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Title: On the shape of Bruhat intervals.

Abstract: Let (W, S) be a crystallographic Coxeter group. In particular, it could be a finite or affine Weyl group. For  $w \in W$ , let  $f_i$  denote the number of elements of length *i* below w in Bruhat order. We are interested in properties of the number sequence  $f_0, f_1, \ldots, f_{l(w)}$ and relations to other structural features of Bruhat intervals  $\{x \in W | x \leq w\}$ .

It is shown that

(1)  $f_i \le f_{l(w)-i}$ , for all  $i \le l(w)/2$ ,

(2)  $f_0 \leq f_1 \leq \cdots \leq f_{l(w)/2}$ , (3) if W is finite and w is of sufficient length (with respect to k):  $f_{l(w)-k} \leq f_{l(w)-k+1} \leq$  $\cdots \leq f_{l(w)}.$ 

Parts (1) and (2) are true also for W modulo a parabolic subgroup.

(This is joint work with T. Ekedahl.)