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From 3/30 on Frank's midterm to a career in Academia

Beer and Basketball. The classic (and rather obvious) solution to one of Frank's decryption questions. Soon after solving this gem, as an early graduate student of Frank's, I was put to work on some combinatorial generation problems related to rotational equivalence. The objects included necklaces, Lyndon words, de Bruijn sequences, chord diagrams, and many more. Now 20+years later, these objects are still fascinating and paying the bills! I will recount some of the results done in collaboration with Frank, along with some future directions and open problems.