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Dear Dr Sloane,

congratulations on the publication of your book on integer sequences. I purchased a copy some time ago and have referred to it from time to time.

Thank you for your letter about my paper [1]. The most important series contained there is  $s(x)$  which gives the number of stable trees with  $n$  points. It is tabulated as  $s_n$  in the appendix of [2] for  $1 \leq n \leq 45$ .

Fundamental to finding  $s(x)$  are the series  $B_1(x)$  and  $b_1(x)$  as explained in [1]. These count the number of rooted & free, respectively, trees with  $n$  points that contain no bunch. They are tabulated in the appendix of [3] for  $1 \leq n \leq 45$ . A photo-copy is enclosed. I have a more extensive (n about 200) private computer listing for  $s(x)$ ,  $B_1(x)$  and  $b_1(x)$  if you are interested.

As for stable unicyclic graphs ( $u_2(x)$  in [1]) all I have is

no. of points	3	4	5	6	7	8
stable u.g.	1	2	3	8	22	62

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You might also be interested in the following:

Doug Grant has counted the number of trees  $I(n)$  with stability index  $n$ . A table for  $1 \leq n \leq 40$  appears in the appendix of [2] [3].

Allen Schwenk has shown that the number  $r_\mu^{(n)}$  of trees with  $\mu$  points not containing a limb of  $n$  points is independent of the structure of the limb. A table of  $r_\mu^{(n)}$  with  $1 \leq \mu \leq 39$  and  $2 \leq n \leq 8$  appears in the appendix of [4]. I have shown in [3] [2] that  $r_\mu^{(n)}$  is the number of trees with  $\mu$  points and no  $n$ -cycle automorphism (except for  $n = \mu = 2$ ).

Ronald Read has counted all acyclic hydrocarbons. A table appears in [5].

[6] may also contain new series.

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