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- Dashes can be inserted between entries in the pattern.
- Entries not separated by a dash have to be adjacent in an occurrence of the pattern in a permutation.

**Examples:**

$\pi = \underline{3}542\underline{7}1\underline{6}$  contains  $\sigma = 12\text{-}4\text{-}3$

$\pi = 3542716$  avoids  $12\text{-}43$  (it is  $12\text{-}43$ -avoiding)

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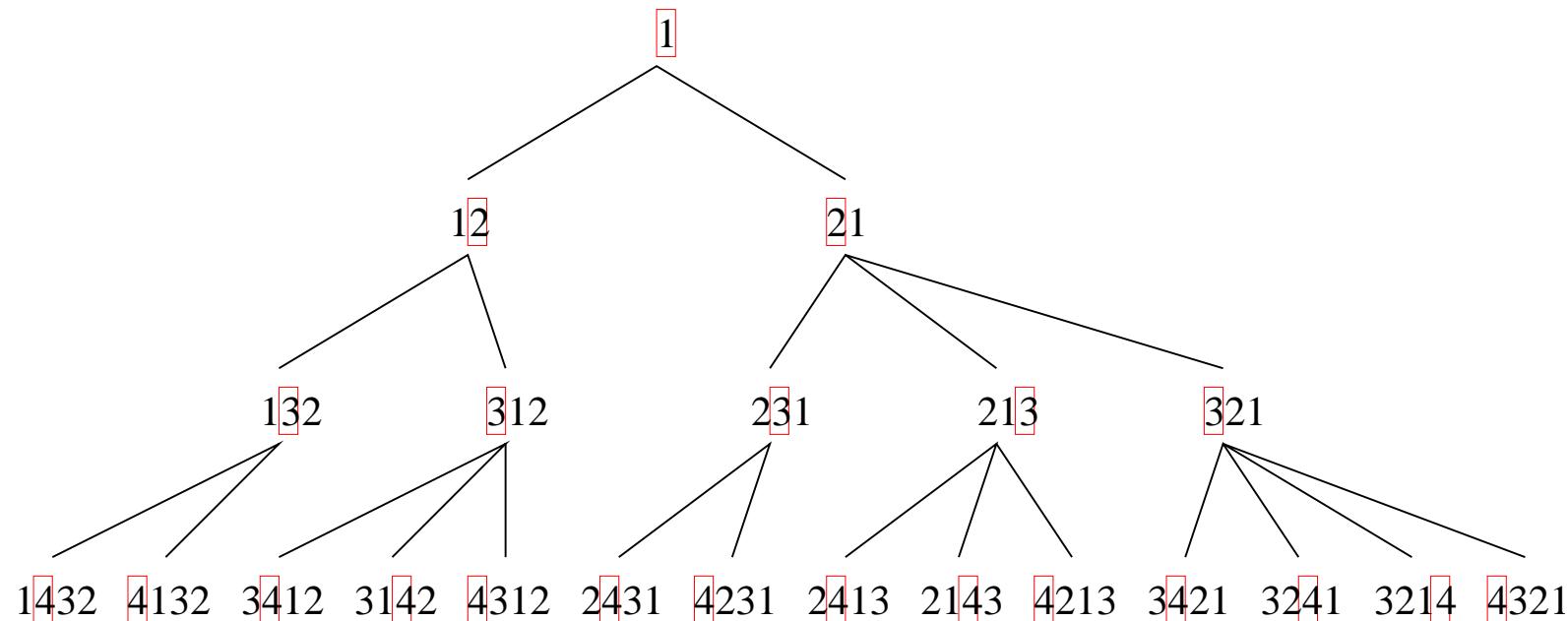
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Usually, the children of a permutation are obtained by inserting the largest entry.

**Example:** Generating tree for 123-avoiding permutations:



## ***Rightward generating trees (RGT)***

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To incorporate the adjacency condition in generalized patterns, it is more convenient to consider **rightward generating trees**.

To obtain a child of  $\pi$ :

- append a new entry  $k$  to the right of  $\pi$ ,
- shift up by one the entries of  $\pi$  that were  $\geq k$ .

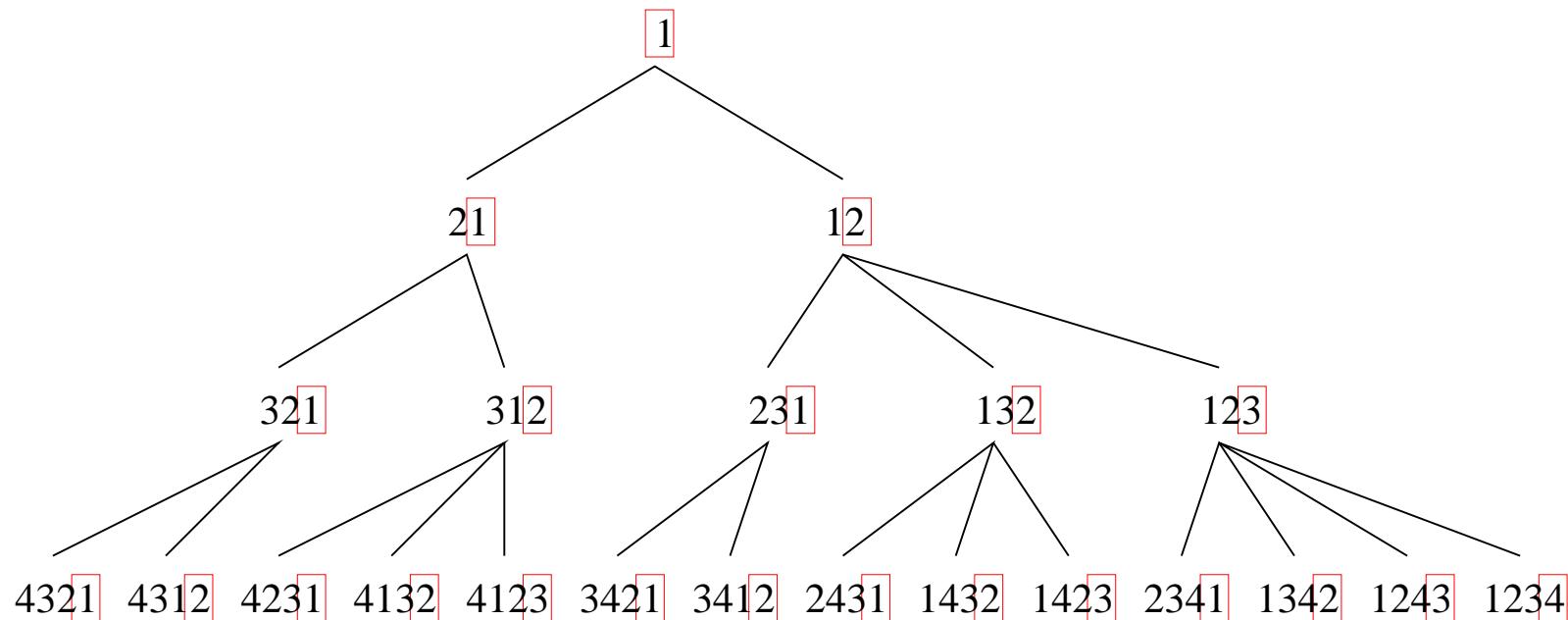
**Example:**

If we append **3** to the right of  $\pi = 24135$ , we obtain is the child **251463**.

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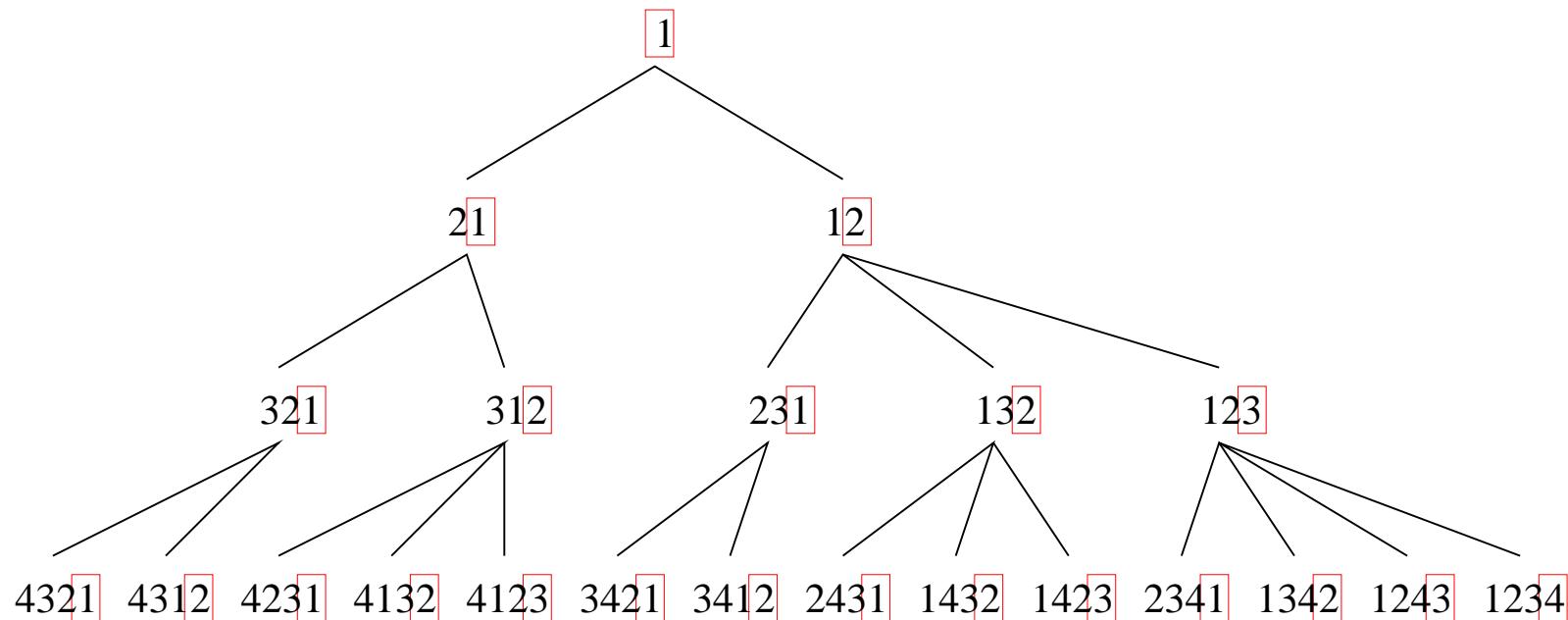
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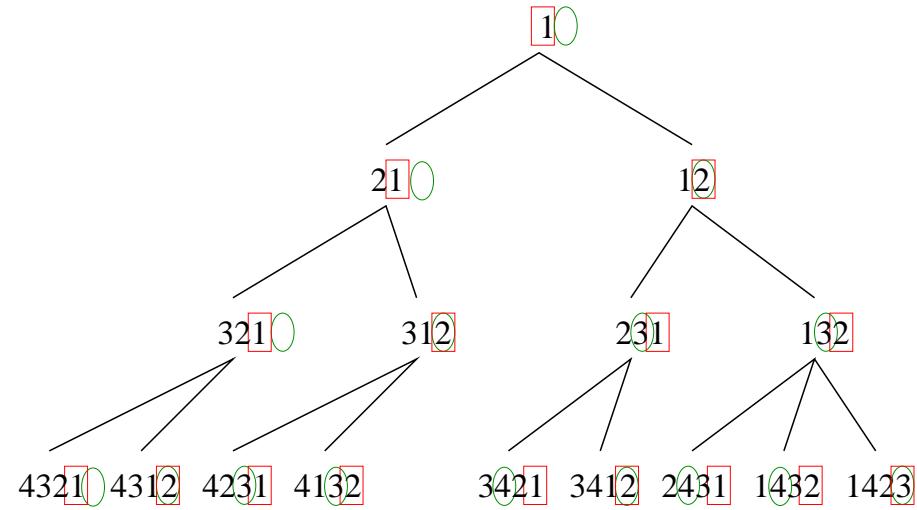
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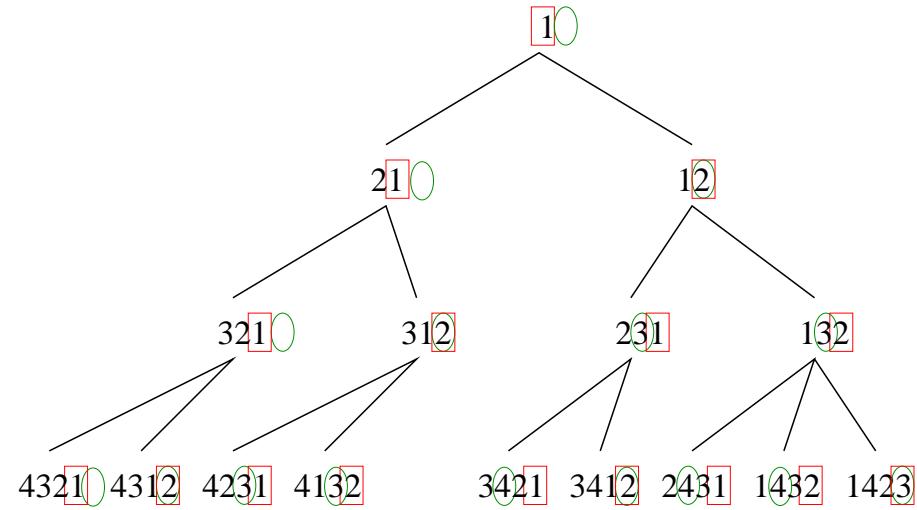
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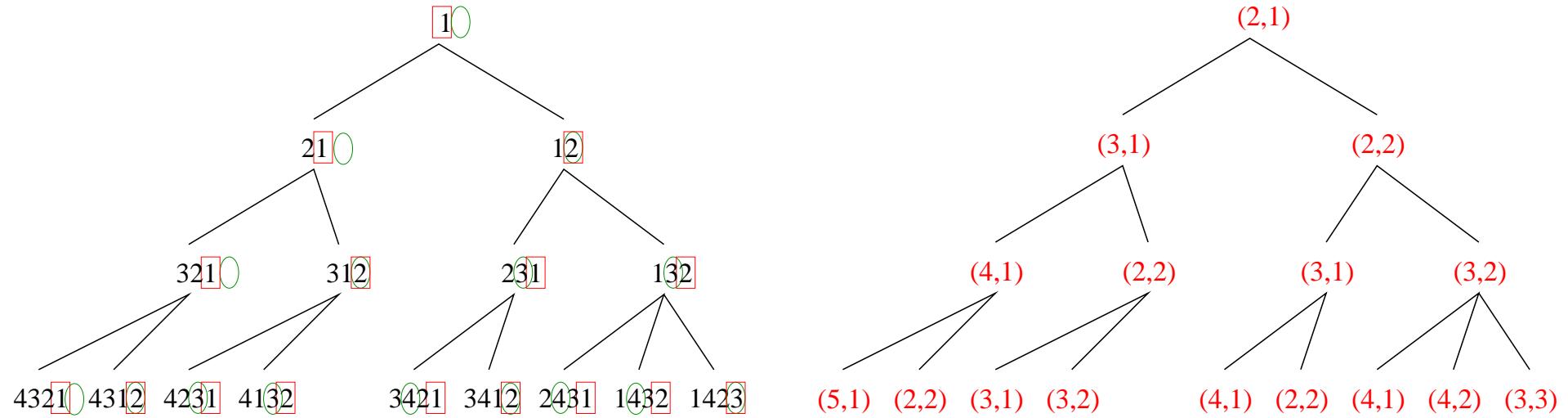
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The succession rule translates into

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Known (Mansour):  $K(t, 1)$  also enumerates  $\{1\text{-}3\text{-}2, 123\text{-}4\}$ -avoiding perms.

Open: Bijective proof of  $|\mathcal{S}_n(2\text{-}1\text{-}3, 2\text{-}3\text{-}41, 3\text{-}2\text{-}41)| = |\mathcal{S}_n(1\text{-}3\text{-}2, 123\text{-}4)|$ ?

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where  $c_1 = 2 - u - v - uv + 2u^2v$ ,  $c_2 = u(-1 + (2-u)v + 2(u-1)v^2)$ ,  
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Let  $C(t, u) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \sum_{\pi \in S_n(123)} u^{r(\pi)} t^n = A(t, u) + B(t, u)$ , where  
A (resp. B) are the terms with a label of the form ( , ) (resp. ( , )').

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