

Diagonal Harmonics and Shuffle Theorems

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Based off of slides from

- Mark Haiman: “A Shuffle Theorem for Paths Under Any Line”
<https://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/~opecheni/2020-06-12-A1CoVE.pdf>
- Jennifer Morse: “Hey Series, Tell Me About the Extended Delta Conjecture” (ICERM, March 22, 2021)

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} (5x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 + 8x_3^2) = 8x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 + 5x_3^2$$

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Schur basis expansion counts multiplicity of irreducible S_n -representations!

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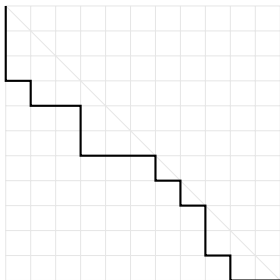
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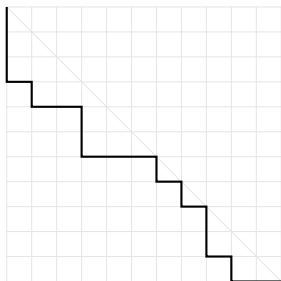
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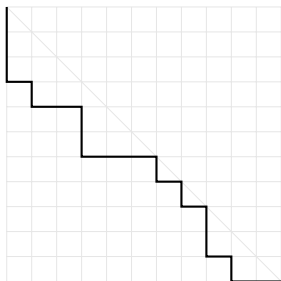
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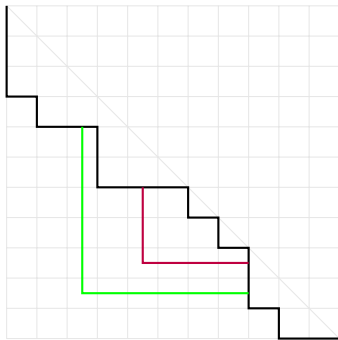
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for $i(T)$ the number of attacking inversions:

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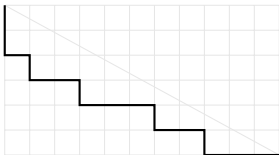
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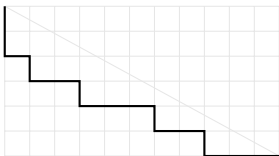
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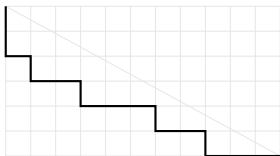


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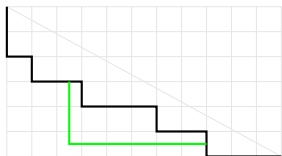


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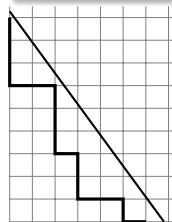
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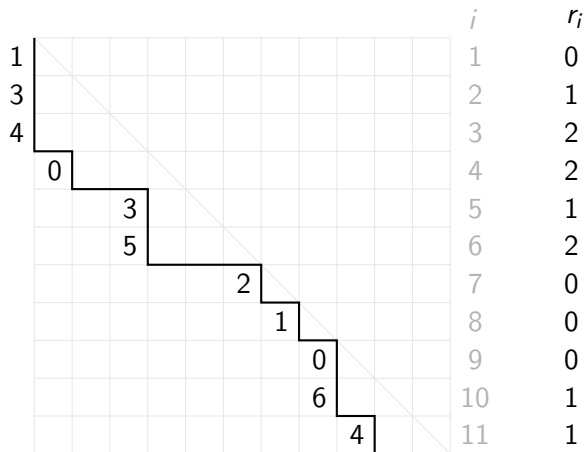
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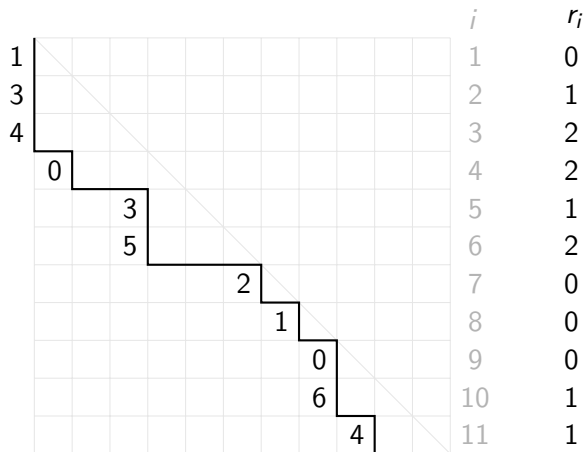
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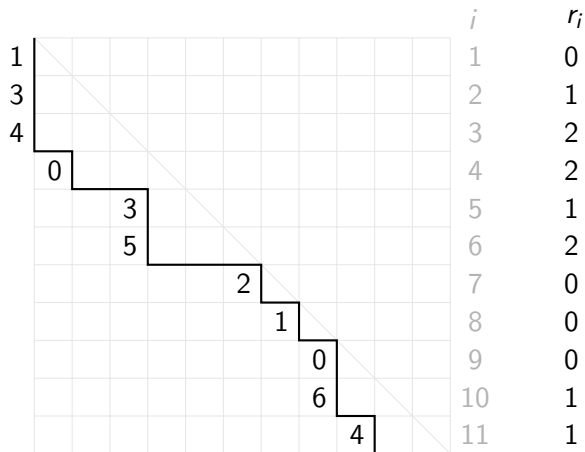
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