

Simple permutations in permutation classes

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A polynomial algorithm for deciding the finiteness of the number of simple permutations in permutation classes

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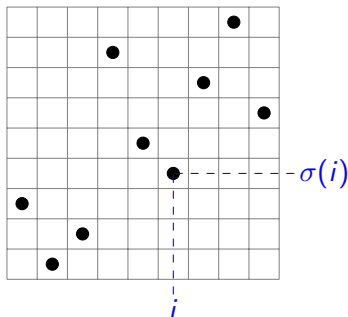
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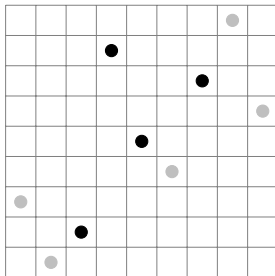
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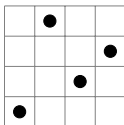
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Enumeration of class $\mathcal{C} = Av(B)$, with **finite** basis B :

- closed formula for $c_n = |S_n \cap \mathcal{C}|$
- recurrence on the c_n 's
- generating function $\sum c_n z^n$
- ...

NB: Enumeration without being given the basis is less frequent.

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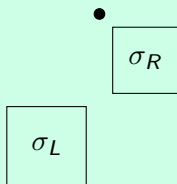
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Properties of the generating function \equiv **Structure** of the class

A general sufficient condition for algebraicity

Thm [Albert, Atkinson '05]

\mathcal{C} contains finitely many simple permutations

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is finitely based and has an algebraic generating function.

Sketch of the proof

Use [substitution decomposition of permutations](#) (\equiv represent uniquely every permutation by its [decomposition tree](#))

Recursive structure of the permutations in \mathcal{C} (\equiv Tree grammar)

\Rightarrow System of equations satisfied by the generating function $C(z)$

\Rightarrow Algebraicity of the generating function

Finite number of simple permutations: decision

Thm [Brignall, Ruškuc, Vatter '08]

For a class $\mathcal{C} = Av(B)$ with finite basis B , it is **decidable** whether \mathcal{C} contains a finite number of simple permutations.

Sketch of the proof

\mathcal{C} contains infinitely many simple permutations iff \mathcal{C} contains:

1. either infinitely many parallel alternations
2. or infinitely many wedge simple permutations
3. or infinitely many **proper pin-permutations**

	Decision procedure	Complexity
1. and 2. :	pattern matching of patterns of size 3 or 4 in the $\beta \in B$.	Polynomial
3. :	Decidability with automata techniques on pinwords	Decidable 2ExpTime

Main result: polynomial-time decision

Thm

For a class $\mathcal{C} = Av(B)$ with finite basis B , it is **polynomial** to check whether \mathcal{C} contains a finite number of simple permutations.

NB: Result known for **wreath-closed classes** since PP2009

With $n = \max\{|\beta| : \beta \in B\}$ and $k =$ number of patterns in B ,
 the complexity is: Steps 1. and 2.: $\mathcal{O}(k \cdot n \log n)$
 Step 3.: $\mathcal{O}(n^{3k})$

NB: Step 3. in the previous procedure: $\mathcal{O}(2^{n \cdot k \cdot 2^n})$

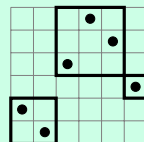
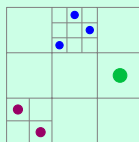
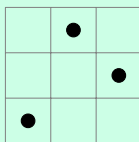
Tools for the proof

- Substitution decomposition
- Encoding by pinwords and automata techniques
- Previous results on the class of pin-permutations

Substitution for permutations

Substitution or **inflation** : $\sigma = \pi[\alpha^{(1)}, \alpha^{(2)}, \dots, \alpha^{(k)}]$.

Example : Here, $\pi = 132$, and

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha^{(1)} = 21 = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \bullet & \\ \hline & \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \alpha^{(2)} = 132 = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & \bullet & \\ \hline & & \bullet \\ \hline \bullet & & \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \alpha^{(3)} = 1 = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \right. .$$


Hence $\sigma = 132[21, 132, 1] = 214653$.

Simple permutations

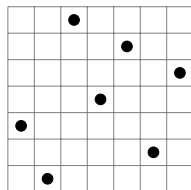
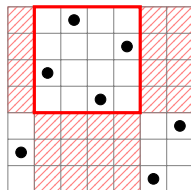
Interval (or **block**) = set of elements of σ whose positions **and** values form intervals of integers

Example: 5746 is an interval of 2574613

Simple permutation = permutation that has no interval, except the trivial intervals: $1, 2, \dots, n$ and σ

Example: 3174625 is simple.

The smallest simple: 12, 21, 2413, 3142



Substitution decomposition of permutations

Thm [AA '05]: Every σ ($\neq 1$) is **uniquely** decomposed as

- $\oplus[\alpha^{(1)}, \dots, \alpha^{(k)}]$, where the $\alpha^{(i)}$ are \oplus -indecomposable
- $\ominus[\alpha^{(1)}, \dots, \alpha^{(k)}]$, where the $\alpha^{(i)}$ are \ominus -indecomposable
- $\pi[\alpha^{(1)}, \dots, \alpha^{(k)}]$, where π is simple of size $k \geq 4$

NB: $\oplus = 12\dots$ and $\ominus = k\dots 21$, for any $k \geq 2$

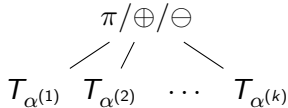
Decomposition tree:

Recursively defined as

$$T_1 = \bullet$$

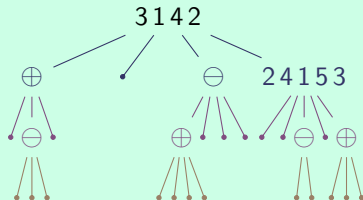
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$$T_\sigma =$$



Example: Decomposition tree of

$\sigma = 101312111411819202117161548329567$



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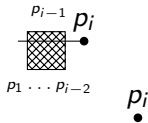
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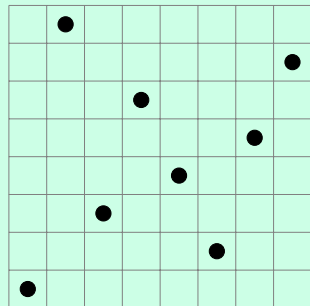


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


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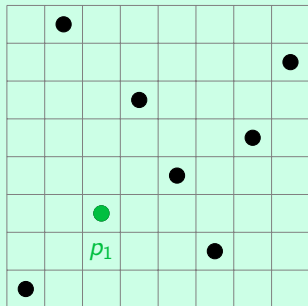


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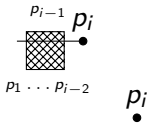
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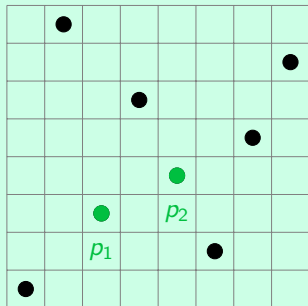


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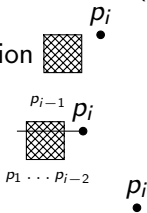
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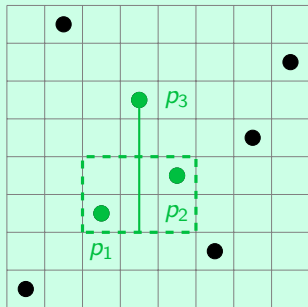
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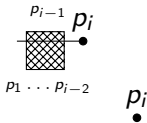
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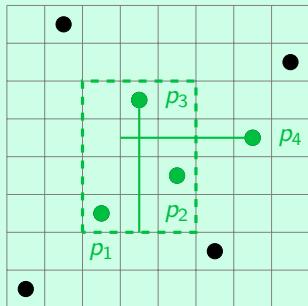


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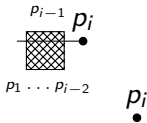
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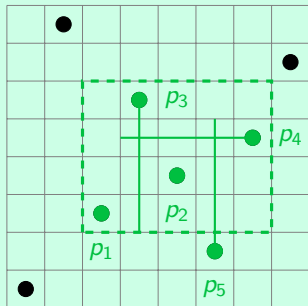


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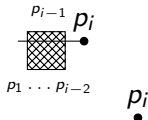
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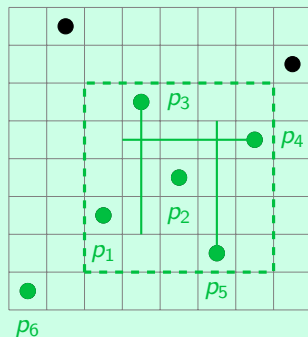


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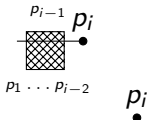
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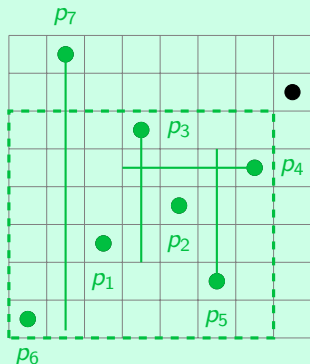


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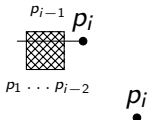
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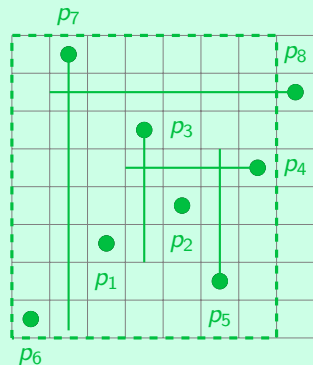


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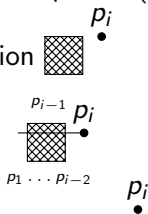
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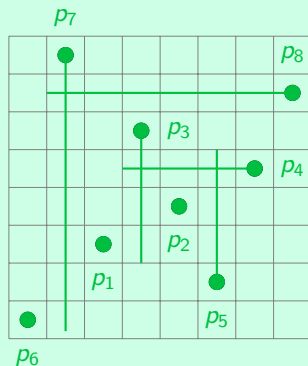


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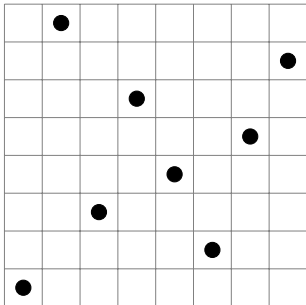
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Proper pin representation = pin representation where each p_i satisfies the separation condition

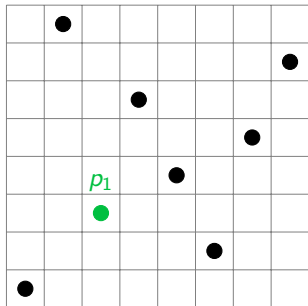
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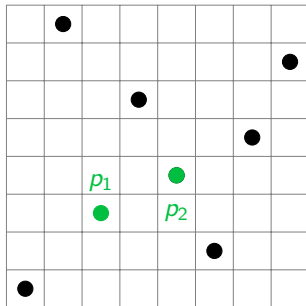
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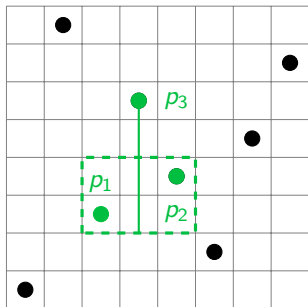
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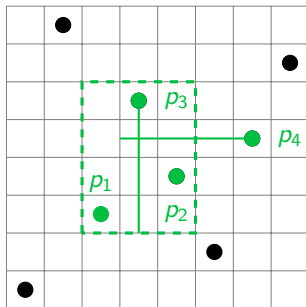


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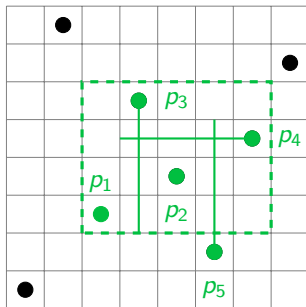
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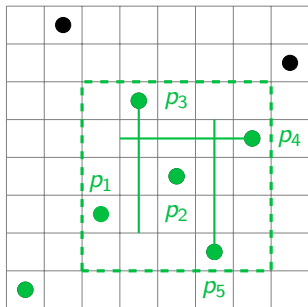
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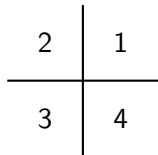
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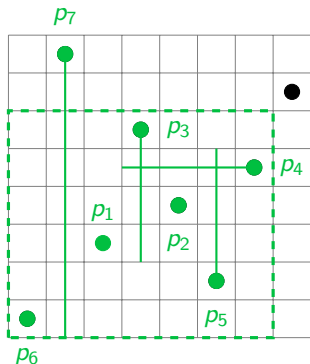
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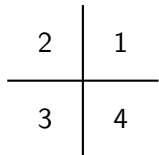


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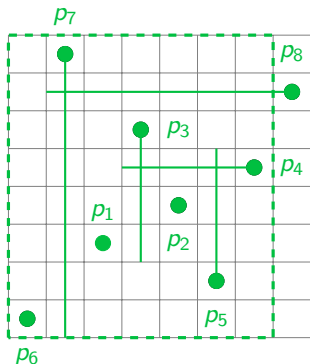


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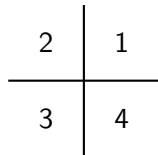


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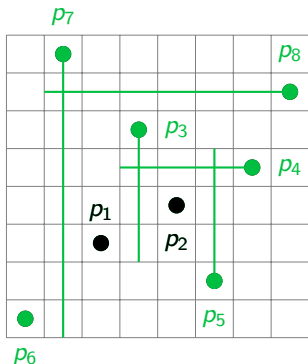


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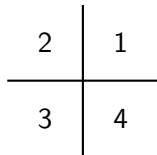


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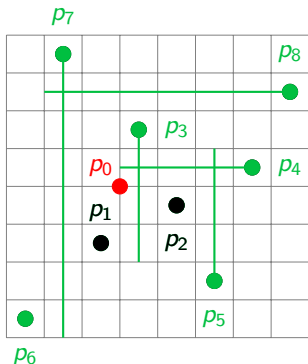


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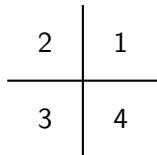


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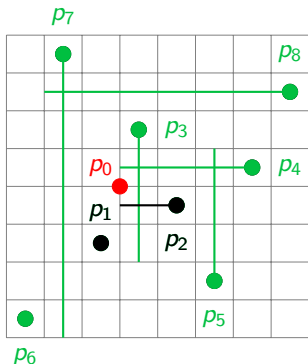


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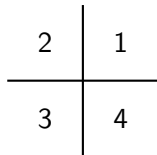


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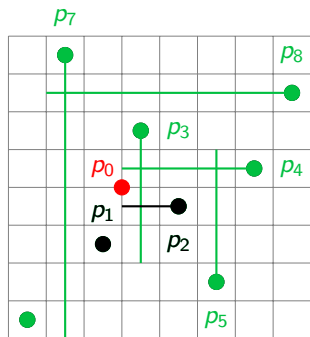


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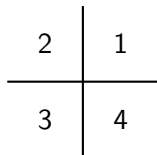
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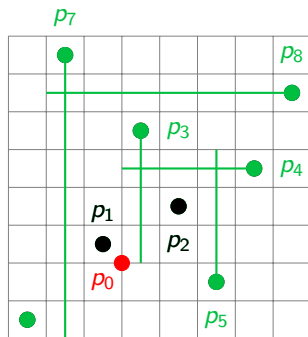
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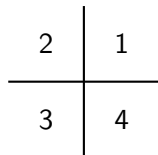
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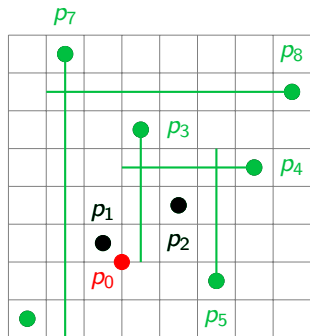
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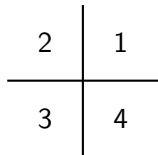
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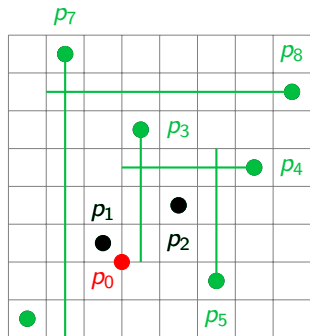
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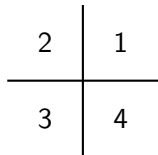
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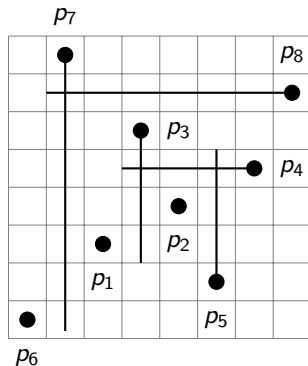
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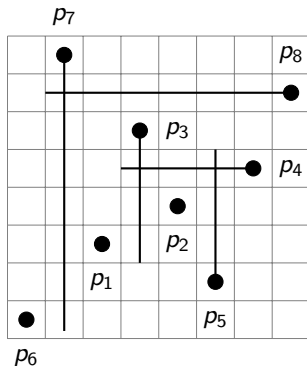
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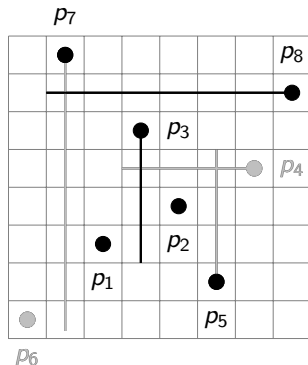
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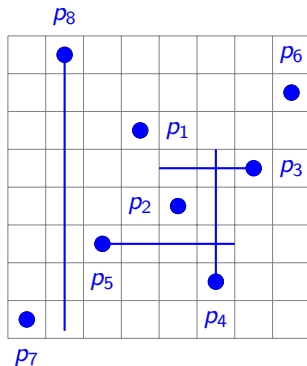
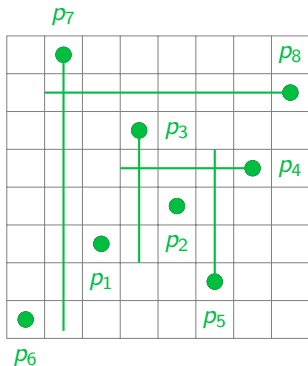
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Proof of the main result

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(See also PP2009)

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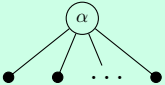
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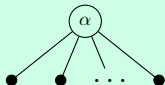
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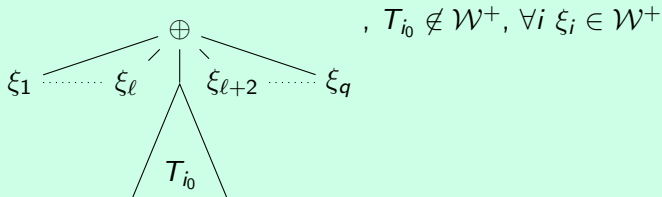
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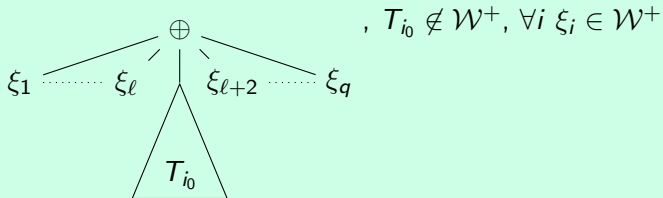


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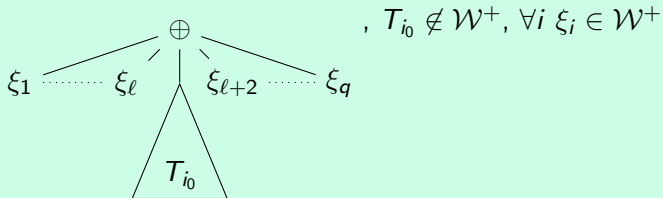
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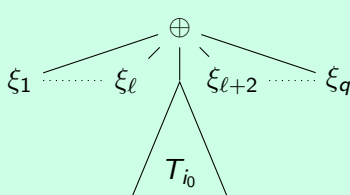
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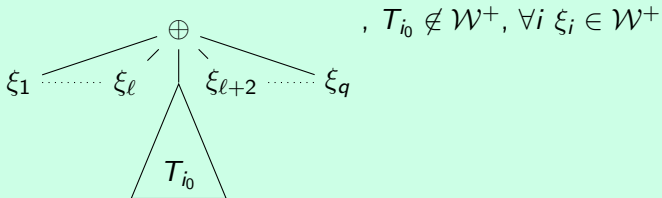
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Proof: Technical... and many cases...

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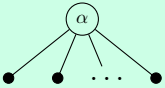
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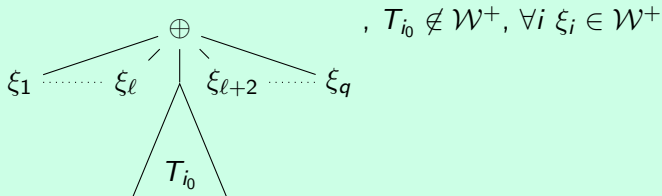
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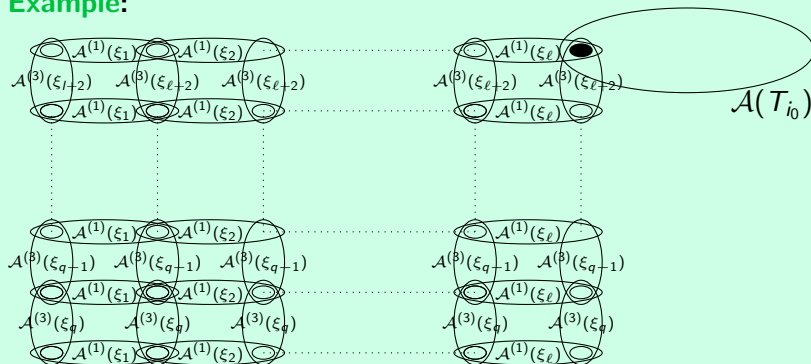
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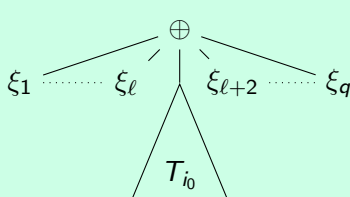


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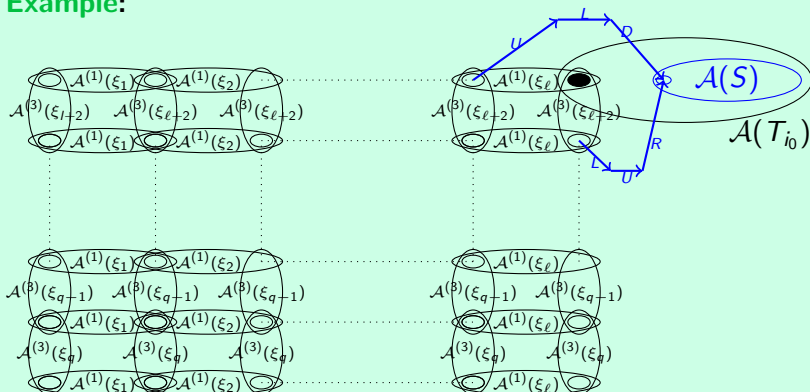
$$(2H1) \begin{cases} \xi_l = \bullet = y \\ \xi_{l+2} = \bullet = x \\ T_{i_0} = \ominus[\bullet, S] \end{cases}$$

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 \Rightarrow Add **shortcuts** to marked states of $\mathcal{A}(T_{i_0})$, corresponding to words added to $P(\sigma)$

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Non recursive cases	up to $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$	up to $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$
Recursive cases	up to $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ + recursive computation	up to $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ + recursive size

Thm For any pin-permutation σ , we can build a deterministic automaton \mathcal{A}_σ recognizing $\overleftarrow{\mathcal{L}(\sigma)} = \cup_{u \in P(\sigma)} \overleftarrow{\mathcal{L}(u)}$

Complexity (time and space): $\mathcal{O}(n^3)$ where $n = |\sigma|$

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Final step:

- Build the automaton accepting the language of words of the form $\phi(w)$ (for w strict pinword) that are not accepted by any \mathcal{A}_β (for $\beta \in B$ and β **pin-permutation**)
- Test the finiteness of the corresponding language

The missing first step

Find the pin-permutations $\beta \in B!$

Algorithm to test if a **simple** permutation σ is a pin-permutation

- using properties of pin representation in [BBR '09]

↔ linear-time procedure

Algorithm to test if a permutation σ is a pin-permutation:

- compute the decomposition tree of σ
- test whether its shape corresponds to pin-permutation trees
- check that the simple permutations in the tree are pin-permutations

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Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(n^{3k})$ in time and space

where $n = \max\{|\beta| : \beta \in B\}$ and $k =$ number of patterns in B

Main result

Thm There is a $\mathcal{O}(k \cdot n \log n)$ procedure to test whether $\mathcal{C} = Av(B)$ contains finitely many parallel alternations (resp. wedge simple permutations).

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(which is a sufficient condition for $C(z)$ to be algebraic)

Conclusion

So far:

- Finite number of simple permutations in \mathcal{C} : sufficient condition for $C(z)$ to be algebraic
- Polynomial procedure to test this condition

Next step:

- Compute the set of simple permutations in \mathcal{C}
- ↔ [AA '05] gives a procedure, but very high complexity
- Compute the generating function $C(z)$
- ↔ Provide an algorithm from the proof of [AA '05]

Further perspectives:

- Random generation in (wreath-closed) permutation classes
- Implementation in a library