is the leftmost ascent bottom. Let y be the first letter of π'' . First assume $a + 1 \le y \le n - 3$. Then the element 1 must (directly) precede $n-2$ within π'' , or π would contain 2341. Thus, the letter n cannot be inserted between $n-1$ and y, for otherwise there is an occurrence of 2341, and it cannot be inserted anywhere between y and $n-2$ either due to 1243 occurring in that case. If n were to be inserted to the right of $n-2$, but not at the very end of π , then there would be a 2341 in which the roles of "2" and "3" are played by the letters y and $n-2$, respectively. Thus, no additional members of \mathcal{D}_n arise if $y \in [a+1, n-3]$.

Now assume $y \in [a-2]$ and let z denote the last letter of π'' . Note that $z \neq y$ since π'' has length at least two. Then z must belong to $[a-3] \cup \{a-1\}$ since π'' is 123-avoiding, which again implies one must add n to the very end of π to create a member of \mathcal{D}_n (in order to avoid an occurrence of 2341 as witnessed by the subsequence $a(n-1)nz$). So assume henceforth $y = a - 1$. Still, no additional members of \mathcal{D}_n are possible if $z \in [a-2]$, so assume henceforth $z > a$. We now consider cases on π' . First suppose that π' does not comprise $[a+1, a+\ell]$ for some $0 \leq \ell \leq n-3-a$. Then there exist $a+1 \le u < v \le n-3$ with $u \notin \pi'$ and $v \in \pi'$. Then $u \ge z$ since z is seen to be the smallest element of $[a+1, n-3]$ in π ["]. Thus, adding n anywhere except at the very end of π produces an occurrence of 2341, as witnessed by $v(n-1)nz$.

So assume π' comprises $[a+1, a+\ell]$ for some ℓ . If $a \geq 3$, then π may be written as

$$
\pi = (a + \ell) \cdots (a + 1)a(n - 1)(a - 1)\rho 1(a + \ell + m) \cdots (a + \ell + 2)(a + \ell + 1), \qquad n \ge 6,
$$

for some $1 \leq m \leq n-2-a-\ell$, where ρ consists of the remaining letters of $[n-1]$. Since the set of letters to the right of $n-1$ within π form a 123-avoiding permutation, with the last letter greater than the first, the subsequence ρ consists of alternating runs of letters from the disjoint sets [2, $a - 2$] and $[a + \ell + m + 1, n - 2]$, where the subsequences of π comprising the letters from these sets are decreasing (in order to avoid 4123). Thus, selecting the positions of the elements of $[2, a-2]$ uniquely determines ρ , which can be done in $\binom{n-5-\ell-m}{q-3}$ $\binom{5-\ell-m}{a-3}$ ways. In this case, *n* may be inserted directly prior to any of the elements of $[a+\ell+1, a+\ell+m]$ and the resulting permutation is seen to always belong to $S_n(T)$. Considering all possible a, ℓ and m gives

$$
\sum_{a=3}^{n-3} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-3-a} \sum_{m=1}^{n-2-a-\ell} {n-5-\ell-m \choose a-3} m
$$

members of \mathcal{D}_n that have not been enumerated already. If $a = 2$, then we have

$$
\pi = (\ell + 2) \cdots 32(n-1)1(n-2)(n-3) \cdots (\ell + 3), \qquad n \ge 5,
$$

in which case n may be inserted directly prior to any element of $[\ell+3, n-2]$. This gives $\sum_{\ell=0}^{n-5} (n-5, n-2]$ $4 - \ell = \binom{n-3}{2}$ additional members of \mathcal{D}_n . Combining this case with the previous yields [\(8\)](#page-14-0).

3.3.3 Case III

Let e_n denote the number of T-avoiding permutations of length n not starting with n whose leftmost ascent is of the form a, b, where $2 \le a < b \le n-2$. Note that $e_4 = 0$ and $e_5 = 2$, the enumerated permutations being 23145 and 42315. The sequence e_n may be expressed in terms of b_n and d_n as follows.

Lemma 3.15 We have

$$
e_n = e_{n-1} + d_{n-1} + C_{n-2} - 2^{n-3} + \sum_{i=3}^{n-2} (d_{i+1} - b_i), \qquad n \ge 4,
$$
\n(9)

with $e_3 = 0$, where b_n and d_n are determined by [\(7\)](#page-13-0) and [\(8\)](#page-14-0).

Proof. Let π be a permutation enumerated by e_n , where $n \geq 5$. To show [\(9\)](#page-16-0), we consider cases on the first and the last letters of π . Let a and b be the letters involved in the leftmost ascent of π , where $2 \le a < b \le n-2$, and let x and y denote the first and last letters of π . If $x \ne n-1$ and $y = n$, then deleting n gives $e_{n-1} + d_{n-1}$ possibilities in this case, upon considering whether or not b is less than $n-2$. If $x = n-1$ and $y = n$, then π must start $n-1, n-2, \ldots, b+1$. For if not, and $p \in [b+1, n-1]$ lies to the right of b within π , then π contains a 4123, as witnessed by the subsequence $(n-1)abp$. Then the elements of $[b+1,n]$ may be deleted from π , which leaves a 123-avoiding permutation of length b whose leftmost ascent is a, b , where $a \geq 2$. Upon subtracting the 123-avoiding permutations of length b that start with b or whose leftmost ascent is 1, b, one gets $C_b - C_{b-1} - 2^{b-2}$ possibilities for each *b*. Summing over $3 \le b \le n-2$ gives $\sum_{b=3}^{n-2} (C_b - C_{b-1} - 2^{b-2}) = C_{n-2} - 2^{n-3}$ possible π in this case.

Finally, assume $y \neq n$. Then π must start $n-1, n-2, \ldots, b+1$. To show this, suppose it is not the case and let $q \in [b+1, n-1]$ lie to the right of b. Note that any letter to the right of n within π must be less than b so as to avoid 1243. In particular, q must lie between b and n. Since $y \neq n$, there exists a letter r to the right of n. But then $bqnr$ is a 2341, which is impossible. Furthermore, one may verify, without using any letters to the left of a, that any elements of $[a + 1, b - 1]$ to the right of b within π must decrease. Thus, it is seen that the letters $n-1, n-2, \ldots, b+1$ impose no restriction on the subsequent letters of π when considering the pattern 4123. The same can be said for the patterns 1243 and 2341, which implies that these letters are extraneous concerning the avoidance of T and thus may be deleted. Doing so leaves a permutation of length $b + 1$, not starting or ending $\sum_{i=3}^{n-2} (d_{i+1} - b_i)$ possibilities in this case, by subtraction, which completes the proof. with $b + 1$, whose leftmost ascent is of the form $a \leq b$, where $a \geq 2$. Considering all possible b gives $\sum_{i=2}^{n-2} (d_{i+1} - b_i)$ possibilities in this case, by subtraction, which completes the proof.

3.3.4 Case IV

Let g_n denote the number of T-avoiding permutations of length n not starting with n whose leftmost ascent is of the form $1, a$ for some $a > 1$.

Lemma 3.16 We have

$$
g_n = g_{n-1} + 5 \cdot 2^{n-3} + {n-1 \choose 4} - n + \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} {n-m+1 \choose 2} 2^{m-3}, \qquad n \ge 3,
$$
 (10)

with $g_2 = 1$.

Proof. Recurrence [\(10\)](#page-17-0) is clear if $n = 3$, so assume $n \geq 4$. Let $\pi = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_s 1 \pi'$ be of the form enumerated by g_n , where $1 < a_s < a_{s-1} < \cdots < a_1 \leq n-1$, and let $S = \{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_s\}$. We consider several cases on S. If $S = \emptyset$, then $\pi = 1\pi'$ where π' avoids $\{132, 2341, 4123\}$, and hence there are $2^{n-1} - n + 1$ possibilities. So assume $S \neq \emptyset$. If $a_s = 2$, then deleting 2 gives g_{n-1} possibilities. Henceforth assume $a_s \geq 3$. We will refer to letters in $[a_1 + 1, n]$ as *large* and those belonging to $[2, a_1] - S$ as small. Note that π' contains both large and small letters.

Large letters to the left of any small letters within π' must decrease (due to 2341), while large letters to the right of any small letters must increase (1243). The small letters themselves must decrease, for otherwise there would be a 4123 starting with a_1 , 1. It is not possible for there to exist two or more large letters occurring between the greatest and the least of the small letters, for otherwise π would contain 1243 or 2341. Assume now that there is exactly one such large letter. In order for this to occur, the set S must be an interval of the form $[\ell, \ell + s - 1]$, where $4 \leq \ell \leq n - 1$ and $1 \leq s \leq n - \ell$. For if not, then the largest small letter y would exceed the smallest member x of S , which would introduce an occurrence of 2341 of the form $xyz2$ for some large letter z. Furthermore, any large letters occurring to the left of the first small letter must be less than any large letters occurring to the right of the last large letter in this case, for otherwise there would be an 4123 where the "1" and "2" correspond to the largest small and the smallest large letter, respectively. One may verify that a permutation satisfying all of the requirements above with respect to the large and small letters and to the set S is T-avoiding. Note that given ℓ there are $\ell-3$ possible positions in which to place the smallest large letter since it must go between two small letters. If the leftmost large letter within π' is denoted by $n - t$, where $0 \le t \le n - \ell - s$, then considering all possible ℓ , s and t yields

$$
\sum_{\ell=4}^{n-1} \sum_{s=1}^{n-\ell} \sum_{t=0}^{n-\ell-s} (\ell-s) = \sum_{s=1}^{n-4} \sum_{t=0}^{n-4-s} \sum_{\ell=4}^{n-s-t} (\ell-s) = \sum_{s=1}^{n-4} \sum_{t=0}^{n-4-s} {n-2-s-t \choose 2}
$$

$$
= \sum_{s=1}^{n-4} {n-1-s \choose 3} = {n-1 \choose 4}
$$

permutations in this case.

So assume that there is not a large letter between the greatest and the least of the small letters. We consider further cases on π' , which we write as $\pi' = \alpha_1 \beta \alpha_2$, where β comprises the set of small letters. First assume that one of α_1, α_2 is empty or that both are nonempty with $\min(\alpha_2) > \max(\alpha_1)$. Let $a_1 = m$, where $s + 2 \le m \le n - 1$. For each S with $a_1 = m$, there are $n - m + 1$ possible π' upon choosing the length of (the interval) α_2 , which can be anywhere from 0 to $n - m$ (note that once S

is specified, π' is uniquely determined in this case by $|\alpha_2|$). Also $a_s \geq 3$ implies that there are $\binom{m-3}{s-1}$ choices for the remaining elements of S. Since all permutations formed in this manner are seen to be T-avoiding, we get

$$
\sum_{s=1}^{n-3} \sum_{m=s+2}^{n-1} (n-m+1) \binom{m-3}{s-1} = \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} (n-m+1) \sum_{s=1}^{m-2} \binom{m-3}{s-1} = \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} (n-m+1) 2^{m-3}
$$

possibilities in this case. Now assume that α_1 and α_2 are both nonempty, with $\min(\alpha_2) < \max(\alpha_1)$. Then it must be the case that $min(\alpha_2)$ is the only letter in α_2 that is less than $max(\alpha_1)$, for if not, then there would be an occurrence of 4123. If $\max(\alpha_1) = n-t$, then $0 \le t \le n-m-2$ where $a_1 = m$, with $s + 2 \leq m \leq n - 2$. The first letter of α_2 must then belong to $[m + 1, n - t - 1]$, and thus there are $n - m - t - 1$ choices for it. Considering all possible s, m and t yields

$$
\sum_{s=1}^{n-4} \sum_{m=s+2}^{n-2} \sum_{t=0}^{n-m-2} (n-m-t-1) \binom{m-3}{s-1} = \sum_{s=1}^{n-4} \sum_{m=s+2}^{n-2} \binom{m-3}{s-1} \binom{n-m}{2} = \sum_{m=3}^{n-2} \binom{n-m}{2} 2^{m-3}
$$

additional permutations. Thus, the last two cases combined give

$$
\sum_{m=3}^{n-1} \left(\binom{n-m+1}{2} + 1 \right) 2^{m-3} = 2^{n-3} - 1 + \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} \binom{n-m+1}{2} 2^{m-3}
$$

possibilities in all. Putting this together with the prior cases above implies (10) .

For any of the sequence above, put zero if n is such that the corresponding set of permutations is empty. For example, we have $d_n = 0$ for $n \leq 3$. Combining cases I through IV above, and including permutations that start with the letter n , implies that the number of T -avoiding permutations of length n is given by

$$
a_n = b_n + d_n + e_n + g_n + C_{n-1}, \qquad n \ge 2,
$$
\n(11)

with $a_0 = a_1 = 1$.

We now find a formula for the generating function $A(x) = \sum_{n\geq 0} a_n x^n$. Define $B(x) = \sum_{n\geq 2} b_n x^n$, $D(x) = \sum_{n \geq 4} d_n x^n$, $E(x) = \sum_{n \geq 3} e_n x^n$ and $G(x) = \sum_{n \geq 2} g_n x^n$. First we rewrite the recurrences in the preceding lemmas in terms of generating functions, by multiplying both sides by x^n and summing over all possible n . By Lemmas [3.13–](#page-13-1)[3.16,](#page-17-1) we obtain

$$
B(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} \left(u(x) + \frac{x^3}{1-2x} - \frac{x^3}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{x^5}{(1-x)^5} - \frac{x^5}{(1-x)^4} + xq \left(\frac{x}{1-x}, 1-x \right) - xq(x, 1) \right),\tag{12}
$$

$$
D(x) = xB(x) + \frac{x^5}{(1-x)^3(1-2x)},
$$
\n(13)

$$
(1-x)E(x) = xD(x) + x^2C(x) - \left(x^2 + x^3 + \frac{2x^4}{1-2x}\right) + \frac{x}{1-x}D(x) - \frac{x^2}{1-x}B(x),\tag{14}
$$

$$
G(x) = \frac{x^2(1 - 5x + 13x^2 - 18x^3 + 13x^4 - 6x^5 + x^6)}{(1 - x)^6(1 - 2x)},
$$
\n(15)

respectively. By solving (12) – (14) , along with use of (5) and Lemma [3.12,](#page-12-2) we obtain

$$
B(x) = (1 - x)(C(x) - 1) + \frac{x(3x^5 - 8x^4 + 13x^3 - 11x^2 + 5x - 1)}{(1 - x)^6},
$$

\n
$$
D(x) = x(1 - x)(C(x) - 1) - \frac{x^2(7x^6 - 22x^5 + 37x^4 - 36x^3 + 21x^2 - 7x + 1)}{(1 - x)^6(1 - 2x)},
$$

\n
$$
E(x) = \frac{x^2(2 - x)}{1 - x}(C(x) - 1) - \frac{x^3(8x^6 - 29x^5 + 54x^4 - 57x^3 + 36x^2 - 13x + 2)}{(1 - x)^7(1 - 2x)}
$$

By (11) , we have

$$
A(x) = 1 + x + B(x) + D(x) + E(x) + G(x) + x(C(x) - 1),
$$

which, upon substituting the expressions just found for the generating functions $B(x)$, $D(x)$, $E(x)$ and $G(x)$, implies the following result.

THEOREM 3.17 Let $T = \{1243, 2341, 4123\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{1 - 9x + 34x^2 - 70x^3 + 87x^4 - 65x^5 + 26x^6 - 5x^7}{(1 - x)^7(1 - 2x)} + \frac{1}{1 - x}(C(x) - 1).
$$

3.4 Case 149: {1234, ³⁴¹², ⁴¹²³}

We enumerate directly T-avoiding permutations that have exactly two or three left-right maxima.

3.4.1 The case of two l-r maxima

We first count T-avoiding permutations that have two left-right maxima in which the first component is decreasing. Let \mathcal{E}_n denote the set of permutations of length n avoiding $\{123, 3412\}$ and let $e_n = |\mathcal{E}_n|$.

Lemma 3.18 The number of T-avoiding permutations of length n having two left-right maxima and of the form $\pi = a\pi' n\pi''$ where π' is decreasing is given by

$$
g_n = (3 - n)2^{n-3} - 1 + \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} 2^{a-1} e_{n-1-a} + \sum_{a=2}^{n-1} \left(2^{n-1-a} - 1 - \binom{n-a}{2} \right) (a-1)2^{a-2} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-1+i}{2i+1} + \sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-2-a} \sum_{i=0}^{n-2-a-\ell} \binom{a-1}{i} \binom{\ell+i}{i}, \qquad n \ge 3.
$$
 (16)

Proof. We first determine the number e_n^* of members of \mathcal{E}_n whose final letter is not part of an occurrence of 231. Let \mathcal{E}_n^* denote the subset of \mathcal{E}_n enumerated by e_n^* and let $\mathcal{E}_{n,\ell}^* \subseteq \mathcal{E}_n^*$ consist of those members whose final decreasing run is of length ℓ , with $e_{n,\ell}^* = |\mathcal{E}_{n,\ell}^*|$. We define a bijection between $\mathcal{E}_{n,\ell}^*$ and $\mathcal{E}_{n-\ell}^*$ as follows where $1 \leq \ell \leq n-1$. Suppose $\lambda \in \mathcal{E}_{n,\ell}^*$ and let b denote the leftmost ascent bottom of λ. First assume $b ≥ 2$. Then letters in $[b-1]$ decrease so as to avoid 3412, while letters greater than b to the right of it must also decrease to avoid 123. Since $b \ge 2$ and the final letter of λ is not part of a 231, it follows that the final $\ell+1$ letters of λ are $1, b+r+\ell, b+r+\ell-1, \ldots, b+r+1$ for some $r \geq 0$.

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In this case, we delete from λ the letters in $[b + r + 1, b + r + \ell - 1]$, together with 1, and standardize the resulting permutation which is seen to result in a member $\lambda' \in \mathcal{E}_{n-\ell}^*$. Note that all members of $\mathcal{E}_{n-\ell}^*$ in which the leftmost ascent top is not the final letter arise uniquely in this manner. If $b=1$, then λ consists of two decreasing runs, the second of which is of length ℓ . To obtain λ' in this case, we delete the final $\ell-1$ letters of λ , together with the first letter of λ if it exceeds the first letter of the second decreasing run; otherwise, we simply delete the final ℓ letters of λ prior to standardizing. Note that one obtains in this manner all members of $\mathcal{E}_{n-\ell}^*$ that consist of two decreasing runs in which the second run is of length one, together with the decreasing permutation $(n - \ell) \cdots 21$. One may verify in each case that the mapping $\lambda \mapsto \lambda'$ is a bijection, as desired. Since $e_{n,n}^* = 1$ and $e_n^* = \sum_{\ell=1}^n e_{n,\ell}^*$, we have $e_n^* = 1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-1} e_{n-\ell}^*$ for $n \ge 2$, with $e_1^* = 1$, which implies $e_n^* = 2^{n-1}$ and $e_{n,\ell}^* = 2^{n-\ell-1}$ for $1 \leq \ell \leq n-1$.

We now count members of $S_n(T)$ that have two left-right maxima and are of the form $\pi = a\pi' n\pi''$ for some $a \ge 1$ where π' is decreasing. There are clearly e_{n-2} possibilities if $a = 1$ and 2^{n-2} possibilities if $a = n - 1$, so assume $n \ge 4$ and $2 \le a \le n - 2$. Let L denote the subsequence of π comprising the elements of $[a+1, n-1]$. Then L is $\{123, 3412\}$ -avoiding, with no letters in $[a-1]$ occurring between n and the rightmost ascent bottom of L, for otherwise there is a 4123 of the form $na'l_1l_2$, where $a' \in [a-1]$ and ℓ_1, ℓ_2 comprise the rightmost ascent of L (viewed as a permutation in its own respect when discussing ascents). We consider cases on L . First suppose L (when standardized) belongs to $\mathcal{E}_{n-1-a,\ell}^*$ for some ℓ . Let i denote the number of elements of $[a-1]$ in π'' . Since π' is decreasing, there is no restriction on the choice of these elements. There are $e_{n-1-a,\ell}^*$ possibilities for L and $\binom{\ell+i}{i}$ $\binom{+i}{i}$ ways in which to arrange the elements of $[a-1]$ occurring in π'' once π' and L are specified, since they must decrease (due to 3412) and occur to the right of the rightmost ascent bottom of L. Considering all possible a, ℓ and i, and treating separately the case when $\ell = n - 1 - a$, gives

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-1-a} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} \binom{a-1}{i} \binom{\ell+i}{i} e_{n-1-a,\ell}^*
$$
\n
$$
= n-3 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} \sum_{a=i+1}^{n-2} \binom{a-1}{i} \binom{n-1-a+i}{i} + \sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-2-a} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} 2^{n-2-a-\ell} \binom{a-1}{i} \binom{\ell+i}{i}
$$
\n
$$
= \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \binom{n-1+i}{2i+1} - 2^{n-2} - 1 + \sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-2-a} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} 2^{n-2-a-\ell} \binom{a-1}{i} \binom{\ell+i}{i}
$$

possible permutations and each is seen to be T-avoiding. On the other hand, if L does not belong to \mathcal{E}_{n-1-a}^* , then the letters from $[a-1]$ in π'' can always occur at the end (in descending order), which yields

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-2} 2^{a-1}(e_{n-1-a} - e_{n-1-a}^*) = \sum_{a=2}^{n-2} 2^{a-1}e_{n-1-a} - (n-3)2^{n-3}
$$

permutations in this case.

We now entertain the possibility of $x \in [a-1]$ occurring in a position of π'' other than beyond the rightmost letter of L when L does not belong to \mathcal{E}_{n-1-a}^* . Note first that if the final letter q of a $\{123, 3412\}$ -avoiding permutation ρ is part of an occurrence of 231, then one can always take the letter corresponding to the "3" within the occurrence to be the leftmost ascent top r of ρ . This is clear if the leftmost ascent bottom s of ρ exceeds q. On the other hand, if $s < q$, then since all letters greater than s and to the right of r decrease, the only possibility for the "2" in this case is some letter to the left of r, whence one may take r to be the "3" (since all letters to the left of r decrease). Thus if L contains more than one ascent, inserting x anywhere to the right of the rightmost ascent bottom of L other than beyond the rightmost letter of L is seen to introduce an occurrence of 3412 , where the "4" and the "2" correspond to the leftmost ascent top and rightmost letter of L , respectively. Therefore, L must contain exactly one ascent in order for x to occur in a position prior to some letter in L . In this case, x can go either between the two letters comprising the ascent of L or beyond the last letter of L. Since at least one letter in $[a-1]$ must be positioned prior to some letter in L (in order to distinguish permutations arising in this case from those of previous cases), there are $\binom{a-1}{i}i$ ways in which to select and arrange the letters from $[a-1]$ in π'' where $i \geq 1$. Furthermore, there are $\sum_{j=2}^{n-2-a} \left(\binom{n-1-a}{j} - (n-a-j) \right)$ possibilities for L, since the second (and final) decreasing run of L cannot comprise an interval (for otherwise, L would belong to \mathcal{E}_{n-1-a}^*). Considering all possible a, i and j yields

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^{a-1} {a-1 \choose i} i \sum_{j=2}^{n-2-a} \left({n-1-a \choose j} - (n-a-j) \right) = \sum_{a=2}^{n-1} \left(2^{n-1-a} - 1 - {n-a \choose 2} \right) (a-1) 2^{a-2}
$$

additional permutations. Combining this case with the other cases gives (16) .

Let $\mathcal{E}_{n,\ell} \subseteq \mathcal{E}_n$ consist of those members whose final decreasing run (i.e., the letters to the right of and including the rightmost ascent top) is of length ℓ for $1 \leq \ell \leq n-1$, with $\mathcal{E}_{n,n} = \{n(n-1)\cdots 1\}$. For example, we have $\mathcal{E}_{4,2} = \{2143, 3142, 3241, 4132, 4231\}$ and $\mathcal{E}_{4,3} = \{1432, 2431, 3421\}$. We will need the following explicit formula for $e_{n,\ell} = |\mathcal{E}_{n,\ell}|$.

LEMMA 3.19 If $n \geq 2$, then

$$
e_{n,\ell} = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1-\ell} e'_{n-m,\ell}, \qquad 1 \le \ell \le n-1,
$$
\n(17)

where

$$
e'_{n,\ell} = \binom{n-1}{\ell-1} + \sum_{b=2}^{\ell} \sum_{i=1}^{b-1} \sum_{r=\ell+1-i}^{n-1-b} \binom{r-2-\ell+b}{b-1-i} + \sum_{b=\ell+1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{r=\ell+1-i}^{n-1-b} \binom{r-2-\ell+b}{b-1-i}
$$

 $for 1 \leq \ell \leq n-2, with e'_{n,n-1} = n-1 \text{ if } n \geq 2.$

Proof. Let $\mathcal{E}'_{n,\ell} \subseteq \mathcal{E}_{n,\ell}$ consist of those members whose leftmost ascent top is n, with $e'_{n,\ell} = |\mathcal{E}'_{n,\ell}|$. Since the leftmost ascent top q of any $\pi \in \mathcal{E}_n$ is the largest letter yet to be used, all elements of $[q+1,n]$ must appear as part of the initial decreasing run of π . Since these letters are seen to be extraneous concerning the avoidance of 123 and 3412, they may be deleted which implies $e_{n,\ell} = \sum_{m=0}^{n-\ell-1} e'_{n-m,\ell}$. To complete the proof, we establish the formula stated above for $e'_{n,\ell}$ where $1 \leq \ell \leq n-2$, the $\ell = n-1$ case being clear from the definitions.

Let $\pi \in \mathcal{E}'_{n,\ell}$ and b be the leftmost ascent bottom of π . If the letters to the right of n within π are decreasing, then $\pi = \pi' b n \pi'' (b-1) \cdots 21$, where π' and π'' are decreasing and π'' has length $\ell - b$, assuming $b \leq \ell$. Considering all possible b gives $\sum_{b=1}^{\ell} \binom{n-1-b}{\ell-b}$ $\binom{-1-b}{l-b} = \binom{n-1}{l-1}$ $\begin{pmatrix} n-1 \\ \ell-1 \end{pmatrix}$ permutations π . So assume that there is at least one ascent to the right of n within π . Then $\pi = \pi' b n \pi''$, where π' is decreasing and π'' can be expressed as

$$
\pi'' = \rho_b(b-1)\rho_{b-1}(b-2)\cdots\rho_21\rho_1,
$$

where ρ_i denotes a possibly empty sequence of letters. Let K denote the subsequence of π comprising the letters in $\rho_b \cup \rho_{b-1} \cup \cdots \cup \rho_1$. Then K is decreasing so as to avoid 123 and nonempty, by the assumption on π . First suppose $2 \leq b \leq \ell$ and let i be the smallest index j such that $\rho_i \neq \emptyset$. Note that $1 \leq i \leq b-1$ since $i = b$ is disallowed, for otherwise π'' would be decreasing contrary to our assumption. Also, ρ_i contains exactly $\ell + 1 - i$ letters since the final decreasing run of π is to be of length ℓ . If r denotes the number of letters in K, then $\ell + 1 - i \le r \le n - 1 - b$, with K comprising the interval $[n - r, n - 1]$ and the remaining elements of $[b + 1, n - 1]$ going in π' . For if not, then there would be would an occurrence of 3412 of the form $xn(b-1)y$ for some $x, y \in [b+1, n-1]$ with $x > y$. Note that the largest $r - (\ell + 1 - i)$ letters of K may be distributed amongst $\rho_b, \rho_{b-1}, \ldots, \rho_{i+1}$ in $\binom{r-2-\ell+b}{b-1-i}$ $\binom{-2-\ell+b}{b-1-i}$ ways. Considering all possible b, i and r yields

$$
\sum_{b=2}^{\ell} \sum_{i=1}^{b-1} \sum_{r=\ell+1-i}^{n-1-b} \binom{r-2-\ell+b}{b-1-i}
$$

permutations π and each is seen to belong to $\mathcal{E}'_{n,\ell}$. If $\ell+1 \leq b \leq n-1$, then the index i satisfies $1 \leq i \leq \ell$, for otherwise π would have a final decreasing run of length strictly greater than ℓ . Then r satisfies the same conditions as before and K again comprises $[n - r, n - 1]$. Considering all b, i and r gives the second triple sum in the expression for $e'_{n,\ell}$ above and combining the previous cases yields the desired expression for the cardinality of \mathcal{E}'_r n,ℓ .

Let b_n denote the number of T-avoiding permutations of length n having exactly two left-right maxima. It is given explicitly as follows.

Lemma 3.20 We have

$$
b_n = (7-n)2^{n-3} - 2 + \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} 2^{a-1} e_{n-1-a} + \sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-2-a} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} 2^{n-2-a-\ell} {a-1 \choose i} { \ell + i \choose i}
$$

+
$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-1} \left(2^{n-1-a} - 1 - {n-a \choose 2} \right) (a-1)2^{a-2} + \sum_{a=3}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a-2} \sum_{j=0}^{\ell} {n-1-a+j \choose j} e_{a-1,\ell}, \quad n \ge 3, \quad (18)
$$

where e_{n-1-a} and $e_{a-1,\ell}$ are as defined above.

Proof. We count permutations $\pi = a\pi' n\pi''$ having two left-right maxima where π' is not decreasing, whence $a > 3$. Then letters in $[a + 1, n - 1]$ must decrease, so as to avoid an occurrence of 1234. Let α denote the subsequence of π comprising the letters in $[a - 1]$. Then α avoids {123, 3412}, and if $\alpha \in \mathcal{E}_{a-1,\ell}$ for some ℓ where $1 \leq \ell \leq a-2$, then at most ℓ letters of α can lie within π'' (or else there would be an occurrence of 3412 starting with a, n). Suppose exactly j letters of α lie within π'' . If $0 \leq j \leq \ell - 1$, then there are $e_{a-1,\ell}$ possibilities for π' and $\binom{n-1-a+j}{j}$ ways to arrange the letters in π'' once π' is known since letters from both $[a-1]$ and $[a+1, n-1]$ are decreasing in π'' , which uniquely

determines π . This yields

$$
\sum_{a=3}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a-2} \sum_{j=0}^{\ell-1} {n-1-a+j \choose j} e_{a-1,\ell}
$$

possible π and one may verify that each such π is T-avoiding. If $j = \ell$, then the same reasoning applies except that now α must contain at least two ascents, for otherwise π' would be decreasing contrary to our assumption. Thus, there are $e_{a-1,\ell} - \binom{a-1}{\ell} + 1$ possibilities for α in this case, which yields

$$
\sum_{a=3}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a-2} {n-1-a+\ell \choose \ell} \left[e_{a-1,\ell} - {a-1 \choose \ell} + 1 \right]
$$

additional permutations. Note that

$$
\sum_{a=3}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a-2} {n-1-a+\ell \choose \ell} \left[{a-1 \choose \ell} - 1 \right] = \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-3} \sum_{a=\ell+1}^{n-1} {n-1-a+\ell \choose \ell} \left[{a-1 \choose \ell} - 1 \right]
$$

$$
= \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-3} \left[{n-1+\ell \choose 2\ell+1} - {n-1 \choose \ell+1} \right] = \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-2} {n-1+\ell \choose 2\ell+1} - (2^{n-1}-1).
$$

The two previous cases taken together then imply that there are

$$
2^{n-1} - 1 - \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-2} {n-1+\ell \choose 2\ell+1} + \sum_{a=3}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a-2} \sum_{j=0}^{\ell} {n-1-a+j \choose j} e_{a-1,\ell}
$$

permutations π of the stated form above where π' is not decreasing. Combining this expression with the one for g_n in Lemma [3.18](#page-19-2) above gives [\(18\)](#page-22-0).

3.4.2 Three l-r maxima

Let d_n denote the number of T-avoiding permutations of length n having three left-right maxima. The sequence d_n may be expressed explicitly as follows.

Lemma 3.21 We have

$$
d_n = \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n-1} d_n(a, b), \qquad n \ge 3,
$$
\n(19)

where

$$
d_n(a,b) = \left(2^{a-1} + {a \choose 2}\right) \left(2^{b-1-a} - b + a\right) + \left((a-1)2^{a-2} - {a \choose 2}\right) \left(2^{b-1-a} - 1\right)
$$

+
$$
\sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \left({a-1 \choose j} - 1\right) {n-b+j \choose j} + \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \sum_{r=0}^{b-2-a} \left({a-1 \choose j} - 1\right) {n-3-r-j \choose n-1-b}
$$

+
$$
\sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \sum_{i=0}^{j} \sum_{r=0}^{b-1-a} {i+r \choose i} {n-2+j-i-a-r \choose n-1-b}, \qquad 1 \le a < b \le n-1.
$$

Proof. Let $\mathcal{D}_n(a, b)$ denote the set of T-avoiding permutations whose left-right maxima are a, b, n , where $1 \le a \le b \le n-1$. We will show that $|\mathcal{D}_n(a, b)|$ is given by $d_n(a, b)$ above, which implies [\(19\)](#page-23-0). Let $\pi = a\pi' b\pi'' n\pi''' \in \mathcal{D}_n(a, b)$. Then all letters in π' and $[b+1, n-1]$ decrease so as to avoid 1234 as well as any letters from $[a + 1, b - 1]$ in π'' . Also, any letters of $[b - 1]$ within π''' and any letters of $[a - 1]$ occurring to the right of b must decrease, for otherwise there would be an occurrence of 3412 in either case. We now consider cases based off of whether or not the subsequence α of π comprising $[a-1]$ is decreasing. First assume that it is. Suppose for now that the subsequence β of π comprising $[a+1,b-1]$ is not decreasing and thus contains exactly one ascent. Then all elements of $[b-1]$ within $\pi^{\prime\prime\prime}$ in this case must occur at the end of $\pi^{\prime\prime\prime}$ (necessarily in decreasing order), for otherwise there is a 1234 of the form $axy(b+1)$ for some $x, y \in [a+1, b-1]$ with $x < y$. Also, any elements of $[a-1]$ in π'' must occur at the end of π'' , for otherwise there is a 4123 of the form $bzxy$ where $z \in [a-1]$.

Let j denote the number of elements of $[a - 1]$ occurring to the right of b within π and i, the number of elements of $[a-1]$ in π'' , where $0 \leq j \leq a-1$ and $0 \leq i \leq j$. Let r denote the number of elements of $[a+1,b-1]$ in π'' . Then there are $\binom{n-1-a}{r}-1$ ways in which to select these elements as $β$ is to contain an ascent. Since the positions of the elements of $[a - 1]$ within π are determined by the prior observations once i and j are specified in this case, we get

$$
\sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \sum_{i=0}^{j} \sum_{r=0}^{b-1-a} \left[\binom{b-1-a}{r} - 1 \right] = (2^{b-1-a} - b + a) \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \sum_{i=0}^{j} 1 = \binom{a+1}{2} (2^{b-1-a} - b + a)
$$

possible permutations. One may verify (and also in the subsequent cases) that the permutations so obtained are T-avoiding. On the other hand, if β is decreasing, then we get $\binom{i+r}{i}$ $\binom{r}{i}$ possibilities for π'' since letters from $[a-1]$ and $[a+1,b-1]$ within π'' are decreasing, and

$$
\binom{(n-1-b)+(j-i)+(b-1-a-r)}{n-1-b} = \binom{n-2+j-i-a-r}{n-1-b}
$$

possibilities for π''' since letters from $[b-1]$ and $[b+1, n-1]$ within π''' are decreasing, where i, j and r are as before. Considering all i, j and r gives the triple sum found in the expression for $d_n(a, b)$ above.

Now assume that α contains an ascent. Note that since the letters of $[a-1]$ within π occurring to the left and to the right of b form decreasing subsequences, there is exactly one ascent in α and it involves the last letter of π' and either the leftmost letter of $[a-1]$ within π'' if π'' is nonempty or the leftmost letter of $[a-1]$ within π'' if π'' is empty. Any elements of $[a-1]$ within π'' must occur at the end of π'' in this case so as to avoid 1234. Also, if π'' contains at least one member of $[a-1]$ and π''' at least one member of $[a+1,b-1]$, then all elements of $[b-1]$ in π''' must come at the end, for otherwise there is an occurrence of 1234 of the form $uvw(b + 1)$, where $u, v \in [a - 1]$ with $u < v$ and $w \in [a+1,b-1]$. We now consider cases on $[a+1,b-1]$. If $[a+1,b-1]$ is confined to π'' , then there are $\binom{a-1}{j} - 1$ possibilities for the letters of α in π' and $\sum_{i=0}^{j} \binom{n-1-b+j-i}{n-1-b}$ $\binom{n-b+j-i}{n-b} = \binom{n-b+j}{n-b}$ $\binom{-b+j}{n-b}$ possibilities for π'' once π' is determined. Considering all j gives $\sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \binom{a-1}{j} - 1$ $\binom{n-b+j}{j}$ permutations.

So assume $\pi''' \cap [a+1,b-1] \neq \emptyset$. If $\pi'' \cap [a-1] \neq \emptyset$, then members of $[a-1]$ in π'' must occur at

the end and the same holds for members of $[b-1]$ in π''' . Thus, we get

$$
\sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \left(\binom{a-1}{j} - 1 \right) \sum_{i=1}^{j} \sum_{r=0}^{b-2-a} \binom{b-1-a}{r} = \left(2^{b-1-a} - 1 \right) \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \left(\binom{a-1}{j} - 1 \right) j
$$

$$
= \left(2^{b-1-a} - 1 \right) \left((a-1)2^{a-2} - \binom{a}{2} \right)
$$

members of $\mathcal{D}_n(a, b)$ in this case. If $\pi'' \cap [a-1] = \emptyset$, then consider whether or not β contains an ascent. If it does, then all members of $[b-1]$ in π''' must occur at the end (due to 1234), which gives

$$
\sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \left(\binom{a-1}{j} - 1 \right) \sum_{r=0}^{b-1-a} \left(\binom{b-1-a}{r} - 1 \right) = \left(2^{a-1} - a \right) \left(2^{b-1-a} - b + a \right)
$$

possibilities. If it does not, then there are

$$
\binom{(n-1-b)+(b-1-a-r)+(a-1-j)}{n-1-b} = \binom{n-3-r-j}{n-1-b}
$$

possibilities for π''' once r and π' are specified. Note that $r \leq b-2-a$ since $\pi''' \cap [a+1,b-1] \neq \emptyset$. Thus, we get $\sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \sum_{r=0}^{b-2-a} \left(\binom{a-1}{j} - 1 \right) \binom{n-3-r-j}{n-1-b}$ $\binom{-3-r-j}{n-1-b}$ additional members of $\mathcal{D}_n(a, b)$. Combining all of the previous cases implies that the cardinality of $\mathcal{D}_n(a, b)$ is given by $d_n(a, b)$, as desired.

Upon including permutations that start with n, we have $a_n = b_n + d_n + e_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 2$, with $a_0 = a_1 = 1.$

To obtain an explicit formula for the generating function for the number of T -avoiders of length n, we define $A(x) = \sum_{n\geq 0} a_n x^n$, $B(x) = \sum_{n\geq 2} b_n x^n$, $D(x) = \sum_{n\geq 2} d_n x^n$ and $E(x) = \sum_{n\geq 0} e_n x^n$. It is well known that the generating function for the number of $\{123, 3412\}$ -avoiders of length n is given by

$$
E(x) = 1 + \frac{x(1 - 4x + 7x^2 - 5x^3 + 2x^4)}{(1 - x)^4(1 - 2x)}.
$$

Let $E(x, y) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{\ell=1}^n e_{n,\ell} x^n y^{\ell}$. Using Lemma [3.19,](#page-21-0) one can show

$$
E(x,y) = 1 + \sum_{n\geq 1} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} e_{n,\ell} x^n y^\ell
$$

=
$$
1 + \frac{xy((2x^5 - 5x^4 + 4x^3 - x^2)y^2 + (2x^5 - 6x^4 + 11x^3 - 8x^2 + 2x)y - x^4 + 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x - 1)}{(1-x)^2(1-2x)(1-xy)^2(xy+x-1)}.
$$

Note that $E(x, 1) = E(x)$. Multiplying both sides of [\(18\)](#page-22-0) by x^n , and summing over all $n \ge 3$, yields

$$
B(x) = x^{2} + \sum_{n\geq 3} ((7 - n)2^{n-3} - 2)x^{n} + \sum_{n\geq 3} \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} 2^{a-1}e_{n-1-a}x^{n}
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 3} \sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-2-a} \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} 2^{n-2-a-\ell} {a-1 \choose i} { \ell + i \choose i} x^{n}
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 3} \sum_{a=2}^{n-1} \left(2^{n-1-a} - 1 - {n-a \choose 2} \right) (a-1)2^{a-2}x^{n}
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 3} \sum_{a=3}^{n-1} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a-2} \sum_{j=0}^{\ell} {n-1-a+j \choose j} e_{a-1,\ell}x^{n}
$$

=
$$
x^{2} + \frac{2x^{3}(1-3x+x^{2})}{(1-x)(1-2x)^{2}} + \frac{x^{3}(1-4x+7x^{2}-5x^{3}+2x^{4})}{(1-x)^{4}(1-2x)^{2}}
$$

+
$$
\frac{x^{5}(3-6x+2x^{2})}{(1-x)(1-2x)^{2}(1-3x+x^{2})} + \frac{x^{6}}{(1-x)^{3}(1-2x)^{3}}
$$

+
$$
\frac{x^{4}(2-13x+34x^{2}-46x^{3}+31x^{4}-7x^{5})}{(1-x)^{4}(1-2x)^{3}(1-3x+x^{2})}
$$

=
$$
\frac{x^{2}(1-10x+44x^{2}-108x^{3}+159x^{4}-144x^{5}+74x^{6}-14x^{7})}{(1-x)^{4}(1-2x)^{3}(1-3x+x^{2})}.
$$

Multiplying both sides of [\(19\)](#page-23-0) by x^n , and summing over all $n \geq 3$, yields

$$
D(x) = \sum_{n\geq 3} \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n-1} \left(2^{a-1} + {a \choose 2} \right) \left(2^{b-1-a} - b + a \right) x^n
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 3} \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n-1} \left((a-1)2^{a-2} - {a \choose 2} \right) \left(2^{b-1-a} - 1 \right) x^n
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 3} \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \left({a-1 \choose j} - 1 \right) {n-b+j \choose j} x^n
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 3} \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \sum_{r=0}^{b-2-a} \left({a-1 \choose j} - 1 \right) {n-3-r-j \choose n-1-b} x^n
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 3} \sum_{a=1}^{n-2} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{a-1} \sum_{i=0}^{j} \sum_{r=0}^{b-1-a} {i+r \choose i} {n-2+j-i-a-r \choose n-1-b} x^n
$$

$$
= \frac{x^5(1-2x+x^2-x^3)}{(1-x)^6(1-2x)^2} + \frac{x^6(1-x-x^2)}{(1-x)^5(1-2x)^3} + \frac{x^5(2-x)}{(1-x)^3(1-2x)(1-3x+x^2)}
$$

$$
+ \frac{x^6}{(1-x)^2(1-2x)^2(1-3x+x^2)} + \frac{x^3}{(1-2x)^3}
$$

$$
= \frac{x^3(1-9x+37x^2-91x^3+142x^4-141x^5+90x^6-36x^7+6x^8)}{(1-x)^6(1-2x)^3(1-3x+x^2)}.
$$

By the fact $a_n = b_n + d_n + e_{n-1}$ for $n \ge 2$, with $a_0 = a_1 = 1$, we have

$$
A(x) = 1 + B(x) + D(x) + xE(x),
$$

which leads to the following result.

THEOREM 3.22 Let $T = \{1234, 3412, 4123\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{1 - 14x + 87x^2 - 315x^3 + 736x^4 - 1161x^5 + 1253x^6 - 918x^7 + 446x^8 - 134x^9 + 18x^{10}}{(1 - x)^6(1 - 2x)^3(1 - 3x + x^2)}.
$$

3.5 Case 185: {1234, ²³⁴¹, ⁴¹²³}

We follow a similar pattern of proof as in Case 149 above and use the same notation, letting u_n , b_n , d_n , e_n and g_n denote the same subsets as in that case, but with 1234 in place of 1243. From the proof of Lemma [3.10](#page-10-2) above, we see that the sequence u_n is the same as before since avoiding 1234 is logically equivalent to avoiding 1243 in this case. We now proceed with the various cases.

3.5.1 Case I

Let b_n denote the number of T-avoiding permutations of length n whose leftmost ascent is of the form a, n for some $2 \le a \le n-1$. We have the following recurrence relation for b_n .

LEMMA 3.23 If $n \geq 3$, then

$$
b_n = b_{n-1} + u_n + (n-3)2^{n-4} + {n-2 \choose 5} - {n-2 \choose 2} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-4} \sum_{i=1}^{n-3-j} {n-i-2 \choose j+1} C_{n-2-j,i},
$$
 (20)

with $b_2 = 0$, where u_n is given by [\(3\)](#page-10-1) above.

Proof. The recurrence is clear for $n = 3$, so assume $n \geq 4$. Let $\pi \in S_n(T)$ be of the form enumerated by b_n have leftmost ascent bottom $a \geq 2$. If the first letter of π is $n-1$, then there are u_n possibilities, by definition, so assume henceforth that the first letter is $\leq n-2$. Let x denote the letter that directly follows *n* within π . If $x = n - 1$, then there are b_{n-1} possibilities. If $x \in [a-1]$, then reasoning in this case as in the proof of Lemma [3.13](#page-13-1) above again gives $\sum_{j=0}^{n-4} \sum_{i=1}^{n-3-j} {n-i-2 \choose j+1} C_{n-2-j,i}$ possibilities. Now assume $a + 1 \leq x \leq n - 2$. Note first that all letters between n and $n - 1$ must decrease in order to avoid 4123. Also, no letter in $[a-1]$ can occur to the right of $n-1$, for otherwise there is a 2341 of the form $ax(n-1)a'$ for some $a' \in [a-1]$, whence letters in $[a-1]$ form a decreasing subsequence. Thus $a \geq 2$ implies all letters to the right of $n-1$ must decrease in order to avoid 4123. Hence, we have

$$
\pi = \alpha a n \beta (a-1) \cdots 1(n-1) \gamma,
$$

where α , β and γ are decreasing with α and γ possibly empty. We now consider cases on α . If $\alpha = \emptyset$, then it is seen that there are no further restrictions on β and γ and we get $\sum_{a=2}^{n-2} (2^{n-2-a}-1)$ $2^{n-3} - n + 2$ possible permutations in this case.

So assume $\alpha \neq \emptyset$ and we consider first the case when some letter of γ is less than $d = \max(\alpha)$. Let c denote the largest such letter of γ . First observe that all letters in [a + 1, c – 1] must belong to α or γ, for if not, then there exists a 4123 of the form *dauc* for some $u \in [a + 1, c − 1]$ in β. Also, all letters in $[d+1, n-2]$ must belong to γ , for otherwise there is a 2341 of the form $dd'(n-1)c$ for some $d' \in [d+1, n-2]$ in β . Since β is nonempty but does not contain members of either $[a+1, c]$ or [d, n – 2], then it must be the case that $d \geq c+2$, whence $a+1 \leq c \leq n-4$ and $c+2 \leq d \leq n-2$. Note further that β comprises $[c+1, s]$ for some $s \in [c+1, d-1]$. For if not, and $s_1, s_2 \in [c+1, d-1]$ with $s_1 < s_2$, $s_1 \in \alpha$ and $s_2 \in \beta$, then $s_1s_2(n-1)c$ is a 2341. Finally, the elements of $[a+1, c-1]$ belonging to γ must comprise $[t, c - 1]$ for some $t \in [a + 1, c]$. For if not, and $t_1, t_2 \in [a + 1, c - 1]$ with $t_1 > t_2$, $t_1 \in \alpha$ and $t_2 \in \gamma$, then $t_1(c+1)(n-1)t_2$ is a 2341. Thus, we have shown in this case that α , β and γ comprise the sets $[a+1, t-1] \cup [s+1, d]$, $[c+1, s]$ and $[t, c] \cup [d+1, n-2]$, respectively. One may verify that the corresponding π indeed avoids T. Given a, c and d, note that such π are uniquely determined by s and t and that there are $d - c - 1$ choices for s and $c - a$ choices for t. Summing over all a, c and d then gives

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-5} \sum_{c=a+1}^{n-4} \sum_{d=c+2}^{n-2} (c-a)(d-c-1) = \sum_{a=2}^{n-5} \sum_{c=a+1}^{n-4} (c-a) \binom{n-2-c}{2} = \sum_{c=3}^{n-4} \binom{n-2-c}{2} \sum_{a=2}^{n-1} (c-a)
$$

$$
= \sum_{c=3}^{n-4} \binom{n-2-c}{2} \binom{c-1}{2} = \binom{n-2}{5}
$$

possible permutations.

Finally, assume $\alpha \neq \emptyset$ and that all letters in γ are greater than d. Then all elements of $[a+1, d-1]$ must belong to α or β and all elements of $[d+1, n-2]$ belong to β or γ . Since $\beta \neq \emptyset$, it follows that there are $2^{n-3-a}-1$ ways in which to arrange the members of $[a+1, n-2]$ once a and d are specified. Furthermore, each is seen to give rise to a permutation that avoids T. Considering all possible a and d then yields

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-3} \sum_{d=a+1}^{n-2} (2^{n-3-a} - 1) = \sum_{a=2}^{n-3} (2^{n-3-a} - 1)(n-2-a) = \sum_{a=1}^{n-4} a2^{a-1} - \binom{n-3}{2}
$$

= $(n-5)2^{n-4} + 1 - \binom{n-3}{2}$

additional permutations. Combining this case with the prior gives (20) .

3.5.2 Case II

We have the following formula for d_n in terms of b_n .

LEMMA 3.24 If $n \geq 5$, then

$$
d_n = d_{n-1} + b_{n-1} - b_{n-2} + \binom{n-3}{2} - \binom{n-3}{5} + \sum_{a=3}^{n-3} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-3-a} \sum_{m=1}^{n-2-a-\ell} \binom{n-5-\ell-m}{a-3} m, \qquad (21)
$$

with $d_4 = 1$, where b_n is given by [\(20\)](#page-27-1) above.

Proof. We proceed as in the proof of Lemma [3.14](#page-14-1) above and let \mathcal{B}_m , \mathcal{B}'_m and \mathcal{D}_m have the same meaning as before but with the pattern 1234 in place of 1243. We form members of \mathcal{D}_n by inserting n somewhere to the right of $n-1$ within a member of \mathcal{B}_{n-1} , where $n \geq 5$. First note that there are d_{n-1} possibilities if the letter $n-2$ is to directly follow $n-1$ within a member of \mathcal{B}_{n-1} . So consider inserting *n* into members $\pi \in \mathcal{B}_{n-1}'$ without introducing an occurrence of a pattern in T. We show in every case except one that this is possible. Note that if $n-2$ is the first letter of π , then n can only be added as the final letter due to 2341, so assume henceforth that π does not start with $n-2$. Write $\pi = \pi' a(n-1)\pi''$, where $a \geq 2$ is the leftmost ascent bottom and let y be the first letter of π'' . If $1 \le y \le a-1$, then it is seen that n can always be added to the end of π .

Now assume $a + 1 \leq y \leq n - 3$. In this case, then it is only possible to insert n in the position between 1 and $n-2$. For if n is inserted somewhere between $n-1$ and 1, then there is a 2341 as seen with $a(n-1)n1$, while if n is inserted to the right of $n-1$ (including at the very end), then $ay(n-2)n$ is a 1234. If π' is empty or if π' is nonempty and there are no letters in $[a + 1, d - 1]$ to the right of $n-2$ where $d = \max(\pi')$, then it is seen from the proof of Lemma [3.23](#page-27-2) that inserting n between 1 and $n-2$ within π does not introduce an occurrence of a pattern in T. On the other hand, if π' is nonempty and some member of $[a + 1, d - 1]$ occurs to the right of $n - 2$, then one cannot insert n between 1 and $n-2$ in this case as doing so introduces a 2341 of the form $d(n-1)nd'$ for some $d' \in [a+1, d-1]$. Upon subtracting this last case, which pertains to $\binom{n-3}{5}$ members of \mathcal{B}'_{n-1} , one sees that there are $b_{n-1} - b_{n-2} - {n-3 \choose 5}$ members of \mathcal{D}_n that can be obtained either by adding n to the end of π (if π starts with $n-2$ or does not but has $y \in [a-1]$) or by inserting n between 1 and $n-2$ (if π does not start with $n-2$ and has $a+1 \le y \le n-3$, where either $\pi' = \emptyset$ or $\pi' \ne \emptyset$ and no member of $[a + 1, d - 1]$ occurs to the right of $n - 2$). Finally, from the proof of Lemma [3.14,](#page-14-1) one gets

$$
\binom{n-3}{2} + \sum_{a=3}^{n-3} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-3-a} \sum_{m=1}^{n-2-a-\ell} \binom{n-5-\ell-m}{a-3} m
$$

additional members of \mathcal{D}_n in the case when $y = a - 1$ and the last letter of π is greater than a, upon inserting n somewhere to the right of 1, but not at the very end. Combining all of the prior cases gives (21) .

3.5.3 Case III

We now seek a formula for e_n . Note that $e_4 = 0$ and $e_5 = 2$, the enumerated permutations being 23154 and 42315. To determine e_n , we refine it as follows. Let \mathcal{E}_n denote the subset of $S_n(T)$ enumerated by e_n . Given $\pi \in \mathcal{E}_n$ with leftmost ascent a, b where $2 \le a < b \le n-2$, let V denote the subset of $[a + 1, b - 1]$ occurring to the right of b within π . At times V will also refer to the corresponding subsequence of π comprising the elements of this set. Let v_n denote the number of $\pi \in \mathcal{E}_n$ in which

members of V form a decreasing subsequence with at least one member of V to the right of n. For example, $v_6 = 3$, the enumerated permutations being 241635, 241653 and 524163. Note that $v_n = 0$ if $n \leq 5$ since $a < b - 1$ is required. We have the following explicit formula for v_n .

LEMMA 3.25 If $n \geq 6$, then

$$
v_n = 2^{n-2} - \binom{n-1}{3} - n + 1 + \sum_{a=2}^{n-4} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-3-a} \left[\binom{n}{a+\ell+2} - \binom{n-1-\ell}{a+1} \right]. \tag{22}
$$

Proof. Let V_n denote the subset of \mathcal{E}_n enumerated by v_n . Let $\pi \in V_n$ have leftmost ascent a, b, where $2 \le a \le n-4$ and $a+2 \le b \le n-2$, and let R denote the subset of $[a+1,b-1]$ occurring to the left of a within π . Then R must be of the form $[a+1, a+r]$ for some $0 \le r \le b-2-a$. To see this, suppose it is not the case and let x be the largest element of R and y be the smallest element of $[a+1,b-1]-R$. By the assumption on V that it be decreasing, y is the rightmost element of $[a+1,b-1]$ within π and hence occurs to the right of n. But then $xbny$ is a 2341, which is impossible. Furthermore, note that no element of $[a-1]$ can occur to the right of n within π , for otherwise there is a 2341 of the form abnz for some $z \in [a-1]$. Thus, the subsequence of π comprising $[a-1]$ must decrease, for otherwise there is a 4123 of the form ba_1a_2v where $1 \le a_1 < a_2 \le a-1$ and $v \in V$. Therefore, we have shown that π contains a subsequence of the form $a + r, \ldots, a + 1, a, b, a - 1, \ldots, 1, n$. Note that members of $[b+1, n-1]$ cannot occur between b and n (due to 1234), and thus must occur prior to $a+r$ or to the right of n, in either case as a decreasing subsequence. Finally, members of $[b+1, n-1]$ occurring to the right of n must comprise a set of the form $[n - \ell, n - 1]$ for some $0 \leq \ell \leq n - 1 - b$, for otherwise there would be a 4123 as witnessed by b_1abb_2 where $b_1, b_2 \in [b+1, n-1]$.

Thus, we have the subsequence

$$
n - \ell - 1, \ldots, b + 1, a + r, \ldots, a + 1, a, b, a - 1, \ldots, 1, n, n - 1, \ldots, n - \ell,
$$

into which we insert the elements of $V = [a + r + 1, b - 1]$ to form members of \mathcal{V}_n . One may verify that the letters of V may be inserted in positions directly following any member of $[a-1] \cup \{b\}$ or $[n - \ell, n]$ without introducing a pattern in T. If m denotes |V|, then $m = b - 1 - a - r$ and thus $1 \leq m \leq b-1-a$. Since the subsequence consisting of elements of V must decrease and contain at least one letter to the right of n, there are $\binom{a+\ell+m}{m}$ $\binom{\ell+m}{m} - \binom{a-1+m}{m}$ ways in which to insert the elements of V, by subtraction. Considering all possible a, b, ℓ and m implies

$$
v_n = \sum_{a=2}^{n-4} \sum_{b=a+2}^{n-2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1-b} \sum_{m=1}^{b-1-a} \left[\binom{a+\ell+m}{m} - \binom{a-1+m}{m} \right], \qquad n \ge 6.
$$

Interchanging summation, and treating separately the $\ell = 0$ case, gives

$$
v_n = \sum_{a=2}^{n-4} \sum_{b=a+2}^{n-2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1-b} \left[\binom{b+\ell}{a+\ell+1} - \binom{b-1}{a} \right]
$$

\n
$$
= \sum_{a=2}^{n-4} \sum_{b=a+2}^{n-2} \left[\binom{b}{a+1} - \binom{b-1}{a} \right] + \sum_{a=2}^{n-4} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-3-a} \sum_{b=a+2}^{n-1-\ell} \left[\binom{b+\ell}{a+\ell+1} - \binom{b-1}{a} \right]
$$

\n
$$
= \sum_{a=2}^{n-4} \sum_{b=a+2}^{n-2} \binom{b-1}{a+1} + \sum_{a=2}^{n-4} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-3-a} \left[\binom{n}{a+\ell+2} - \binom{n-1-\ell}{a+1} \right]
$$

\n
$$
= \sum_{a=2}^{n-4} \binom{n-2}{a+2} + \sum_{a=2}^{n-4} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-3-a} \left[\binom{n}{a+\ell+2} - \binom{n-1-\ell}{a+1} \right],
$$

which implies [\(22\)](#page-30-0).

We now count the remaining members of \mathcal{E}_n for which some letter in V lies to the right of n. Note that if V is not decreasing, then there must be at least one letter in V to the right of n, for otherwise there is a 1234 of the form ab_1b_2n for some $b_1, b_2 \in [a + 1, b - 1]$. Let w_n denote the number of members of \mathcal{E}_n in which the subsequence V is not decreasing. For example, if $n = 7$, then $w_7 = 1$, then enumerated permutation being 2531764. Note that $w_n = 0$ if $n < 7$ since $|V| \ge 2$ implies $a < b - 2$. We have the following formula for w_n .

LEMMA 3.26 If $n \geq 7$, then

$$
w_n = 2^{n-2} - 1 - \binom{n-1}{2} - \binom{n-1}{4} + 4\binom{n-6}{2} + \binom{n-5}{3} + \sum_{a=2}^{n-6} \sum_{b=a+4}^{n-2} (b-5-a)2^{b-2-a}.\tag{23}
$$

Proof. Let W_n denote the subset of \mathcal{E}_n enumerated by w_n . Suppose $\pi \in W_n$ has leftmost ascent a, b , where $2 \le a \le n-5$ and $a+3 \le b \le n-2$. First observe that since V is not decreasing, all of the letters in $[b+1, n-1]$ must occur to the right of n (and decrease), for otherwise there would be a 4123 of the form cau_1u_2 , where $c \in [b+1, n-1]$ and $u_1, u_2 \in V$ with $u_1 < u_2$. Denote the V subsequence of $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n$ by $\pi_{i_1} \pi_{i_2} \cdots \pi_{i_m}$, where $m = |V|$. Let j be the smallest index in $[m-1]$ such that $\pi_{i_j} < \pi_{i_{j+1}}$. Then $y = \pi_{i_{j+1}}$ must occur to the right of the letter $b+1$ in π , for otherwise there is a 1234 as seen with $axy(b+1)$, where $x = \pi_{i_j}$. Also, letters in $[a-1]$ must occur between b and n (due to 2341). Let z be the leftmost letter in π belonging to $[a-1]$. Then all letters in V to the right of z must decrease, for otherwise there is a 4123 of the form $b z v_1 v_2$ for some $v_1, v_2 \in V$. In particular, all letters in V to the right of $b + 1$ must decrease, which implies y directly follows $b + 1$. Also, x cannot occur anywhere to the right of z since $x < y$, which means that x must occur between b and z. Finally, the subsequence of π comprising $[a - 1]$ must itself decrease (and hence $z = a - 1$), for otherwise there is a 4123 of the form ba_1a_2y for some $a_1, a_2 \in [a-1]$. Thus, we have shown that π must have the form

$$
\pi = \alpha ab \beta (a-1) \cdots 1 n(n-1) \cdots (b+1) \gamma,
$$

where α , β and γ denote subsequences whose union is $[a+1,b-1]$ and α is possibly empty.

Note that α , β and γ must all decrease, α since it precedes a, β since π avoids 1234, and γ since π avoids 4123. Furthermore, we have $\min(\beta) = x < y = \max(\gamma)$ and thus V consists of two decreasing runs. To enumerate members of W_n , we now consider cases on V. First assume $V = [b - m, b - 1]$, where $2 \le m \le b-1-a$, and thus $\alpha = [a+1,b-1-m]$. If j denotes the number of elements in β, then $1 \leq j \leq m-1$ and there are $\binom{m}{j}-1$ possibilities for β and γ since they are both decreasing with $\min(\beta) < \max(\gamma)$ (the latter condition preventing β from being the set $[b-j, b-1]$). Since the letters to the left of b within π comprise an interval in this case, one may verify that there are no further restrictions on β and γ and that each corresponding permutation π obtained in this manner is T-avoiding. Considering all possible a, b, m and j implies that the number of permutations in \mathcal{W}_n for which V is of the stated form is given by

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-5} \sum_{b=a+3}^{n-2} \sum_{m=2}^{b-1-a} \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \left[\binom{m}{j} - 1 \right] = \sum_{a=2}^{n-5} \sum_{b=a+3}^{n-2} \sum_{m=0}^{b-1-a} (2^m - m - 1)
$$

=
$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-5} \sum_{b=a}^{n-2} \left[2^{b-a} - 1 - \binom{b-a+1}{2} \right] = \sum_{n=2}^{n-1} \left[2^{n-1-a} - (n-a) - \binom{n-a}{3} \right]
$$

=
$$
2^{n-2} - 1 - \binom{n-1}{2} - \binom{n-1}{4}.
$$

Now assume V does not comprise an interval of the form $[b-m, b-1]$. Let q be the largest letter in α . Then all $v \in V$ with $v < q$ must occur in β , for otherwise there is a 2341 of the form $q b(b+1)v$. In order for there to be an increase in the subsequence V, we must have $q \leq b-2$. Then the elements of $[q + 1, b - 1]$ can go in either β or γ , with at least one element going in γ , for otherwise V would be decreasing. Also, members of $[a + 1, q - 1]$ can go in either α or β with at least one going in β since α is not an interval of the form $[a + 1, a + r]$ for some $r \ge 1$. Note that at least one element of $[a + 1, q - 1]$ belonging to β ensures that V does not decrease. Given a, b and q, there are thus $2^{q-1-a}-1$ possibilities for the placement of elements of $[a+1,q-1]$ and $2^{b-1-q}-1$ possibilities for the placement of elements of $[q + 1, b - 1]$. Since these positions may be chosen independently, there are $(2^{q-1-a}-1)(2^{b-1-q}-1)$ possibilities in all and one can check that all permutations π so obtained are T-avoiding. Note that $q \ge a+2$ implies $a+4 \le b \le n-2$ and $2 \le a \le n-6$. Considering all possible a, b and q gives

$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-6} \sum_{b=a+4}^{n-2} \sum_{q=a+2}^{b-2} (2^{q-1-a} - 1)(2^{b-1-q} - 1)
$$

=
$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-6} \sum_{b=a+4}^{n-2} \left[(b-3-a)2^{b-2-a} - 2(2^{b-2-a} - 2) + (b-3-a) \right]
$$

=
$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-6} \sum_{b=a+4}^{n-2} (b-5-a)2^{b-2-a} + \sum_{a=2}^{n-6} \left[4(n-5-a) + {n-4-a \choose 2} \right]
$$

=
$$
\sum_{a=2}^{n-6} \sum_{b=a+4}^{n-2} (b-5-a)2^{b-2-a} + 4 {n-6 \choose 2} + {n-5 \choose 3}
$$

additional members of \mathcal{W}_n . Combining this case with the previous completes the proof.

We have the following formula for e_n in terms of the prior sequences.

LEMMA 3.27 If $n \geq 6$, then

$$
e_n = v_n + w_n + C_{n-2} - 3 \cdot 2^{n-3} + 1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-2} C_\ell,
$$
\n(24)

with $e_5 = 2$, where v_n and w_n are as defined above.

Proof. To show this, we need only enumerate the members of \mathcal{E}_n in which no element of $[a + 1, b - 1]$ occurs to the right of n. Let $\pi \in \mathcal{E}_n$ be of this form. Then π may be written as

$$
\pi = (n - \ell - 1) \cdots (b + 1) \pi' n (n - 1) \cdots (n - \ell), \qquad 0 \le \ell \le n - 1 - b,
$$

where π' is a permutation of length b whose leftmost ascent is a, b with $a \geq 2$. Note that π' is 123avoiding, but that there are no further restrictions on π' imposed by the letters in $[b+1,n]$, which implies that they may be deleted. Upon subtracting 123-avoiding permutations starting with b or having leftmost ascent 1, b, we get $C_b - C_{b-1} - 2^{b-2}$ possibilities for π' . Considering all b and ℓ gives

$$
\sum_{b=3}^{n-2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-1-b} (C_b - C_{b-1} - 2^{b-2}) = C_{n-2} - 2^{n-3} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-4} \sum_{b=3}^{n-1-\ell} (C_b - C_{b-1} - 2^{b-2})
$$

= $C_{n-2} - 2^{n-3} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-2} (C_{n-1-\ell} - 2^{n-2-\ell}) = C_{n-2} - 3 \cdot 2^{n-3} + 1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{n-2} C_{\ell}$

additional members of \mathcal{E}_n , which completes the proof.

3.5.4 Case IV

In this section, we complete our enumeration of $S_n(T)$ by finding g_n , which is given as follows.

LEMMA 3.28 If $n \geq 3$, then

$$
g_n = g_{n-1} + C_{n-1} + (n+1)2^{n-3} - {n \choose 3} - n,
$$
\n(25)

where $g_2 = 1$.

Proof. We proceed as in the proof of Lemma [3.16](#page-17-1) above and use the same terminology and notation, but with respect to the new pattern set T. Let $\pi = a_1 \cdots a_s 1 \pi'$ be of the form enumerated by g_n , where $n \ge 4$ and $1 < a_s < \cdots < a_1 \le n-1$ and let $S = \{a_1, \ldots, a_s\}$. If $S = \emptyset$, then $\pi = 1\pi'$, where π' avoids 123, and thus there are C_{n-1} possibilities. So assume $S \neq \emptyset$. If $a_s = 2$, then deleting 2 gives g_{n-1} possibilities, so assume $a_s \geq 3$ henceforth. We consider the relative positions of large and small letters within π , where large and small are defined as before.

First observe that large letters occurring to the left of any small letters must decrease in order to avoid 2341, as do large letters occurring to the right due to 1234. Small letters must decrease, for

otherwise there would be a 4123 starting with a_1 , 1. First suppose that at least one large letter occurs between the first and the last of the small letters. If x denotes the rightmost such large letter, then all large letters to the left of x must decrease and are greater than x, while all large letters to the right of x must decrease and are less than x . Thus, the full subsequence comprising the large letters is decreasing. Furthermore, the set S in this case must comprise an interval of the form $[\ell, \ell + s - 1]$ for some $4 \leq \ell \leq n-1$ and $1 \leq s \leq n-\ell$, for otherwise there would be a 2341. Note that there is no restriction on the number of large letters lying between the first and the last small letters. Since there are $\ell - 2$ small letters and $n - \ell - s + 1$ large letters, at least one of which occurs between small letters, there are $\binom{n-s-1}{\ell-2}$ $\binom{-s-1}{\ell-2} - (n-\ell-s+2)$ possible arrangements of these letters, by subtraction. It is seen that all permutations arising in this manner are T-avoiding. Considering all ℓ and s gives

$$
\sum_{\ell=4}^{n-1} \sum_{s=1}^{n-\ell} \left[\binom{n-s-1}{\ell-2} - (n-\ell-s+2) \right] = \sum_{\ell=4}^{n-1} \left[\binom{n-1}{\ell-1} - \binom{n-\ell+2}{2} \right]
$$

$$
= \sum_{\ell=3}^{n} \left[\binom{n-1}{\ell-1} - \binom{n-\ell+2}{2} \right] = 2^{n-1} - n - \binom{n}{3}
$$

permutations in this case.

Now suppose that no large letter occurs between the first and the last of the small letters. Then π in this case consists of three runs of descending letters: (i) the initial decreasing run of length $s + 1$ (including 1), (ii) a decreasing run which includes all of the small letters, and (iii) a possibly empty decreasing run of large letters. From this, one need only select the elements comprising (i) and any large letters in (ii), which uniquely determines π . If $m = a_1$, then there are $\binom{m-3}{s-1}$ choices for the additional letters in (i) and 2^{n-m} choices for the large letters in (ii). Note that since 2 is a small letter, we have $m \geq s + 2$. Considering all possible s and m then yields

$$
\sum_{s=1}^{n-3} \sum_{m=s+2}^{n-1} 2^{n-m} \binom{m-3}{s-1} = \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} 2^{n-m} \sum_{s=1}^{m-2} \binom{m-3}{s-1} = \sum_{m=3}^{n-1} 2^{n-3} = (n-3)2^{n-3}
$$

additional permutations. Combining this case with the others gives (25) .

For any of the sequences above, put zero if n is such that the corresponding set of permutations is empty. For example, put $e_n = 0$ if $n \leq 4$. Combining cases I through IV above, and including permutations that start with the letter n , implies that the number of T -avoiding permutations of length n is given by

$$
a_n = b_n + d_n + e_n + g_n + C_{n-1}, \qquad n \ge 2,
$$
\n(26)

with $a_0 = a_1 = 1$.

Now we are ready to find a formula for the generating function $A(x) = \sum_{n>0} a_n x^n$. Define $n \geq 0$ $B(x) = \sum_{n\geq 3} b_n x^n$, $D(x) = \sum_{n\geq 4} d_n x^n$, $E(x) = \sum_{n\geq 5} e_n x^n$ and $G(x) = \sum_{n\geq 2} g_n x^n$. First we rewrite the recurrences from the preceding lemmas in terms of generating functions by multiplying both sides by x^n and summing over all possible n. By Lemmas [3.23](#page-27-2)[–3.28,](#page-33-1) we obtain

$$
B(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} \left(u(x) + \frac{x^4}{(1-2x)^2} + \frac{x^7}{(1-x)^6} - \frac{x^4}{(1-x)^3} + xq \left(\frac{x}{1-x}, 1-x \right) - xq(x,1) \right),\tag{27}
$$

$$
D(x) = xB(x) + \frac{x^5(3x^4 - 5x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1)}{(1 - x)^7(1 - 2x)},
$$
\n(28)

$$
E(x) = 2x^5 - \frac{x^6(2x-3)}{(1-x)^4(1-2x)^2} - \frac{x^7(x^2+x-1)}{(1-x)^5(1-2x)^2} + x^2(C(x) - 5x^3 - 2x^2 - x - 1)
$$
(29)

$$
24x^6 - x^6 - 8x^6 - x^2
$$

$$
-\frac{24x^6}{1-2x} + \frac{x^6}{1-x} + \frac{8x^6}{1-x} + \frac{x^2}{1-x}(C(x) - 5x^3 - 2x^2 - x - 1),
$$

\n
$$
G(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}(C(x) - 1) + \frac{x^4(2x^4 - 8x^3 + 10x^2 - 7x + 2)}{(1-x)^5(1-2x)^2}.
$$
\n(30)

By solving (27) – (30) , along with use of (5) and Lemma [3.12,](#page-12-2) we obtain

 \overline{a}

$$
B(x) = x(1-x)C^{2}(x)
$$

+
$$
\frac{x(3x^{9} - 15x^{8} + 59x^{7} - 134x^{6} + 192x^{5} - 181x^{4} + 112x^{3} - 44x^{2} + 10x - 1)}{(1-x)^{7}(1-2x)^{2}},
$$

$$
D(x) = x^{2}(1-x)C^{2}(x) - \frac{x^{2}(3x^{6} - 12x^{5} + 27x^{4} - 31x^{3} + 20x^{2} - 7x + 1)}{(1-x)^{4}(1-2x)^{2}},
$$

$$
E(x) = \frac{x^{3}(2-x)}{1-x}C^{2}(x) - \frac{x^{3}(3x^{6} - 14x^{5} + 38x^{4} - 49x^{3} + 34x^{2} - 13x + 2)}{(1-x)^{5}(1-2x)^{2}},
$$

$$
G(x) = \frac{x^{2}}{1-x}C^{2}(x) + \frac{x^{4}(2x^{4} - 8x^{3} + 10x^{2} - 7x + 2)}{(1-x)^{5}(1-2x)^{2}}.
$$

By (26) , we have

$$
A(x) = 1 + x + B(x) + D(x) + E(x) + G(x) + x(C(x) - 1),
$$

which, upon substituting the expressions just found for the generating functions $B(x)$, $D(x)$, $E(x)$ and $G(x)$, implies the following result.

THEOREM 3.29 Let $T = \{1234, 2341, 4123\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{1 - 11x + 51x^2 - 130x^3 + 199x^4 - 183x^5 + 91x^6 - 15x^7 - 6x^8 + 4x^9}{(1 - x)^7 (1 - 2x)^2} + \frac{1 + x}{1 - x} (C(x) - 1).
$$

3.6 Case 209: {3142, ¹⁴³², ¹²⁴³}

This is one of the shortest cases.

THEOREM 3.30 Let $T = \{3142, 1432, 1243\}$. Then the generating function $F = F_T(x)$ satisfies

$$
F = 1 - xF + x\left(2 + \frac{x^2}{(1-x)^2}\right)F^2 - x^2F^3.
$$

Proof. To find $G_m(x)$ for $m \geq 2$, let $\pi = i_1 \pi^{(1)} i_2 \pi^{(2)} \cdots i_m \pi^{(m)} \in S_n(T)$ with $m \geq 2$ left-right maxima. Since π avoids 1243, we see that $\pi^{(2)} \cdots \pi^{(m)} < i_2$. We consider two cases:

- There is no letter in $\pi^{(2)} \cdots \pi^{(m)}$ between i_1 and i_2 , that is, $\pi^{(2)} \cdots \pi^{(m)} < i_1$. Since π avoids 3142, we see that $\pi^{(1)} > \pi^{(2)} > \cdots > \pi^{(m)}$. Therefore, we have a contribution of $x^m F^m$.
- There is $p \in [2, m]$ minimal such that $\pi^{(p)}$ has a letter between i_1 and i_2 . Then $\pi^{(2)} \cdots \pi^{(p-1)} < i_1$ by the minimality of p and also $\pi^{(p+1)} \cdots \pi^{(m)} < i_1$ since π avoids 1243 and 1432. Furthermore, since π avoids 3142, $\pi^{(2)}$, $\pi^{(3)}$, ..., $\pi^{(p-1)}$ are all empty. Hence, $i_1 + 1$, $i_1 + 2$, ..., $i_2 - 1$ all lie in $\pi^{(p)}$ and furthermore occur in that order (or i_1i_2 is the 14 of a 1432).

So, with $d = i_2 - i_1$, we have $d \ge 2$ and can write $\pi^{(p)}$ as

$$
\alpha_1(i_1+1)\alpha_2(i_1+2)\cdots \alpha_{d-1}(i_2-1)\alpha_d.
$$

We also have $\pi^{(1)} > \alpha_1 > \alpha_2 > \cdots > \alpha_d > \pi^{(p+1)} > \cdots > \pi^{(m)}$ (a violator of any of these inequalities would be the 12 of a 3142), and $\pi^{(1)}$ is decreasing $(u < v$ in $\pi^{(1)}$ would make $uvi_2(i_1 + 1)$ a 1243). Hence, the contribution in this case is $\sum_{p=2}^{m} \frac{x^m}{1-x^m}$ $\frac{x^m}{1-x} F^{m-p} \sum_{d\geq 2} x^{d-1} F^d.$

Adding the two contributions, we have for $m \geq 2$,

$$
G_m(x) = x^m F^m + \frac{x^{m+1} \sum_{p=2}^m F^{m+2-p}}{(1-x)(1-xF)}.
$$

Summing over m yields the stated expression for F .

3.7 Case 216: {2143, ³¹⁴², ³⁴¹²}

Let $H_m = H_m(x)$ be the generating function for permutations $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n \in S_n(T)$ such that $\pi_1 < \pi_2 < \cdots < \pi_m = n$. Clearly, $H_1 = x F_T(x)$.

LEMMA 3.31 For $m \geq 2$,

$$
(1-2x)H_m = x(1-x)H_{m-1} + x\sum_{j\geq m} ((1-x)H_j - xH_{j-1}).
$$

Proof. Consider a T-avoider $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n \in S_n(T)$ counted by H_m , where $m \geq 2$. If $\pi_1 = 1$, the contribution is xH_{m-1} . Otherwise, π has the form $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_m \alpha \cdot 1 \beta$, where $\beta > \pi_{m-1}$ (or $\pi_{m-1} \pi_m \cdot 1$ is the 341 of a 3412) and β is increasing (or $\pi_{m-1}1$ is the 21 of a 2143). If $\beta = \emptyset$, the contribution is xH_m , and so $H_m = xH_{m-1} + xH_m + J_m$ where J_m is the contribution for the case $\beta \neq \emptyset$.

Now let us write an equation for J_m . If $n-1$ is in β , then $n-1$ is the last letter in π and, deleting $n-1$, we have a contribution of $x(H_m - xH_{m-1})$. Otherwise, $n-1$ is in α , and π has the form shown in Figure [1](#page-37-1) below,

Figure 1: A T-avoider counted by J_m with $n-1$ before 1.

where β is increasing and nonempty (bullet marked b), α_1 is increasing (or $(n-1)b$ is the 43 of a 2143), and shaded regions are empty (note that if region I (resp., II) contained an element, then π would contain the pattern 3412 (resp., 2143)). Deleting $\pi_m = n$ leaves avoiders counted by J_{m+t} where t is the number of letters in α_1 .

Adding the contributions in the two cases for $n-1$ gives

$$
J_m = x(H_m - xH_{m-1}) + x \sum_{t \ge 0} J_{m+t}.
$$

Since $J_m = (1 - x)H_m - xH_{m-1}$, this implies

$$
(1-x)H_m - xH_{m-1} = x(H_m - xH_{m-1}) + x\sum_{j\geq m} \left((1-x)H_j - xH_{j-1} \right),
$$

and the result follows. \Box

Lemma 3.32 We have

$$
\sum_{m\geq 1} H_m(x) = xC(x)F_T(x).
$$

Proof. Define $H(x, v) = \sum_{m \geq 1} H_m(x) v^{m-1}$. By Lemma [3.31,](#page-36-0) we have

$$
(1-2x)H(x,v) - x(1-2x)F_T(x)
$$

= $xv(1-x)H(x,v) + \frac{xv(1-x)}{1-v}(H(x,1) - H(x,v)) - \frac{x^2v}{1-v}(H(x,1) - vH(x,v)),$

which implies

$$
\left(1 - 2x - xv(1 - x) + \frac{xv(1 - x - xv)}{1 - v}\right)H(x, v) = x(1 - 2x)F_T(x) + \frac{xv(1 - 2x)}{1 - v}H(x, 1).
$$

By taking $v = C(x)$, we find that $H(x, 1) = xC(x)F_T(x)$.

THEOREM 3.33 Let $T = \{2143, 3142, 3412\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{(1-3x)C(x)}{1-2x-x(1-x)C(x)}.
$$

Proof. To write an equation for $G_m(x)$ where $m \geq 2$, suppose $\pi = i_1 \pi^{(1)} \cdots i_m \pi^{(m)} \in S_n(T)$ has $m \geq 2$ left-right maxima. If $\pi^{(m)} = \emptyset$, the contribution is $xG_{m-1}(x)$. Otherwise, there exists j maximal, $1 \leq j \leq m$, such that $\pi^{(m)}$ has a letter between i_{j-1} and i_j (where $i_0 = 0$). Since π avoids 2143, $\pi^{(1)} \cdots \pi^{(j-1)} = \emptyset$ and $\pi^{(j)} \cdots \pi^{(m-1)} > i_{j-1}$. Since π avoids 3142 and j is maximal, we have $\pi^{(j)} \cdots \pi^{(m-1)} > \pi^{(m)}$. There are two cases:

- $j = m$. If $\pi^{(m)} < i_{m-1}$, then $\pi^{(m)}$ is decreasing because we avoid 3412. So the contribution is $H_m - \frac{x^m}{(1-x)^{m-1}}$, where $\frac{x^m}{(1-x)^{m-1}}$ counts all the permutations π with $i_{m-1} = n-1$.
- $1 \leq j \leq m-1$. Again, $\pi^{(m)}$ is decreasing, and we have a contribution of $\frac{x^{j+1}}{(1-x)}$ $\frac{x^{j+1}}{(1-x)^j}G_{m-j}(x).$

Adding all the contributions gives

$$
G_m(x) = xG_{m-1}(x) + H_m - \frac{x^m}{(1-x)^{m-1}} + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{x^{j+1}}{(1-x)^j} G_{m-j}(x).
$$

Sum over $m \geq 2$ using Lemma [3.32](#page-37-2) to obtain

$$
F_T(x) - xF_T(x) - 1 = x(F_T(x) - 1) + xC(x)F_T(x) - xF_T(x) - \frac{x^2}{1 - 2x} + \frac{x^2}{1 - 2x}(F_T(x) - 1).
$$

Solving for $F_T(x)$ completes the proof.

3.8 Case 225: {1243, ²⁴¹³, ³¹⁴²}

THEOREM 3.34 Let $T = \{1243, 2413, 3142\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{1 - x(1 - x)C(x) - \sqrt{1 - 5x + 10x^2 - 5x^3 - x(1 - x)(1 + x)C(x)}}{2x(1 - x)}.
$$

Proof. To find $G_m(x)$ for $m \geq 2$, let $\pi = i_1 \pi^{(1)} i_2 \pi^{(2)} \cdots i_m \pi^{(m)} \in S_n(T)$ with $m \geq 2$ left-right maxima. Then $\pi^{(j)} < i_2$ for $j = 1, 2, ..., m$ (a violator v makes $i_1 i_2 i_j v$ a 1243) and π has the form shown in Figure [2](#page-38-1) below,

Figure 2: A T-avoider with $m > 2$ left-right maxima.

where, for each $j \in [2, m]$, one has $\alpha_j > i_1 > \beta_j$ as shown (or $i_1 i_j$ is the 24 of a 2413), with α_j avoiding 132 (or i_1 is the 1 of a 1243). Also, for each $j \in [2, m-1]$, $\alpha_j > \alpha_{j+1}$ (or $i_j i_{j+1}$ is the 34 of a 3142) and the same holds for the β_i .

There are two cases:

- $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_m = \emptyset$. In this case, π avoids T if and only if β_i avoids T for all $i = 1, 2, \ldots, m$, giving a contribution of $x^m F_T(x)^m$.
- $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_m \neq \emptyset$. Let j be the maximal index such that $\alpha_j \neq \emptyset$ and say a is a letter in α_j . Then $\beta_2 = \cdots = \beta_{i-1} = \emptyset$ (or b in β_i with $2 \leq i \leq j-1$ makes i_1i_2ba a 2413) and β_1 is decreasing (or i_2a is the 43 of a 1243). So π avoids T if and only if β_i avoids T for $i = j, j + 1, \ldots, m$ and α_i avoids 132 for $i = 2, 3, \ldots, j$, giving a contribution of

$$
\sum_{j=2}^{m} \frac{x^m}{1-x} C(x)^{j-2} (C(x) - 1) F_T(x)^{m-j+1}.
$$

Hence,

$$
G_m(x) = x^m F_T(x)^m + \sum_{j=2}^m \frac{x^m}{1-x} C(x)^{j-2} (C(x) - 1) F_T(x)^{m-j+1}.
$$

Summing over $m \geq 2$, we obtain

$$
F_T(x) = 1 + xF_T(x) + \frac{((1-x)(1-xC(x))F_T(x) + C(x) - 1)x^2F_T(x)}{(1-x)(1-xC(x))(1-xF_T(x))},
$$

and solving for $F_T(x)$ completes the proof.

3.9 Case 228: {2341, ²⁴¹³, ³⁴¹²}

In this case, we find a cubic equation for F_T .

THEOREM 3.35 Let $T = \{2341, 2413, 3412\}$. Then the generating function $F = F_T(x)$ satisfies

$$
F = (1 - x)^2 + xF + x(2 - 3x + 2x^2)F^2 - x^2(1 - x)F^3.
$$

Proof. First, we write an equation for $G_m(x)$ with $m \geq 3$. Suppose $\pi = i_1 \pi^{(1)} i_2 \pi^{(2)} \cdots i_m \pi^{(m)} \in S_n(T)$ with $m \geq 3$ left-right maxima. Since π avoids 2341, we see that $\pi^{(j)} > i_{j-2}$ for all $j = 2, 3, ..., m$ (with $i_0 = 0$). If $\pi^{(2)} > i_1$, then π avoids T if and only if $\pi^{(1)}$ avoids T and $i_2\pi^{(2)} \cdots i_m\pi^{(m)}$ avoids T, which gives a contribution of $xFG_{m-1}(x)$. Otherwise, $\pi^{(2)}$ has a letter smaller than i_1 , which implies $\pi^{(3)} > i_2$ (π avoids 2413), and π avoids T if and only if $i_1\pi^{(1)}i_2\pi^{(2)}$ and $i_3\pi^{(3)}\cdots i_m\pi^{(m)}$ both avoid T, which gives a contribution of $(G_2(x) - x^2F^2)G_{m-2}(x)$. Hence, for $m \ge 3$,

$$
G_m(x) = xFG_{m-1}(x) + (G_2(x) - x^2 F^2)G_{m-2}(x).
$$
\n(31)

Next, to find $G_2(x)$, suppose $\pi = i\pi' n\pi'' \in S_n(T)$ has 2 left-right maxima. Let k be the number of letters smaller than i in π'' . If $k = 0$, the contribution is $x^2 F^2$. Otherwise, $k \ge 1$ and these k letters,

say i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_k , are decreasing (to avoid 3412) and occur at the end of π'' (or in is the 24 of a 2413). Also, the letters $n-1, n-2, \ldots, i+1$ in π'' occur in that order (to avoid 2341). So π has the form

 $i\pi'n(n-1)\cdots(i+1)i_1i_2\cdots i_k$.

Set $i_0 = i$. Then the letters in $[i_k, i_0] \setminus \{i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_k\}$ are decreasing (or ni_k is the 41 of a 2341) and they split $i\pi' = i_0\pi'$ into segments as follows:

$$
i_0 \pi' = i_0 \alpha_{0,0} (i_0 - 1) \alpha_{0,1} (i_0 - 2) \alpha_{0,2} \cdots (i_1 + 1) \alpha_{0,i_0 - i_1 - 1}
$$

\n
$$
(i_1 - 1) \alpha_{1,1} (i_1 - 2) \alpha_{1,2} \cdots (i_2 + 1) \alpha_{1,i_1 - i_2 - 1}
$$

\n
$$
\vdots
$$

\n
$$
(i_{k-1} - 1) \alpha_{k-1,1} (i_{k-1} - 2) \alpha_{k-1,2} \cdots (i_k + 1) \alpha_{k-1,i_{k-1} - i_k - 1},
$$

where $\alpha_{0,0} < \alpha_{0,1} < \cdots < \alpha_{1,1} < \alpha_{1,2} < \cdots$, i.e., each α is less than its successor (to avoid 2413). Now π avoids T if and only if each $\alpha_{i,j}$ avoids T. Hence, for each $k \geq 1$, we have a contribution of

$$
\frac{x^{k+1}}{1-x} \times \frac{xF}{(1-xF)^k}.
$$

Adding the contributions gives

$$
G_2(x) = x^2 F^2 + \sum_{k \ge 1} \frac{x^{k+2} F}{(1-x)(1-xF)^k} = x^2 F^2 + \frac{x^3 F}{(1-x)(1-x-xF)}.
$$

Summing [\(31\)](#page-39-1) over $m \geq 3$, we obtain

$$
F = 1 + xF + G_2(x) + xF(F - 1 - xF) + (F - 1)(G_2(x) - x^2F^2).
$$

Now substitute for $G_2(x)$ and solve for F to complete the proof.

3.10 Case 230: {2341, ¹²⁴³, ¹²³⁴}

Note that all three patterns in T contain 123. We count by initial letters and define $a(n; i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_m)$ to be the number of T-avoiders in S_n whose first m letters are i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_m , with $a(n) := |S_n(T)|$. Clearly, $a(n; n) = a(n; n-1) = a(n-1)$. So we need to consider T-avoiders with first letter $\leq n-2$. Accordingly, for $m \geq 1$, denote the generating function for T-avoiders $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n$ such that $n-2 \geq 1$ $\pi_1 > \pi_2 > \cdots > \pi_m$ and π_{m+1} is arbitrary (resp. $\pi_{m+1} = n-1$) by A_m (resp. B_m). Also for $m \ge 1$, denote the generating function for T-avoiders $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n$ such that $n - 1 \geq \pi_1 > \pi_2 > \cdots > \pi_m$ by D_m (which will be needed to define a recursion).

Lemma 3.36 We have

$$
D_m = \begin{cases} A_m + xD_{m-1} & \text{if } m \ge 2, \\ A_1 + x(F_T - 1) & \text{if } m = 1. \end{cases}
$$

Proof. Split T-avoiders counted by D_m into those with $\pi_1 \leq n-2$, counted by A_m , and those for which $\pi_1 = n-1$. Deleting $n-1$ from the latter avoiders gives the result. which $\pi_1 = n - 1$. Deleting $n - 1$ from the latter avoiders gives the result.

COROLLARY 3.37 For $m \geq 1$,

$$
A_m = A_{m+1} + B_m + xA_m + x^2 A_{m-1} + \dots + x^m A_1 + x^{m+1} A_0,
$$
\n(32)

where $A_0 := F_T - 1$.

Proof. For π counted by A_m , consider π_{m+1} . Note that π_{m+1} cannot lie in the interval $[\pi_m + 1, n-2]$ for then $\pi_m \pi_{m+1}$ would be the 12 of either a 1234 or a 1243 involving $\{n-1,n\}$. So, if $\pi_{m+1} < \pi_m$, the contribution is A_{m+1} , if $\pi_{m+1} = n - 1$, the contribution is B_m , and if $\pi_{m+1} = n$, then by deleting *n*, the contribution is xD_m . The result follows by applying Lemma 3.36 repeatedly to D_m . n, the contribution is xD_m . The result follows by applying Lemma [3.36](#page-40-0) repeatedly to D_m .

Since $a(n; n) = a(n; n-1) = a(n-1)$ for $n \ge 2$, we have $a(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a(n; i) = a(n; n) + a(n; n-1)$ $1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} a(n;i) = 2a(n-1) + [x^n]A_1$, which implies

$$
F_T - 1 - x = 2x(F_T - 1) + A_1.
$$
\n(33)

To obtain a recurrence for B_m , define $\mathcal{B}_{n,m;j} = {\pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n \in S_n(T) : n-2 \geq \pi_1 > \pi_2 > \cdots > \pi_n}$ $\pi_m, \ \pi_{m+1} = n-1, \ \pi_{m+2} = n-j$.

LEMMA 3.38 For all $3 \leq j \leq m+1$,

$$
\sum_{n\geq 0} |\mathcal{B}_{n,m;j}| x^n = x^{m+3} C^{m+3-j}(x).
$$

Proof. Let $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n \in S_n(T)$ such that $n-2 \geq \pi_1 > \pi_2 > \cdots > \pi_m$, $\pi_{m+1} = n-1$ and $\pi_{m+2} = n - j$. Since $\pi_m < \pi_{m+2}$ and n lies to the right of π_{m+2} , the letters $n-2, n-3, \ldots, n-j+1$ all lie to the left of π_{m+2} (otherwise π contains 1234 or 1243). Thus, $\pi = (n-2)(n-3)\cdots(n-j+1)$ $1\pi_{j-1}\cdots\pi_{n-1}\pi_n\in S_n(T)$ with $\pi_{j-1}>\pi_j>\cdots>\pi_m$, $\pi_{m+1}=n-1$, and $\pi_{m+2}=n-j$. Since π avoids 2341 and $\pi_1 = n-2 < \pi_{m+1} = n-1$, we have that $\pi_n = n$. Therefore, π avoids T if and only if $\pi' = \pi_{j-1} \cdots \pi_m \pi_{m+3} \cdots \pi_{n-1}$ avoids 123 and $\pi_{j-1} > \cdots > \pi_m$. Hence, $|\mathcal{B}_{n,m,j}|$ equals the number of permutations in S_{n-1-j} (123) with initial descent sequence (IDS) of length at least $m+2-j$. Using Lemma [3.11,](#page-11-1) one can show that the generating function for permutations in $S_n(123)$ having IDS of length at least m' is given by $x^{m'}C^{m'+1}(x)$. Thus, for $j = 3, 4, ..., m + 1$,

$$
\sum_{n\geq 0} |\mathcal{B}_{n,m;j}| x^n = x^{m+3} C^{m+3-j}(x),
$$

as required. \Box

LEMMA 3.39 For all $m \geq 1$,

$$
B_m(x) = B_{m+1}(x) + x^{m+3} \sum_{i=2}^{m} C^i(x) + x B_m(x) + x^{m+2} \frac{1-x}{1-2x}.
$$

Proof. By Lemma [3.38,](#page-41-0)

$$
B_m(x) = \sum_{n\geq 0} \left(\sum_{n-1>i_1>i_2i_3\cdots>i_{m+1}\geq 1} a(n;i_1i_2\cdots i_m(n-1)i_{m+1}) \right) x^n
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 0} \left(\sum_{n-1>i_1>i_2i_3\cdots>i_{m}\geq 1} \sum_{j=3}^{m+1} a(n;i_1i_2\cdots i_m(n-1)(n-j)) \right) x^n
$$

=
$$
B_{m+1}(x) + \sum_{j=3}^{m+1} \sum_{n\geq 0} |\mathcal{B}_{n,m;j}| x^n
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 0} \left(\sum_{n-1>i_1>i_2i_3\cdots>i_m\geq 1} a(n;i_1i_2\cdots i_m(n-1)(n-2)) \right) x^n
$$

+
$$
\sum_{n\geq 0} \left(\sum_{n-1>i_1>i_2i_3\cdots>i_m\geq 1} a(n;i_1i_2\cdots i_m(n-1)n) \right) x^n
$$

=
$$
B_{m+1}(x) + x^{m+3} \sum_{i=2}^{m} C^i(x) + xB_m(x) + x^{m+2} \frac{1-x}{1-2x},
$$

which completes the proof. $\hfill \square$

Define $B(x, u) = \sum_{m \geq 1} B_m(x)u^m$ and $A(x, u) = \sum_{m \geq 1} A_m(x)u^m$. Rewriting the recurrence rela-tions from Lemmas [3.38](#page-41-0) and [3.39](#page-41-1) in terms of $A(x, u)$ and $B(x, u)$ using [\(33\)](#page-41-2), we obtain

$$
(1-x)B(x,u) = \frac{1}{u}(B(x,u) - B_1(x)u) + \frac{x^5u^2C^2(x)}{(1-xu)(1-xu)(1-xu)(1-xu)} + \frac{x^3(1-x)u}{(1-2x)(1-xu)},
$$

$$
A(x,u) = \frac{1}{u(1-xu)}A(x,u) + \frac{x^2u}{1-xu}(F_T(x)-1) - ((1-2x)F_T(x)-1+x) + B(x,u).
$$

Taking $u = 1/(1-x)$, we obtain

$$
B_1(x) = \frac{x^5 C^4(x)}{1 - 2x} + \frac{x^3 (1 - x)}{(1 - 2x)^2},
$$

which leads to

$$
(1 - x - 1/u)B(x, u) = \frac{x^5 u^2 C^2(x)}{(1 - xu)(1 - xu)(x)} - \frac{x^5 C^4(x)}{1 - 2x} + \frac{x^3 (1 - x)u}{(1 - 2x)(1 - xu)} - \frac{x^3 (1 - x)}{(1 - 2x)^2}.
$$

Thus, letting $u = C(x)$, we have

$$
B(x, C(x)) = \frac{x^3(4x^2 - 3x + 1 - 2x^2C(x))}{(2x^2C(x) - xC(x) - 3x + 1)(1 - 2x)^2}.
$$

Hence, substituting $u = C(x)$ into the equation for $A(x, u)$, we obtain

$$
x^{2}C^{2}(x)(F_{T}(x) - 1) - ((1 - 2x)F_{T}(x) - 1 + x) + B(x, C(x)) = 0,
$$

which implies the following result.

THEOREM 3.40 Let $T = \{2341, 1243, 1234\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{x(4x^4 + 3x^3 - 11x^2 + 6x - 1)C(x) + 2x^4 - 12x^3 + 16x^2 - 7x + 1}{(1 - 2x)^2(1 - 4x + 2x^2 - x(1 - 3x)C(x))}.
$$

For the final three cases, denoting the set of triples involved by \mathcal{T} , we recall the generating trees method. The notion of generating tree to enumerate pattern avoiders was introduced by West [\[22\]](#page-52-7). To enumerate $S_n(T)$ for each $T \in \mathcal{T}$, we consider the generating forest whose vertices are identified with $S := \bigcup_{n \geq 2} S_n(T)$ where 12 and 21 are the roots and each non-root $\pi \in S$ is a child of the permutation obtained from π by deleting its largest element. We will show that it is possible to label the vertices so that if v_1 and v_2 are any two vertices with the same label and ℓ is any label, then v_1 and v_2 have the same number of children with label ℓ . Indeed, we will specify (i) the labels of the roots, and (ii) a set of succession rules explaining how to derive from the label of a parent the labels of all of its children. This will determine a labelled generating forest depending on T.

A permutation $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n \in S_n$ determines $n+1$ positions, called *sites*, between its entries. The sites are denoted $1, 2, \ldots, n+1$ left to right. In particular, site i is the space between π_{i-1} and π_i if $2 \leq i \leq n$. Site i in π is said to be active (with respect to T) if, by inserting $n+1$ into π in site i, we get a permutation in $S_{n+1}(T)$, otherwise *inactive*. For the next two triples T under consideration and $\pi \in S_n(T)$, sites 1 and $n+1$ are always active, and if $\pi_n = n$, then site n is active.

Given $T \in \mathcal{T}$ and $\pi \in S_n(T)$, define $A(\pi)$ to be the set of all active sites for π , and define $L(\pi)$ to be the set of active sites lying to the left of n. For example, for $T = \{3412, 3421, 2341\}$, $L(23154) = \{1,2,4\}$ since there are 4 possible sites to insert 6 to the left of $n = 5$ and, of these insertions, only 236154 is not in $S_6(T)$.

LEMMA 3.41 If T denotes one of the following two cases and $\pi \in S_n(T)$, then $A(\pi) = L(\pi) \cup \{n+1\}$ unless $\pi_n < n$ and site n is active, in which case $A(\pi) = L(\pi) \cup \{n, n+1\}.$

Proof. No site to the right of n is active except (possibly) site n and (definitely) site $n+1$ for if $n+1$ is inserted after n in a site $\leq n-1$, then $n(n+1)\pi_{n-1}\pi_n$ is a 3412 or a 3421, both forbidden. \square

3.11 Case 240: {3412, ³⁴²¹, ²³⁴¹}

Here, if site n is inactive, then 1 and $n+1$ are the only active sites iff $\pi_1 = n$. In particular, there are at least 3 active sites unless site *n* is inactive and $\pi_1 = n$.

To construct the generating forest, we first specify the labels.

• Suppose $\pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \cdots \pi_n \in S_n(T)$ has k active sites and $n \geq 2$. If $\pi_n = n$, then label π by k. Otherwise, if the site n is active, then label π by \overline{k} , and if the site n is inactive, then label it by $\overline{\overline{k}}$.

 \Box

For instance, all 3 sites for $\pi = 12$ are active and $\pi₂ = 2$, so the label for 12 is 3. Also, 12 has three children 312, 132 and 123 with active sites $\{1, 3, 4\}$, $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, respectively, hence labels $3, 4$ and $4.$ All sites for 21 are active, so its label is 3 , and it has three children $321, 231$ and 213 with active sites $\{1, 3, 4\}$, $\{1, 2, 4\}$ and $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, respectively, hence labels $\bar{3}$, $\bar{3}$ and 4.

To establish the succession rules, we need to know how the active sites of a child are related to those of its parent. This relationship is given by the following proposition. The proof makes frequent use of Lemma [3.41](#page-43-1) and is left to the reader.

PROPOSITION 3.42 Suppose $\pi \in S_n(T)$ and let π^j denote the result of inserting $n+1$ into an active site j.

If $j \leq n-1$, then for $1 \leq i \leq j$, site i is active in π^j iff site i is active in π ; site $n+1$ is active in π^j iff site n is active in π ; site $n+2$ is active in π^j ; all other sites in π^j are inactive.

Next, suppose n is an active site in π . Then for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, site i is active in π^n iff site i is active in π ; sites n and $n+2$ are active in π^n ; all other sites in π^n are inactive. Also, site $n+1$ is active in π (as always) and for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, site i is active in π^{n+1} iff site i is active in π ; sites $n, n+1, n+2$ are active in π^{n+1} ; all other sites in π^{n+1} are inactive.

Lastly, suppose n is not an active site in π . Then site $n+1$ is active in π and for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, site i is active in π^{n+1} iff site i is active in π ; sites $n+1, n+2$ are active in π^{n+1} ; all other sites in π^{n+1} are inactive. \Box

COROLLARY 3.43 The labelled generating forest $\mathcal F$ is given by

Roots: 3,
$$
\overline{3}
$$

\n**Rules:** $k \rightsquigarrow \overline{3}, \overline{4}, \dots, \overline{k+1}, k+1, \quad \text{for } k \geq 3,$
\n $\overline{k} \rightsquigarrow \overline{3}, \overline{4}, \dots, \overline{k}, \overline{k}, k+1, \quad \text{for } k \geq 3,$
\n $\overline{k} \rightsquigarrow \overline{2}, \overline{3}, \overline{4}, \dots, \overline{k}, k+1, \quad \text{for } k \geq 2.$

Proof. We treat the double-bar case (the others are similar). So suppose $\pi \in S_n(T)$ has label \overline{k} , $k \geq 2$. This means that site *n* is not active, $L(\pi)$ has $k-1$ entries, all $\leq n-1$, and $A(\pi)\setminus L(\pi) = \{n+1\}.$ Say $L(\pi) = \{L_1 = 1 < L_2 < \cdots < L_{k-1} \leq n-1\}$. Then for $1 \leq i \leq k-1$, π^{L_i} does not end with its largest letter and its active sites are $\{L_1, \ldots, L_i, n+2\}$. In particular, its penultimate site, namely $n+1$, is not active. Hence, its label is $\overline{i+1}$. Also, π^{n+1} does end with its largest letter and its active sites are $\{L_1, \ldots, L_{k-1}, n+1, n+2\}$ and so its label is $k+1$. All told, the labels of the children of π are $\overline{2}, \overline{3}, \overline{4}, \ldots, \overline{k}, k+1$. are $\bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \ldots$, $\bar{\bar{k}}, k + 1.$

THEOREM 3.44 Let $T = \{3412, 3421, 2341\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = 1 + \frac{1 + rt}{1 + 1/r + 1/t - 1/x},
$$

where

$$
r = r(x) = \frac{(\sqrt{5} - 1)\left(1 - \sqrt{1 - (3 + \sqrt{5})x + \frac{1}{2}(3 - \sqrt{5})x^2}\right) - (1 + \sqrt{5})x}{4x}
$$

and t is the same as r but with $\sqrt{5}$ replaced by $-\sqrt{5}$.

Proof. Let $a_k(x)$, $b_k(x)$ and $c_k(x)$ be the generating functions for the number of permutations in the nth level of the labelled generating forest $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$ with label k, \overline{k} and $\overline{\overline{k}}$, respectively. By Corollary [3.43,](#page-44-1) we have

$$
a_k(x) = x^2 \delta_{k=3} + x a_{k-1}(x) + x b_{k-1}(x) + x c_{k-1}(x),
$$

\n
$$
b_k(x) = x^2 \delta_{k=3} + x^2 b_2(x) + x (b_k(x) + b_{k+1}(x) + \cdots) + x (a_{k-1}(x) + a_k(x) + \cdots),
$$

\n
$$
c_k(x) = x b_k(x) + x (c_k(x) + c_{k+1}(x) + \cdots),
$$

\n
$$
b_2(x) = x b_2(x) + x (c_3(x) + c_4(x) + \cdots),
$$

for all $k \geq 3$.

Now let $A(x, v) = \sum_{k \geq 3} a_k(x) v^k$, $B(x, v) = \sum_{k \geq 2} b_k(x) v^k$ and $C(x, v) = \sum_{k \geq 3} c_k(x) v^k$. Hence, the above recurrences can be written as

$$
A(x,v) = x^2v^3 + xvA(x,v) + xvB(x,v) + xvC(x,v),
$$
\n(34)

$$
B(x,v) = x^2v^3 + \frac{v^2x}{1-x}C(x,1) + \frac{x}{1-v}(v^3B(x,1) - vB(x,v)) + \frac{x}{1-v}(v^3A(x,1) - v^2A(x,v)),
$$
 (35)

$$
C(x,v) = xB(x,v) - \frac{x^2v^2}{1-x}C(x,1) + \frac{x}{1-v}(v^3C(x,1) - vC(x,v)).
$$
\n(36)

By finding $C(x, v)$ from [\(34\)](#page-45-0), and then substituting it in [\(35\)](#page-45-1)-[\(36\)](#page-45-2), we obtain

$$
\left(1+\frac{xv}{1-v}\right)B(x,v)+\frac{xv^2}{1-v}A(x,v)
$$
\n
$$
=\frac{(1-v+sv)v^2}{1-v}A(x,1)-\frac{xv^2(1-2v+sv)}{(1-x)(1-v)}B(x,1)-\frac{x^2v^2(1-v+sv)}{1-x},
$$
\n
$$
-\left(1+x+\frac{xv}{1-v}\right)B(x,v)+\frac{(1-xv)(1-v+sv)}{xv(1-v)}A(x,v)
$$
\n
$$
=\frac{(v-x)v^2}{1-v}A(x,1)+\frac{xv^2(x-v)}{(1-x)(1-v)}B(x,1)+\frac{xv^2(1-x+x^2)}{1-x}.
$$

Multiplying the first equation by $1 + x + \frac{xy}{1-x^2}$ $\frac{xy}{1-v}$ and the second by $1 + \frac{xy}{1-v}$, then summing the results, we have

$$
K(x,v)A(x,v) = -(1-v+xv)xv3A(x,1) + \frac{x2v3(1-v)2}{1-x}B(x,1)
$$

$$
-\frac{x2v3(1-v)(1-v+xv)(xv-2x+1)}{1-x},
$$
(37)

where $K(x, v) = x^2v^4 + x(1 - 3x)v^3 + (x^2 - 1)v^2 + (2 - x)v - 1.$

There are two power series v' and v'' such that $K(x, v') = K(x, v'') = 0$ given by $v' = r + 1$ and $v'' = t + 1$, where r and t are as stated above. For example, the expansion of v' begins

$$
v' = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}(3 + \sqrt{5})x^2 + (4 + 2\sqrt{5})x^3 + (15 + 7\sqrt{5})x^4 + \frac{1}{2}(119 + 53\sqrt{5})x^5 + \cdots
$$

Substituting v' and v'' for v in [\(37\)](#page-45-3) gives a pair of equations for $A(x, 1)$ and $B(x, 1)$ with solution

$$
A(x,1) = \frac{(v''-1)(v'-1)(v'v''-v'-v''+2)x^2}{(x-1)v'v''+v'+v''-x-1},
$$

\n
$$
B(x,1) = \frac{-(xv''-v''+1)(xv'-v'+1)(xv'+xv''-3x+1)}{(x-1)v'v''+v'+v''-x-1},
$$

which, by (34) , implies

$$
C(x, 1) = \frac{(1-x)((v'' - 1)(v' - 1) + (v'^2v''^2 - v'^2v'' - v''^2v' + 1)x - v'v''(v' + v'' - 3)x^2)}{(x-1)v'v'' + v' + v'' - x - 1}.
$$

Since $F_T(x) = 1 + x + A(x, 1) + B(x, 1) + C(x, 1)$, the result follows.

3.12 Case 109: {3412, ³⁴²¹, ²¹⁴³}

In this case, if site n is inactive, then 1 and $n+1$ are the only active sites iff $\pi_1 \geq 3$. If site i is active for $i \leq n-1$, then all sites $\leq i$ are active. Hence, for $n \geq 2$, the active sites $\leq n-1$ form a nonempty initial segment of the positive integers.

For $n \geq 2$, say $\pi \in S_n$ is mostly increasing if it has exactly one descent and the descent bottom is the last entry, that is, if π has the form $\pi = 12 \cdots (j-1)(j+1) \cdots nj$ for some j with $1 \le j \le n-1$.

We now assign labels. So suppose $n \geq 2$ and $\pi \in S_n(T)$ has k active sites.

If π is increasing $(\pi = 12 \cdots n)$, then all sites are active, so $k = n + 1$ and label π by k. If π is mostly increasing $(\pi = 12 \cdots (j-1)(j+1) \cdots nj)$, then once again all sites are active, so $k = n+1$ and label π by k.

Now suppose π is neither increasing nor mostly increasing. If site *n* is active, label π by \overline{k} . If site *n* is inactive, label π by \overline{k} .

For instance, all 3 sites are active for both 12 and 21 and 12 is increasing while 21 is mostly increasing, so their labels are 3 and $\overline{3}$ respectively; 12 has three children 312, 132 and 123 with active sites $\{1,3,4\}$, $\{1,2,3,4\}$ and $\{1,2,3,4\}$, respectively, hence labels $\overline{3}$, $\overline{4}$ and 4 because the second is mostly increasing and the third is increasing; 21 has three children 321, 231 and 213 with active sites $\{1, 3, 4\}$, $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $\{1, 2, 4\}$, respectively, hence labels $\bar{3}$, $\bar{4}$ and $\bar{3}$.

To establish the succession rules, we have the following proposition. The proof is left to the reader.

PROPOSITION 3.45 Suppose $n \geq 2$ and $\pi \in S_n(T)$ has k active sites. If π is increasing, then all sites $\{1, 2, \ldots, n+1\}$ are active (hence, $k = n + 1$) and

$$
A(\pi^{i}) = \begin{cases} \{1, 2, \dots, i, n+1, n+2\} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ \{1, 2, \dots, n, n+1, n+2\} & \text{if } i = n+1. \end{cases}
$$

If π is mostly increasing, then all sites $\{1, 2, \ldots, n+1\}$ are active (hence, $k = n + 1$) and

$$
A(\pi^{i}) = \begin{cases} \{1, 2, \dots, i, n+1, n+2\} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n, \\ \{1, 2, \dots, n, n+2\} & \text{if } i = n+1. \end{cases}
$$

Now suppose π is neither increasing nor mostly increasing.

If site n is active so that the active sites for π are $\{1, 2, \ldots, k-2, n, n+1\}$, then

$$
A(\pi^{i}) = \begin{cases} \{1, 2, \dots, i, n+1, n+2\} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq k-2, \\ \{1, 2, \dots, k-2, n+1, n+2\} & \text{if } i = n, \\ \{1, 2, \dots, k-2, n+2\} & \text{if } i = n+1. \end{cases}
$$

If site n is inactive so that the active sites for π are $\{1, 2, \ldots, k-1, n+1\}$, then

$$
A(\pi^{i}) = \begin{cases} \{1, 2, \dots, i, n+2\} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq k-1, \\ \{1, 2, \dots, k-1, n+2\} & \text{if } i = n+1. \end{cases}
$$

An immediate consequence is

COROLLARY 3.46 The labelled generating forest $\mathcal F$ is given by

Roots: 3,
$$
\overline{3}
$$

\n**Rules:** $k \rightsquigarrow \overline{3}, \overline{4}, \dots, \overline{k}, \overline{k+1}, \underline{k+1}, \qquad \text{for } k \geq 3,$
\n $\overline{k} \rightsquigarrow \overline{3}, \overline{4}, \dots, \overline{k}, \overline{k+1}, \overline{k}, \qquad \text{for } k \geq 3,$
\n $\overline{\overline{k}} \rightsquigarrow \overline{3}, \overline{\overline{4}}, \dots, \overline{\overline{k-1}}, \overline{\overline{k}}, \overline{\overline{k}}, \overline{\overline{k-1}}, \qquad \text{for } k \geq 3,$
\n $\overline{\overline{k}} \rightsquigarrow \overline{2}, \overline{\overline{3}}, \dots, \overline{\overline{k-1}}, \overline{\overline{k}}, \overline{\overline{k}}, \qquad \text{for } k \geq 2.$

THEOREM 3.47 Let $T = \{3412, 3421, 2143\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{1 - 8x + 23x^2 - 27x^3 + 12x^4 - 5x^5}{(1 - 3x + x^2)^3}.
$$

Proof. Let $a_k(x)$, $b_k(x)$, $c_k(x)$ and $d_k(x)$ be the generating functions for the number of permutations in the nth level of the labelled generating forest F with label k, \overline{k} , \overline{k} and $\overline{\overline{k}}$, respectively. By Corollary [3.46,](#page-47-1) we have

$$
a_k(x) = xa_{k-1}(x), \quad k \ge 4,
$$

\n
$$
b_k(x) = x(a_{k-1}(x) + b_{k-1}(x)), \quad k \ge 4,
$$

\n
$$
c_k(x) = xc_k(x) + x \sum_{j \ge k} (c_j(x) + b_j(x) + a_j(x)), \quad k \ge 3,
$$

\n
$$
d_k(x) = xd_k(x) + xb_k(x) + xc_{k+1}(x) + x \sum_{j \ge k} d_j(x), \quad k \ge 2,
$$

with $a_3(x) = b_3(x) = x^2$. Clearly, $a_k(x) = x^{k-1}$ and $b_k(x) = (k-2)x^{k-2}$ for all $k \ge 3$.

Now let $A(x, v) = \sum_{k \geq 3} a_k(x)v^k$, $B(x, v) = \sum_{k \geq 3} b_k(x)v^k$, $C(x, v) = \sum_{k \geq 3} c_k(x)v^k$ and $D(x, v) =$ $\sum_{k\geq 2} d_k(x)v^k$. Thus, $A(x,v) = \frac{x^2v^3}{1-xv^3}$ $rac{x^2v^3}{1-xv}$ and $B(x, v) = \frac{x^3v^3}{(1-xv)}$ $\frac{x^3v^3}{(1-xv)^2}$. Hence, the above recurrences can be written as

$$
\left(1 - x + \frac{xv}{1 - v}\right)C(x, v) = \frac{xv^3}{1 - v}C(x, 1) + \frac{x^3v^3(2 - x - xv)}{(1 - x)^2(1 - xv)^2},\tag{38}
$$

$$
\left(1 - x + \frac{xv}{1 - v}\right)D(x, v) = xB(x, v) + \frac{x}{v}C(x, v) + \frac{xv^2}{1 - v}D(x, 1).
$$
\n(39)

To solve the first functional equation, we apply the kernel method and take $v = \frac{1-x}{1-2x}$ $\frac{1-x}{1-2x}$. This gives

$$
C(x, 1) = \frac{x^3(2 - 6x + 3x^2)}{(1 - x)^2(1 - 3x + x^2)^2}.
$$

Multiplying [\(39\)](#page-47-2) by $1 - x + \frac{xv}{1-v}$, and using [\(38\)](#page-47-3), yields

$$
\left(1 - x + \frac{xv}{1 - v}\right)^2 D(x, v) = x \left(1 - x + \frac{xv}{1 - v}\right) B(x, v)
$$

+
$$
\frac{x}{v} \left(\frac{xv^3}{1 - v} C(x, 1) + \frac{x^3 v^3 (2 - x - xv)}{(1 - x)^2 (1 - xv)^2}\right) + \frac{xv^2}{1 - v} \left(1 - x + \frac{xv}{1 - v}\right) D(x, 1).
$$

Differentiating this functional equation with respect to v and then substituting $v = \frac{1-x}{1-2x}$ $\frac{1-x}{1-2x}$, we have

$$
D(x, 1) = \frac{x^3(1 - 2x - x^3)}{(1 - 3x + x^2)^3}.
$$

The result now follows from the fact $F_T(x) = 1 + x + A(x, 1) + B(x, 1) + C(x, 1) + D(x, 1)$.

3.13 Case 188: {1432, ²¹⁴³, ³²¹⁴}

To find $F_T(x)$, we modify the generating trees of the last two cases as follows.

For any set of patterns R, to enumerate $S_n(R)$ one may consider the generating forest whose vertices are identified with $S := \bigcup_{n \geq 2} S_n(R)$ where 12 and 21 are the roots and each non-root $\pi \in S$ is a child of the permutation obtained from π by deleting its largest element. We will show that it is possible to label the vertices by irreducible permutations (as defined below) so that if c_1 and c_2 are any two vertices, then c_1 and c_2 have the same number of children. Indeed, we will specify (i) the irreducible permutations of the roots, and (ii) a set of succession rules explaining how to derive from the irreducible permutation of a parent the labels (presented by irreducible permutations) of all of its children. This will determine a generating forest depending on R.

For $\sigma = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_k \in S_k(R)$, we say that σ is reducible if there is a subsequence σ' of length $k-1$ such that by inserting k in some position in the set $A(\sigma')$ of active sites we obtain σ . Otherwise, σ is irreducible. Thus, to specify the generating forest F, we need to know the set of irreducible permutations and the succession rules (what irreducible permutations are obtained by inserting a letter in a given irreducible permutation).

For instance, if $R = \{132\}$, then 12 is reducible because if $\pi = \pi' 1 \pi'' 2 \pi'''$ avoids 132 then $\pi'' = \emptyset$, which leads to the conclusion that π avoids 132 if and only if $\pi' 1 \pi''$ avoids 132, thus 2 is a letter verifying the reducibility of 12. In general, it is not hard to see that there is exactly one irreducible permutation in $S_k(132)$, namely, $k \cdots 21$. Moreover, by inserting $k+1$ in $k \cdots 21$, we obtain the following irreducible permutations $(k+1)k \cdots 21, k \cdots 21, \ldots, 1$, thus we have the following succession rule

$$
k \cdots 21 \rightsquigarrow (k+1)k \cdots 21, k \cdots 21, \ldots, 1,
$$

for all $k \geq 1$ (as expected, see [\[22\]](#page-52-7)).

Now, we are ready to consider our case, $T = \{1432, 2143, 3214\}$. The irreducible permutations and the succession rules are given in the next proposition; the proof is left to the reader.

PROPOSITION 3.48 The irreducible permutations of $S_k(T)$ are given by $\alpha_{i,k} = i(i+1)\cdots k12\cdots (i-1)$, $\alpha'_{i,k} = i(i+1)\cdots(k-2)1(k-1)2k34\cdots(i-1), \; \alpha''_{i,k} = i(i+1)\cdots(k-1)1k23\cdots(i-1), \; \beta_k = i(j+1)\cdots(j-1)$ $1k23 \cdots (k-1), \ \beta'_k = 1(k-1)2k34 \cdots (k-2), \ \gamma_k = 23 \cdots (k-1)1k, \ \gamma'_k = 2k34 \cdots (k-2)1(k-1), \ and$ $\delta_k = 67 \cdots k14253$.

The generating forest $\mathcal F$ is given by

Roots:
$$
\alpha_{1,2}, \alpha_{2,2}
$$

\n**Rules:** $\alpha_{1,k} \rightsquigarrow \alpha_{1,k+1}\beta_3 \cdots \beta_{k+1}\alpha_{k+1,k+1},$ for $k \ge 2$,
\n $\alpha_{i,k} \rightsquigarrow \gamma_{k+3-i}\alpha_{3,k+4-i}' \cdots \alpha_{i,k+1}'\alpha_{i,k+1}\beta_3 \cdots \beta_{k+2-i}\alpha_{k+2-i,k+2-i},$ for $2 \le i \le k$,
\n $\alpha'_{i,k} \rightsquigarrow \alpha'_{3,k+3-i}' \cdots \alpha'_{i,k}(361425)\gamma'_5 \cdots \gamma'_{k+2-i}\alpha_{k-i,k-i},$ for $3 \le i \le k-2$,
\n $\alpha''_{i,k} \rightsquigarrow \alpha'_{3,k+4-i} \cdots \alpha'_{i,k+1}\alpha''_{i,k}\beta_3\gamma'_5 \cdots \gamma'_{k+3-i}\alpha_{k+1-i,k+1-i},$ for $3 \le i \le k-1$,
\n $\beta_k \rightsquigarrow \gamma_3\beta'_5 \cdots \beta'_{k+1}\beta_k\alpha_{2,2},$ for $k \ge 3$,
\n $\beta'_k \rightsquigarrow (142536)\beta'_5 \cdots \beta'_{k-1}\alpha_{k-1,k-1},$ for $k \ge 5$,
\n $\gamma_k \rightsquigarrow \gamma_k\gamma_3\gamma'_5 \cdots \gamma'_{k+1}\alpha_{k-1,k-1},$ for $k \ge 3$,
\n $\gamma'_k \rightsquigarrow (253614)\beta'_5 \cdots \beta'_{k-1}\gamma'_k\alpha_{2,2},$ for $k \ge 5$,
\n $\delta_k \rightsquigarrow \delta_{k+1}\beta_3 \cdots \beta_{k-4}\alpha_{k-4,k-4},$ for $k \ge 6$,
\n $(361425) \rightsquigarrow (361425)\alpha_{2,2},$
\n $(142536) \rightsquigarrow (142536)\delta_6,$
\n $(253614) \rightsquigarrow (253614)\delta_6.$

Let $A_{i,k} = A_{i,k}(x)$ be the generating function for the number of nodes $\alpha_{i,k}$ in F at level n (the roots are at level 2). Similarly, we define $A'_{i,k}$, $A''_{i,k}$, B_k , B'_k , G_k , G'_k , D_k , L , L' and L'' , for the number of nodes $\alpha'_{i,k}$, $\alpha''_{i,k}$, β_k , β'_k , γ_k , γ'_k , δ_k , 361425, 142536 and 253614 in $\mathcal F$ at level n, respectively.

Define $A_k(v) = \sum_{i=1}^k A_{i,k}v^{k-i}$, $A'_k(v) = \sum_{i=3}^{k-2} A'_{i,k}v^{k-2-i}$ and $A''_k(v) = \sum_{i=3}^{k-1} A_{i,k}v^{k-1-i}$. Also, define $A(v, w) = \sum_{k \geq 2} A_k(v) w^{k-2}$, $A'(v, w) = \sum_{k \geq 5} A'_k(v) w^{k-5}$, $A''(v, w) = \sum_{k \geq 4} A''_k(v) w^{k-4}$, $B(w) =$ $\sum_{k\geq 3} B_k w^{k-3}$, $B'(w) = \sum_{k\geq 5} B'_k w^{k-5}$, $G(w) = \sum_{k\geq 3} G_k w^{k-3}$, $G'(w) = \sum_{k\geq 5} G'_k w^{k-5}$, $D(w) =$ $\sum_{k\geq 6} D_k w^{k-6}, L(w) = \sum_{k\geq 6} L_k w^{k-6}, L'(w) = \sum_{k\geq 6} L'_k w^{k-6}, L''(w) = \sum_{k\geq 6} L''_k w^{k-6}.$

Proposition [3.48](#page-49-0) leads to the following system of equations:

$$
A(v, w) = vx^{2} + vwxA(v, w) + A(0, w),
$$

\n
$$
A(0, w) = \frac{x^{2}}{1 - wx} + xL + x(B(1) + G'(1)) + xG(w) + xD(w)
$$

\n
$$
+ x(A(w, 1) - wx^{2}/(1 - wx)) + x(A'(w, 1) + A''(w, 1)),
$$

\n
$$
A'(v, w) = \frac{x}{1 - w}(A'(vw, 1) - wA'(v, w)) + \frac{x}{1 - w}(A''(vw, 1) - wA''(v, w)),
$$

\n
$$
(1 - x)A''(v, w) = \frac{x}{(1 - w)(1 - vw)}(A(0, 1) - A(0, w)) - \frac{vx}{(1 - v)(1 - vw)}(A(0, w) - A(0, vw)),
$$

\n
$$
B(w) = \frac{x}{1 - w}(A(1, 1) - A(w, 1)) + xA''(1, 1) + xB(w) + \frac{x}{1 - w}(D(1) - D(w)),
$$

\n
$$
B'(w) = \frac{x}{1 - w}(B(1) - B(w)) + \frac{x}{1 - w}(B'(1) - wB'(w)) + \frac{x}{1 - w}(G'(1) - G'(w)),
$$

$$
G(w) = xG(w) + xG(1) + xB(1) + x(A(w, 1) - wx^2/(1 - wx)),
$$

\n
$$
(1 - x)G'(w) = \frac{x}{1 - w}(A'(1, 1) - A'(1/w, w)) + \frac{x}{1 - w}(A''(1, 1) - A''(1/w, w)) + \frac{x}{1 - w}(G(1) - G(w)),
$$

\n
$$
(1 - x)D(w) = \frac{x}{1 - wx}(B'(1) + xG'(1)),
$$

\n
$$
(1 - x)L = xA'(1, 1),
$$

\n
$$
(1 - x)L' = xB'(1),
$$

\n
$$
(1 - x)L'' = xG'(1).
$$

Let $K = 5x^8 - 44x^7 + 128x^6 - 208x^5 + 209x^4 - 132x^3 + 51x^2 - 11x + 1$. Then, by computer algebra, one can show the solution of the above system is given by

$$
A(v, w) = \frac{x^2(x - 1)^5(wx^3 + 4x^3 - 9x^2 + 5x - 1) + vx^2K(1 - wx)}{(1 - wx)(1 - vwx)K},
$$

\n
$$
A'(v, w) = \frac{x^5(1 - 2x)(1 - x)^4}{(1 - wx)(1 - vwx)K},
$$

\n
$$
A''(v, w) = \frac{x^4(1 - 2x)^2(1 - x)^4}{(1 - wx)(1 - vwx)K},
$$

\n
$$
B(w) = \frac{x^3(1 - x)(1 - 7x + 19x^2 - (w + 25)x^3 + 2(2w + 7)x^4 - (4w + 1)x^5)}{(1 - wx)K},
$$

\n
$$
B'(w) = \frac{x^5(1 - 2x)(1 - x)^4}{(1 - wx)K},
$$

\n
$$
G(w) = \frac{x^3(1 - x)^2(1 - 4x - 2(w - 4)x^2 + 3(2w - 3)x^3 + 5(1 - w)x^4)}{(1 - wx)K},
$$

\n
$$
G'(w) = \frac{x^5(1 - 3x + 3x^2)(1 - x)^2}{(1 - wx)K},
$$

\n
$$
D(w) = \frac{x^6(1 - 3x + 2x^2 + x^3)}{(1 - wx)K},
$$

\n
$$
L = \frac{x^6(1 - 2x)(1 - x)}{K}
$$

$$
L = \frac{K}{K},
$$

\n
$$
L' = \frac{x^6(1 - 2x)(1 - x)^2}{K},
$$

\n
$$
L'' = \frac{x^6(1 - 3x + 3x^2)}{K}.
$$

Hence, by Proposition [3.48,](#page-49-0) we have

 $F_T(x) = 1 + x + L + L' + L'' + D(1) + G'(1) + G(1) + B'(1) + B(1) + A''(1,1) + A'(1,1) + A(1,1),$ which leads to the following result.

THEOREM 3.49 Let $T = \{1432, 2143, 3214\}$. Then

$$
F_T(x) = \frac{(1-x)^4(1-6x+12x^2-9x^3+x^4)}{1-11x+51x^2-132x^3+209x^4-208x^5+128x^6-44x^7+5x^8}.
$$

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4 Appendix

Table 2: Small Wilf classes of three 4-letter patterns counted by INSENC.

