# **Number of Spinal-Convex Polyominoes**

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**Abstract**—: In his paper we describe a restricted class of polyominoes called spinal-convex polyominoes. Spinalconvex polyominoes created by two columns such that column 1 (respectively, column2) with at most two set columns sequence of adjacent ominoes and column 2 (respectively, column1) with at least one set column sequence of adjacent ominoes. In addition, this study reveals new combinatorial method of enumerating spinal-convex polyominoes. **Keywords**—: **Polyominoes, Spinal-convex, Set column sequence, enumerating.** 

## I. INTRODUCTION

The connected shape has been made and used as a part of the mainstream riddles since the year 1907, but the first researcher to study it systematically is Solomon Golomb in 1954[1]. He proposed a connection of nsquares adjacent edge to edge with a internal connection as polyominoes as well as a unit square as ominoes. In advancing in this field, Klarners Konstant (1966)2] defines a connectivity of finite number of unit square devoid of cat point as *n*-ominoes. This polyominoes is one of the most popular areas in the field of combinatory mathematics. It's long history begins right from 19th century. It's also has drawn the attention of researchers from other fields of chemistry and physics. Particularly, the former establishes a relationship with polyominoes by given a definition to equivalent objects namely animals [3] which is acquired by taking the canter of the cells of polyominoes. The polyominoes is a vital aspect in this study and is considered as the object of many problems. The number polyominoes that can be achieved from n unit squares is included in the list of unsolved problem which is known as enumeration problem. This enumeration problem is associated with an equivalent of polyominoes object known as cell growth which begins from one omino and continue to grow gradually by the addition of omino at every step to its periphery [4]. Usually, closed-form expressions for the size of most classes of polyominoes are unknown [10]. In dealing with this type of problem, the easiest thing to do is to solve a similar or simpler problem which will give us the understanding or idea that can be used to solve the original problem. In the study of polyominoes, the

enumeration of simpler subsets of polyominoes has been the most effective line of research. The set of polyominoes can be reduced until it is solvable by enforcing additional restrictions, such as directedness or convexity as mentioned by [5], [8], [6], [7], [9], [11], [12], [13], [14]. In the present paper, our interested is the number of polyominoes with n cells and two columns knows as  $\Re^2$ . In the rest of this paper the construction of class has been discussed and hence one of the important properties for the discrete objects (objects can be count and classified).

### **DEFINITION AND TERMINOLOGIES**

In this section, a definitions of the of connectedness of ominoes with respect two columns is introduced as illustrated by some examples. We begin by introducing the definition of the connected ominoes located in the same column.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $w_{\delta}$  and  $w_{\delta'}$  be two ominoes in the polyominoes with e columns and r rows.  $w_{\delta}$  and  $w_{\delta'}$  are adjacent if one of the following conditions are satisfied:

•  $|w_{\delta} - w_{\delta'}| = e$  if  $w_{\delta}$  and  $w_{\delta'}$  are located in one column.

•  $|w_{\delta} - w_{\delta'}| = 1$  if  $w_{\delta}$  and  $w_{\delta'}$  are located in one row.

**Definition 2.2** A sequence  $\{w_{\lambda_1}, w_{\lambda_2}, ..., w_{\lambda_b}\}$  of ominoes in the polyominoes with e columns and r rows is called set-column of connected ominoes and denoted by SC if they belong to the same column and *every two consecutive elements in the sequence are adjacent.* 

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $w_{\lambda_1} < w_{\lambda_2} < \ldots < w_{\lambda_b}$  then,  $w_{\lambda_2} - w_{\lambda_1} = \ldots = w_{\lambda_b} - w_{\lambda_{b-1}} = e$ where  $1 \le b \le n$ .

*Proof.* Since the sequence  $w_{\lambda_1} < w_{\lambda_2} < ... < w_{\lambda_b}$  is belonging to one column and from Definition 2.2, every two consecutive elements are adjacent, therefore, from Definition 2.1,

$$w_{\lambda_2} - w_{\lambda_1} = \ldots = w_{\lambda_b} - w_{\lambda_{b-1}} = e$$
  
where  $1 \leq b \leq n$ .

Based on Definition 2.2, the ominoes positions located in same column are connected if they belong to one Sc.

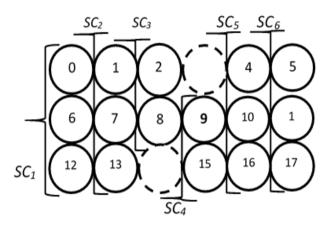


Figure 1: Nested chain abacus of 16-connected beads with 6 columns and 3 rows

In the rest of this section, the connectedness of any two bead positions located in different columns is discussed.

Let us suppose that  $w_{\delta}$  and  $w_{\delta'}$  are two ominoes positions belonging to  $SC_j$  and  $SC_{j'}$ respectively, such that  $SC_j$  and  $SC_{j'}$  are two setcolumns located in column *j* and *j'* respectively. First, the connectedness between  $w_{\delta}$  and  $w_{\delta'}$  is defined when *j* and *j'* are consecutive numbers.

**Definition 2.4** Let  $SC_j$  and  $SC_{j'}$  be set-columns of connected beads located in columns *j* and *j'* respectively in the polyominoes such that j = j' + 1. Then  $SC_j$  is connected with  $SC_{j'}$  if at least one of the ominoes in  $SC_j$  is adjacent to a bead in  $SC_{j'}$ .

**Lemma 2.5** Let  $SC_{j'}$  and  $SC_{j'}$  be set-columns of connected ominoes located in columns *j* and *j* + 1 respectively, in the polyominoes. Then  $SC_{j'}$ ,  $SC_{j'}$  are connected if  $|w_a - w_b| = 1$  where  $w_a \in SC_j$  and  $w_b \in SC_{j'}$ .

*Proof.* The two set-columns belong to two consecutive columns and from Definition 2.4,  $\exists w_a \in SC_j$  and  $\exists w_b \in SC_{j'}$  are adjacent; therefore, based on Definition 2.1,

$$|w_a - w_b| = 1.$$

Based on Definition 2.4, then  $w_{\delta}$  and  $w_{\delta'}$  are connected if  $SC_i$  and  $SC_{i'}$  are connected.

Next, the connectedness between  $w_{\delta}$  and  $w_{\delta'}$  if *j* and *j'* are not consecutive numbers is defined.

**Definition 2.6** Let  $SC_j$  and  $SC_{j'}$  be two set-columns of connected beads located in columns *j* and *j'* respectively, in the nested chain abacus such that  $j > j' + 1.SC_j$  is connected with  $SC_{j'}$  if there exists  $SC_{k_1}, SC_{k_2}, \ldots, SC_{k_z}$  which satisfy the following conditions:

1.  $SC_i$  is connected with  $SC_{k_1}$ 

2.  $SC_{k_z}$  is connected with  $SC_{i'}$ ,

where  $SC_{k_{z'}}$  set-columns of connected beads and  $SC_{k_{z'}}$  is directly linked to  $SC_{k_{z'+1}}$  for

 $1 \leq z \leq j' - j - 1, 1 \leq z' \leq z - 1$ and  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{z-1}$  are consecutive numbers.

# II. ENUMERATION OF $\mathfrak{N}^2$ POLYOMINOES

We begin this section by introducing the definition of  $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{N}}^2$  polyominoes

**Definition 3.1** A polyominoes is knows as  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  if

- 1. consists of two columns
- 2. column 1 (respectively, column 2) with at most two *SC* sequences of adjacent beads.
- 3. column 2 (respectively, column 1) with at least one *SC* sequence of adjacent beads.
- 4. all SC sequences are connected.

Figure 2 illustrate the construction of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  polyominoes for 4-connected beads.

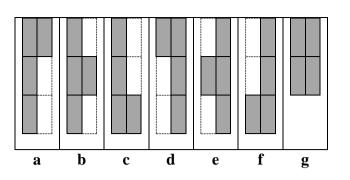


Figure 2: The 7 distinct forms of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  for 4-connected squar

Consider Figure 2 there are 7 distinct forms of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  polyominoes. In Theorem 3.6 the number of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  polyominoes with one SC where  $\binom{a}{b} = 0$  if b > a is enumerate.

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  be polyominoes with n beads and two columns such that column 1 (respectively, column 2) with one *SC* sequence of adjacent beads and r beads. If bijection from column 1 (respectively, column 2) with r beads to column 2 (respectively, column 1) with k beads then, the number of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  is

Where k is the number of beads in column 2 (respectively, column 1),  $k \leq r$  and

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even number} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd number.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Since  $k \leq r$  then, k beads will connected with r beads in  $\binom{r}{k}$  different ways. Since  $1 \leq k \leq \delta$  then, there are

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\delta} \binom{r}{k}$$

different ways to connected column 1 with column 2. Based on Definition 3.1 the number of  $\Re^2$  is

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\delta} \binom{r}{k}.$$

Now, if column 2 with r and based on previous result the number of  $\Re^2$  is

$$2\sum_{k=1}^{\delta} \binom{r}{k}.$$

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $\Re^2$  be polyominoes with *n* beads and two columns such that column 1 (respectively, column 2) with one *SC* sequence of adjacent beads and *r* beads. If the *r* beads in column 1 connected with S beads in column 2 and k - S beads connected with columns 1 by bead number q + 1 or r + 1 then, the number of  $\Re^2$  is

$$4\left[1+\sum_{s=1}^{k-1}\sum_{k=1}^{\delta}\binom{r-1}{s}\right]$$

Where k is the number of beads in column 2 (respectively, column 1),  $k \leq r$  and

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & if \quad n \text{ is even number} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & if \quad n \text{ is odd number.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. If the r beads in column 1 will be connected with S beads in column 2 and k-S beads connected with columns 1 by bead number q + 1 or r + 1 as shown in next figure,

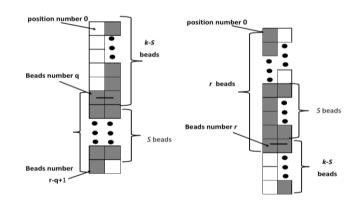


Figure 3:  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  with *S* beads in column 2 and k - S beads connected with columns 1 where  $1 \leq S \leq k - 1$ .

First, if  $\{q + 1, q - 1, q - 3, ...\}$  are beads positions as shown in Figure 4,

• S = 0 then, there is one way to connected column 1 with column 2. Thus there is a polyominoes.

- S = 1, Since k s beads connected with column 1 by *a* bead then, there are  $\binom{r-1}{1}$  ways to connected column 1 with column 2.
- S = 2, Since k s beads connected with column 1 by *a* bead then, there are  $\binom{r-1}{2}$  ways to connected column 1 with column 2.

Thus there are

$$\binom{r-1}{s}$$

way to connected column 1 with column 2. Since  $1 \le S \le k - 1$  and  $1 \le k \le \delta$  there are

$$1 + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\delta} {r-1 \choose s}$$

ways to connected column 1 with column 2. Based on Definition 3.7 there are

$$1 + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\delta} {r-1 \choose s}$$

of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  polyominoes.

Second, if  $\{r + 1, r + 3, r + 5, ...\}$  are beads positions as shown in above figure, then there are

$$1 + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} \sum_{k=1}^{6} {r-1 \choose s}$$

ways to connected column 1 with column 2. Similarity, if the r beads in column 2. Thus the number of  $\Re^2$  polyominoes is

$$4\left[1+\sum_{s=1}^{k-1}\sum_{k=1}^{\delta}\binom{r-1}{s}\right].$$

**Lemma 3.5** Let  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  be polyominoes with n beads and two columns such that column 1 (respectively, column 2) with one *SC* sequence of adjacent beads and r beads. If column 2 with two set-sequences {SC<sub>1</sub>, SC<sub>2</sub>} satisfies the following conditions:

- 1.  $SC_1$  and  $SC_2$  have at least two beads.
- 2.  $SC_1$  connected only with the first beads in column 1 and  $SC_2$  connected only with the last beads in column 1.

Then, the number of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  is

$$2\sum_{k=4}^{\delta} k - 4 + 1$$

Where k is the number of beads in column 2 (respectively, column 1),  $k \leq r$  and

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even number} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd number.} \end{cases}$$

Proof.

- 1. If k = 4, then there is only one  $\Re^2$  in this case.
- 2. If k = 5,
  - SC<sub>1</sub> has two beads and SC<sub>2</sub> has three beads.
    SC<sub>1</sub> has three beads and SC<sub>2</sub> has two beads.

3. If column 2 with k beads,

-  $SC_1$  has 2 beads and  $SC_2$  has k-2 beads.

-  $SC_1$  has 3 beads and  $SC_2$  has k-3 beads.

-  $SC_{k-2}$  has 2 beads and  $SC_2$  has 2 beads. Thus there are k-3 polyominoes and based on Definition 3.7 there are k-3 of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$ . Since  $1 \leq k \leq \delta$  then, the number of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  is

$$\sum_{k=4}^{\delta} k - 3.$$

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  be polyominoes with n beads and two columns such that column 1 (respectively, column 2) with one SC sequence of adjacent beads and r beads. Then the number of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  is

$$2\sum_{k=1}^{\delta} {\binom{r}{k}} + 4\left[1 + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\delta} {\binom{r-1}{s}}\right] + 2\sum_{k=4}^{\delta} k - 4 + 1$$

Where k is the number of beads in column 2 (respectively, column 1),  $k \leq r$  and

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & if \quad n \text{ is even number} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & if \quad n \text{ is odd number.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Based on Lemmas 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 the number of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  is

$$2\sum_{k=1}^{\delta} \binom{r}{k} + 4\left[1 + \sum_{s=1}^{k-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\delta} \binom{r-1}{s}\right] + 2\sum_{k=4}^{\delta} k - 4 + 1.$$

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  be polyominoes with *n* beads and two columns such that column 1 (respectively, column 2) with two *SC* sequence of adjacent beads and *r* beads. Then, the number of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  is

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$$+2\sum_{M=0}^{a}\sum_{a=0}^{k-g}\sum_{g=3}^{k}\sum_{h=1}^{2}\sum_{h=3}^{\delta}\binom{r-h-2}{M} +2\sum_{M=0}^{a}\sum_{N=0}^{k-g-a}\sum_{a=0}^{k-g}\sum_{g=3}^{k}\sum_{h=3}^{r-1} \sum_{h=3}^{\delta}\binom{h-2}{N}\binom{r-h-2}{M}$$

Where k is the number of beads in column 2 (respectively, column 1),  $k \leq r$  and

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even number} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd number.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. We shall prove this result by Principle of Mathematical Induction on r.

Let r = 1 then, we shall show that k = 1becomes  $k \leq r$ . Thus, the number of  $\mathfrak{N}^2$  is 1. Therefore this result is true for r = 1.

Now let us assume that the result is true for for r = r'. Then,

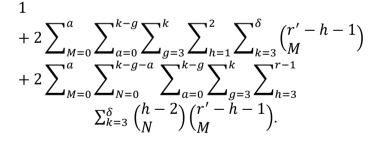
$$1 + 2\sum_{M=0}^{a}\sum_{a=0}^{k-g}\sum_{g=3}^{k}\sum_{h=1}^{2}\sum_{k=3}^{\delta}\binom{r'-h-2}{M}$$

$$+2\sum_{M=0}^{a}\sum_{a=0}^{\delta+1-g}\sum_{g=3}^{k}\sum_{h=1}^{2}\binom{r'-h-1}{M}$$
$$+2\sum_{M=0}^{a}\sum_{N=0}^{k-g-a}\sum_{a=0}^{k-g}\sum_{g=3}^{k}\sum_{h=3}^{r'-1}$$
$$\sum_{k=3}^{\delta}\binom{h-2}{N}\binom{r'-h-2}{M}$$

 $+2\sum_{M=0}^{a}\sum_{N=0}^{\delta+1-g-a}\sum_{a=0}^{\delta+1-g}\sum_{g=3}^{\delta+1}\binom{h-2}{N}\binom{r'-h-1}{M}.$  Then,

$$1 + 2 \sum_{M=0}^{a} \sum_{a=0}^{k-g} \sum_{g=3}^{k} \sum_{h=1}^{2} \sum_{k=3}^{\delta+1} {r'+1-h-2 \choose M} + 2 \sum_{M=0}^{a} \sum_{N=0}^{k-g-a} \sum_{a=0}^{k-g} \sum_{g=3}^{k} \sum_{h=3}^{r'-1} \sum_{k=3}^{\delta} {h-2 \choose N} {r'-h-1 \choose M}.$$

Then



#### CONCLUSION

This paper is devote to generate class of polyominoes by using spinal convex polyominoes desigen method. Further, property of the class are proposed. We also enumerate the class of spinal convex polyominoes.

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