

Promotion, rotation, and web invariant polynomials

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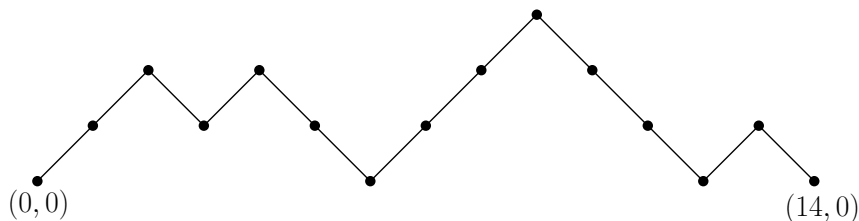
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Objects - Dyck paths



Theorem

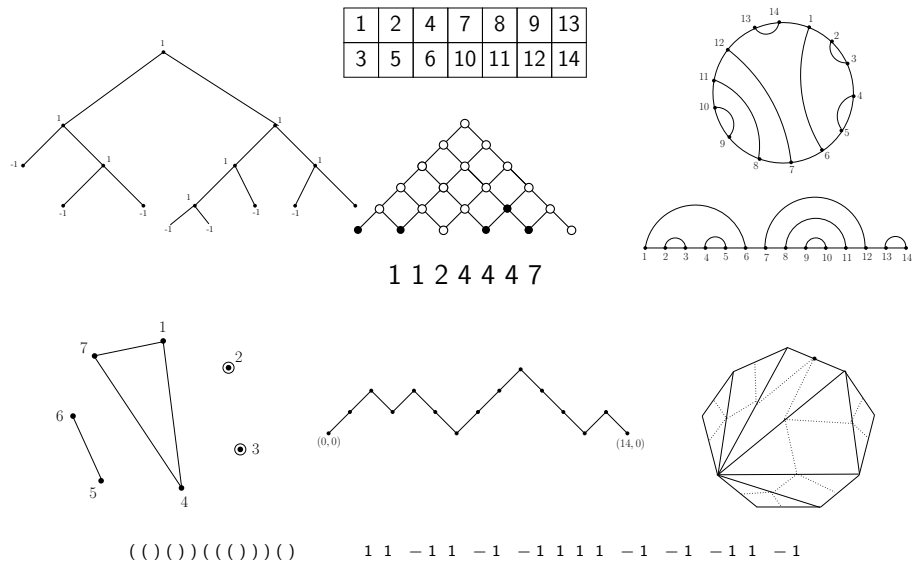
Dyck paths from $(0,0)$ to $(2n,0)$ are counted by the n th

Catalan number:
$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n+1)!n!}$$

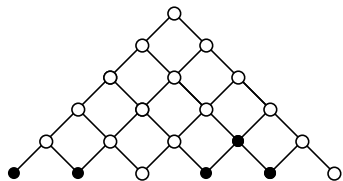
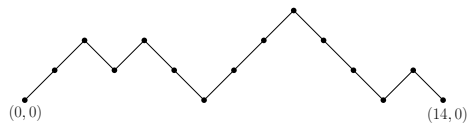
The Catalan numbers for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 10$ are:

1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, 132, 429, 1430, 4862, 16796

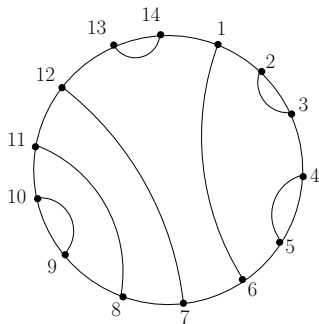
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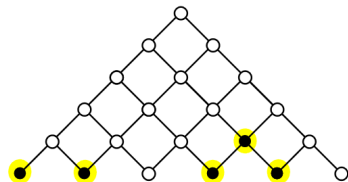
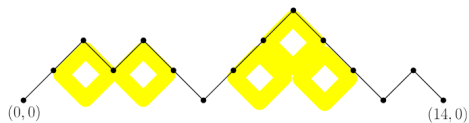
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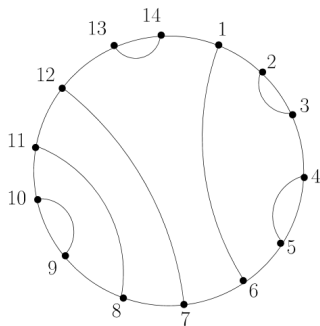
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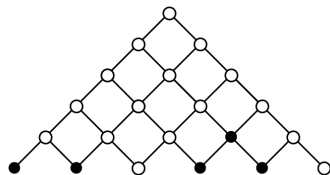
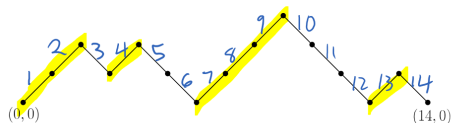
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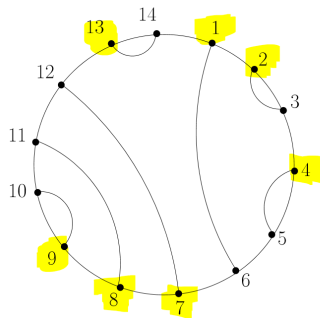
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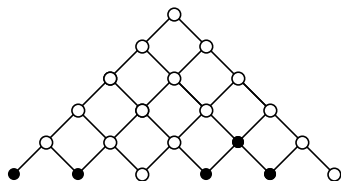
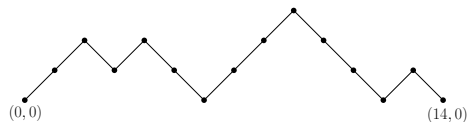
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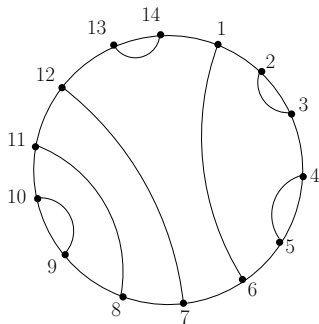
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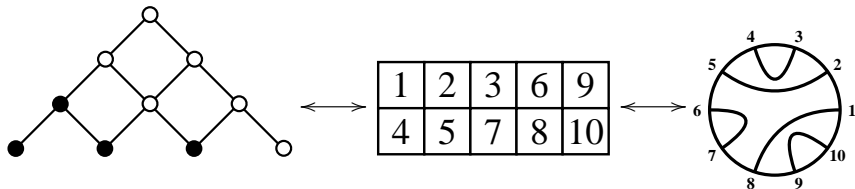
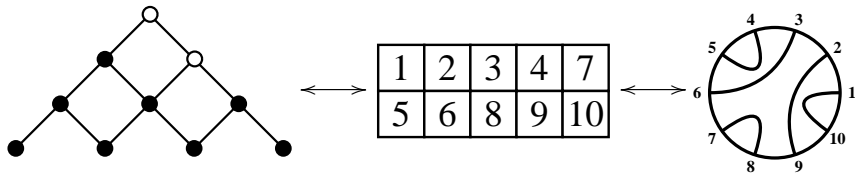
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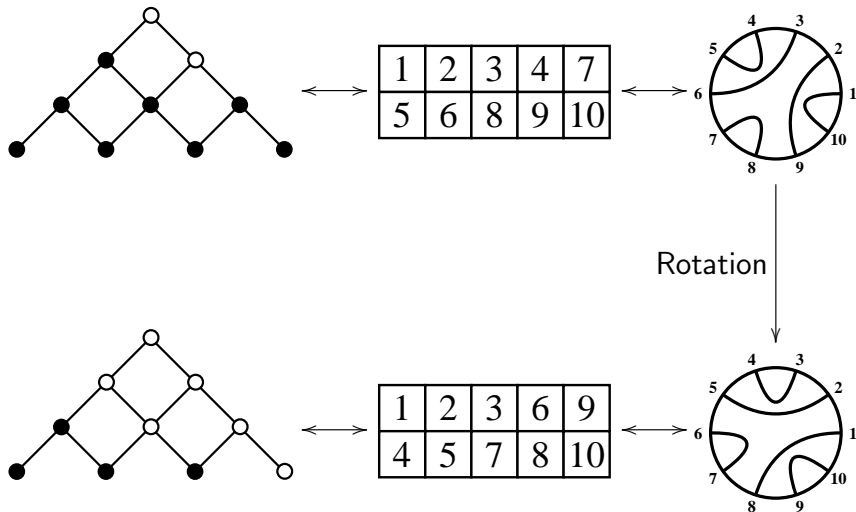
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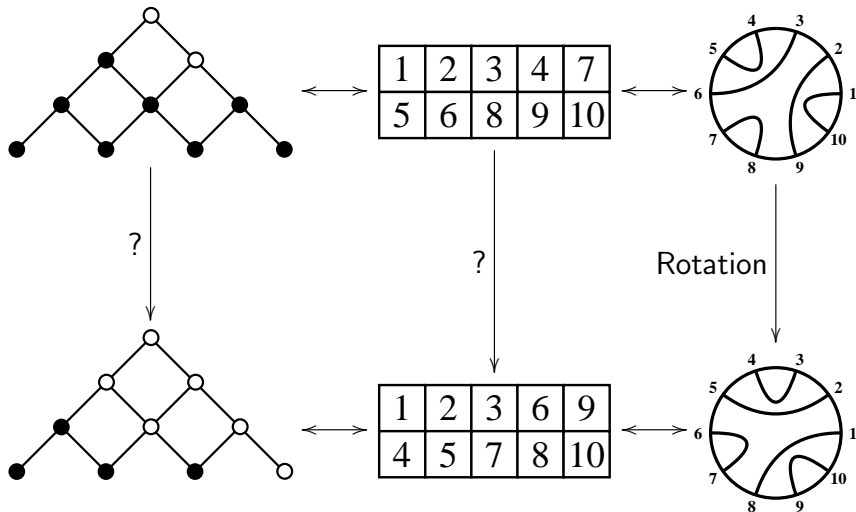
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Standard Young Tableaux

Definition

A **standard Young tableau** is a collection of n boxes of partition shape λ filled with positive the integers $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that the rows are increasing from left to right and columns are increasing from top to bottom.

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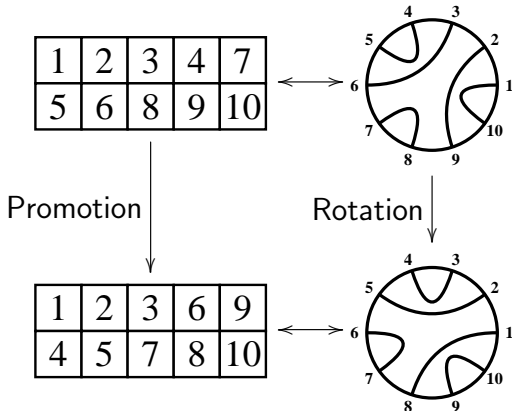
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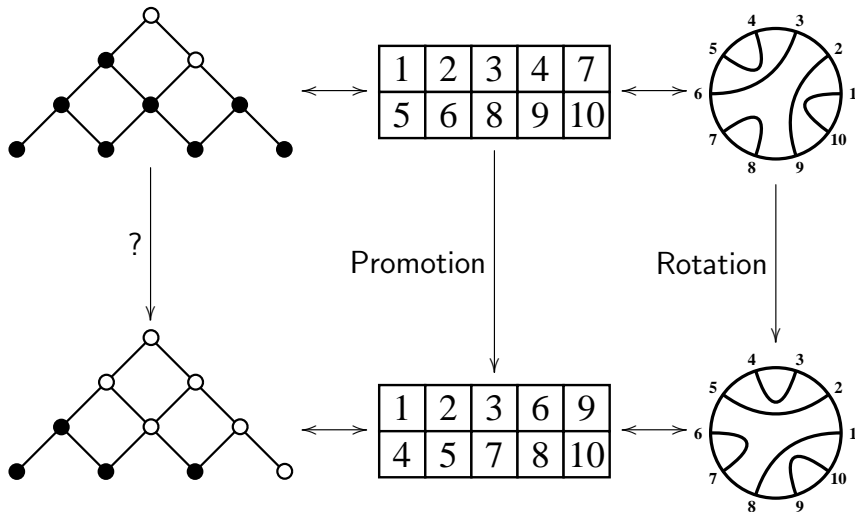
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Theorem (D. White)

There is an **equivariant bijection** between *promotion* on $2 \times n$ standard Young tableaux and *rotation* on non-crossing matchings of $2n$. So promotion has order $2n$.



Actions - Equivariant Bijections

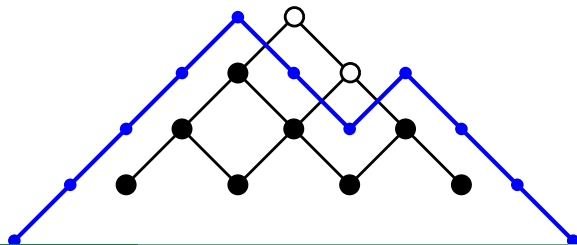


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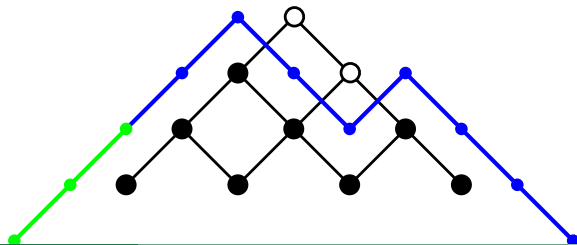


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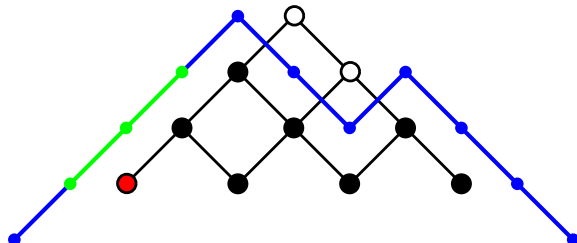


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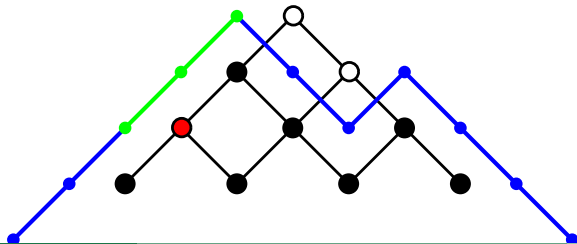


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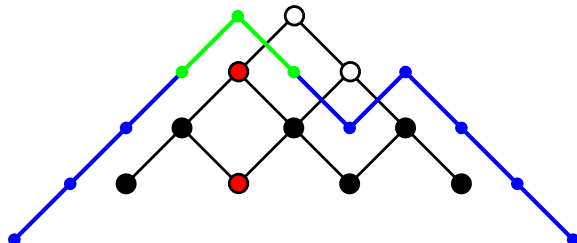


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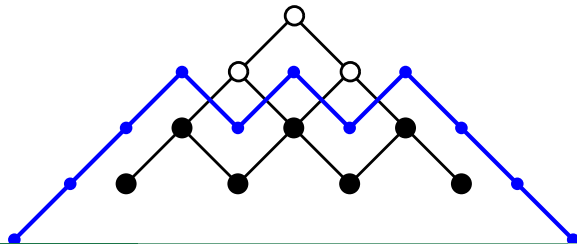


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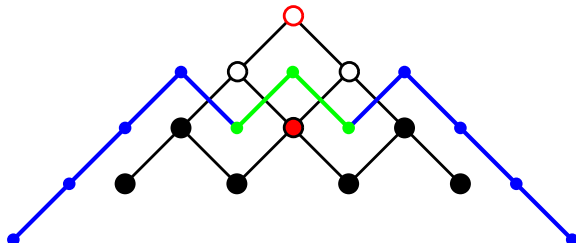


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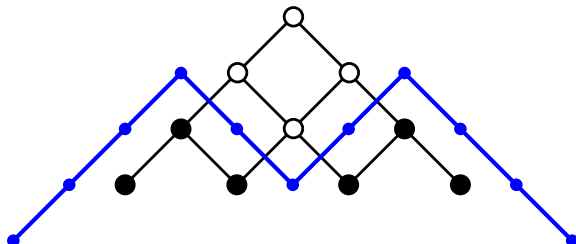


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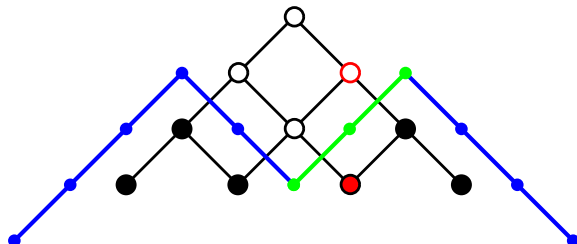


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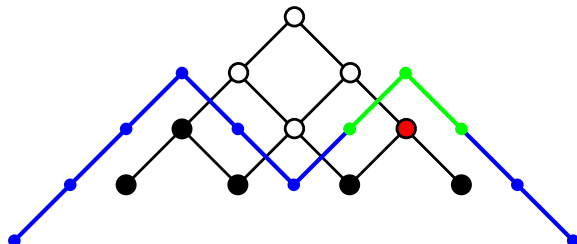


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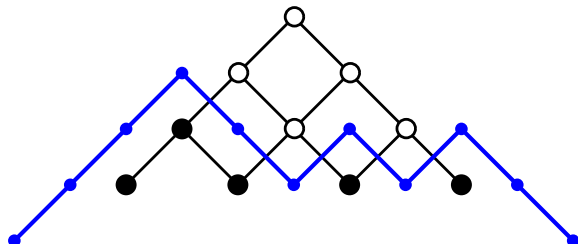


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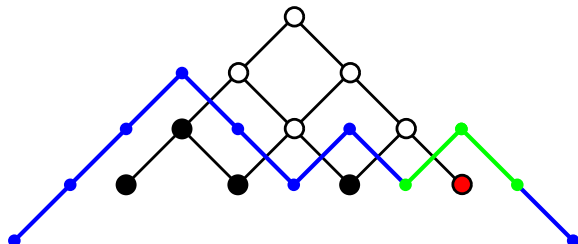


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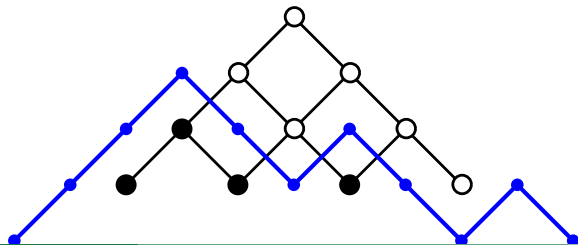


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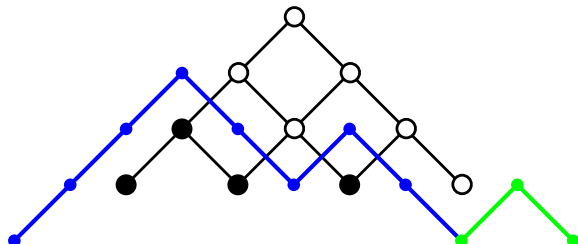


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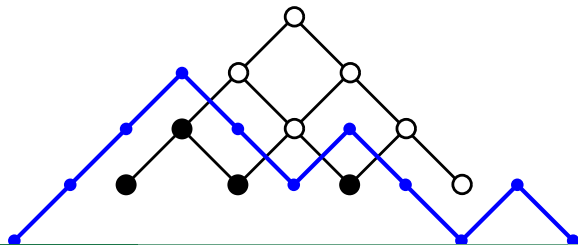


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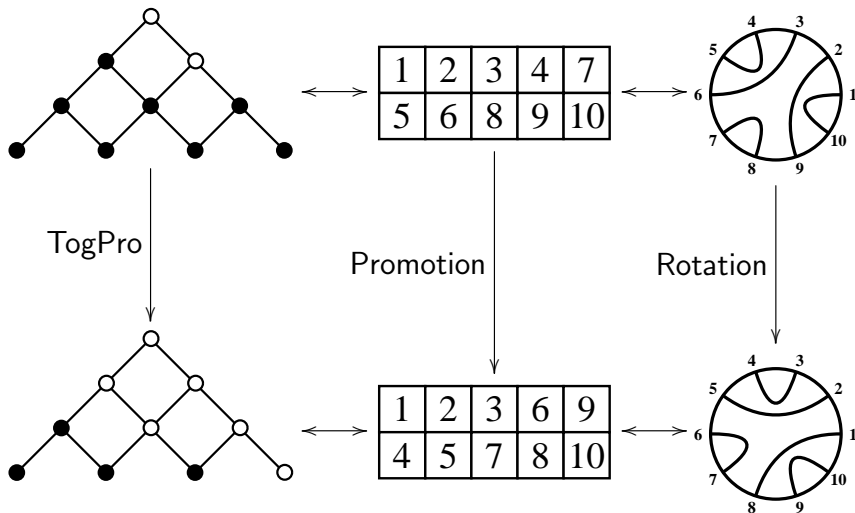
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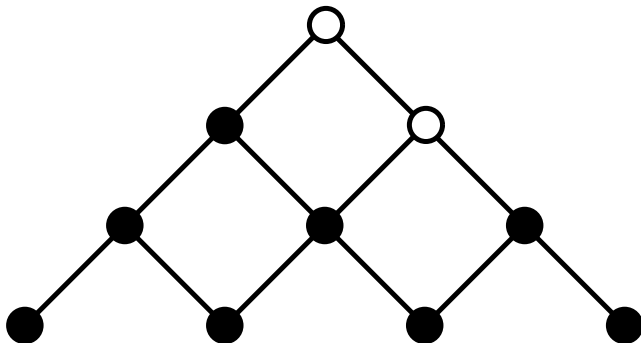
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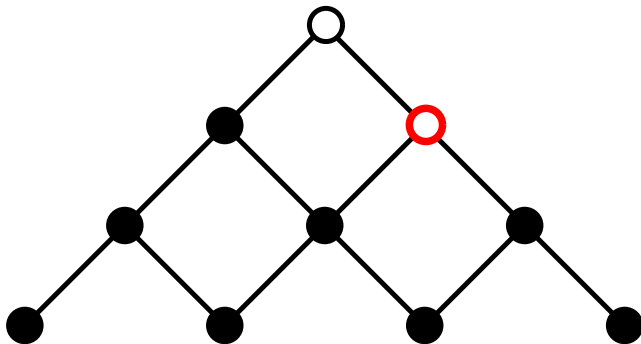


An order ideal



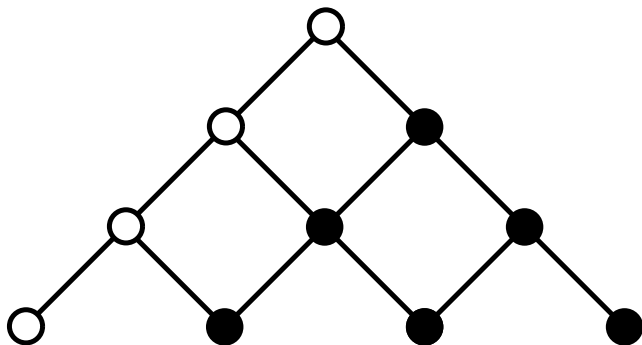
Rowmotion

Find the **minimal** elements of P not in the order ideal.



Rowmotion

Use them to generate a new order ideal.



Promotion and rowmotion are conjugate actions

Theorem (Cameron-Fon-der-Flaass 1995)

Rowmotion can also be computed by toggling from top to bottom.

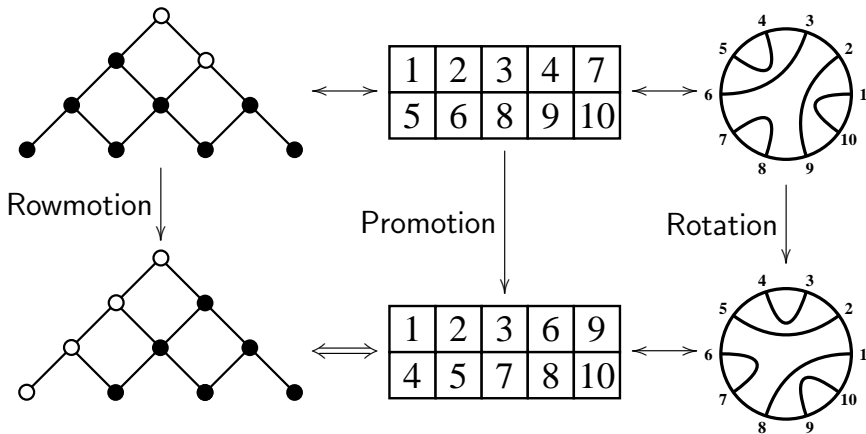
Theorem (Williams-S. 2012)

*In **any** ranked poset, there is an equivariant bijection between the order ideals under **rowmotion** (toggle top to bottom) and **promotion** (toggle left to right).*

In an **equivariant** bijection
the orbit structure is preserved.

Corollary (Williams-S. 2012)

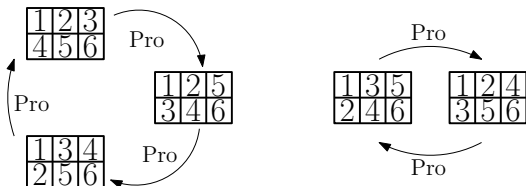
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The cyclic sieving phenomenon

Definition (V. Reiner, D. Stanton, D. White 2004)

Given a set S , a polynomial $f(q)$, and a bijective action g of order n , the triple $(S, f(q), g)$ exhibits the *cyclic sieving phenomenon* if $f(\zeta^d)$, where $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/n}$, counts the elements of S fixed under g^d .



$$f(q) = \frac{6!_q}{4!_q 3!_q} = 1 + q^2 + q^3 + q^4 + q^6 \quad \zeta = e^{2\pi i/6} = e^{\pi i/3}$$

$f(\zeta^1) = f(\zeta^4) = f(\zeta^5) = 0$, so 0 elements fixed under $\text{Pro}^1, \text{Pro}^4, \text{Pro}^5$.

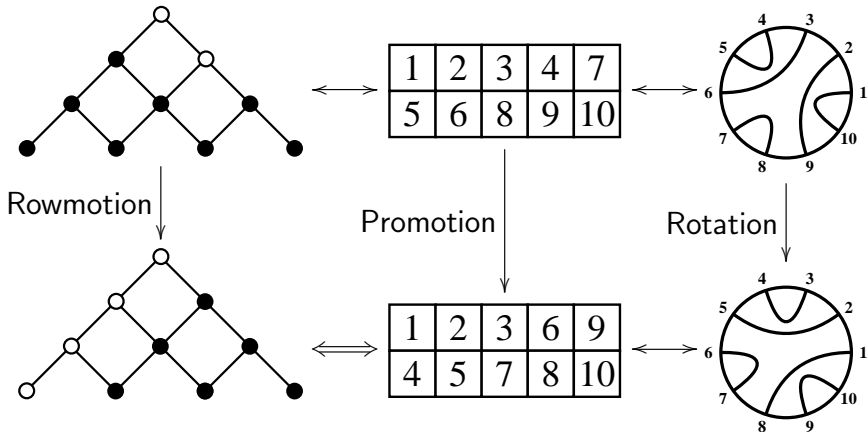
$f(\zeta^2) = 2$, so 2 elements are fixed under Pro^2 .

$f(\zeta^3) = f(-1) = 3$, so 3 elements are fixed under Pro^3 .

$f(\zeta^6) = f(1) = 5$, so 5 elements are fixed under Pro^6 .

Corollary (Williams-S. 2012)

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Which polynomials in $\mathbb{C}[X, Y]$ are invariant under

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$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} ax_1 + by_1 & ax_2 + by_2 & \cdots & ax_n + by_n \\ cx_1 + dy_1 & cx_2 + dy_2 & \cdots & cx_n + dy_n \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Example of a polynomial in $\mathbb{C}[X, Y]^{SL_2(\mathbb{C})}$

One such polynomial is: $x_1y_2 - x_2y_1$.

Under the change of variables

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &\mapsto ax_1 + by_1 & x_2 &\mapsto ax_2 + by_2 \\ y_1 &\mapsto cx_1 + dy_1 & y_2 &\mapsto cx_2 + dy_2\end{aligned}$$

this polynomial equals:

$$\begin{aligned}(ax_1 + by_1)(cx_2 + dy_2) &- (ax_2 + by_2)(cx_1 + dy_1) \\ &= acx_1x_2 + bcx_2y_1 + adx_1y_2 + bdy_1y_2 \\ &\quad - (acx_1x_2 + bcx_1y_2 + adx_2y_1 + bdy_1y_2) \\ &= bc(x_2y_1 - x_1y_2) + ad(x_1y_2 - x_2y_1) \\ &= (ad - bc)(x_1y_2 - x_2y_1) \\ &= x_1y_2 - x_2y_1.\end{aligned}$$

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$\mathbb{C}[X, Y]^{SL_2}$ is spanned by products of 2×2 minors of

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

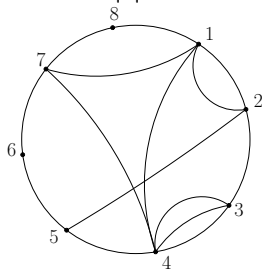
Algebraic interpretation of tableaux

Interpret a tableau as a product of minors corresponding to the columns.

1	1	1	2	3	3	4
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 \leftrightarrow

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_4 \\ y_1 & y_4 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_7 \\ y_1 & y_7 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_2 & x_5 \\ y_2 & y_5 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_3 & x_4 \\ y_3 & y_4 \end{vmatrix}^2 \begin{vmatrix} x_4 & x_7 \\ y_4 & y_7 \end{vmatrix}$$



Tableaux form a basis

Theorem (Standard monomial theory)

A basis for the degree $2n$ homogeneous part of $\mathbb{C}[X, Y]^{SL_2}$ is given by those products of matrix minors corresponding to semistandard tableaux of shape (n, n) .

So the dimension is given by the hook-content formula.

Theorem (Standard monomial theory)

A basis for the degree $2n$ homogeneous part of $\mathbb{C}[X, Y]^{SL_2}$ with degree 1 in each pair of variables $\{x_i, y_i\}$ (the Specht module $S^{(n,n)}$) is given by those products of matrix minors corresponding to standard Young tableaux of shape (n, n) .

So the dimension is given by the n th Catalan number.

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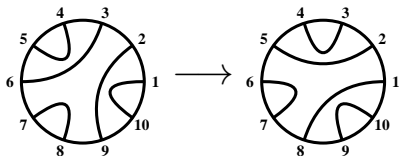
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Is there another basis that behaves better under this action?

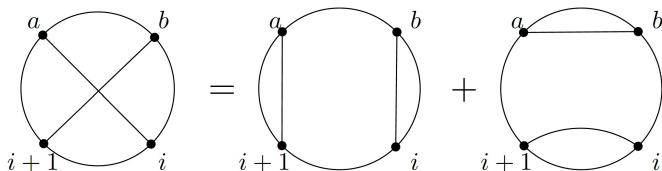
Web basis of noncrossing matchings

Theorem (Theory of SL_2 webs)

A basis for the Specht module $S^{(n,n)}$ is given by those products of matrix minors corresponding to noncrossing matchings of $2n$. The long cycle $(12 \cdots n)$ acts by rotation of diagrams.



We also have a reasonable uncrossing rule:



Three row generalization

$\mathbb{C}[X, Y, Z]^{SL_3}$ is spanned by products of 3×3 minors of

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_n \\ z_1 & z_2 & \cdots & z_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theorem (Standard monomial theory)

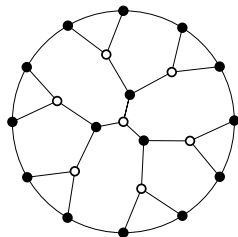
Standard Young tableaux of shape $\lambda = (n, n, n) = n^3$ index a basis for the degree $3n$ homogeneous part of $\mathbb{C}[X, Y, Z]^{SL_3}$ with degree 1 in each triple of variables $\{x_i, y_i, z_i\}$ (the Specht module S^λ).

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Three row generalization

Theorem (Petersen-Pylyavskyy-Rhoades, 2009)

SL_3 webs index a basis for the Specht module $S^{(n,n,n)}$. The long cycle $(12 \cdots n)$ acts by rotation of diagrams.



What about SL_m ? Standard Young tableaux of shape n^m index a basis for the Specht module S^{n^m} , but no one knows a web basis that interacts well with tableaux combinatorics. (There are non-diagrammatic bases that respect the S_n action.)

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A parabolic subgroup of $SL_m(\mathbb{C})$

Which polynomials in $\mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_m]$ are invariant under

$$SL_m(\mathbb{C})^* = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & \cdots & a_{3m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \cdots & a_{mm} \end{array} \right) \mid \det = 1 \right\} ?$$

$\mathbb{C}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m]^{SL_m^*}$ is spanned by products of $m \times m$ and 2×2

top-justified minors of $\begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & \cdots & X_{1n} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & \cdots & X_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ X_{m1} & X_{m2} & \cdots & X_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$.

Tableaux form a basis

Theorem (Standard monomial theory)

Standard Young tableaux of pennant shape $(n, n, 1^{m-2})$ index a basis for the degree $2n + m - 2$ homogeneous part of $\mathbb{C}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m]^{SL_m^*}$ with degree 1 in each m -tuple of variables $\{x_{1i}, x_{2i}, \dots, x_{mi}\}$ (the Specht module $S^{(n,n,1^{m-2})}$).

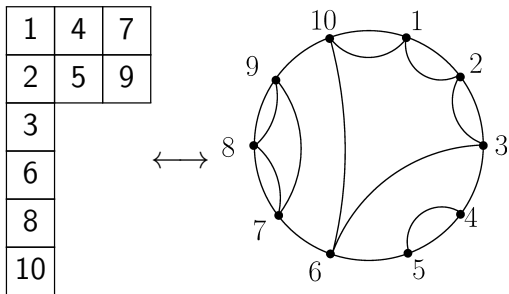
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$$M_{1,2,3,4,5,6}^{1,2,3,6,8,10} \cdot M_{1,2}^{4,5} \cdot M_{1,2}^{7,9}$$

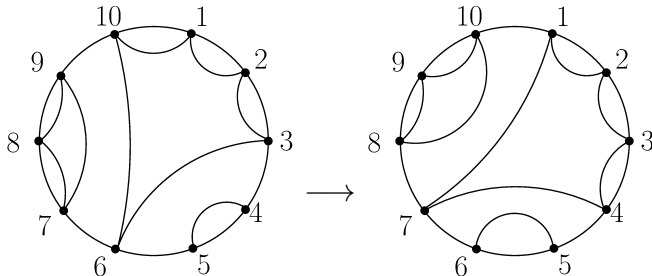
A bijection



Web basis of noncrossing partitions

Theorem (Rhoades 2017, Kim-Rhoades 2021+, Patrias-Pechenik-S. 2021+)

Noncrossing partitions of $2n + m - 2$ into n parts with no singletons index a basis for the Specht module $S^{(n, n, 1^{m-2})}$. The long cycle $(12 \cdots n)$ acts by rotation of diagrams.



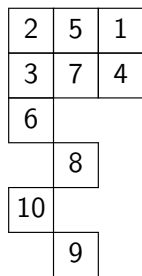
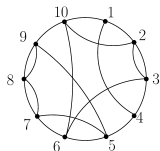
In our new proof of this theorem, we define an explicit polynomial in the X variables for each noncrossing partition and show this is a basis.

Web invariant polynomials

Given a set partition π , how do we define its polynomial $[\pi]$?

Our polynomial will be a signed sum over *Reiner-Shimozono tableaux*.

$$\pi = \{\{2, 3, 6, 10\}, \{5, 7, 8, 9\}, \{1, 4\}\}$$

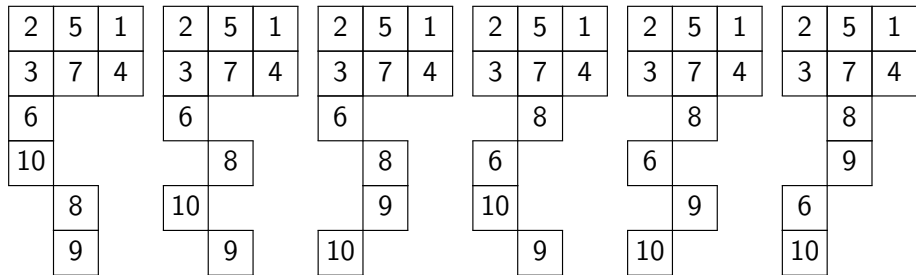


$$\begin{array}{cccc|cccc|cc} x_{12} & x_{13} & x_{16} & x_{110} & x_{15} & x_{17} & x_{18} & x_{19} & x_{11} & x_{14} \\ x_{22} & x_{23} & x_{26} & x_{210} & x_{25} & x_{27} & x_{28} & x_{29} & x_{21} & x_{24} \\ x_{32} & x_{33} & x_{36} & x_{310} & x_{45} & x_{47} & x_{48} & x_{49} & & \\ x_{52} & x_{53} & x_{56} & x_{510} & x_{65} & x_{67} & x_{68} & x_{69} & & \end{array}$$

$$(-1)^{\text{inv}(T)} \text{RS}(T) = (-1)^7 M_{1,2,3,5}^{2,3,6,10} \cdot M_{1,2,4,6}^{5,7,8,9} \cdot M_{1,2}^{1,4}$$

Web invariant polynomials

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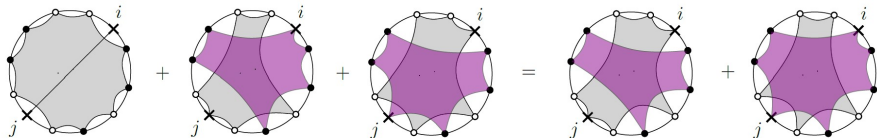


$$\begin{aligned}
 [\pi] &= \sum_{T \in \mathcal{RS}(\pi)} (-1)^{\text{inv } T} \text{RS}(T) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{RS}(\pi)} \text{sgn}(T) \text{RS}(T) \\
 &= M_{1,2,3,4}^{2,3,6,10} \cdot M_{1,2,5,6}^{5,7,8,9} \cdot M_{1,2}^{1,4} - M_{1,2,3,5}^{2,3,6,10} \cdot M_{1,2,4,6}^{5,7,8,9} \cdot M_{1,2}^{1,4} \\
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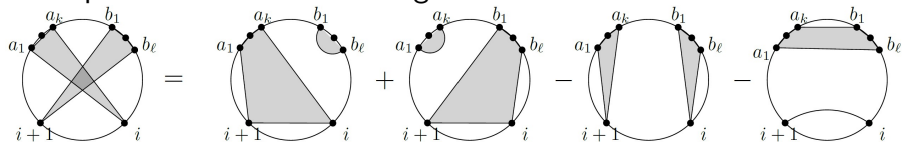
Proof that this is a basis

A polynomial relation for changing block sizes:

$$[\{A \cup B, I \cup J\}] + [\{A \cup I, B \cup J\}] + [\{A \cup J, B \cup I\}] \\ = [\{A, B \cup I \cup J\}] + [\{A \cup I \cup J, B\}]$$



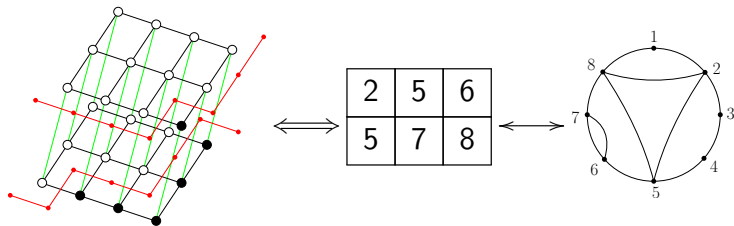
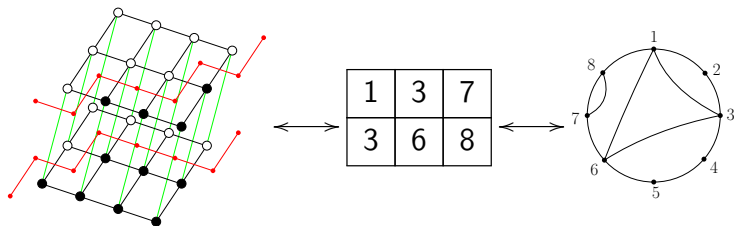
This specializes to an uncrossing rule:



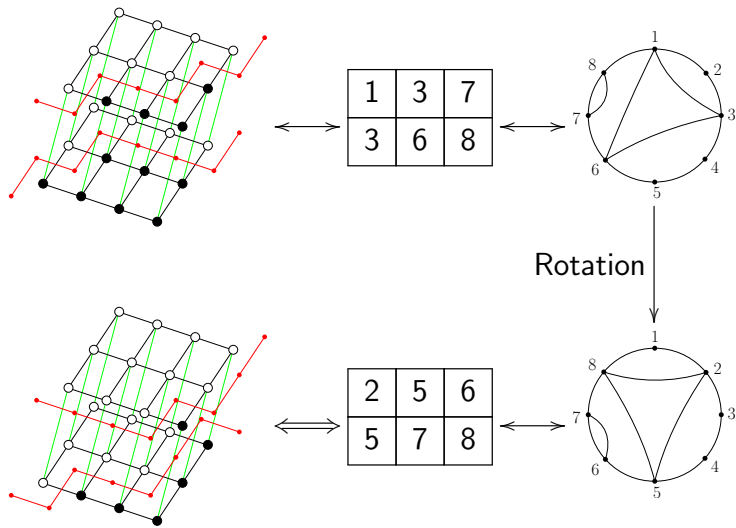
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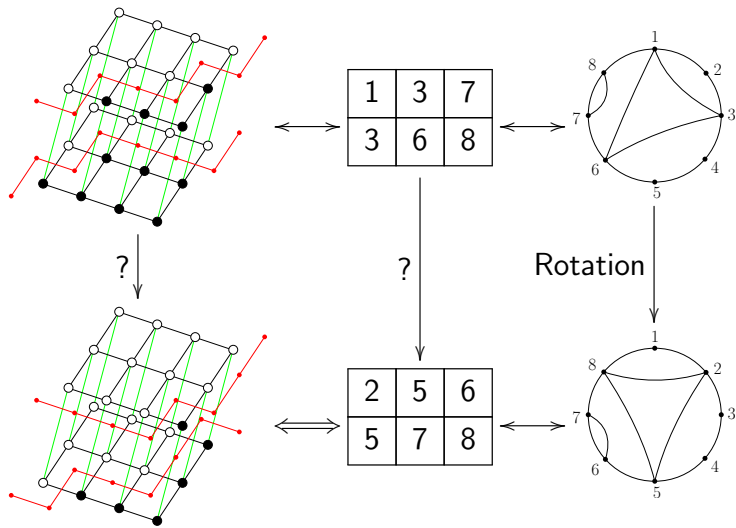
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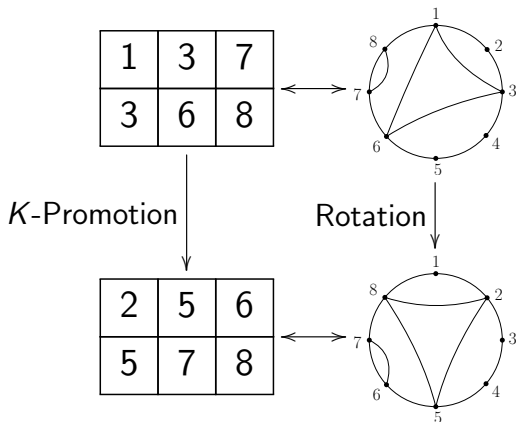
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Theorem (O. Pechenik, 2014)

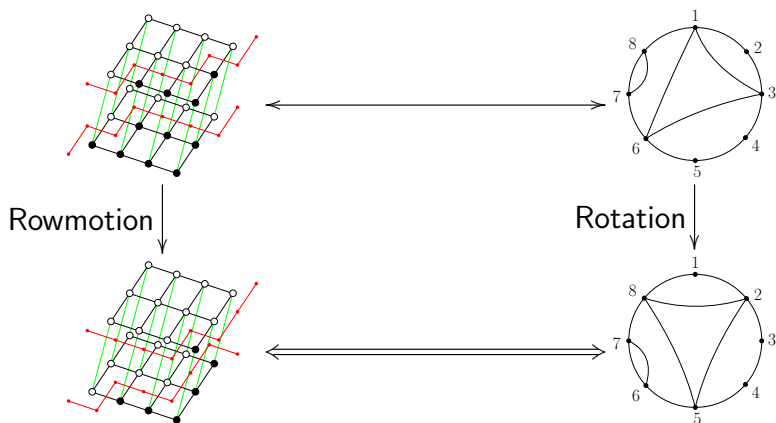
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Actions - equivariant bijections

Theorem (Williams-S. 2012)

There is an equivariant bijection between *rowmotion* on order ideals of $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{2}$ and *rotation* on noncrossing partitions of $a + b + 1$ into $b + 1$ blocks. So rowmotion has order $a + b + 1$ and exhibits the CSP.

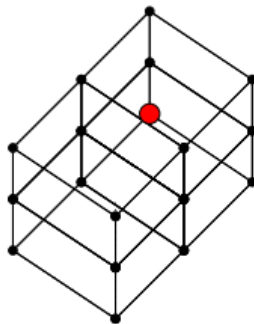


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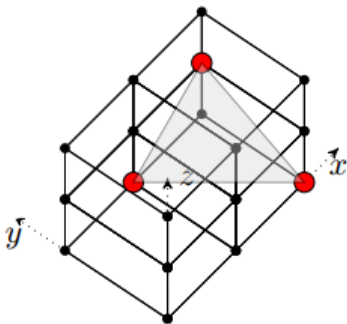


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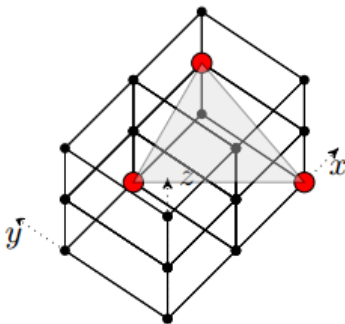


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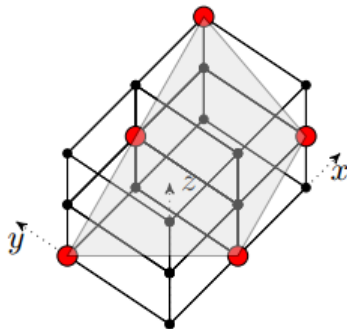


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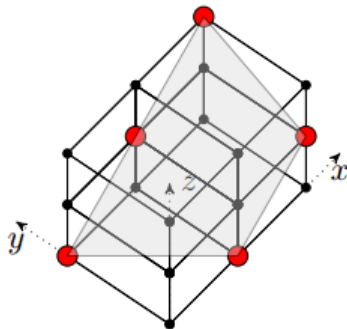


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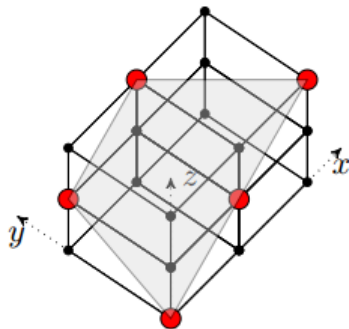


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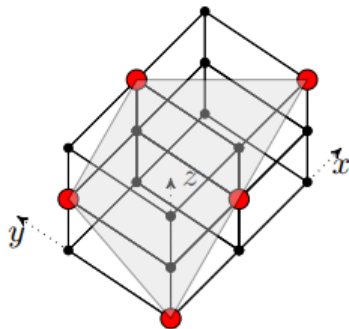


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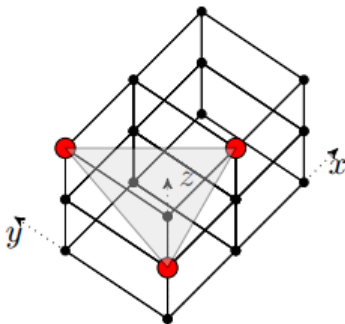


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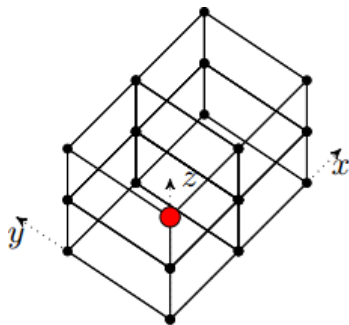


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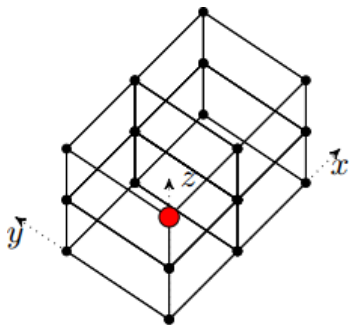


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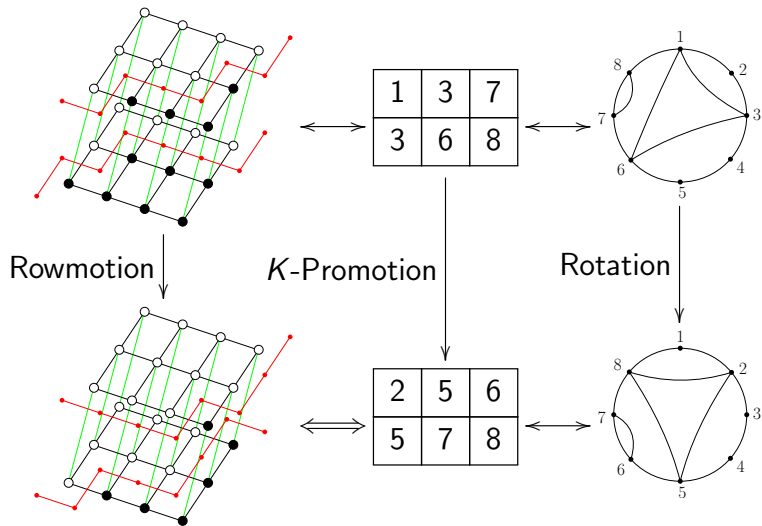
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