

# Refined Enumerations of Totally Symmetric Self-Complementary Plane Partitions and Constant Term Identities

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# Introduction

## Abstract

In this talk we give Pfaffian or determinant expressions, and constant term identities for the conjectures in the paper “Self-complementary totally symmetric plane partitions” (*J. Combin. Theory Ser. A* **42**, (1986), 277–292) by W.H. Mills, D.P. Robbins and H. Rumsey. We also settle a weak version of Conjecture 6 in the paper, i.e., the number of shifted plane partitions invariant under a certain involution is equal to the number of alternating sign matrices invariant under the vertical flip.

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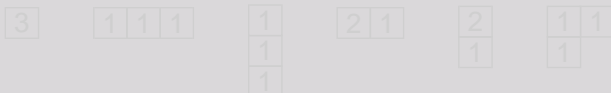
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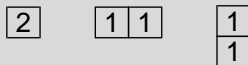
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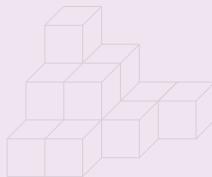
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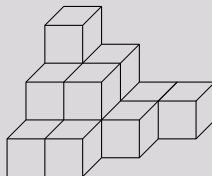
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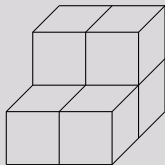
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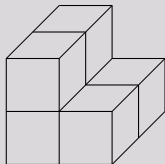
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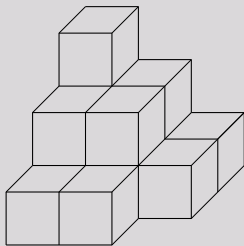
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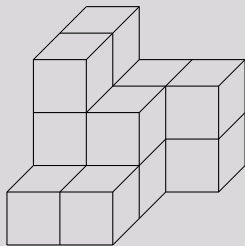
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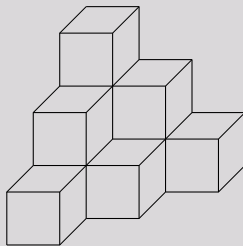
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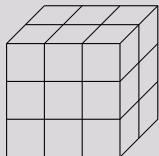
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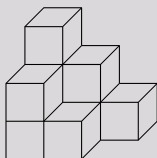
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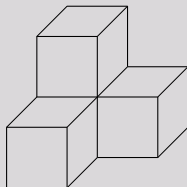
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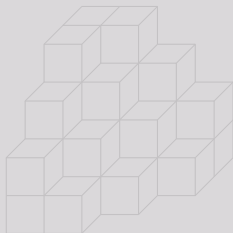
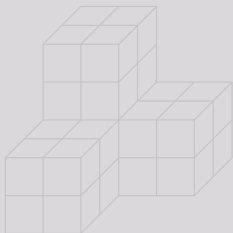
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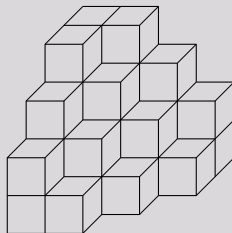
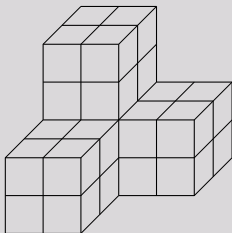
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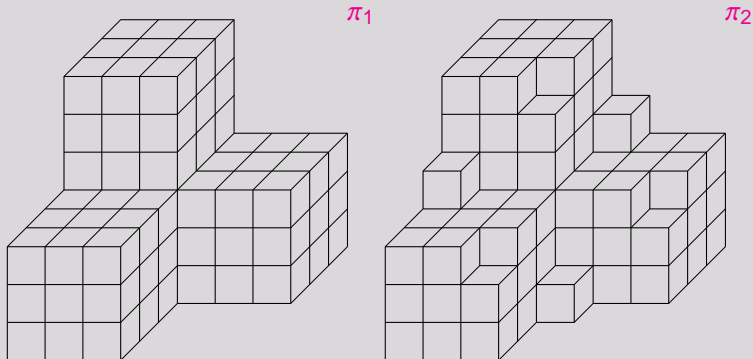
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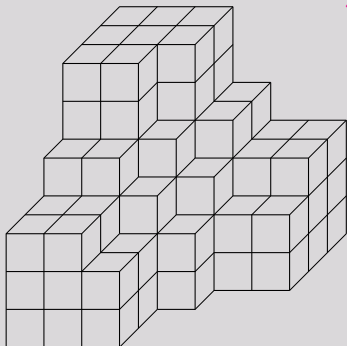
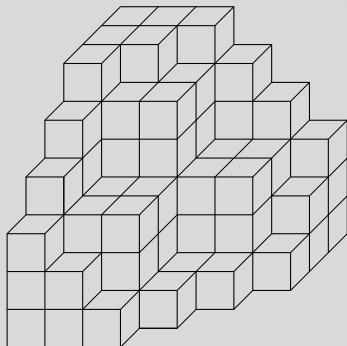
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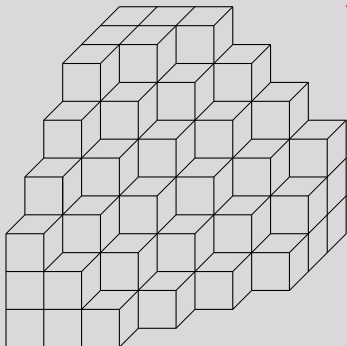
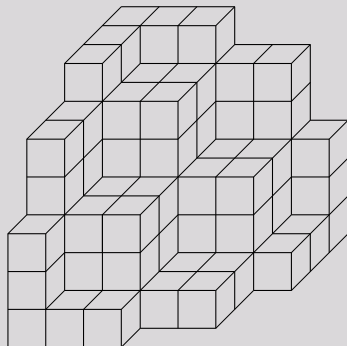
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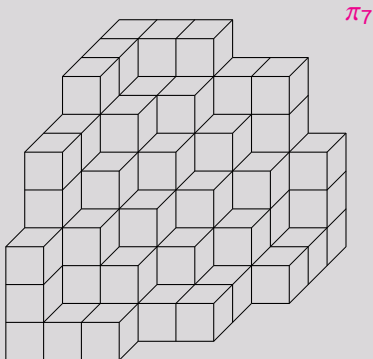
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1
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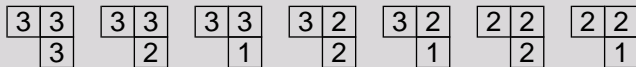
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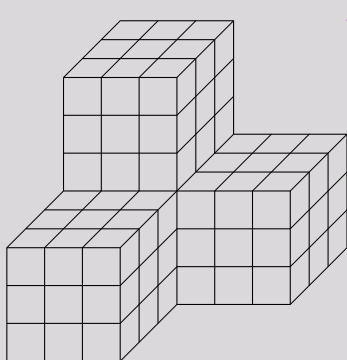
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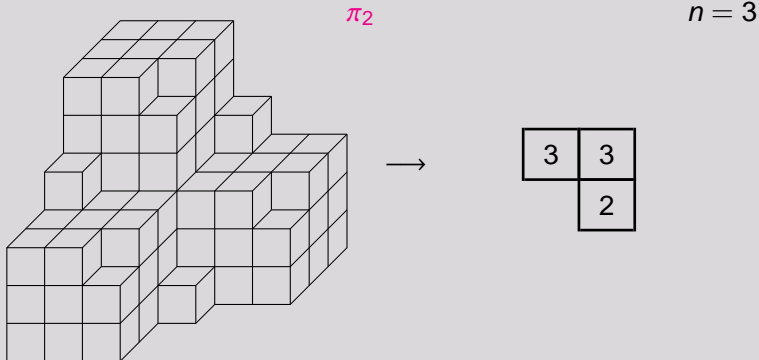
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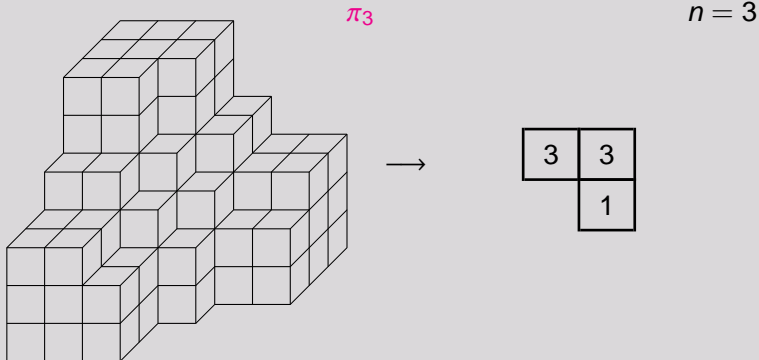
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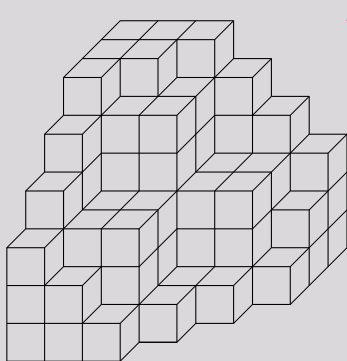
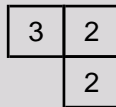
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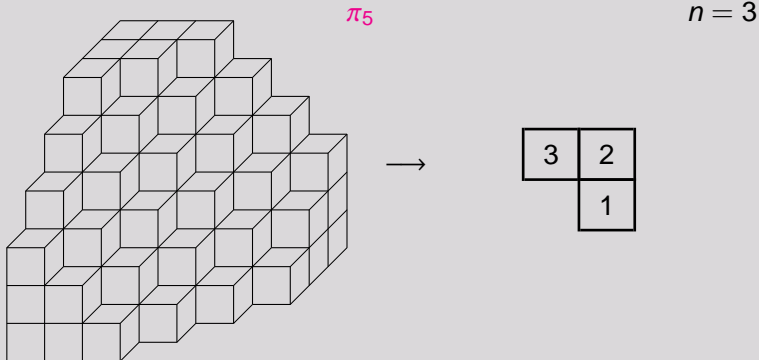
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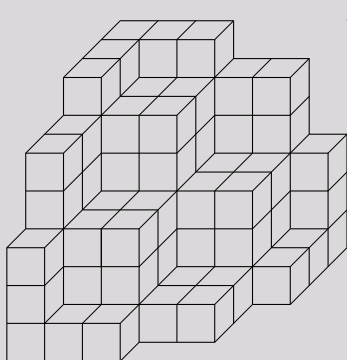
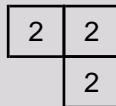
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## Example


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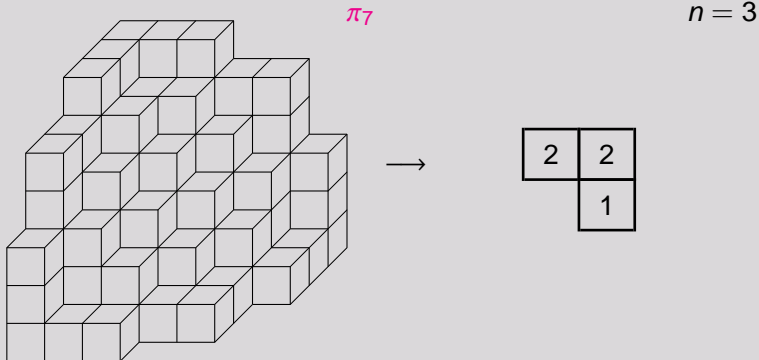
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7	7	7	7	7	7	6
	6	6	6	5	5	5
		5	4	4	4	4
			4	4	4	3
				3	2	2
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	6	6	6	5	5	5
		5	4	4	4	4
			4	4	4	3
				3	2	2
					2	1

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## Example

$n = 7, \quad k = 3, \quad U_3(b) = 3$

7	7	7	7	7	7	6
	6	6	6	5	5	5
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7	7	7	7	7	7	6
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## The refined enumeration of ASM

Zeilberger (1996), Kuperberg (1996)

The number of  $n$  by  $n$  alternating sign matrices  $a = (a_{ij})$  such that  $a_{1,r+1} = 1$  is equal to

$$\frac{\binom{n+r-2}{n-1} \binom{2n-r-1}{n-1}}{\binom{2n-2}{n-1}} A_{n-1} = \frac{\binom{n+r-2}{n-1} \binom{2n-1-r}{n-1}}{\binom{3n-2}{n-1}} A_n.$$

Here  $A_n$  is

$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(3i+1)!}{(n+i)!}.$$

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Thus we have

$$\sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_3} t^{U_1(b)} u^{U_2(b)} = 1 + t + u + tu + t^2u + tu^2 + t^2u^2.$$

# The doubly refined enumeration of ASM

Di Francesco and Zinn-Justin (2004)

The doubly-refined ASM number generating function is given by

$$A_n(t, u) = \frac{\{\omega^2(\omega + t)(\omega + u)\}^{n-1}}{3^{n(n-1)/2}} \times s_{\delta(n-1, n-1)}^{(2n)} \left( \frac{1 + \omega t}{\omega + t}, \frac{1 + \omega u}{\omega + u}, 1, \dots, 1 \right)$$

Here  $s_{\lambda}^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  stands for the Schur function in the  $n$  variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , corresponding to the partition  $\lambda$ , and  $\delta(n-1, n-1) = (n-1, n-1, n-2, n-2, \dots, 1, 1)$  and  $\omega = e^{2i\pi/3}$ . (The coefficient of  $t^{j-1} s^{k-1}$  is the number of  $n \times n$  ASM with a 1 in position  $r$  on the top row (counted from left to right) and  $k$  on the bottom row (counted from right to left).)

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## Example

$n = 3, k = 0$ : The first 2 columns are equal to the maximum values 3.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 b \in \mathcal{B}_{3,0} \\
 U_1(b) \\
 U_2(b) \\
 U_3(b)
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
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 \hline
 3 & 3 \\
 \hline
 & 3 \\
 \hline
 \end{array} \\
 2 \\
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 \end{array}$$

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## Example

$n = 3, k = 1$ : The first column equals the maximum values 3.

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# TSSCPP and monotone triangles

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$$\sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}_{3,2}} t^{U_k(b)} = 2 + 3t + 2t^2.$$

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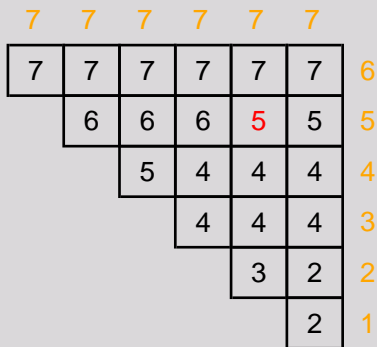
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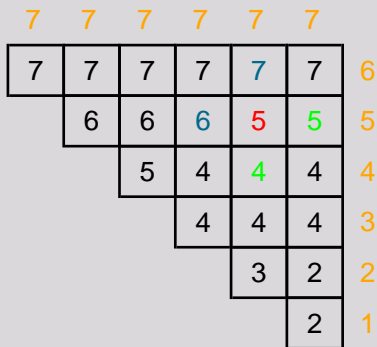
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## Flips

## Example

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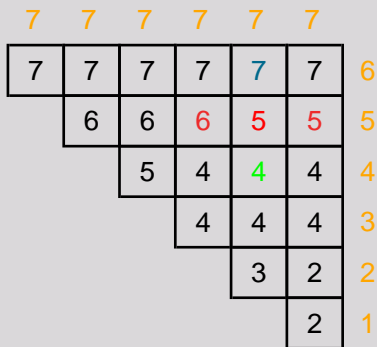




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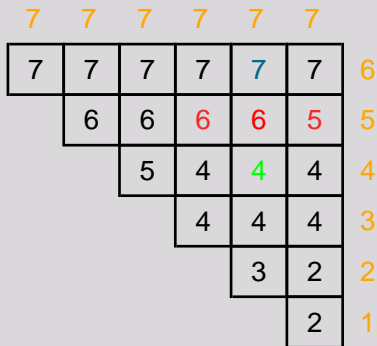
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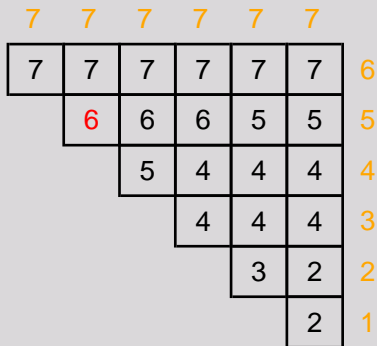
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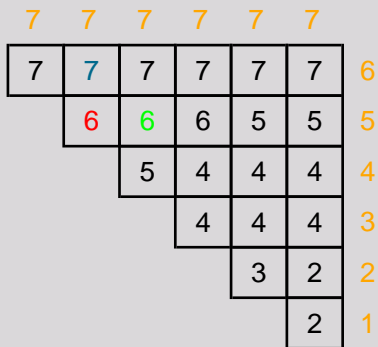
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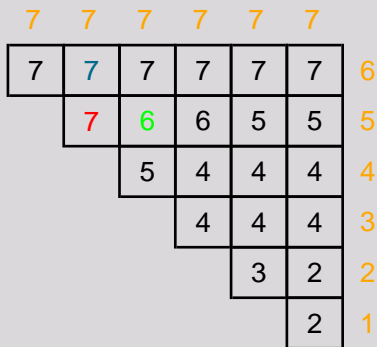
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7	7	7	7	7	7
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			4	4	4
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7	7	7	7	7	7
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7	7	7	7	7	7
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7	7	7	7	7	7
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7	7	7	7	7	7
	7	6	5	5	5
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7	7	7	7	7	7
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7	7	7	7	7	7
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7	7	7	7	7	7
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7	7	7	7	7	7
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Example  $n = 7, k = 6$ , Then we obtain the following  $\pi_6(b) \in \mathcal{B}_6$ .

7	7	7	7	7	6
	7	6	6	5	5
		5	4	4	4
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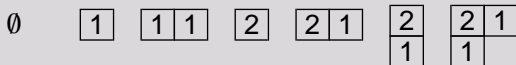
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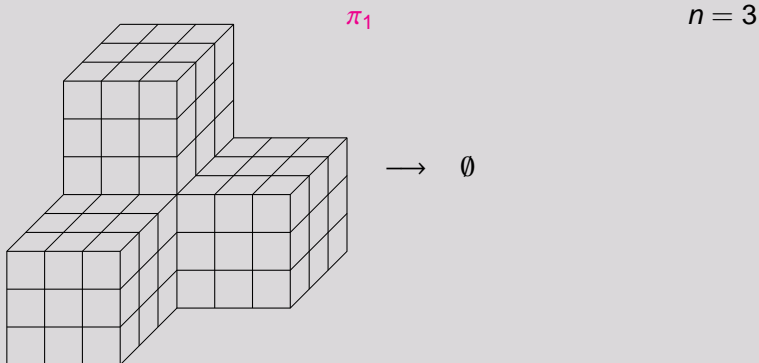
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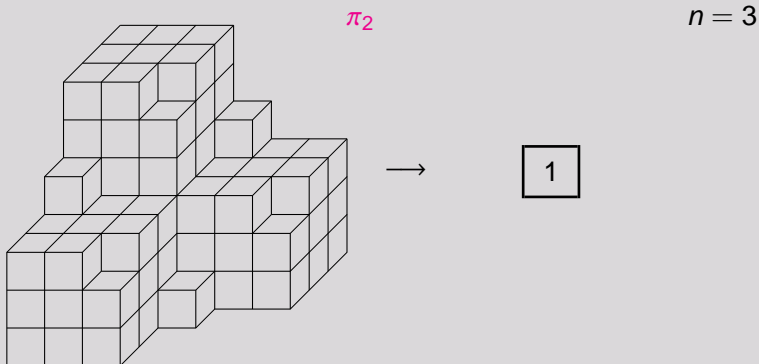
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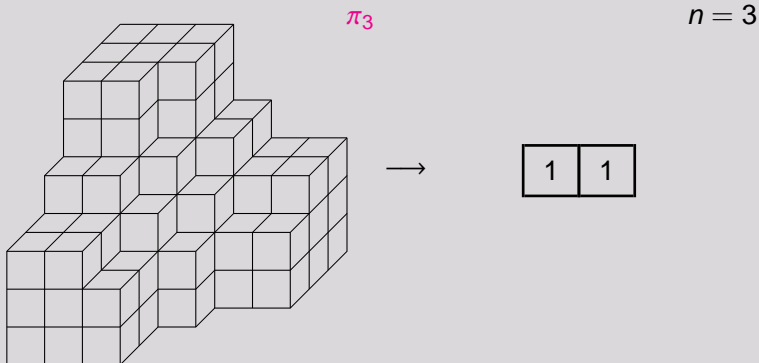
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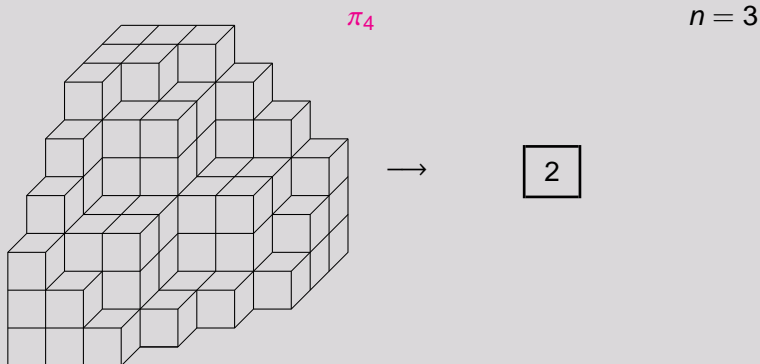
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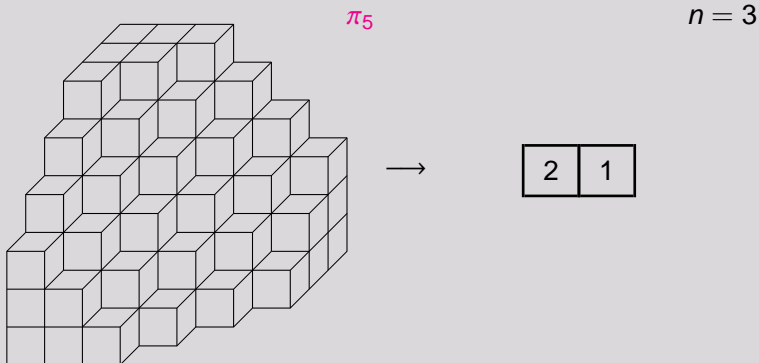
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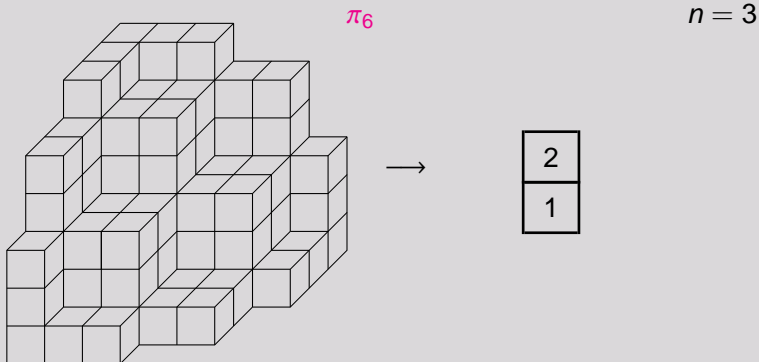
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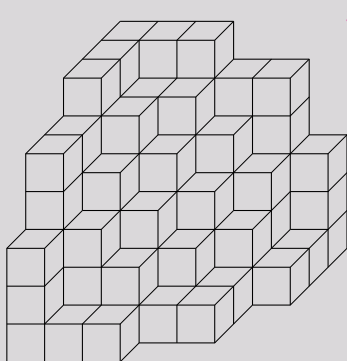
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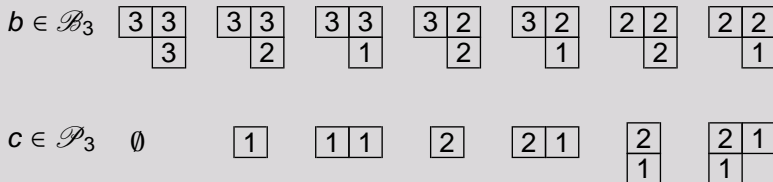
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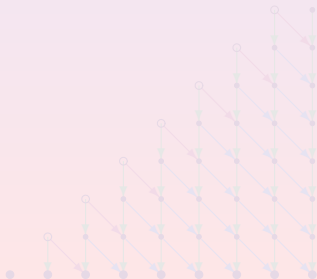
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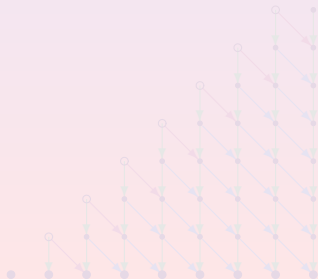


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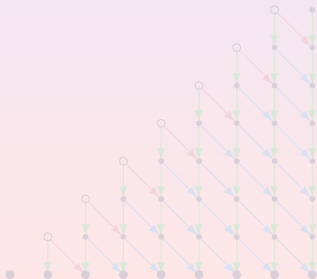


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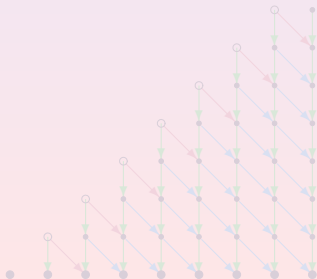


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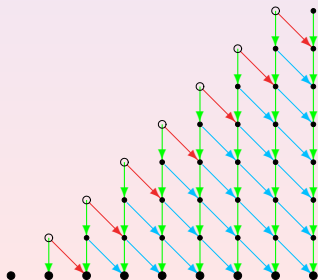


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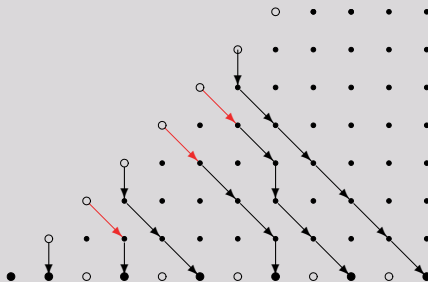
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$$\sum_{\substack{c \in \mathcal{P}_n \\ \text{sh } c = \lambda'}} \mathbf{t}^{\bar{U}(c)} \mathbf{x}^c = \det \left( e_{\lambda_j - j + i}^{(n-i)} (t_1 x_1, \dots, t_{n-i-1} x_{n-i-1}, T_{n-i} x_{n-i}) \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n},$$

where  $T_i = \prod_{k=i}^n t_k$ .

$\emptyset$	$\boxed{1}$	$\boxed{1 \ 1}$	$\boxed{2}$	$\boxed{2 \ 1}$	$\begin{array}{ c } \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ c c } \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & \\ \hline \end{array}$
1	$t_1 x_1$	$t_1^2 t_2 t_3 x_1^2$	$t_2 t_3 x_1 x_2$	$t_1 t_2 t_3 x_1 x_2$	$t_1 t_2 t_3 x_1 x_2$	$t_1^2 t_2^2 t_3^2 x_1^2 x_2$

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$\emptyset$        $\boxed{1}$        $\boxed{1} \boxed{1}$        $\boxed{2}$        $\boxed{2} \boxed{1}$

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If  $n = 3$  and  $k = 0$ , then the constant term of

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# Twisted Bender-Knuth involution

The Bender-Knuth involution  $s_k$  on tableaux which swaps the number of  $k$ 's and  $(k - 1)$ 's, for each  $i$ .

Example

$n = 7, c \in \mathcal{P}_3$

5	5	4	2	2
4	4	3	1	
3	2	2		
2	1			
1				

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If  $k \geq 2$ , we define a Bender-Knuth-type involution  $\tilde{\pi}_k$  on  $\mathcal{P}_n$  which swaps the number of  $k$ 's and  $(k-1)$ 's while we ignore saturated  $(k-1)$ .

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$n = 7$  Then we obtain the following  $\tilde{\pi}_2(c) \in \mathcal{P}_3$ .

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5	5	4	2	2
4	4	3	1	
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1				

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2	1			
1				

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3	2	2		
2	1			
1				

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$\mathcal{P}_3^{\tilde{\rho}}$  is composed of the following 3 RCSPPs:

 $\emptyset$ 

2
1

2	1
1	

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$\mathcal{P}_4^{\tilde{\rho}}$  is composed of the following 10 elements:

$\emptyset$

2	1
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2	1	1
---	---	---

2
1

2	2
1	1

2	2	1
1	1	

3
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3
2
1

3	2
2	1
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$\mathcal{P}_5^{\tilde{\rho}}$  has 25 elements, and  $\mathcal{P}_6^{\tilde{\rho}}$  has 140 elements.



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The following  $c \in \mathcal{P}_{11}$  is invariant under  $\tilde{\gamma}$ :

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Remove all 1's from  $c \in \mathcal{P}_{11}^{\tilde{\gamma}}$ .

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Then we obtain a PP in which each row has even length.

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Identify 3 and 2, 5 and 4, 7 and 6.

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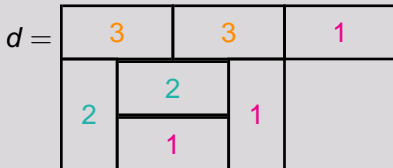
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Replace 3 and 2 by dominos containing 1, 5 and 4 by dominos containing 2, 7 and 6 by dominos containing 3.





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$\mathcal{D}_5^R$  has 26 elements,  $\mathcal{D}_6^R$  has 50 elements, and  $\mathcal{D}_7^R$  has 646 elements.

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if  $n = 3$ , then  $\sum_{c \in \mathcal{P}_7^{\bar{y}}} t^{\bar{U}_2(c)}$  is given by

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which is equal to  $3 + 6t + 8t^2 + 6t^3 + 3t^4$ .



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if  $n = 4$ , then  $\sum_{c \in \mathcal{P}_7^{\tilde{y}}} t^{\bar{U}_2(c)}$  is given by

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1+t+t^2 & 1+2t+t^2 & t \\ 0 & t & 3+4t+3t^2 & 4+7t+4t^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1+4t+t^2 & 10+15t+10t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which is equal to  $26 + 78t + 138t^2 + 162t^3 + 138t^4 + 78t^5 + 26t^6$ .

# Determinant evaluation

## Theorem (Andrews-Burge)

Let

$$M_n(x, y) = \det \left( \binom{i+j+x}{2i-j} + \binom{i+j+y}{2i-j} \right)_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1}.$$

Then

$$M_n(x, y) = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} \Delta_{2k}(x+y),$$

where  $\Delta_0(u) = 2$  and for  $j > 0$

$$\Delta_{2j}(u) = \frac{(u+2j+2)_j \left(\frac{1}{2}u+2j+\frac{3}{2}\right)_{j-1}}{(j)_j \left(\frac{1}{2}u+j+\frac{3}{2}\right)_{j-1}}.$$

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