

Enumeration of Permutation Classes by Inflation of Independent Sets of Graphs

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(based on joint work with Christian Bean and Henning Ulfarsson)

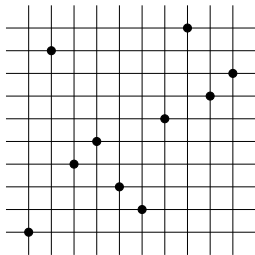
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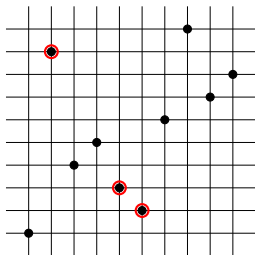
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A *permutation class* is the set of permutations that avoid a given set of patterns. A permutation class is denoted $\text{Av}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$

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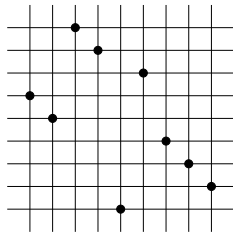
$$\text{Av}(123) = \{\varepsilon, 1, 12, 21, \del{123}, 213, 231, 312, 321, \dots\}$$

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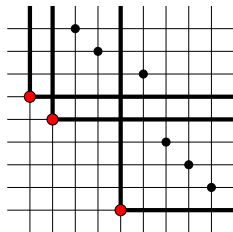


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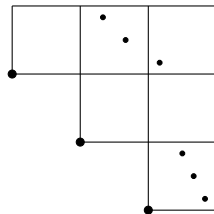
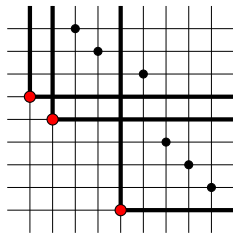


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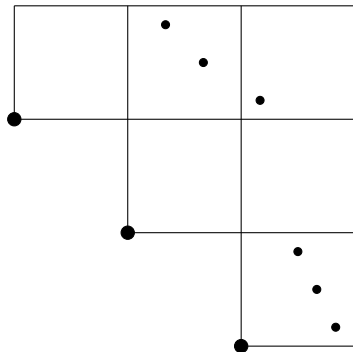


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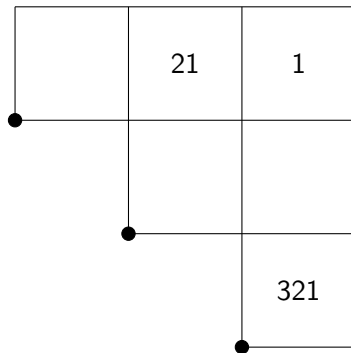
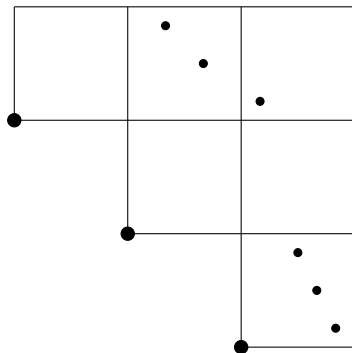


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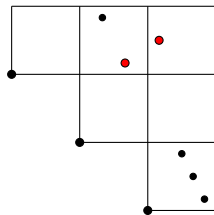
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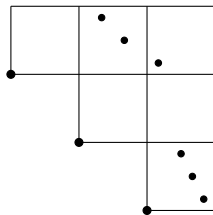
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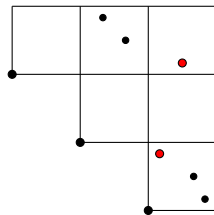
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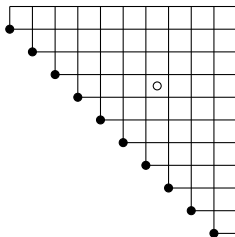
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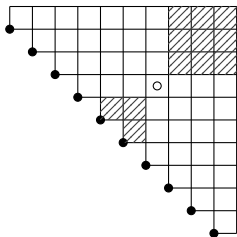
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- ▶ Find the number of permutations in the class that correspond to each staircase encoding in the image, *i.e.*, the number of ways of interleaving rows and columns

Permutations avoiding 123

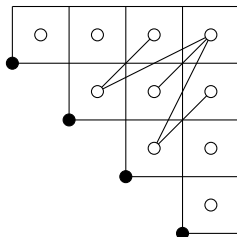
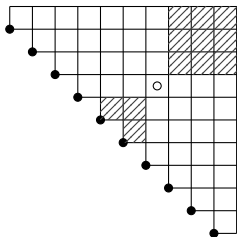
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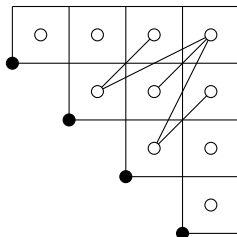
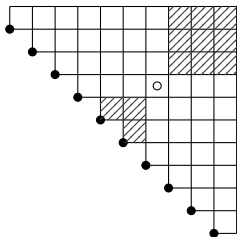


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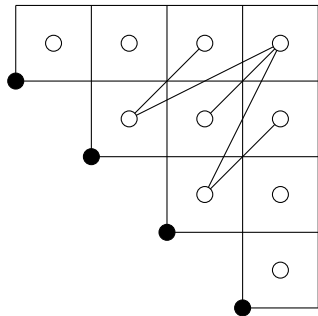
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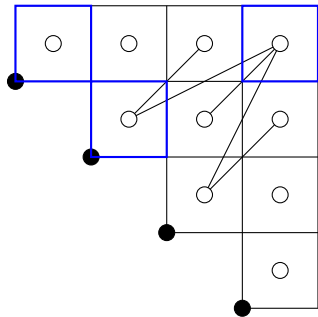
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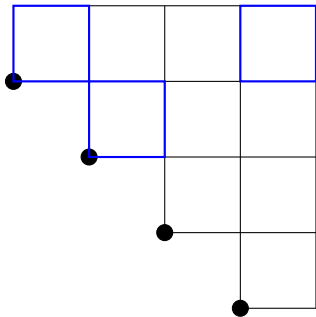
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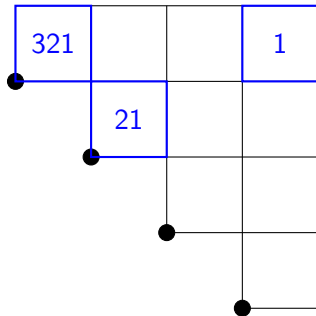
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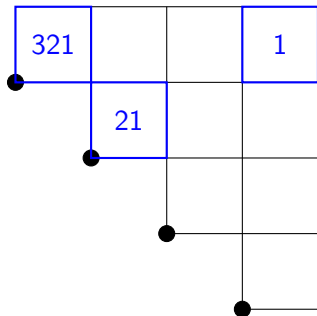
The permutations in all cells of the staircase encoding must avoid 12.







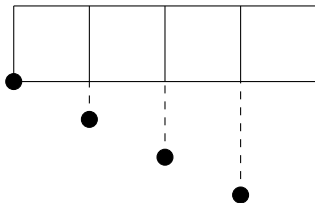




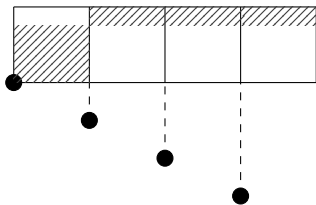
$F\left(x, \frac{x}{1-x}\right)$ counts staircase encodings of 123 avoiders by size.

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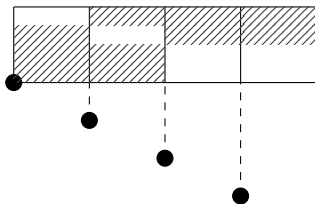
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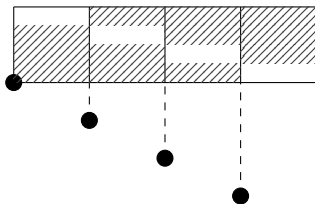
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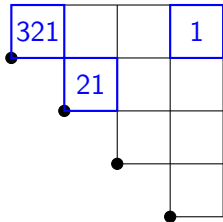
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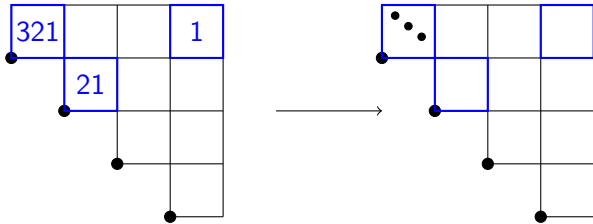
Similarly columns are said to be *decreasing*.
One way of interleaving \implies One 123-avoiders by staircase encoding.

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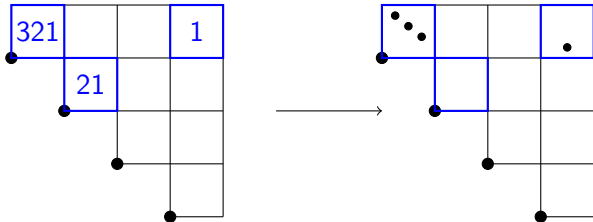
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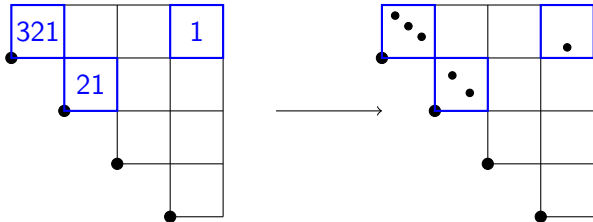
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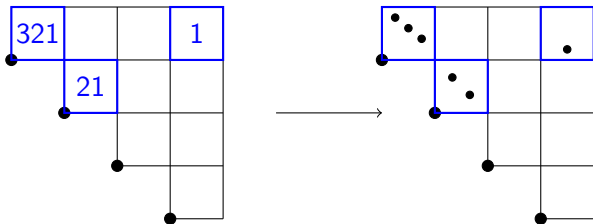
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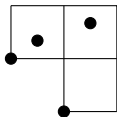


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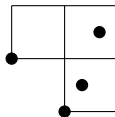
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Avoiding 2314 and 3124

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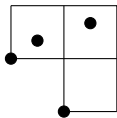


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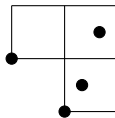


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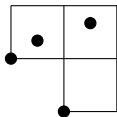
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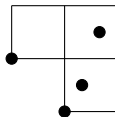
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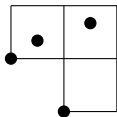
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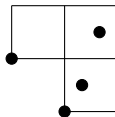
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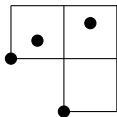
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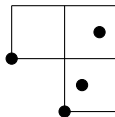
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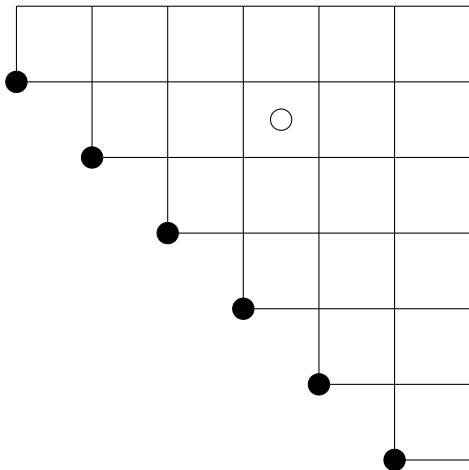
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Solving the equation gives

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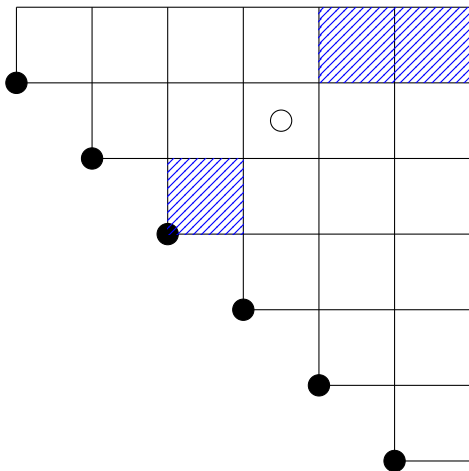
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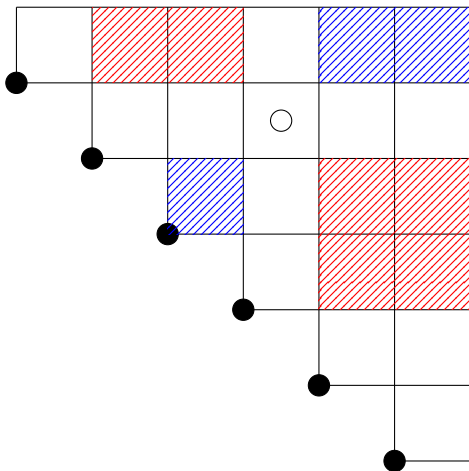
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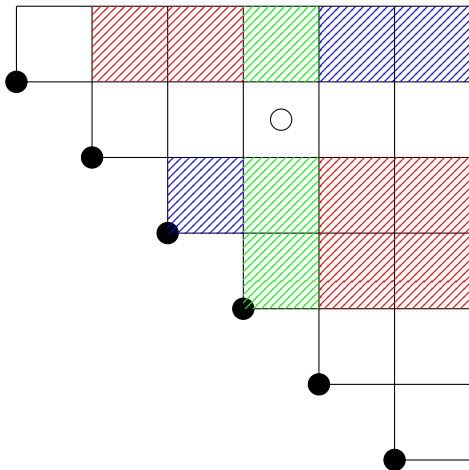
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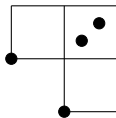
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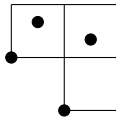
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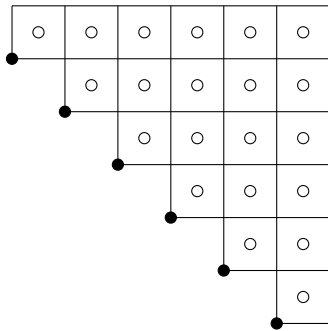
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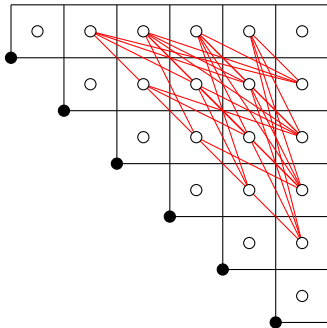
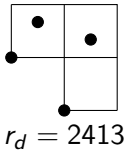
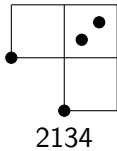


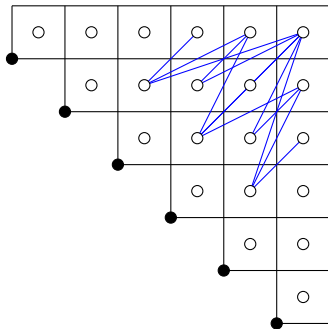
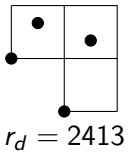
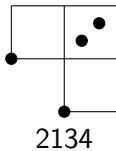
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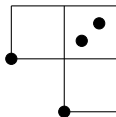


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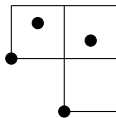




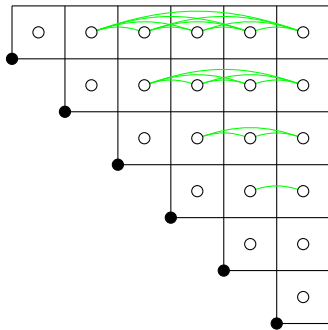


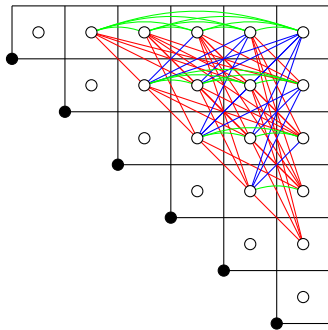
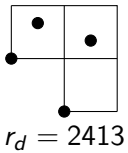
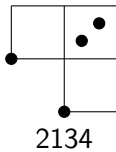


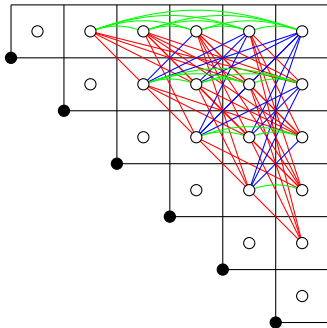
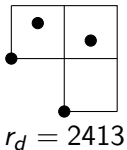
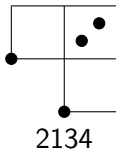
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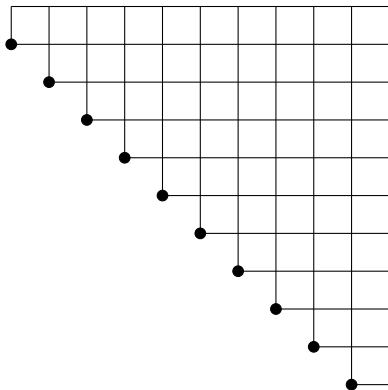




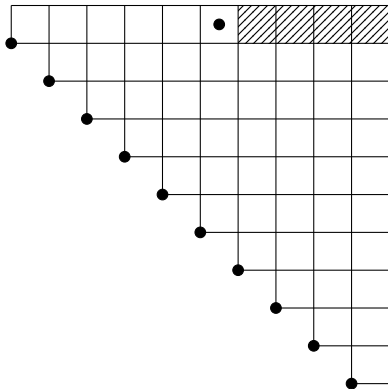


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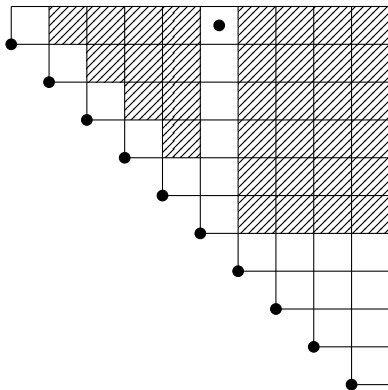
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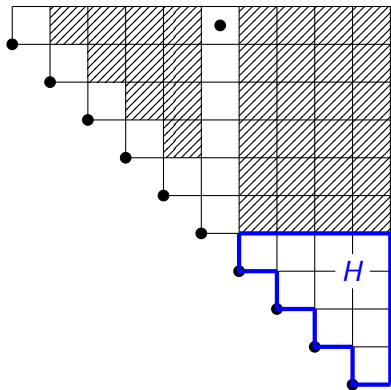
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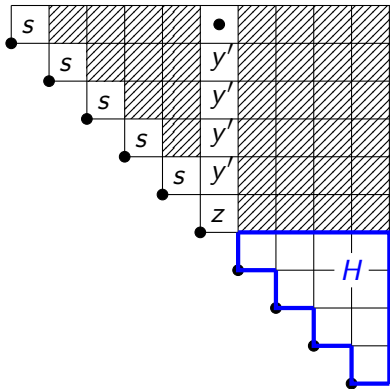
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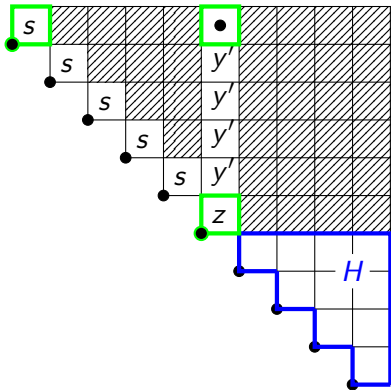
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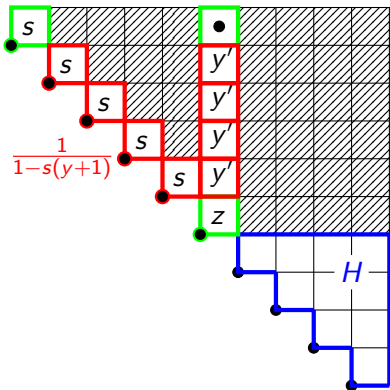
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Theorem

The generating function of $\text{Av}(2134, 2413)$ is


$$H\left(xB(x), \frac{x}{1-x}, B(x) - 1, xC(x)\right)$$


where

- ▶ $B(x)$ is the generating function of $\text{Av}(2134, 2413)$,
- ▶ $C(x)$ is the generating function of $\text{Av}(213)$

We show that for a set of patterns P satisfying: for all $\pi \in P$

▶ π is skew-indecomposable,

▶ π avoids  and

▶ π contains  or $\pi = \alpha \oplus 1$ with α skew-indecomposable.

Theorem

The generating function of $\text{Av}(2134, 2413, 1 \oplus P)$ is

$$H\left(xB(x), \frac{x}{1-x}, B(x) - 1, xC(x)\right)$$

where

- ▶ $B(x)$ is the generating function of $\text{Av}(2134, 2413, {}_x P)$,
- ▶ $C(x)$ is the generating function of $\text{Av}(213, {}_x P^\times)$

Example

$A(x)$, the generating function of $\text{Av}(2134, 2413)$ satisfies

$$A(x) = H\left(xA(x), \frac{x}{1-x}, A(x) - 1, \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-4x}}{2} - 1\right)$$

The equation can be solved explicitly.

Conclusion

Final example

$A(x)$ is the generating function of $\text{Av}(2314, 3124, 13524, 12435)$.

$$A(x) = F(x, B(x) - 1)$$

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Computing $A(x)$ gives the same generating function as for the class $\text{Av}(2413, 2134)$.

Basis that can be handled

Basis	Subclasses	References
2314, 3124	8	Schröder number
2413, 3142	8	Schröder number
2314, 3124, 2413, 3142	64	Atkinson & Stitt (2002)
2314, 3124, 2413	8	Mansour & Shattuck (2017)
2314, 3124, 3142*	8	Mansour & Shattuck (2017)
2413, 3142, 2314	8	Callan, Mansour & Shattuck (2017)
2413, 3142, 3124*	8	Callan, Mansour & Shattuck (2017)
2413, 3124	4	Albert, Atkinson & Vatter (2014)
2314, 3142	4	Albert, Atkinson & Vatter (2014)
2134, 2413	2	Albert, Atkinson & Vatter (2014)

*Symmetry of an other class.