Brian Nakamura*, bnaka@math.rutgers.edu, and Doron Zeilberger. Counting permutations with exactly $r$ occurrences of the pattern 123. Preliminary report.
We will consider the problem of enumerating permutations that contain exactly $r$ occurrences of the pattern 123. Previous work by Noonan and Zeilberger considered this problem and gave a concrete method of enumeration for $r \leq 2$. We will discuss an alternate approach using functional equations to enumerate such permutations. This new approach also works for larger $r$ values, and in some instances, we can also (rigorously) prove closed form formulas.
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