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#### Abstract

Properties are well－researched not only on the whole set of binary trees but also on some subsets of binary trees．In this paper，we discuss properties on a subset of binary trees－ leftchain trees．The concept of leftchain trees is presented with the background of certain appli－ cations and a necessary and sufficient condition is found for leftchain trees．A relation is given on leftchain trees，it is proved that the relation is a boolean lattice on leftchain trees，and rank and unrank functions for leftchain trees are obtained based on the result above．It is pointed out that properties on leftchain trees can be grafted on rightchain trees easily．


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## 1．Introduction

As one of the important data structures or as a branch of graph theory，binary trees have been an interesting research objective for many researchers． Properties are researched on the whole set of binary trees，such as enumeration of binary trees ${ }^{1), 7}$ ）and reconstruction of binary trees ${ }^{5), 6), 9)}$ ．Properties are also researched on some subsets of binary trees，such as AVL trees ${ }^{3)}$ and red－black trees ${ }^{4)}$ ．In this paper， we will discuss properties on a new subset of binary trees－leftchain trees．

Leftchain trees can be regarded as a model for bus－structures，resources allocation，or other appli－ cations．In section 2 ，we give the definition of left－ chain trees and prove a necessary and sufficient con－ dition for leftchain trees．In section 3，we give a re－ lation on leftchain trees，prove that the relation is a boolean lattice，and code leftchain trees with binary numbers．In section 4，we point out that by sym－ metry properties on leftchain trees can be grafted on rightchain trees．

## 2．Leftchain Trees

In this section，we give the definition of leftchain trees，and prove a necessary and sufficient condition for leftchain trees．

## Definition 1.

A path $p=p_{1} p_{2} \ldots p_{l}$ in a binary tree is called a leftchain ${ }^{6)}$（rightchain）if and only if
（a）$p_{1}$ has no left（right）son，and

[^0]（b）for $1 \leq i<l, p_{i}$ is the left（right）son of its successor $p_{i+1}$ ，and
（c）$p_{l}$ is either the root or the right（left）son of its parent．
$p_{l}$ is called the header of the leftchain （rightchain．）

Example 1．The example of leftchains and rightchains is shown in Fig． 1.


Fig． 1 Leftchains and rightchains

## Definition 2.

A nonempty binary tree $\mathbf{T}$ is called a leftchain tree if and only if headers of all leftchains of $\mathbf{T}$ are on the rightchain of which the header is the root of T．

The set is denoted by $L C T_{n}$ of leftchain trees with $n$ nodes．

## Example 2.

$\mathbf{T}_{2}$ of Example 1 is a leftchain tree，while $\mathbf{T}_{1}$ of

## Example 1 is not.

## Definition 3.

The $i-p$ sequence ${ }^{7}$ ) $\left(p-i\right.$ sequence $\left.{ }^{5}\right)$ of a binary tree with $n$ nodes is an ordered $n$-tuple formed by labelling $n$ nodes of the tree from 1 to $n$ in inorder (preorder) and reading these labels in preorder (inorder.)

The $i-p$ sequence ( $p-i$ sequence) of a binary tree $\mathbf{T}$ is denoted by $i_{-} p(\mathbf{T})\left(p_{-} i(\mathbf{T}),\right)$ and labels of a binary tree for the $i-p$ sequence ( $p-i$ sequence) are called $i$-labels ( $p$-labels.)
An $i-p$ sequence (or a $p-i$ sequence) can be regarded as a permutation of $(1,2, \ldots, n)$, and $i-p$ sequences are also called tree permutations ${ }^{7}$.

## Example 3.

$i_{-p} p\left(\mathbf{T}_{1}\right)=(5,2,1,4,3,6,7)$,
$p_{i} i\left(\mathbf{T}_{1}\right)=(3,2,5,4,1,6,7)$,
$i_{-} p\left(\mathbf{T}_{2}\right)=(2,1,3,6,5,4,7)$, and
$p_{-} i\left(\mathbf{T}_{2}\right)=(2,1,3,6,5,4,7)$, here, $\mathbf{T}_{1}$ and $\mathbf{T}_{2}$ are binary trees of Example 1.

## Definition 4.

A permutation $p=\left(p_{1}, p_{2}, \ldots, p_{n}\right)$ of $(1,2, \ldots, n)$ is a partition permutation if and only if
$p=\left(L_{1}, L_{1}-1, \ldots, 1, L_{2}, L_{2}-1, \ldots, L_{1}+1, \ldots\right.$, $\left.L_{k}, L_{k}-1, \ldots, L_{k-1}+1\right)$,
here, $1 \leq L_{1}<L_{2}<\ldots<L_{k}=n$.
The set is denoted by $\mathbf{P}_{n}$ of partition permutations with $n$ components.

The set of partition permutations $\subseteq$ the set of tree permutations, since a characterization of tree permutations ( $i-p$ sequences) is that ( $p_{1}, p_{2}, \ldots, p_{n}$ ) is a tree permutation if and only if there do not exist $p_{i}, p_{j}$, and $p_{k}$ such that $p_{k}<p_{i}<p_{j}$ for $i<j<k$ 7).

## Example 4.

In Example 3, $i_{p} p\left(\mathbf{T}_{2}\right)=(2,1,3,6,5,4,7)$ is a partition permutation, here, $L_{1}=2<L_{2}=3<$ $L_{3}=6<L_{4}=7$, while $i_{-} p\left(\mathbf{T}_{1}\right)=(5,2,1,4,3,6,7)$ is not.

The relations among leftchain trees, $i-p$ sequences, $p-i$ sequences, and partition permutations are given by the following Theorem 1 and its Corollary.

## Theorem 1.

A nonempty binary tree $\mathbf{T} \in L C T_{n} \Longleftrightarrow i_{-p}(\mathbf{T})=$
$p \_i(\mathbf{T})$.

## Proof.

" $\Longrightarrow$ ": Let $\mathbf{T}$ have $k$ leftchains, and from root on the rightchain they are


Fig. 2 The leftchain tree
The leftchain tree $\mathbf{T}$ is shown in Fig. 2. Thus, by the definitions of $i_{-} p(\mathbf{T})$ and $p_{-} i(\mathbf{T})$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
i_{-} p(\mathbf{T})= & \left(L_{1}, L_{1}-1, \ldots, 1\right. \\
& L_{2}, L_{2}-1, \ldots, L_{1}+1 \\
& \ldots, \\
& \left.L_{k}, L_{k}-1, \ldots, L_{k-1}+1\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$=p_{\imath} i(\mathbf{T})$,
here, $L_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{i} l_{j}$, for $1 \leq i \leq k$.
$" \Longleftarrow ":$ Let $i_{-} p(\mathbf{T})=\left(u_{1}, u_{2}, \ldots, u_{n}\right)=p_{-} i(\mathbf{T})=$ $\left(v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{n}\right)$, then $u_{i}=v_{i}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Using induction on $n$.
(1) When $n=1$, the result is true obviously.
(2) Assume when $n<k(k>1)$ the result is true.

Let $u_{1}=m, d_{1}\left(u_{i}\right)$ be the node with the label $u_{i}$ under $i$-labels, and $d_{2}\left(v_{i}\right)$ be the node with the label $v_{i}$ under $p$-labels. Since $d_{1}\left(u_{1}\right)$ is the root and $d_{1}\left(u_{1}\right)=d_{1}(m)=d_{2}\left(v_{m}\right)=d_{2}(1), v_{m}=1=u_{m}$. By the definition of $i-p$ sequence, under $i$-labels labels of nodes on the left subtree are less than the label of the root, and labels of nodes on the right subtree are bigger than the label of the root. Therefore,
Case 1. $m=1$, the root $d_{1}\left(u_{1}\right)$ has no left subtree, i.e., $d_{1}\left(u_{1}\right)$ is a leftchain of $\mathbf{T}$.

Case 2. $m>1, d_{1}\left(u_{1}\right)$ has the left subtree with nodes $d_{1}\left(u_{2}\right), \ldots, d_{1}\left(u_{m}\right)$ and rooted by $d_{1}\left(u_{2}\right)$. Since $i_{-} p\left(\mathbf{T}^{L}\right)=\left(u_{2}, \ldots, u_{m}\right)$, where, $\mathbf{T}^{L}$ is the left subtree of $d_{1}\left(u_{1}\right)$, and $u_{m}=1, d_{1}\left(u_{2}\right)$ has no right subtree, and so on for $d_{1}\left(u_{j}\right)(2 \leq j \leq m)$, i.e., $d_{1}\left(u_{m}\right) d_{1}\left(u_{m-1}\right) \ldots d_{1}\left(u_{1}\right)$ is a leftchain of $\mathbf{T}$.

If $\mathbf{T}$ (rooted by $d_{1}\left(u_{1}\right)$ ) has no right subtree, the result holds. If $\mathbf{T}$ has the right subtree $\mathbf{T}^{R}$, then

$$
i_{-} p\left(\mathbf{T}^{R}\right)=\left(u_{m+1}-m, u_{m+2}-m, \ldots, u_{k}-m\right)=
$$

$$
\left(v_{m+1}-m, v_{m+2}-m, \ldots, v_{k}-m\right)=p_{-} i\left(\mathbf{T}^{R}\right), \text { by }
$$

the assumption of induction, $\mathbf{T}^{R} \in L C T_{k-m}$, so, $\mathbf{T} \in L C T_{k}$.

Therefore, from (1) and (2) the result holds.

From the proof of Theorem 1, it is not difficult to obtain the following result.

## Corollary

(1) A nonempty binary tree $\mathbf{T} \in L C T_{n} \Longleftrightarrow$ $i_{-} p(\mathbf{T}) \in \mathbf{P}_{n}$.
(2) $i_{-} p(\mathbf{T})=p_{-} i(\mathbf{T}) \Longleftrightarrow i_{-} p(\mathbf{T}) \in \mathbf{P}_{n}$.

## 3. Properties

In this section, we first give a relation $\unlhd_{C}$ on $L C T_{n}$, and prove $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ is a partial order relation, and then by several biprojective functions we obtain the result that $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ is order isomorphic with $<\mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1}\right), \subseteq>$, where, $\mathcal{N}_{n-1}$ is the set of positive integers less than $n$, and $\mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1}\right)$ is the power set of $\mathcal{N}_{n-1}$. Thereby, it is known that $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ is a boolean lattice and $\left|L C T_{n}\right|=2^{n-1}$. Lastly, based on the result above the one-to-one correspondence is established between $L C T_{n}$ and $\mathbf{B}_{n-1}$, here, $\mathbf{B}_{n-1}$ is the set of binary numbers with $n-1$ bits.

## Definition 5

Given $\mathbf{T}_{1}, \mathbf{T}_{2} \in L C T_{n}, \mathbf{T}_{1}$ has $k$ leftchains, $\mathbf{T}_{2}$ has $l$ leftchains, and $l \leq k$. $\mathbf{T}_{2}$ is called a composition of $\mathbf{T}_{1}$, which is denoted by $\mathbf{T}_{2} \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}_{1}$, if and only if, under $i$-labels, any leftchain of $\mathbf{T}_{2}$ is composed of some leftchain(s) of $\mathbf{T}_{1}$.

## Example 5

The example of $\unlhd_{C}$ is shown in Fig. 3.


Fig. 3 Example for $\unlhd_{C}$
$\mathbf{T}_{3} \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}_{1}$, and $\mathbf{T}_{3} \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}_{2}$, while $\mathbf{T}_{2} \not \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}_{1}$.
Theorem 2. $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd>$ is a partial order relation.

## Proof.

(1) For any $\mathbf{T} \in L C T_{n}$, by the definition of $\unlhd_{C}$, $\mathbf{T} \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}$, so $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ is reflexive.
(2) For any $\mathbf{T}_{1}, \mathbf{T}_{2} \in L C T_{n}$, if $\mathbf{T}_{2} \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}_{1}$ and $\mathbf{T}_{1} \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}_{2}$, by the definition of $\unlhd_{C}, \mathbf{T}_{1}=\mathbf{T}_{2}$, so $\left.<\mathcal{T}_{n}, \unlhd\right\rangle$ is anti-symmetric.
(3) For any $\mathbf{T}_{1}, \mathbf{T}_{2}, \mathbf{T}_{3} \in L C T_{n}$, if $\mathbf{T}_{2} \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}_{1}$, and $\mathbf{T}_{3} \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}_{2}$, by the definition of $\unlhd_{C}$, under $i$-labels, any leftchain of $\mathbf{T}_{3}$ is composed of some leftchain(s) of $\mathbf{T}_{2}$, and any leftchain of $\mathbf{T}_{2}$ is composed of some leftchain(s) of $\mathbf{T}_{1}$. So, under $i$-labels, any leftchain of $\mathbf{T}_{3}$ is composed of some leftchain(s) of $\mathbf{T}_{1}$, i.e., $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ is transitive.

From (1), (2) and (3), <LCT $n, \unlhd>$ is a partial order relation.

It can be proved directly that $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ is a complemented distributive lattice (boolean lattice), but for simplicity, we will prove the result by establishing an order isomorphic relation between $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ and $<\mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1}\right), \subseteq>$.

Based on Theorem 1 and its Corollary, a leftchain tree with $n$ nodes can be represented by an element of $\mathbf{P}_{n}$. In fact, for $p \in \mathbf{P}_{n}$

$$
p=\left(L_{1}, L_{1}-1, \ldots, 1, L_{2}, L_{2}-1, \ldots, L_{1}+1, L_{k}, L_{k}-\right.
$$ $1, \ldots, L_{k-1}+1$ )

can be simplified as an ordered $k$-tuple ( $L_{1}, L_{2}$ $L_{1}, \ldots, L_{k}-L_{k-1}$ ), or as another ordered $k$-tuple $\left(L_{1}, L_{2}, \ldots, L_{k}\right)$.

## Definition 6.

(1) $\mathcal{T}_{n}=\left\{\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{k}\right) \mid k \in \mathcal{N}_{n}, a_{i} \in \mathcal{N}_{n}\right.$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$, and $\left.\sum_{j=1}^{k} a_{j}=n\right\}$.
(2) $\mathcal{S}_{n}=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k}\right) \mid k \in \mathcal{N}_{n}, x_{i} \in \mathcal{N}_{n}\right.$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$, and $\left.1 \leq x_{1}<x_{2}<\ldots<x_{k}=n\right\}$.

## Example 6.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{I}_{3}=\{(1,1,1),(1,2),(2,1),(3)\} \\
& \mathcal{S}_{3}=\{(1,2,3),(1,3),(2,3),(3)\}
\end{aligned}
$$

The one-to-one correspondence between $\mathbf{P}_{n}$ and $\mathcal{T}_{n}$ can be established by a biprojective function $\mathcal{A}$ that

$$
\mathcal{A}: \mathbf{P}_{n} \longrightarrow \mathcal{T}_{n}
$$

$$
\mathcal{A}\left(L_{1}, L_{1}-1, \ldots, 1, L_{2}, L_{2}-1, \ldots, L_{1}+1, \ldots\right.
$$

$\left.L_{k}, L_{k}-1, \ldots, L_{k-1}+1\right)$
$=\left(L_{1}, L_{2}-L_{1}, \ldots, L_{k}-L_{k-1}\right)$, and
$\mathcal{A}^{-1}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{k}\right)$
$=\left(L_{1}, L_{1}-1, \ldots, 1, L_{2}, L_{2}-1, \ldots, L_{1}+1, \ldots\right.$,
$\left.L_{k}, L_{k}-1, \ldots, L_{k-1}+1\right)$,
where, $L_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{i} a_{j}$, for $1 \leq i \leq k$.
For $\mathbf{T} \in L C T_{n}$, we will denote $\mathcal{A}\left(i_{-} p(\mathbf{T})\right)$ by $\alpha(\mathbf{T})$
simply. The implication of $\alpha(\mathbf{T})=\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{k}\right)$ is that $\mathbf{T}$ has $k$ leftchains, and $k$ leftchains have $a_{1}$, $a_{2}, \ldots, a_{k}$ nodes from the root of $\mathbf{T}$ respectively.

The one-to-one correspondence between $\mathbf{P}_{n}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{n}$ can also be established by a biprojective function $\mathcal{B}$ that
$\mathcal{B}: \mathbf{P}_{n} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}_{n}$,
$\mathcal{B}\left(L_{1}, L_{1}-1, \ldots, 1, L_{2}, L_{2}-1, \ldots, L_{1}+1, \ldots\right.$, $\left.L_{k}, L_{k}-1, \ldots, L_{k-1}+1\right)$
$=\left(L_{1}, L_{2}, \ldots, L_{k}\right)$, and
$\mathcal{B}^{-1}\left(L_{1}, L_{2}, \ldots, L_{k}\right)$
$=\left(L_{1}, L_{1}-1, \ldots, 1, L_{2}, L_{2}-1, \ldots, L_{1}+1, \ldots\right.$, $\left.L_{k}, L_{k}-1, \ldots, L_{k-1}+1\right)$.
For $\mathbf{T} \in L C T_{n}$, we will denote $\mathcal{B}\left(i_{-} p(\mathbf{T})\right)$ by $\beta(\mathbf{T})$ simply. The implication of $\beta(\mathbf{T})=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)$ is that $\mathbf{T}$ has $k$ leftchains, and under $i$-labels labels for headers of $k$ leftchains are $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k}$ from the root of $\mathbf{T}$ respectively.

The relation between $\mathcal{T}_{n}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{n}$ can be given by a biprojective function $\gamma$ that

$$
\gamma: \mathcal{T}_{n} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}_{n}
$$

$$
\gamma\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{k}\right)=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k}\right), \text { here, } x_{i}=
$$ $\sum_{j=1}^{i} a_{j}$, for $1 \leq i \leq k$, and

$\gamma^{-1}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)=\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{k}\right)$, here, $a_{1}=x_{1}$ and $a_{i}=x_{i}-x_{i-1}$ for $1<i \leq k$.

Obviously, $\gamma=\beta \circ \alpha^{-1}$.

## Definition 7.

Given $t_{1}=\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{k}\right) \in \mathcal{T}_{n}, \quad t_{2}=$ $\left(b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{l}\right) \in \mathcal{T}_{n}$, and $l \leq k, t_{2}$ is called a composition of $t_{1}$, which is denoted by $t_{2} \unlhd_{T} t_{1}$, if and only if
for any $i(1 \leq i \leq l,) \exists p_{i}\left(1 \leq p_{i} \leq k\right.$, s.t. $\sum_{j=1}^{i} b_{j}=\sum_{j=1}^{p_{i}} a_{j}$.

Example 7. $t_{1}=(2,3,1,4), t_{2}=(3,2,3,2)$ and $t_{3}=(5,5) . t_{3} \unlhd_{T} t_{1}$ and $t_{3} \unlhd_{T} t_{2}$, while $t_{2} \unlhd_{T} t_{1}$

From definitions of $\unlhd_{C}, \unlhd_{T}$ and $\alpha$, there is the result

Lemma 1. For $\mathbf{T}_{1}, \mathbf{T}_{2} \in L C T_{n}, \mathbf{T}_{2} \unlhd_{C} \mathbf{T}_{1} \Longleftrightarrow$ $\alpha\left(\mathbf{T}_{2}\right) \unlhd_{T} \alpha\left(\mathbf{T}_{1}\right)$.

## Definition 8.

Given $s_{1}=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k}\right) \in \mathcal{S}_{n}, s_{2}=$ $\left(y_{1}, y_{2}, \ldots, y_{l}\right) \in \mathcal{S}_{n}$, and $l \leq k, s_{2}$ is called a composition of $s_{1}$, which is denoted by $s_{2} \unlhd_{S} s_{1}$, if and only if

$$
\left\{y_{1}, y_{2}, \ldots, y_{l}\right\} \subseteq\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k}\right\}
$$

Example 8. $s_{1}=(2,5,6,10), s_{2}=(3,5,8,10)$ and
$s_{3}=(5,10) . s_{3} \unlhd_{S} s_{1}$ and $s_{3} \unlhd_{S} s_{2}$, while $s_{2} \not \unlhd_{S} s_{1}$,
From definitions of $\unlhd_{T}, \unlhd_{S}$ and $\gamma$, there is the result

Lemma 2. For $t_{1}, t_{2} \in \mathcal{T}_{n}, t_{2} \unlhd_{T} t_{1} \Longleftrightarrow \gamma\left(t_{2}\right) \unlhd_{S}$ $\gamma\left(t_{1}\right)$.

Definition 9. $\delta$ is a biprojective function that $\delta: \mathcal{S}_{n} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1}\right)$,
$\delta\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}\emptyset & , k=1 \\ \left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k-1}\right\} & , k>1\end{array}\right.$, and
$\delta^{-1}(A)=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}(n) & , \text { case } 1 \\ \left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k-1}, n\right) & , \text { case } 2\end{array}\right.$.
here, case 1: $A=\emptyset$ and
case $2:\left(A=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k-1}\right\}\right) \wedge\left(x_{1}<x_{2}<\ldots<\right.$ $x_{k-1}$ ).

From definitions of $\unlhd_{S}$ and $\delta$, there is the result
Lemma 3. For $s_{1}, s_{2} \in \mathcal{S}_{n}, s_{2} \unlhd_{S} s_{1} \Longleftrightarrow \delta\left(s_{2}\right) \subseteq$ $\delta\left(s_{1}\right)$.

Now, we can give the relation between $<$ $L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ and $<\mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1}\right), \subseteq>$.

## Theorem 3.

$<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ is order isomorphic with $<$ $\mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1}\right), \subseteq>$.
Proof.
From Lemmas 1, 2 and 3,f=$=\delta \circ \gamma \circ \alpha$ is an order isomorphic function from $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ to $<\mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1}\right), \subseteq>$.

Thus, by Theorem 3, we have

## Corollary

(3) $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ is a boolean lattice.
(4) $\left|L C T_{n}\right|=2^{n-1}$.

Based on Theorem 3 and its Corollary, when $n>1$ the one-to-one correspondence can be established between $L C T_{n}$ and $\mathbf{B}_{n-1}$. Since between $\mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n}\right)$ and $\mathbf{B}_{n}$ there is the one-to-one correspondence $\epsilon$ that

$$
\epsilon: \mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n}\right) \longrightarrow \mathbf{B}_{n}
$$

$\epsilon(A)=b_{1} b_{2} \ldots b_{n}$, here, $b_{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}0, i \notin A \\ 1, i \in A\end{array}\right.$ for $1 \leq$ $i \leq n$, and

$$
\epsilon^{-1}\left(b_{1} b_{2} \ldots b_{n}\right)=\left\{i \mid\left(i \in \mathcal{N}_{n}\right) \bigwedge\left(b_{i}=1\right)\right\}
$$

when $n>1$ the one-to-one correspondence between $L C T_{n}$ and $\mathbf{B}_{n-1}$ can be expressed as $g$ that

$$
g=\epsilon \circ f=\epsilon \circ \delta \circ \gamma \circ \alpha=\epsilon \circ \delta \circ \beta, \text { and }
$$

$$
g^{-1}=f^{-1} \circ \epsilon^{-1}=\alpha^{-1} \circ \gamma^{-1} \circ \delta^{-1} \circ \epsilon^{-1}=
$$

$\beta^{-1} \circ \delta^{-1} \circ \epsilon^{-1}$
i.e., $g$ is a rank function ${ }^{2), 7)}$ and $g^{-1}$ is a unrank function ${ }^{2), 7)}$ for $L C T_{n}$.

## Corollary

(5) For $\mathbf{T} \in L C T_{n}$ and $n>1$, $\mathbf{T}$ has $k$ leftchains $\Longleftrightarrow k-1$ is the number of 1 's in $g(\mathbf{T})$.

## Proof.

T has $k$ leftchains
$\Longleftrightarrow \beta(\mathbf{T})=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k-1}, n\right)$
$\Longleftrightarrow \delta \circ \beta(\mathbf{T})=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{k-1}\right\}$ and $x_{1}<x_{2}<$ $\ldots<x_{k-1}$
$\Longleftrightarrow k-1$ is the number of 1 's in $g(\mathbf{T})=\epsilon(\delta \circ \beta(\mathbf{T}))$.
In fact, for $\mathbf{T} \in L C T_{n}$ and $n>1 g(\mathbf{T})$ can be formed by labelling all edges on all leftchains with 0 's and the rest (all edges on the rightchain) with 1 's, and reading these labels in preorder.

Example 9. $g\left(\mathbf{T}_{1}\right)=010011000, g\left(\mathbf{T}_{2}\right)=$ 001010010 and $g\left(\mathbf{T}_{3}\right)=000010000$, where, $\mathbf{T}_{1}, \mathbf{T}_{2}$ and $\mathbf{T}_{3}$ are leftchain trees of Example 5.

## 4. Conclusion

The bus-structure with $k$ branches and $n$ nodes can be regarded as a leftchain tree with $k$ leftchains and $n$ nodes, and the problem can also be abstracted as a leftchain tree with $k$ leftchains and $n$ nodes that $n$ resources are to be allocated among $k$ users. By symmetry, properties on leftchain trees $(L C T)$ can


Fig. 4 the Hasse Diagram
be grafted on rightchain trees ( $R C T$ ) easily.
As the end of this paper, the Hasse Diagram ${ }^{8)}$ of $<L C T_{n}, \unlhd_{C}>$ and the comparison of $L C T_{n}, \mathbf{P}_{n}$, $\mathcal{T}_{n}, \mathcal{S}_{n}, \mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1}\right), \mathbf{B}_{n-1}$ and $R C T_{n}$ are given as in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 respectively for $n=4$.

| LCT, | $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{n}}$ | $T_{1}$ | $S_{\mathrm{n}}$ | $P\left(\mathrm{~N}_{4}\right)$ | $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{a}, 1}$ | RCT, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $i_{-} P_{\text {a }}\left(\underline{C O} C_{3}\right)$ | $\alpha\left(\mathrm{LCT}_{\mathrm{a}}\right)$ | $\beta\left(L C_{4}\right)$ | $f\left(L C T_{4}\right)$ | $g\left(\mathrm{LCT}_{4}\right)$ |  |
|  | (1,2,3,4) | (1,1,1,1) | (1,2,3,4) | (1,2,3\} | 111 |  |
|  | (1,2,4,3) | $(1,1,2)$ | $(1,2,4)$ | \{1,2\} | 110 |  |
|  | (1,3,2,4) | (1,2,1) | $(1,3,4)$ | \{1,3\} | 101 |  |
|  | (2,1,3,4) | $(2,1,1)$ | $(2,3,4)$ | \{2,3\} | 011 |  |
|  | (1,4,3,2) | (1,3) | $(1,4)$ | (1) | 100 |  |
|  | (2,1,4,3) | $(2,2)$ | $(2,4)$ | (2) | 010 |  |
|  | (3,2,1,4) | $(3,1)$ | $(3,4)$ | (3) | 001 |  |
|  | (4,3,2,1) | (4) | (4) | $\phi$ | 000 |  |

Fig. 5 the comparison of $L C T_{n}, \mathbf{P}_{n}, \mathcal{T}_{n}, \mathcal{S}_{n}$, $\mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}_{n-1}\right), \mathbf{B}_{n-1}$ and $R C T_{n}$

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