

Refined enumeration of permutations sorted with two stacks and a D_8 symmetry

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The little story of the problem, with many characters!

- **Questions of Anders, Einar and Mark:**
What are the permutations sorted by the composition of two operators of the form $\mathbf{S} \circ \alpha$ for $\alpha \in D_8$?
How are they enumerated?
- **Answer to the 1st question, with Mike and Michael also:**
Characterization of permutations sorted by $\mathbf{S} \circ \alpha \circ \mathbf{S}$ by (generalized) excluded patterns.
- **Conjectures of Anders, Einar and Mark for the 2nd question:**
 - $\text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S})$ and $\text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S})$ are enumerated by the same sequence, and a tuple of 15 statistics is equidistributed.
 - $\text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{S})$ and Bax are enumerated by the same sequence, and a tuple of 3 statistics is equidistributed.
- **Answer to the 2nd question, by Olivier and myself:**
The conjectures are true, and a few more statistics can be added to the first one.

Definitions

Representation of permutations

Permutation: Bijection from $[1..n]$ to itself. Set \mathfrak{S}_n .

- **Linear** representation:

$$\sigma = 1\ 8\ 3\ 6\ 4\ 2\ 5\ 7$$

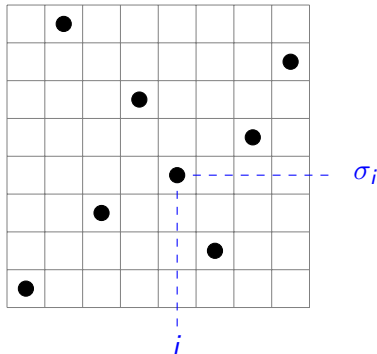
- **Two lines** representation:

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 8 & 3 & 6 & 4 & 2 & 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Representation as a product of cycles:**

$$\sigma = (1) (2\ 8\ 7\ 5\ 4\ 6) (3)$$

- Representation by **diagram** :



(Generalized) Permutation patterns, D_3 symmetries, and the stack sorting operator.

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Notation: $\pi \preceq \sigma$.

Equivalently: The **normalization** of $\sigma_{i_1} \dots \sigma_{i_k}$ on $[1..k]$ yields π .

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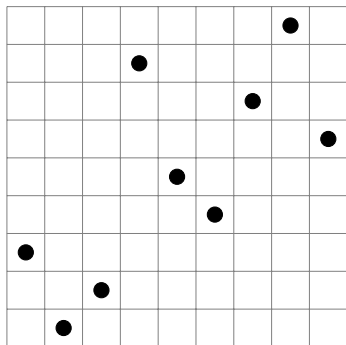
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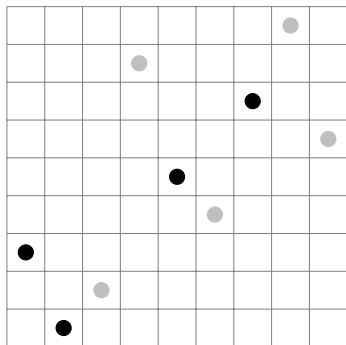
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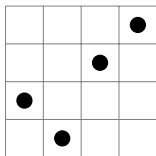
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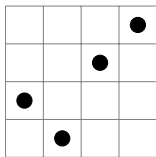
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Generalizations of excluded patterns


- **Dashed pattern** [Babson, Steingrímsson 2000]:


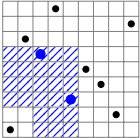
Add adjacency constraints between some elements $\sigma_{i_1}, \dots, \sigma_{i_k}$.

Example: $\sigma_{i_1}\sigma_{i_2}\sigma_{i_3}\sigma_{i_4}$ occurrence of 2-41-3 $\Rightarrow i_3 = i_2 + 1$.


- **Mesh pattern** [Úlfarsson, Brändén, Claesson 2011]:

Stretched diagram with shaded cells .


An occurrence of a mesh pattern is a set of points matching the diagram while leaving zones  empty.

Example: $\mu =$  is a pattern of $\sigma =$  .

- **Barred pattern** [West 1990]:

Mesh pattern with only one cell .

Example:

$3\bar{5}241 =$ 

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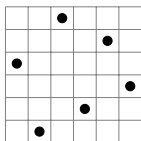
D_8 symmetries

Symmetries of the square transform permutations *via* their diagrams

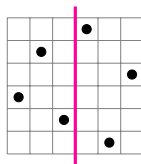
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Complement

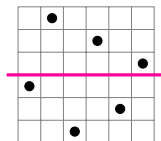
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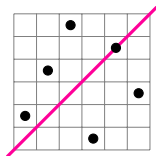
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$r(\sigma)$



$c(\sigma)$



$i(\sigma)$

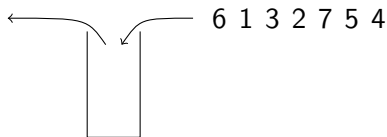
These operators generate an 8-element group:

$$D_8 = \{\text{id}, r, c, i, r \circ c, i \circ r, i \circ c, i \circ c \circ r\}$$

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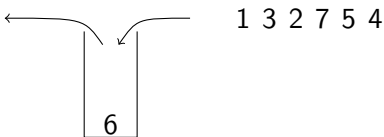
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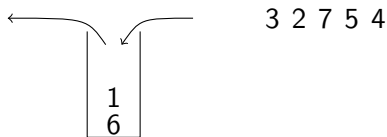
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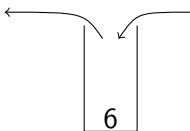
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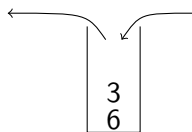
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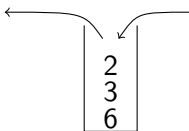
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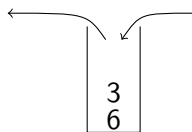
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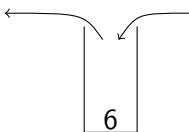


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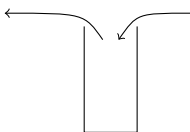


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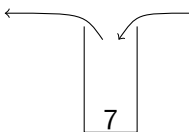


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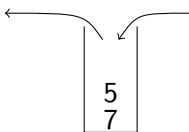
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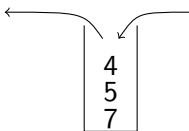


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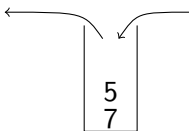
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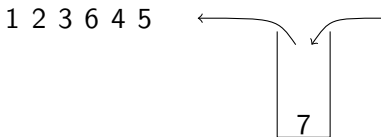
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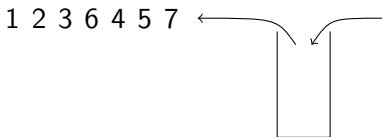
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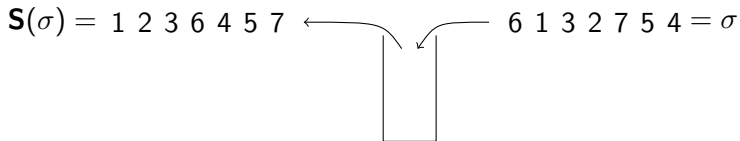
Sort (or try to do so) using a **stack** satisfying the **Hanoi condition**.

$$S(\sigma) = 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 6 \ 4 \ 5 \ 7 \quad \leftarrow \quad \begin{array}{c} \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \quad 6 \ 1 \ 3 \ 2 \ 7 \ 5 \ 4 = \sigma$$

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- Stack sortable permutations: Id(\mathbf{S}) = Av(231), enumeration by Catalan numbers [Knuth]
- Two-stack sortable: Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}$) = Av(2341, 35̄241), enumeration by $\frac{2(3n)!}{(n+1)!(2n+1)!}$ [West, Zeilberger, ...]
- Many other variants studied, in connection with excluded patterns [Bóna, Bousquet-Mélou, Rossin, ...]

Stating the main results

Characterizations with excluded patterns, and enumeration refined according to tuple of statistics.

Characterization by generalized excluded patterns

Theorem

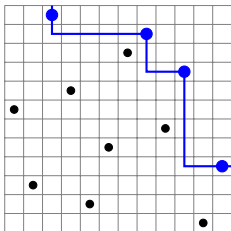
Permutations that are sorted by $\mathbf{S} \circ \alpha \circ \mathbf{S}$, for α in D_8 , are:

- $\text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{c} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Av}(2341, 3\bar{5}241);$
 - $\text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{c} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Av}(231);$
 - $\text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{c} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Av}(1342, 31\text{-}4\text{-}2)$
 $= \text{Av}(1342, 3\bar{5}142);$
 - $\text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{c} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Av}(3412, 3\text{-}4\text{-}21).$
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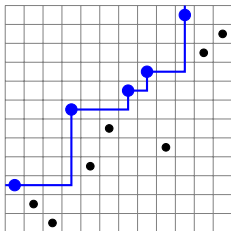
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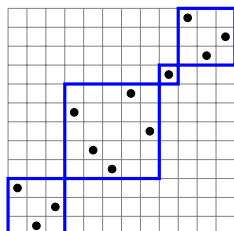
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Number of LtoR-max



$$\text{lmax}(\sigma) = 5$$

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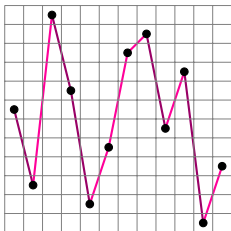


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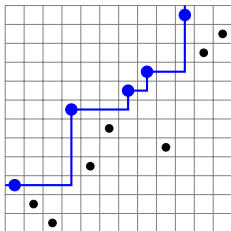
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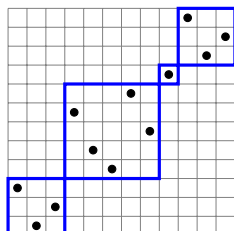
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Up-down word of $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n$: $w \in \{u, d\}^{n-1}$, $w_i = \begin{cases} u & \text{if } \sigma_i < \sigma_{i+1} \\ d & \text{if } \sigma_i > \sigma_{i+1} \end{cases}$

$$\text{udword}(\sigma) = d u d d u u u d u d u$$

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Refined enumeration of Id($S \circ r \circ S$)

Theorem

The two sets Id($S \circ S$) and Id($S \circ r \circ S$) are enumerated by the same sequence. Moreover, the tuple of statistics (udword, rmax, lmax, zeil, indmax, slmax, slmax \circ r) has the same distribution.

The underlying bijection actually preserves the [joint distribution](#) of these statistics.

Consequence

The statistics (asc, des, maj, maj \circ r, maj \circ c, maj \circ rc, valley, peak, ddes, dasc, rir, rdr, lir, ldr) are also (and jointly) equidistributed.


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Refined enumeration of Id($\mathbf{S} \circ i \circ \mathbf{S}$)

Theorem

The set Id($\mathbf{S} \circ i \circ \mathbf{S}$) is enumerated by the Baxter numbers, and the triple of statistics (lmax, des, comp) has the same joint distribution on Id($\mathbf{S} \circ i \circ \mathbf{S}$) and on Bax.

Lemma

It also has the same distribution than the triple of statistics (lmax, occ_μ , comp) on TBax, where $\mu =$  .

- Baxter permutations: $\text{Bax} = \text{Av}(2-41-3, 3-14-2)$
- Twisted Baxter permutations: $\text{TBax} = \text{Av}(2-41-3, 3-41-2)$

Both are enumerated by $Bax_n = \frac{2}{n(n+1)^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n+1}{k-1} \binom{n+1}{k} \binom{n+1}{k+1}$

Elements of proof

Characterizing permutations sorted by $\mathbf{S} \circ \alpha \circ \mathbf{S}$ with excluded patterns.

Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}$): characterization by excluded patterns

Theorem (partial statement)

$$\text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{i} \circ \mathbf{c} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Av}(1342, 31\text{-}4\text{-}2) = \text{Av}(1342, 3\bar{5}142)$$

Proof:

$$\text{Step 1. } 31\text{-}4\text{-}2 \preceq \sigma \Leftrightarrow 3\bar{5}142 \preceq \sigma$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Step 2. } \sigma \in \text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}) &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}(\sigma) = 12 \dots n \\ &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}(\sigma) \in \text{Av}(231) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{S}(\sigma) \in \text{Av}(132) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Step 3. } \mathbf{S}(\sigma) \in \text{Av}(132) \Leftrightarrow \sigma \in \text{Av}(1342, 31\text{-}4\text{-}2)$$

Characterizing permutations sorted by $S \circ \alpha \circ S$ with excluded patterns.

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- If $\sigma_i\sigma_j\sigma_k\sigma_\ell \equiv 1342$, then $\mathbf{S}(\sigma)$ contains $\sigma_i\sigma_j\sigma_\ell \equiv 132$.
- If $\sigma_i\sigma_j\sigma_k\sigma_\ell \equiv 31-4-2$, then $\mathbf{S}(\sigma)$ contains $\sigma_j\sigma_i\sigma_\ell \equiv 132$.

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Theorem (partial statement)

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Method of proof:

- Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}$) = Av(2341, 3 $\bar{5}$ 241)
- Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}$) = Av(1342, 3 $\bar{5}$ 142)
- Provide a common rewriting system (encoding isomorphic **generating trees**) for Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}$) and Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}$)

Refinement according to statistics: introduce each statistics into the rewriting system

Generating trees

- **Generating tree for $Av(\pi, \tau, \dots)$** : an infinite tree where vertices at level n are permutations of \mathfrak{S}_n avoiding π, τ, \dots
- The children σ' of σ are obtained by insertion of a new element in the **active sites** of σ .
 - Sites are often on one of the four sides of the diagram (e.g. on the right).
 - Sites are active when $\sigma' \in Av(\pi, \tau, \dots)$ i.e., when the insertion does not create a pattern π or $\tau \dots$

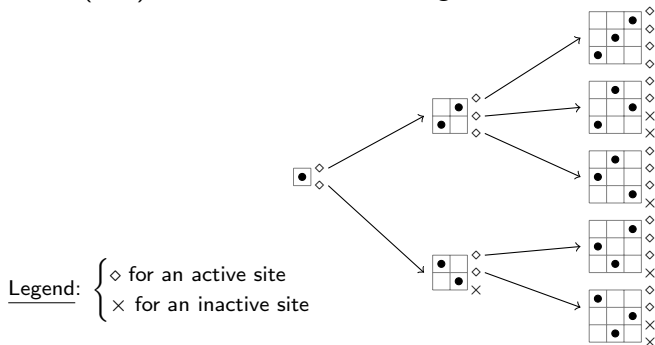
Theorem

Two classes having isomorphic generating trees are in bijection.

... eventhough the bijection is not explicit.

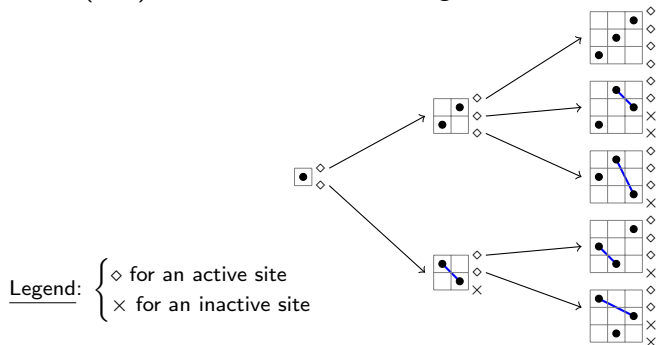
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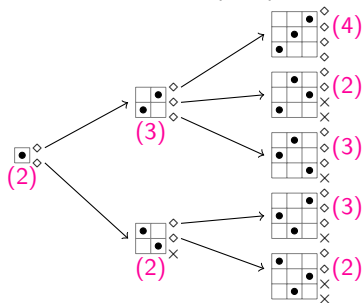
Remark: Active sites are the one above the higher inversion of σ (higher an above are intended w.r.t. the second element)

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Example: For Av(321), we obtained

$$\begin{cases} (2) \\ (k) \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow (k+1)(2)(3)\dots(k)$$

Proof:

- Labels record the number of sites above the higher inversion.
- Insertion in the topmost site creates one new active site.
- Insertion in any other site creates an inversion with $\max(\sigma)$.

Bijection between Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}$) and Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}$) that preserves a 20-tuple of statistics

Rewriting system for Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}$) and Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}$)

Lemma

A rewriting system for both Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}$) and Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}$) is

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Interpretation of the labels:

- x = the number of active sites of σ ,
- k = the number of RtoL-max in σ
- p_ℓ = the number of active sites above the ℓ -th RtoL-max in σ

Construction of the rewriting system \mathcal{R}_ϕ

Adapted from [Dulucq, Gire, Guibert] by application of $\mathbf{c} \circ \mathbf{i}$.

Proof:

$$\text{Id}(\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}) = \text{Av}(2341, 3\bar{5}241)$$

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Examine when insertion in \diamond creates an excluded pattern.

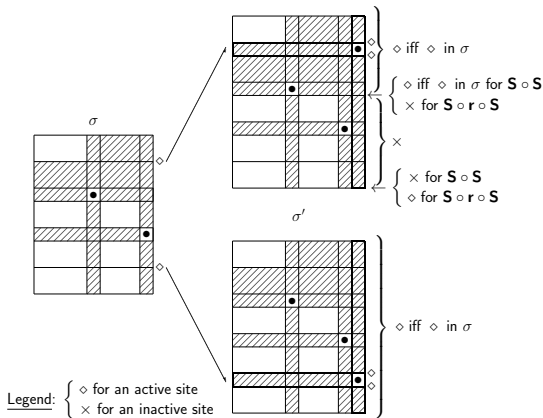
Case 1:

Insertion above σ_n

Need to consider the higher RtoL-max below \diamond .

Case 2:

Insertion below σ_n



Refinement according to the statistics rmax

Recall the common rewriting system for Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}$) and Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}$):

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- Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}$) and Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}$) have isomorphic generating trees.
- ⇒ At any level n , there is the **same number of vertices** labeled $(x, \mathbf{k}, (p_1, \dots, p_k))$ in both trees.
- In the label $(x, \mathbf{k}, (p_1, \dots, p_k))$ of σ we have $k = \mathbf{rmax}(\sigma)$.
- ⇒ The statistics **rmax** is **equidistributed** in Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{S}$) and Id($\mathbf{S} \circ \mathbf{r} \circ \mathbf{S}$)

Refinement according to the statistics l_{\max}

Lemma

The rewriting system can be refined to account for the statistics l_{\max} as follows:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\Phi}^{l_{\max}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (2, 1, (1), \mathbf{1}) \\ (x, k, (p_1, \dots, p_k), \mathbf{q}) \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{l} (2 + p_1, 1, (1), \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{1}) \\ (2 + p_j, j, (p_1, \dots, p_{j-1}, i), \mathbf{q}) \\ \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq k \text{ and } p_{j-1} < i \leq p_j, i \neq 1 \\ (x + 1, k + 1, (p_1, \dots, p_k, i), \mathbf{q}) \\ \text{for } p_k < i \leq x \end{array} \end{array} \right.$$

Proof: The number of LtoR-max does not change when inserting a new element on the right, except when inserting a maximal element (+1 in this case).

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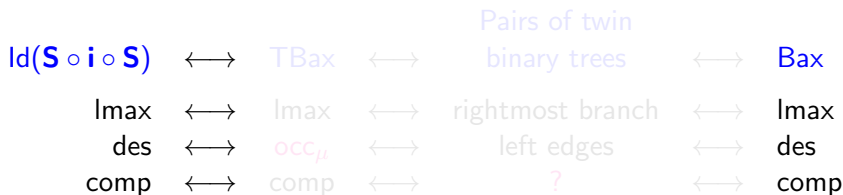
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Proof: In the first (resp. second) case of the rewriting rule, a new element on the right is inserted above (resp. below) the rightmost one.

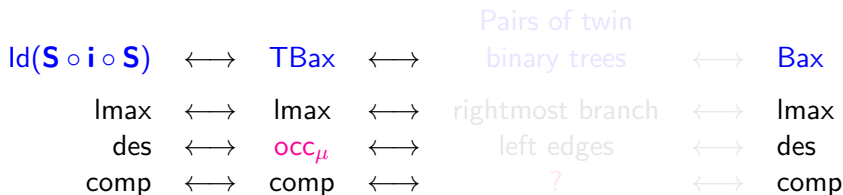
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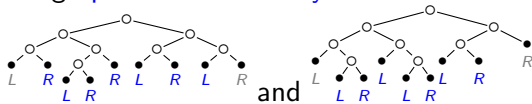
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Bijection between TBax and Bax: One recently described by S. Giraud, that goes through **pairs of twin binary trees**

i.e., trees of complementary canopies

Example:



Enumeration of Id($S \circ i \circ S$)

Theorem (partial statement)

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Method of proof: again rewriting system

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It is obtained inserting elements respectively under and to the right of the diagram.

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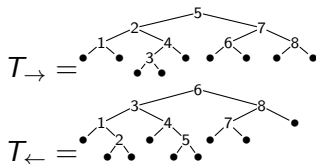
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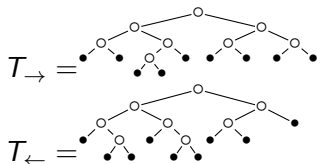
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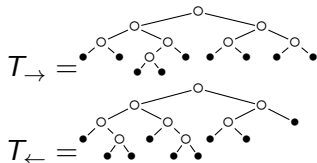
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Theorem ([Giraudo])

A pair $(T_{\rightarrow}, T_{\leftarrow})$ corresponds to a set of permutations containing exactly one Baxter and exactly one Twisted Baxter permutation. This provides a bijection between Bax and TBax.

The statistics l_{\max} into S . Giraudo's bijection

Lemma

The elements on the rightmost branch from the root of T_{\rightarrow} are the LtoR-max of σ .

This holds in particular when $\sigma \in \text{Bax}$ or TBax .

Theorem (partial statement)

The bijection of S . Giraudo between Bax and TBax preserves the number of LtoR-max.

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If $\sigma \in \text{Bax}$ and $\tau \in \text{TBax}$ are in correspondance by S. Giraudo's bijection, then $\text{comp}(\sigma) = \text{comp}(\tau)$.

This does not hold in general, but only for $\tau \in \text{TBax}$!

Proof: The above lemma and $\text{TBax} = \text{Av}(2\text{-}41\text{-}3, 3\text{-}41\text{-}2)$.

In particular, no interpretation of comp on $(T_{\rightarrow}, T_{\leftarrow}) \dots$

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For any $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k)$ and $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k)$, we have either

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- or these sets are not enumerated by the same sequence;
- or they fall into the first conjecture.