# **On Complete and Size Balanced** *k***-ary Tree Integer Sequences**

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Abstract: Discovering new integer sequences and generalizing the existing ones are important and of great interest. In this article, various balanced k-ary trees are first studied and their taxonomy is built. In particular, two systematic balanced k-ary trees, whose nth tree is determined by a certain algorithm, are identified, i.e., complete and size-balanced k-ary trees. The integer sequences from the formal one is important to analyzing algorithms involving the popular d-heap data structures. Those derived from the later one is pervasive in analyzing divide and conquer algorithms. Numerous generalized and new formulae for existing and new integer sequences generated from the complete and size-balanced k-ary trees are given.

Key-Words: complete k-ary tree, integer sequence, null-balanced k-ary tree, size-balanced k-ary tree

# **1** Introduction

#### **1.1 Preliminary Definition**

Let n be the number of nodes in a tree, T which is the size of the tree, n = |T| = size(T). A rooted k-ary tree,  $R_k$  can be defined recursively.

**Definition 1** A rooted k-ary tree,  $R_k$  is either empty or has a root node, t with a sequence of k children rooted k-ary sub-trees.

$$R_{k} = \begin{cases} \varnothing, & \text{if } n = 0\\ (t, < R_{k}^{1}, \cdots, R_{k}^{k} >), & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$
(1)

A node,  $t_i$  in a rooted k-ary tree is called either a *leaf* if it has no children or an *internal* node if it has up to k children nodes. In a k-ary tree, every node has exactly k children if we consider the *null* node as a child. Every node has a *parent* node except for one node which is called a *root* node. Figure 1 shows a ternary (k = 3) tree with (n = 22) nodes.

**Definition 2** *The* level *of a node is the length of the path from the node to the root.* 

**Definition 3** *The* inclusive depth *of a node is the number of the levels from the node to the root inclu-sively. i.e.* 

$$depth(t_i) = level(t_i) + 1 \tag{2}$$

Let  $depth'(t_i)$  denote the exclusive version of the depth of a node which is identical to the *level* as defined simply as the depth in most literatures [1, 2, 3, 4,



Figure 1: A ternary (k = 3) tree with (n = 22) nodes

5]. The inclusive and exclusive depths of the double circled node in Figure 1 are 3 and 2, respectively.

Albeit there is no universally agreed-upon definition of the height of a rooted tree [3], it is defined as the length of the path from the root to the deepest node in the tree in most literatures [1, 2, 3, 4]. In other words, it is the exclusive number of nodes from the root to the deepest node. However, the inclusive version in the definition 4 shall be considered as well as the exclusive version.

**Definition 4** *The* height *of a node is the number of levels from the the node to the deepest leaf inclusively.* 

$$\begin{cases} height(t_i) = \\ 0, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ max(height(R_k^1), \cdots, height(R_k^k)) + 1, & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$
(3)

Every node,  $t_i$  can be considered to be a root of a sub-k-ary tree and the height $(t_i)$  is the height of the sub-k-ary tree whose root is  $t_i$ . Note that the heights of a single node tree and an empty tree are 1 and

. . . .



Figure 2: balanced binary tree examples

 $height(\emptyset) = 0$  whereas they are 0 and -1 in the exclusive version of height. In figure 1, every node indicates their inclusive height information.

#### **1.2 Integer Sequences**

Let *sumh* and *sumd* be the sums of inclusive heights and inclusive depths of all nodes, respectively.

$$sumh(R_k(n)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} height(t_i)$$
 (4)

$$sumd(R_k(n)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} depth(t_i)$$
 (5)

Let *sumh*' and *sumd*' be the sums of exclusive heights and exclusive depths of all nodes, respectively. They can be derived from the inclusive versions as in the eqns (6) and (7).

$$sumh'(R_k(n)) = sumh(R_k(n)) - n$$
 (6)

$$sumd'(R_k(n)) = sumd(R_k(n)) - n$$
 (7)

Consider a unary (k = 1) tree of size n. The sum of each node's height provides an integer sequence generated by the eqn (8).

$$sumh(R_1(n)) = \sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$
 (8)

When *n*th integer term is determined as a specific integer value by an explicit formula or algorithmically, the sequence is called an *integer sequence*. This integer sequence generated by the eqn (8) is the famous *triagular number sequence*. The On-Line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences [6] contains over 200,000

integer sequences. Here numerous new and generalized integer sequences from balanced k-ary tree are discovered.

Two systematic k-ary trees whose nth tree is determined, are studied, i.e., a *complete* and *sizebalanced* k-ary trees. Adding heights or depths of every node in a *complete* k-ary tree as shown in Figure 2 (a) produces an integer sequence. These are important sequences in analyzing the popular algorithms involving *d-heap* data structures. Adding heights of a *size-balanced* k-ary trees as shown in Figure 2 (b) also produce new integer sequences. These sequences are very popular in numerous algorithm analysis involving the famous *divide-and conquer* paradigm.

#### 1.3 Organization

This article is an extended version of the conference proceeding article in [7] and the rest of the paper is organized as follows. Since the terminologies in *Trees*, especially the *balanced k*-ary tree, are still in flux, the section 2 provides formal definitions and the relationships and taxonomy of various *balanced k*-ary trees are studied. In section 3 provides the general formulae for the *sumh* and *sumd* integer sequences derived from the *complete k*-ary trees. Furthermore, new integer sequences derived from the *size balanced k*-ary trees are also given. Finally, the section 4 concludes this work.

### **2** Taxonomy of *k*-ary Trees

*Balanced* trees can be defined in various ways. Rosen defined the balanceness of a tree in terms of their leave node locations as in Definition 5 [2].

**Definition 5** A tree is called a leaf balanced k-ary tree,  $L_k$  if all leaves are at levels h - 1 or h - 2.

All binary (k = 2) trees in Figures 3 (a~e) are *leaf* balanced binary trees except for those in Figure 3 (f).

A *balanced tree* is defined in terms of heights of sub-trees as in Definition 6.

**Definition 6** A tree is called a height balanced k-ary tree,  $H_k$  if the eqn (9) is satisfied for every node  $t_i$  and for every sub-tree pair  $(H_k^x, H_k^y)$  of  $t_i$ .

$$|height(H_k^x) - height(H_k^y)| \le 1 \tag{9}$$

All trees in Figures 3 except for (e) are *height balanced* binary trees. A height balanced binary search tree is known as the *AVL* tree [1, 4] and the definition 6 is a generalized for any k version of the balanced binary tree defined in [1, 4].



Figure 3: balanced binary tree examples

A different definition of a *balanced k*-ary tree is given and used in this article. It is a slight vicissitude of Definition 5.

**Definition 7** A tree is called a null balanced k-ary tree,  $N_k$  if all null nodes are at levels h or h - 1.

All binary trees in Figure 3 (a $\sim$ d) are *null balanced* binary trees while those trees in Figure 3 (e) and (f) are not.

**Fact 1** *The height of the* null balanced *k*-ary tree is

$$height(N_k(n)) = \left\lceil \log_k \left( n(k-1) + 1 \right) \right\rceil$$
 (10)

**Definition 8** A tree is called a perfect k-ary tree,  $P_k$ if all internal nodes have exactly k children and all leaves lie at the same depth, h.

The *perfect* k-ary tree is often called a *full* k-ary tree such as in [5]. However, the *full* k-ary tree is defined differently in [2] as a tree whose internal nodes have exactly k children but leaves may not lie at the same depth. In other words, a node in a *full* k-ary tree is either a leaf or has exactly k number of non-empty *full* k-ary sub trees.

Let  $size(P_k(h))$  be the size of the *h*th height *perfect k*-ary tree and it can be computed using the following closed formula in the eqn (11).

$$size(P_k(h)) = \sum_{i=1}^{h} k^{i-1} = \frac{k^h - 1}{k-1} = n.$$
 (11)



Figure 4: Recursive relations of *Perfect k*-ary trees

In case that k = 2 in Figure 3 (b), the perfect binary trees are possible only for n =

perfect binary trees are possible only for  $n = 1, 3, 7, 15, \dots, 2^h - 1$ . The integer sequences of sizes of some *perfect k*-ary trees are given in Table 1. Albeit straightforward, the size of a *perfect k*-ary

tree has two simple recursive relations. First, a root node has k number of *sub perfect* k-ary trees whose height is h - 1 as shown in Figure 4 (a). Hence,  $size(P_k(h))$  can be computed and defined recursively as in the eqn (12).

$$size(P_k(h)) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } h = 0 \\ k \times size(P_k(h-1)) + 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(12)

Next, the sub-tree which excludes the leaf level nodes also forms a *perfect* k-ary tree of height, h-1 as illustrated in Figure 4 (b). There are exactly  $k^{h-1}$  number of leaf nodes at the h-1th level. Hence, a non-leaf



Figure 6: Venn Diagram of balanced k-ary trees

level recursive relation for  $size(P_k(h))$  is defined as in the eqn (13).

$$size(P_k(h)) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } h = 0 \\ size(P_k(h-1)) + k^{h-1}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(13)

These simple recursive relations in eqns (12) and (13) shall shed light on other definitions in balanced k-ary trees in section 3.

The *null-balanced k*-ary tree can be defined in terms of the *perfect k*-ary tree.

**Definition 9** A null-balanced k-ary tree,  $N_k$  has a perfect k-ary tree whose height is h - 1 and the remaining  $n - size(P_k(h-1))$  number of nodes are at the depth h.

There are several systematic ways to make a null balanced tree of size, n where a unique nth tree is determined algorithmically. Here a couple of them are considered. The first one is the *complete k*-ary tree where a node is added in the *breadth first order* as shown in Figure 3 (c). Figure 5 (a) and (b) demonstrate the first few *complete binary* and ternary trees.

**Definition 10** A tree is called a complete k-ary tree,  $C_k(n)$  if it has a pefect k-ary tree of height h - 1 and the remaining nodes are added from left to right order.

A tree can be balanced by sizes of sub-trees.

**Definition 11** A tree is called a size balanced k-ary tree,  $Z_k$  if the eqn (14) is satisfied for every node  $t_i$ and for every sub-tree pair  $(Z_k^x, Z_k^y)$  of  $t_i$ .

$$|size(Z_k^x) - size(Z_k^y)| \le 1 \tag{14}$$

If the eqn (15) is added as a constraint, the *size balanced k*-ary tree becomes systematic. Figure 5 (c) and (d) demonstrate the first few *size-balanced binary* and ternary trees.

$$size(Z_k^x) \le size(Z_k^y) \text{ if } x < y \le k$$
 (15)



Figure 7: Illustration of computing  $sumh(C_k(n))$ 

Only trees in Figures 3 (b) and (d) are *size balanced* binary trees. The sizes of k-sub trees follow the integer partition into k balanced parts defined in the eqn (16).

$$BIP(m,k) = \left(\underbrace{\left[\frac{m}{k}\right], \dots, \left[\frac{m}{k}\right]}_{\tilde{k}=m\%k}, \underbrace{\left[\frac{m}{k}\right], \dots, \left[\frac{m}{k}\right]}_{\tilde{k}=m\%k}\right)$$
(16)

For examples, BIP(51, 2) = (26, 25), BIP(32, 3) = (11, 11, 10), and BIP(23, 4) = (6, 6, 6, 5).

Figure 6 gives the venn diagram of *balanced k*-ary trees defined in this section.

# **3** *k*-ary Tree Integer Sequences

Consider the first 15 and 13 sequences of *complete binary* and *ternary* trees in Figure 5 (a) and (b), respectively. The sum of all nodes' heights in a *complete k*-ary tree,  $sumh(C_k(n))$ , can be computed recursively as defined in the eqn (17) as depicted in Figure 7,

$$sumh(C_k(n)) = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if } n \le 1 \\ sumh(\lceil C_k(\lceil \frac{n-1}{k} \rceil)\rceil) + n, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(17)

The first one hundred sequences for the *complete unary*, *binary*, *ternary*, *quaternary*, and *quinary* trees are listed in the Table 2

The sum of exclusive heights,  $sumh'(C_k(n))$  can be computed using the eqn (6), i.e.,  $sumh'(C_k(n)) =$  $sumh(C_k(n)) - n$  and their integer sequences are given in Table 3.

**Theorem 1** sumh $(C_k(n)) = \Theta(n)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $sumh(C_k(n)) = f(n)$ . Then f(n) = f(n/k) + n approximately. According to the *Master Theorem* [1], this recursive function belongs to the case 3 and thus  $\Theta(n)$ .

![](_page_4_Figure_1.jpeg)

Figure 8: Illustration of computing  $sumh(Z_k(n))$ 

When k = 2, the integer sequence  $sumh(C_2(n))$ was studied in differential topology [8]. Both  $sumh(C_2(n))$  and  $sumh(C'_2(n))$  integer sequences are found in the OEIS A005187 and A011371, respectively and their relationships to the number of 1's that appear in the binary expansion of n are described in [6]. However, only  $sumh(C_3(n))$  but not  $sumh(C'_3(n))$  is found in the OEIS A127427 for the complete ternary trees. Hence, the eqn (17) is the generalized version of the complete k-ary tree for any k.

Consider the first 16 and 15 sequences of *size-balanced binary* and *ternary* trees in Figure 5 (c) and (d), respectively. The sum of all nodes' heights in a *size-balanced k*-ary tree, sumh(Z(n)), can be defined recursively as in the eqn (18) by slightly modifying the *k children resursion* defined in the eqn (12).

$$sumh(Z(n)) = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if } n \le 1\\ h + \tilde{k} \times sumh\left(Z(\lceil \frac{n-1}{k} \rceil)\right)\\ +(k - \tilde{k}) \times sumh\left(Z(\lfloor \frac{n-1}{k} \rfloor)\right) \end{cases}, \text{ otherwise} \\ \text{where } \tilde{k} = (n-1) \mod k \qquad (18) \end{cases}$$

If n-1 is not divisible by k, then there are only two different sized children where one group has the size of  $\lceil (\frac{n-1}{k}) \rceil$  and the other group has the size of  $\lfloor (\frac{n-1}{k}) \rfloor$ . Exactly  $\tilde{k} = (n-1) \mod k$  number of children's size must be  $\lceil (\frac{n-1}{k}) \rceil$  and the other  $(k-\tilde{k})$ number of children's size must be  $\lfloor (\frac{n-1}{k}) \rfloor$ .

Albeit the sum of exclusive heights can be computed by the eqn (6), it can be also defined recursively as in the eqn (19).

$$\begin{split} & \textit{sumh}'(Z_k(n)) = \\ \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ h-1 \\ +\tilde{k} \times \textit{sumh}'\left(Z(\left\lceil \frac{n-1}{k} \right\rceil)\right) & , & \text{otherwise} \\ +(k-\tilde{k}) \times \textit{sumh}'\left(Z(\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{k} \right\rfloor)\right) & \\ \end{cases}$$

where 
$$k = (n-1)\% k$$
 (19)

![](_page_4_Figure_10.jpeg)

Figure 9: Illustration of computing  $sumd(N_k(n))$ 

Surprisingly, neither  $sumh(Z_k(n))$  nor  $sumh'(Z_k(n))$  integer sequence for any k appears in the OEIS.

**Theorem 2** sumh $(Z_k(n)) = \Theta(n)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $sumh(Z_k(n)) = f(n)$ . Then  $f(n) = kf(n/k) + \log_k n$  simply. According to the *Master Theorem* [1], this recursive function belongs to the case 1 and thus  $\Theta(n)$ .

Finally, other integer sequences can be derived from aforementioned systematic k-ary trees if we add the depths instead of heights as exemplified in Figures 5 (e) and (f). The sum of depths in a *complete* k-ary tree is the same as that in a *size-balanced* k-ary tree. In other words, any *null-balanced* k-ary tree of size n, *sumd*( $N_k(n)$ ) has the same sum of depths of all nodes as defined in the eqn (20).

$$sumd(N_k(n)) = h \times (n - size(P_k(h-1))) + \sum_{i=1}^{h-1} (i \times k^{i-1})$$
(20)

While the eqn (18) is extended from the *k* children recursion defined in the eqn (12), the non-leaf level recursion can be utilized to constitue the eqn (20). A null-balanced k-ary tree has a perfect k-ary tree up to h-1 depth. The second term of the eqn (20) is adding its depth times the number of nodes in the respective depth in a perfect k-ary tree. And the remaining  $n-size(P_k(h-1))$  number of nodes has the value h as depicted in Figure 9.

**Theorem 3** sum $d(N_k(n)) = \Theta(n \log_k n)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $sumd(N_k(n)) = f(n)$ . Then  $f(n) = f(n/k) + n \log_k n$  simply. According to the *Master Theorem* [1], this recursive function belongs to the case 3 and thus  $\Theta(n \log_k n)$ .

 $sumd(N_k(n))$  is asymptotically equivalent to the  $\Theta(n \log_k n)$  which are called *linearithmic*, *loglinear*, or *quasilinear*. The integer sequence  $sumd(N_2(n))$  was widely studied and espeically to count the maximal number of comparisons for sorting n elements by binary insertion [9] and appears in *OEIS* A001855 [6].

$$sumd(N_k(n)) = (h-1) \times (n - size(P_k(h-1))) + \sum_{i=1}^{h-1} ((i-1) \times k^{i-1})$$
(21)

The sum of depths in a *null-balanced binary* tree,  $sumd(N'_2(n))$ , appears in the *OEIS* A061168 [6, 10]. However, no integer sequences were found for both  $sumd(N_k(n))$  and  $sumd(N'_k(n))$  when k > 2.

## 4 Conclusion

In this paper, several different definitions of a *balanced k*-ary tree and their relationships were presented. Two kinds of special *null-balanced k*-ary trees where *n*th tree is determined were also presented, i.e., *complete* and *size-balanced k*-ary trees.

Explicit formulae were given to generate numerous integer sequences related to the *complete* and *sizebalanced* k-ary trees. Some integer sequences are already in *OEIS* but this article provided a generalized k-ary tree version formulae. The sum of height or depth integer sequences from *complete ternary* trees are not found but only the sum of inclusive height appears.

One of the most notable findings in this paper is discovering the sum of height integer sequences from *size-balanced k*-ary trees. These sequences appear very often in certain types of the famous *divide-and conquere* algorithm analysis.

Numerous integer sequences that are related to *divide and conquer* appear in [6]. However, *n* is only the number of external nodes (leaves) in most of existing integer sequences whereas *n* is the number of both internal and external nodes in integer sequences  $sumh(Z_k(n))$  and  $sumh'(Z_k(n))$ . That may be the reason why these popular integer sequences do not appear in OEIS.

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Table 1: size of *perfect k*-ary trees.

									1 5	5				
$k \backslash h$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	OEIS
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	A000027
2	1	3	7	15	31	63	127	255	511	1023	2047	4095	8191	A000225
3	1	4	13	40	121	364	1093	3280	9841	29524	88573	265720	797161	A003462
4	1	5	21	85	341	1365	5461	21845	87381	349525	1398101	5592405	22369621	A002450

Table 2: sum of inclusive heights of *complete* k-ary trees:  $sumh(C_k(n))$ 

k	Integer sequence for $n = 1, \dots, 100$	n = 1000	OEIS
1	1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28, 36, 45, 55, 66, 78, 91, 105, 120, 136, 153, 171, 190, 210, 231, 253, 276,	500500	A000217
	300, 325, 351, 378, 406, 435, 465, 496, 528, 561, 595, 630, 666, 703, 741, 780, 820, 861, 903,		
	946, 990, 1035, 1081, 1128, 1176, 1225, 1275, 1275,		
2	1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41, 42, 46, 47, 49, 50,	1994	A005187
	53, 54, 56, 57, 63, 64, 66, 67, 70, 71, 73, 74, 78, 79, 81, 82, 85, 86, 88, 89, 94, 95, 97, 98, 101,		
	102, 104, 105, 109, 110, 112, 113, 116, 117, 119, 120, 127, 128, 130, 131, 134, 135, 137, 138,		
	142, 143, 145, 146, 149, 150, 152, 153, 158, 159, 161, 162, 165, 166, 168, 169, 173, 174, 176,		
	$177, 180, 181, 183, 184, 190, 191, 193, 194, 197, \cdots$		
3	1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40,	1498	A127427
	41, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 78,		
	80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 89, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 99, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112,		
	113, 116, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, 126, 129, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139,		
	$143, 144, 145, 147, 148, 149, \cdots$		
4	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37,	1334	-
	38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69,		
	70, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99, 100, 101,		
	102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 117, 118, 119, 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 128,		
	129, 130, 132, 133, 134, · · ·		
5	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34,	1251	-
	35, 36, 37, 38, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,		
	67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97,		
	98, 99, 100, 101, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120,		
	122, 123, 124, 125, · · ·		

Table 3: sum of exclusive heights of *complete k*-ary trees:  $sumh'(C_k(n))$ 

k	Integer sequence for $n = 1, \dots, 100$	n = 1000	OEIS
1	0, 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28, 36, 45, 55, 66, 78, 91, 105, 120, 136, 153, 171, 190, 210, 231, 253,	499500	A000217
	276, 300, 325, 351, 378, 406, 435, 465, 496, 528, 561, 595, 630, 666, 703, 741, 780, 820, 861,		
	903, 946, 990, 1035, 1081, 1128, 1176, 1225, 1275, · · ·		
2	0, 1, 1, 3, 3, 4, 4, 7, 7, 8, 8, 10, 10, 11, 11, 15, 15, 16, 16, 18, 18, 19, 19, 22, 22, 23, 23, 25, 25,	994	A011371
	26, 26, 31, 31, 32, 32, 34, 34, 35, 35, 38, 38, 39, 39, 41, 41, 42, 42, 46, 46, 47, 47, 49, 49, 50,		
	50, 53, 53, 54, 54, 56, 56, 57, 57, 63, 63, 64, 64, 66, 66, 67, 67, 70, 70, 71, 71, 73, 73, 74, 74,		
	78, 78, 79, 79, 81, 81, 82, 82, 85, 85, 86, 86, 88, 88, 89, 89, 94, 94, 95, 95, 97, · · ·		
3	0, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 13, 14, 14, 14, 16,	498	-
	16, 16, 17, 17, 17, 18, 18, 18, 22, 22, 22, 23, 23, 23, 24, 24, 24, 26, 26, 26, 27, 27, 27, 28, 28,		
	28, 30, 30, 30, 31, 31, 31, 32, 32, 32, 35, 35, 35, 36, 36, 36, 37, 37, 37, 39, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40,		
	$41, 41, 43, 43, 43, 44, 44, 44, 45, 45, 45, 48, 48, 48, 49, 49, 49, \dots$		
4	0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 9, 9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 12,	334	-
	12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 14, 14, 15, 15, 15, 15, 16, 16, 16, 16, 17, 17, 17, 17, 19, 19, 19, 19, 20, 20,		
	20, 20, 21, 21, 21, 21, 22, 22, 22, 22, 24, 24, 24, 24, 25, 25, 25, 25, 26, 26, 26, 26, 27, 27, 27, 27,		
	27, 31, 31, 31, 32, 32, 32, 32, 33, 33, 33, 33, 34, 34, 34,		

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Figure 5: various balanced k-ary tree Integer Sequences

Table 4: sum of inclusive heights of *size balanced* k-ary trees:  $sumh(Z_k(n))$ 

k	Integer sequence for $n = 1, \dots, 100$	n = 1000	OEIS
2	1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 35, 38, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53,	2013	-
	54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 68, 72, 76, 79, 82, 85, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107,		
	108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 127, 133, 138, 143, 147, 151,		
	155, 159, 162, 165, 168, 171, 174, 177, 180, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201,		
	203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, · · ·		
3	1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45,	1543	-
	46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 63, 67, 71, 74, 77, 80, 83, 86, 89, 91, 93, 95,		
	97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129,		
	130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148,		
	149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158,		

Table 5: sum of exclusive heights of *size balanced* k-ary trees:  $sumh'(Z_k(n))$ 

k	Integer sequence for $n = 1, \dots, 100$	n = 1000	OEIS
2	0, 1, 1, 3, 4, 4, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 11, 11, 11, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 26, 26, 26, 26, 26, 26, 26, 26, 26	1013	-
	26, 26, 26, 31, 35, 38, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57		
	57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57, 57,		
	104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 120, 120,		
	120, 120, 120, · · ·		
3	0, 1, 1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18	543	-
	18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18,		
	47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58		
	58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58, 58,		

Table 6: sum of inclusive depths of *null balanced* k-ary trees:  $sumd(N_k(n))$ 

k	Integer sequence for $n = 1, \dots, 100$	n = 1000	OEIS
2	1, 3, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 45, 49, 54, 59, 64, 69, 74, 79, 84, 89, 94, 99, 104,	8987	A001855
	109, 114, 119, 124, 129, 135, 141, 147, 153, 159, 165, 171, 177, 183, 189, 195, 201, 207, 213,		
	219, 225, 231, 237, 243, 249, 255, 261, 267, 273, 279, 285, 291, 297, 303, 309, 315, 321, 328,		
	335, 342, 349, 356, 363, 370, 377, 384, 391, 398, 405, 412, 419, 426, 433, 440, 447, 454, 461,		
	468, 475, 482, 489, 496, 503, 510, 517, 524, 531, 538, 545, 552, 559, 566, 573, 580,		
3	1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 70, 74, 78, 82, 86, 90,	6457	-
	94, 98, 102, 106, 110, 114, 118, 122, 126, 130, 134, 138, 142, 147, 152, 157, 162, 167, 172,		
	177, 182, 187, 192, 197, 202, 207, 212, 217, 222, 227, 232, 237, 242, 247, 252, 257, 262, 267,		
	272, 277, 282, 287, 292, 297, 302, 307, 312, 317, 322, 327, 332, 337, 342, 347, 352, 357, 362,		
	367, 372, 377, 382, 387, 392, 397, 402, 407, 412, 417, 422, 427, 432, 437, 442,		

Table 7: sum of exclusive depths of *null balanced* k-ary trees:  $sumd'(N_k(n))$ 

	1 2 (	$n(\gamma)$	
k	Integer sequence for $n = 1, \ldots, 100$	n = 1000	OEIS
2	0, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 70, 74, 78, 82,	7987	A061168
	86, 90, 94, 98, 103, 108, 113, 118, 123, 128, 133, 138, 143, 148, 153, 158, 163, 168, 173, 178,		
	183, 188, 193, 198, 203, 208, 213, 218, 223, 228, 233, 238, 243, 248, 253, 258, 264, 270, 276,		
	282, 288, 294, 300, 306, 312, 318, 324, 330, 336, 342, 348, 354, 360, 366, 372, 378, 384, 390,		
	$396, 402, 408, 414, 420, 426, 432, 438, 444, 450, 456, 462, 468, 474, 480, \cdots$		
3	0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63,	5457	-
	66, 69, 72, 75, 78, 81, 84, 87, 90, 93, 96, 99, 102, 106, 110, 114, 118, 122, 126, 130, 134, 138,		
	142, 146, 150, 154, 158, 162, 166, 170, 174, 178, 182, 186, 190, 194, 198, 202, 206, 210, 214,		
	218, 222, 226, 230, 234, 238, 242, 246, 250, 254, 258, 262, 266, 270, 274, 278, 282, 286, 290,		
	294, 298, 302, 306, 310, 314, 318, 322, 326, 330, 334, 338, 342, · · ·		