



# Automated Bijections with Combinatorial Exploration

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- ▶ Use Combinatorial Exploration to find bijections
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The set of binary strings  $B$  where  $|B_n| = 2^n$ .

$$B_3 = \{000, 001, 010, 100, 011, 101, 110, 111\}.$$

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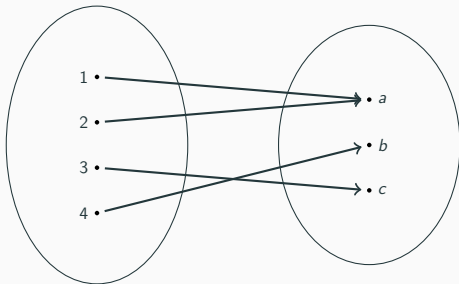
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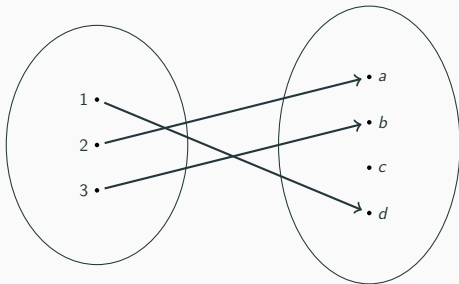


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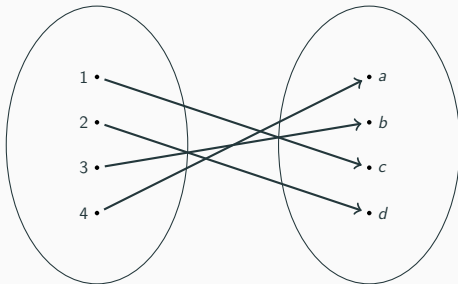


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Flipping bits in binary strings.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0 & \mapsto & 1 \\ 0101 & \mapsto & 1010 \end{array}$$

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The *generating function* of a combinatorial class  $\mathcal{C}$  is the power series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |\mathcal{C}_i| z^i.$$

The *symbolic method* in Flajolet and Sedgewick [7] describes how combinatorial classes can be constructed.

- *Combinatorial specifications*
- *Constructors*
- *Atoms*
- *Combinatorial rules*<sup>1</sup>

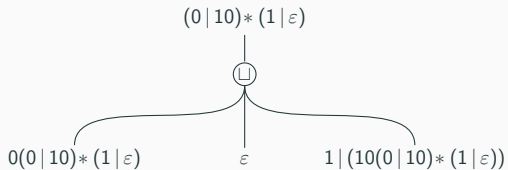
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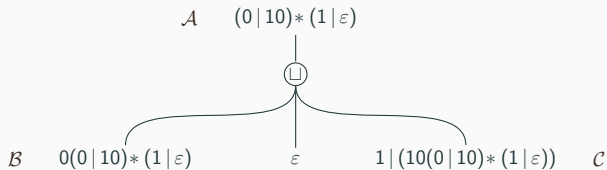
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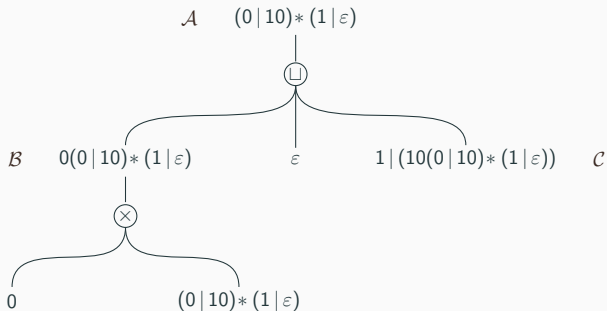
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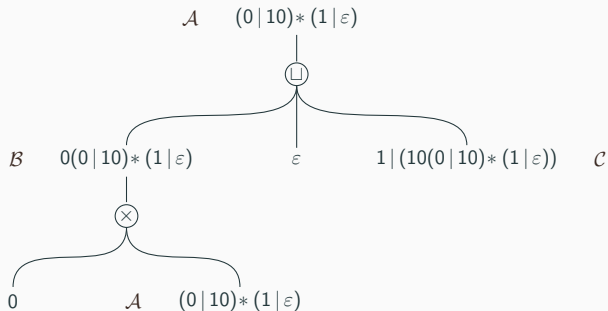
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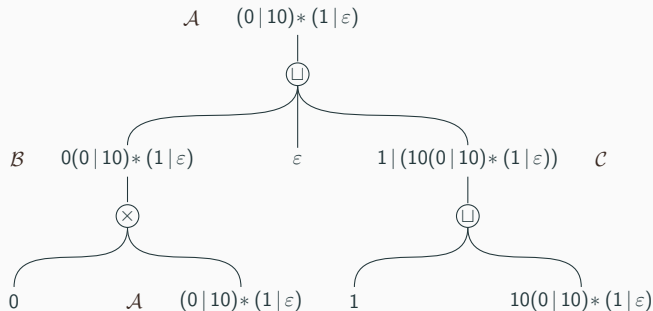


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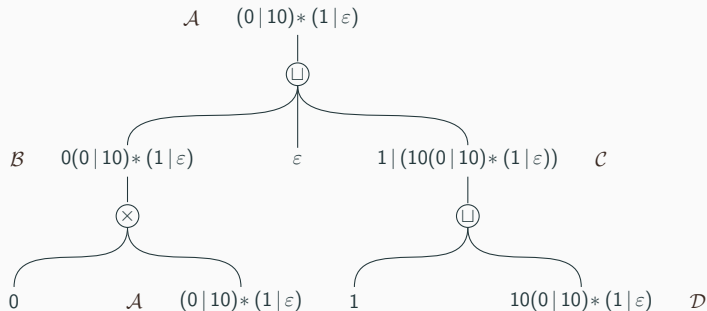
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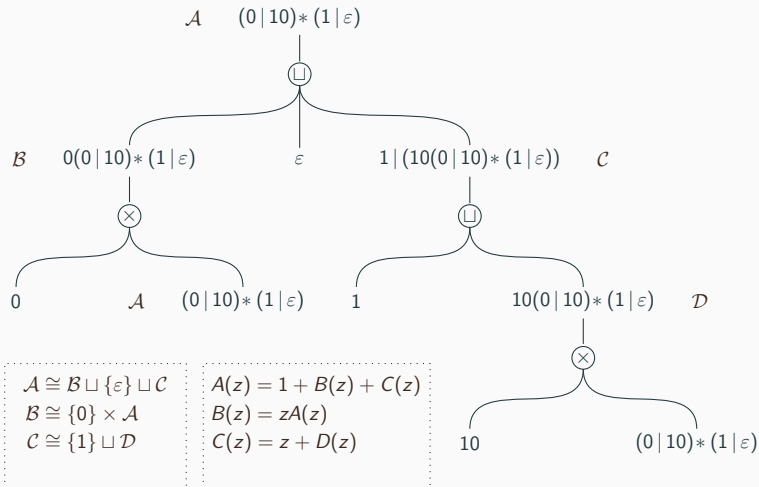
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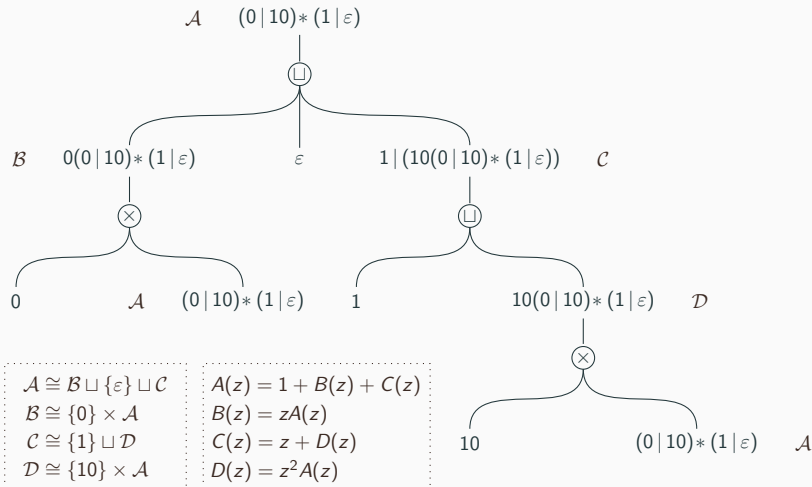
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**Figure 4:** A specification for binary strings avoiding repeated 1's.

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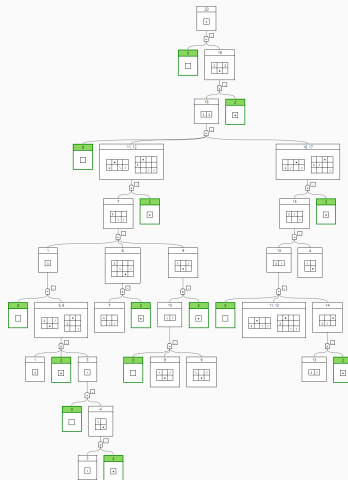
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**Figure 5:** Specification found by Combinatorial Exploration.

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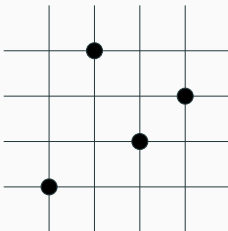
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**Figure 6:** The graphical representation of  $\pi = 1423$ .

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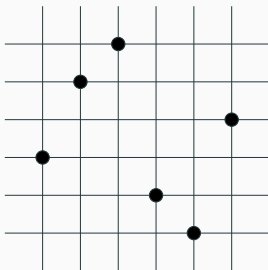
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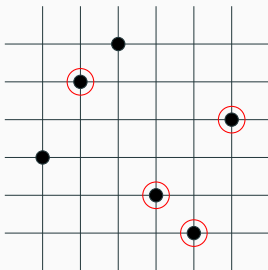
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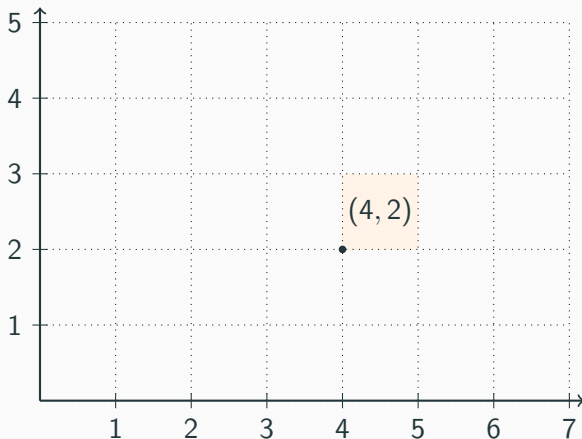


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$$\text{Av}(\Pi) = \{\pi \mid \pi \text{ avoids } \Pi\}$$

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**Figure 9:** A cell  $(c, r) \in \mathbb{N}^2$  defines the region  $[c, c + 1) \times [r, r + 1)$ .

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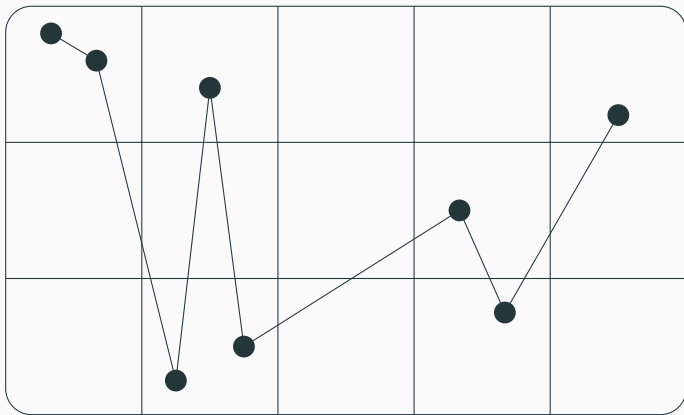
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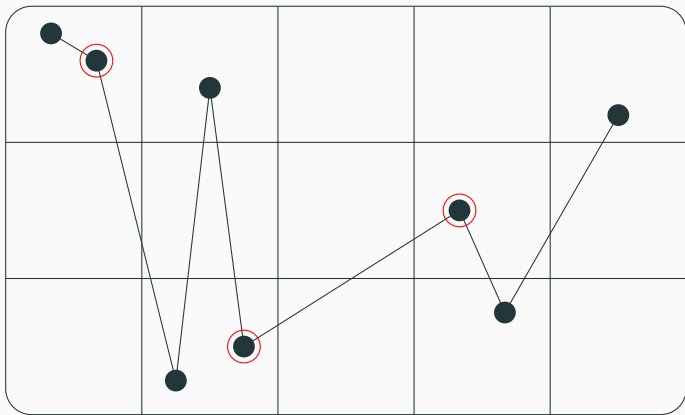
for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ .

## Gridded permutation - example



**Figure 10:** The gridded permutation with  $\pi = 87162435$  and  $P = ((0, 2), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 2), (1, 0), (3, 1), (3, 0), (4, 2))$ .

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**Figure 11:** An occurrence of  $3^{(0,2)}1^{(1,0)}2^{(3,1)}$  in the gridded permutation  $87^{(0,2)}1^{(1,0)}6^{(1,2)}2^{(1,0)}4^{(3,1)}3^{(3,0)}5^{(4,2)}$ .

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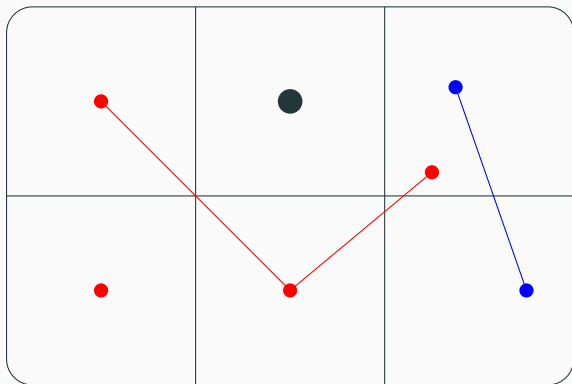
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## Tiling - example



**Figure 12:** A tiling with  $(c, r) = (3, 2)$ ,  $\mathcal{R} = \{\{1^{(1,1)}\}, \{2^{(1,1)}1^{(2,0)}\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{O} = \{1^{(0,0)}, 12^{(1,1)}, 21^{(1,1)}, 3^{(0,1)}1^{(1,0)}2^{(2,1)}\}$ .

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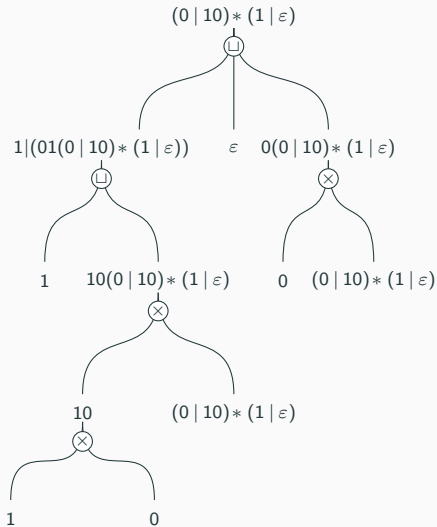
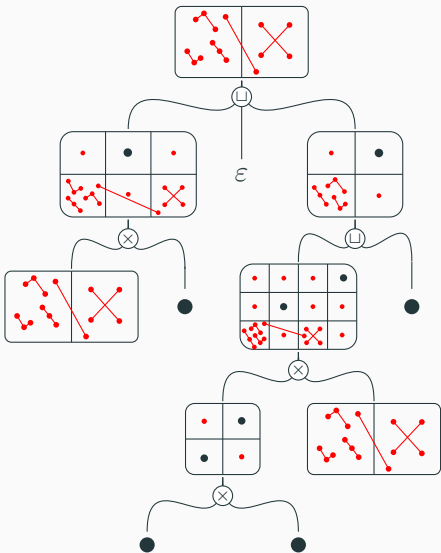
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Two specifications are parallel if (recursively from the root) every class pair  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$

- Both contain a single object which are equal in size.
- There is a recursion at an equal distance to an ancestor for both.
- Their constructors are equivalent and there is a bijection between their children such that we can match them this way.

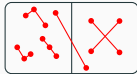
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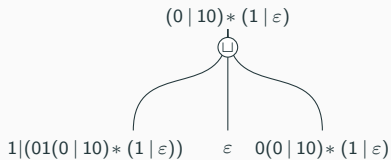
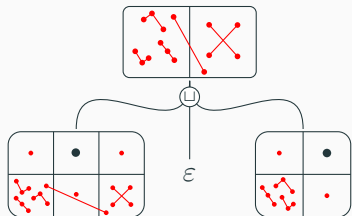
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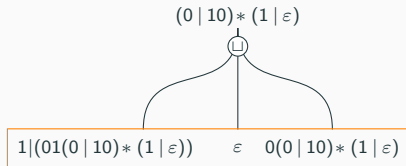
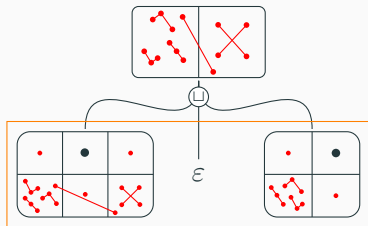
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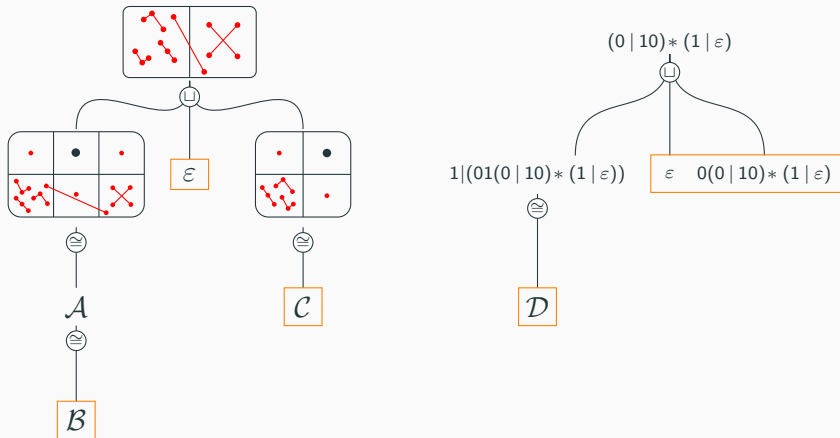
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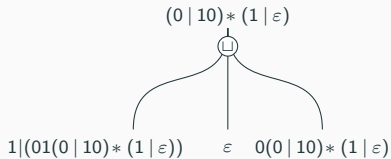
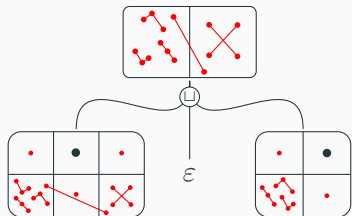


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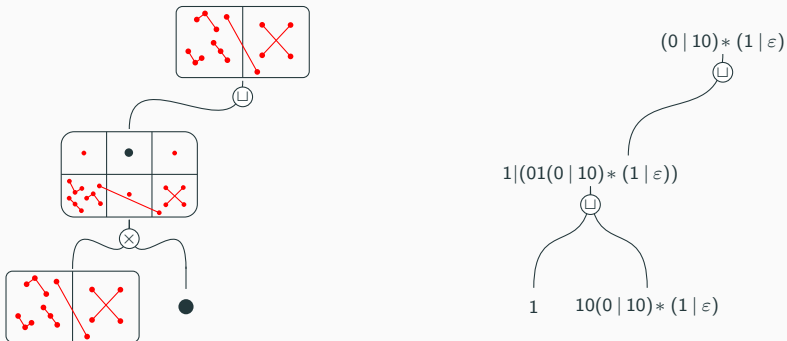
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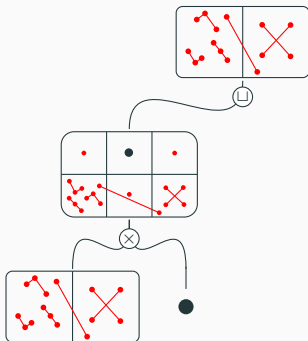
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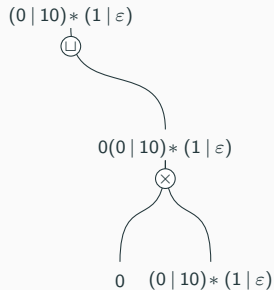
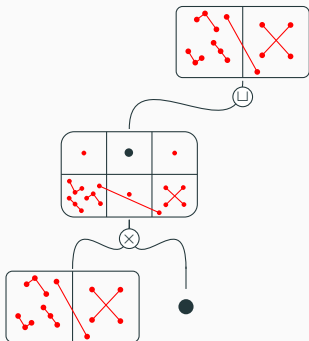


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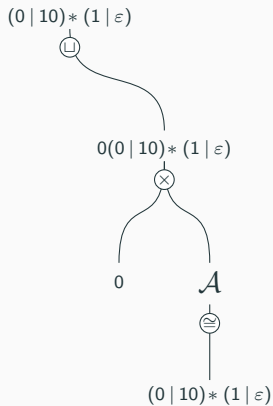
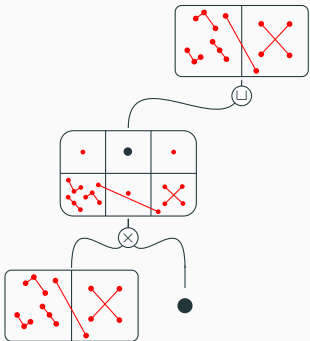
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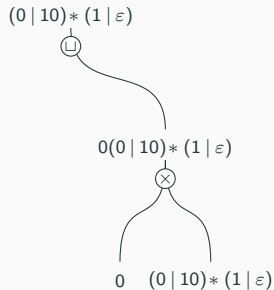
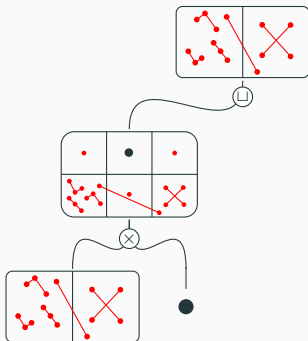
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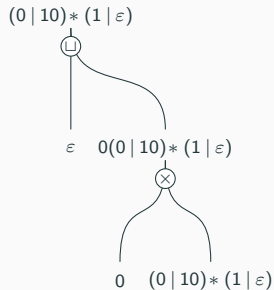
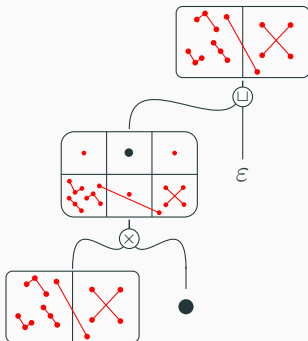
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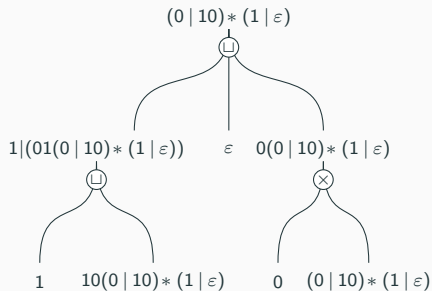
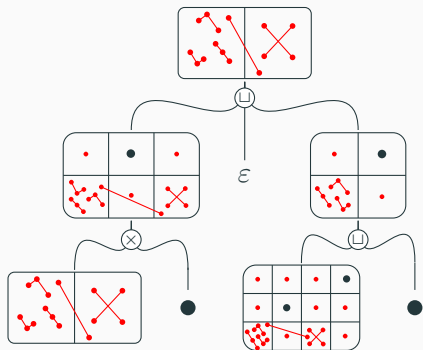
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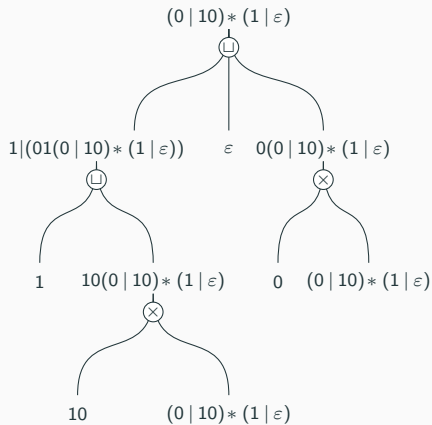
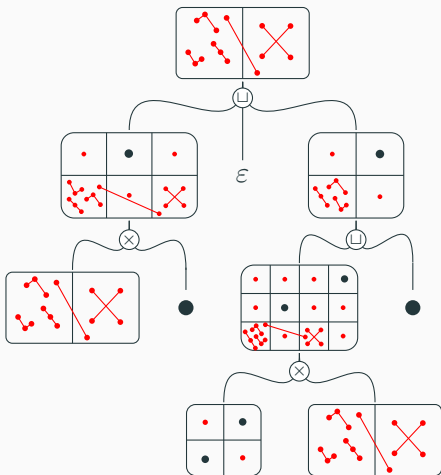


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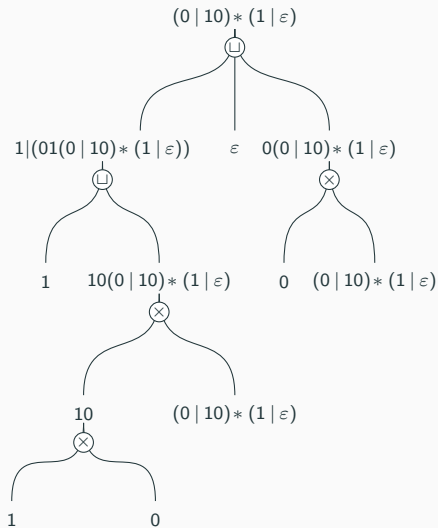
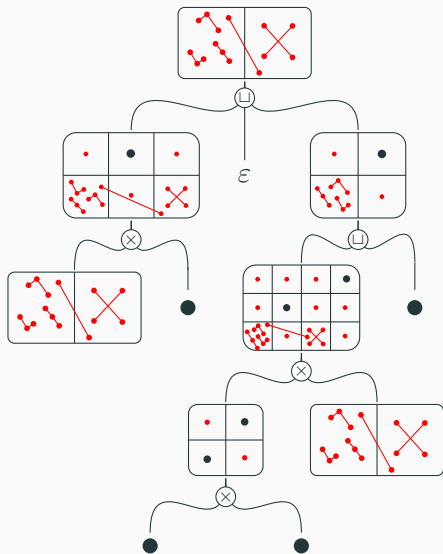
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# Parallel Bijections

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## Definition

If  $\check{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $\check{\mathcal{D}}$  are two parallel specifications with path matching  $\gamma_{\check{\mathcal{C}},\check{\mathcal{D}}}$  and root classes  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ , then their *parallel map* is  $\mathfrak{P} : \mathcal{C} \mapsto \mathcal{D}$  where, for any  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{P}(c) = \omega_{\check{\mathcal{D}}}^{-1} \left( \left\{ \gamma_{\check{\mathcal{C}},\check{\mathcal{D}}}(p) \mid p \in \omega_{\check{\mathcal{C}}}(c) \right\} \right).$$

# Parallel bijection - An example for $Av(123)$ and $Av(132)$

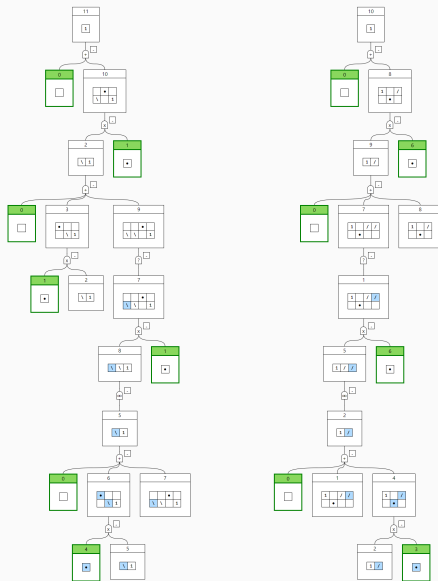
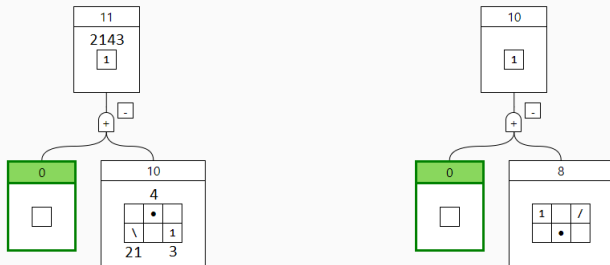


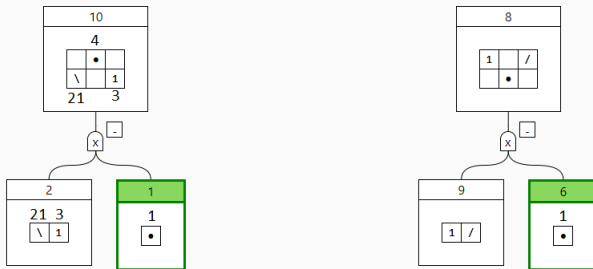
Figure 14: Parallel specifications for  $Av(123)$  and  $Av(132)$ .

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**Figure 15:** Step 1 - Place topmost point of 2143 in  $Av(123)$ .

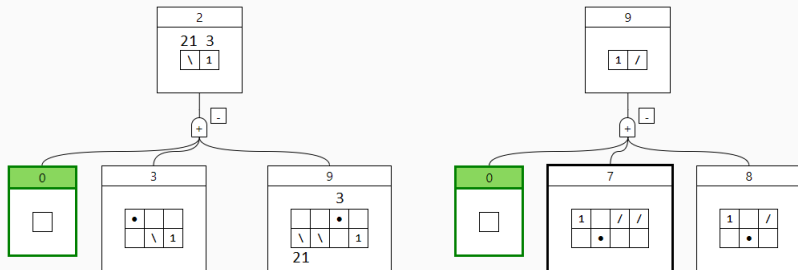
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**Figure 16:** Step 2 - Factor.

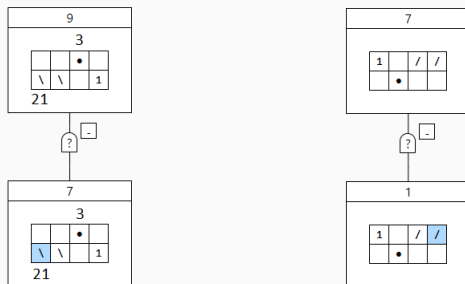


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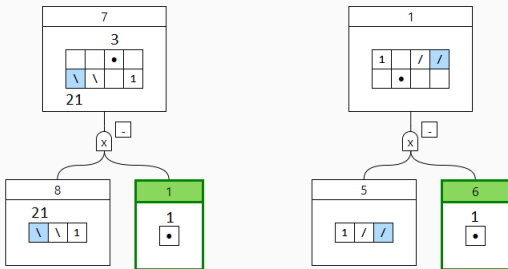
**Figure 17:** Step 3 - Place topmost in row.

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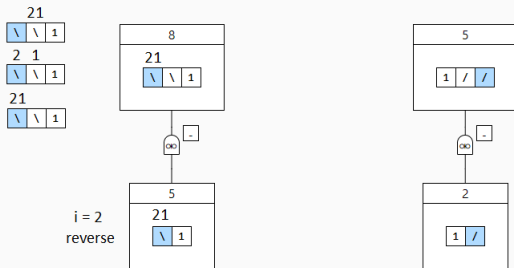
**Figure 18:** Step 4 - Add assumption in  $(0, 0)$ .

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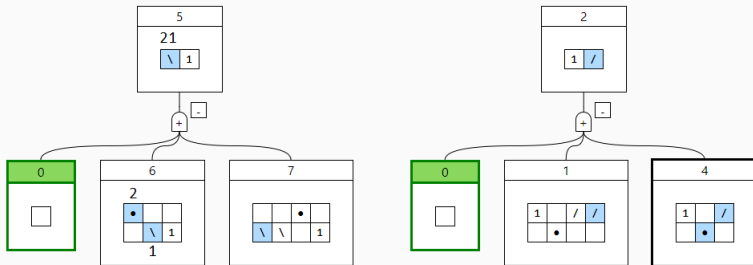
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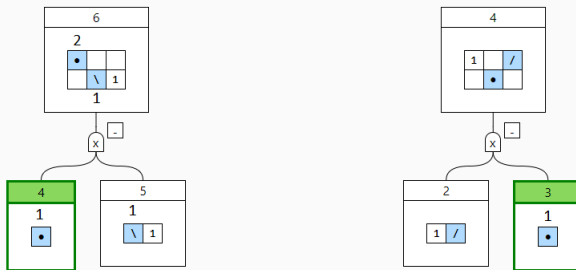
**Figure 20:** Step 6 - Fuse columns 0 and 1.

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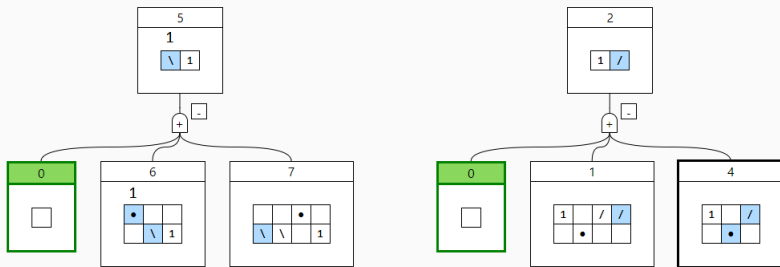
**Figure 21:** Step 7 - Place topmost in row.

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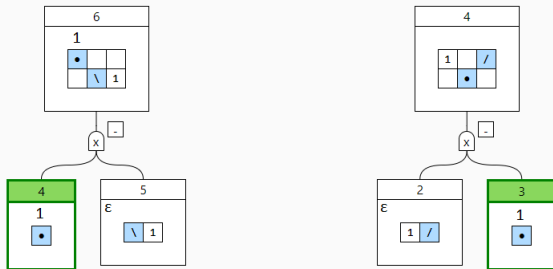
**Figure 22:** Step 8 - Factor.

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**Figure 23:** Step 9 - Place topmost in row.

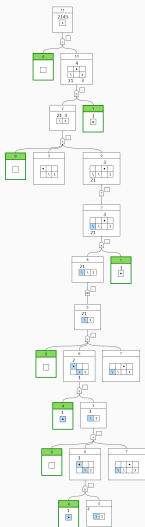
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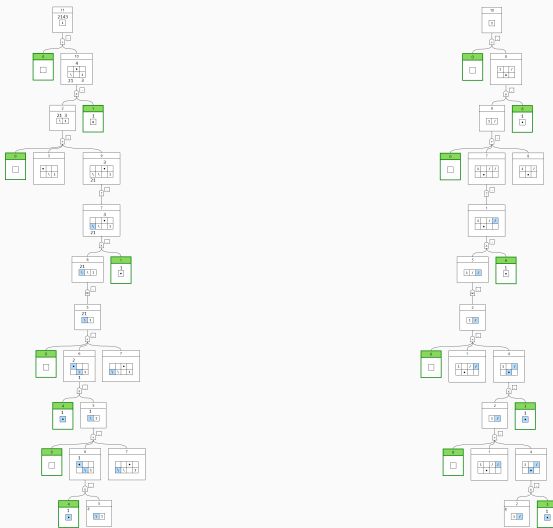


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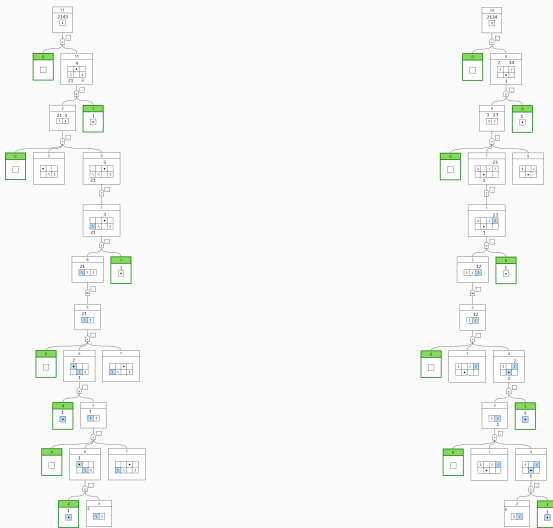
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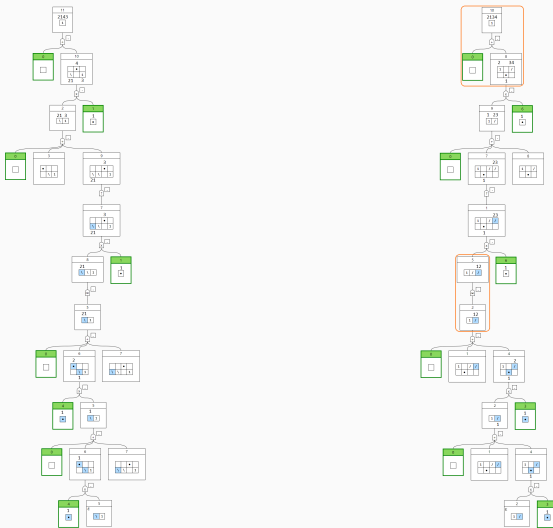
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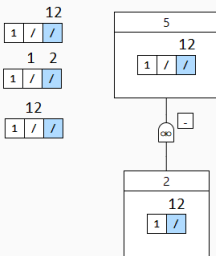
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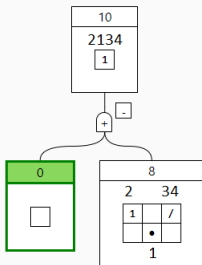
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**Figure 26:** Backward step for fusion.

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Final step



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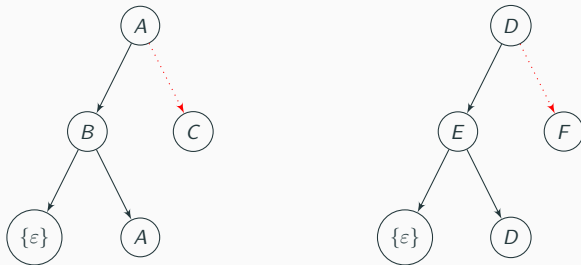
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**Figure 28:** Classes *B* and *E* are incorrectly matched because of a recursion to *A* and *D* that we fail to match later.

# Results

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- Cross domain bijections
  - ▶ Words and permutations
- Known Wilf classes
- Experimental classes
  - ▶  $11 \times 4$
  - ▶  $10 \times 4$
  - ▶  $9 \times 4$  (except one class)

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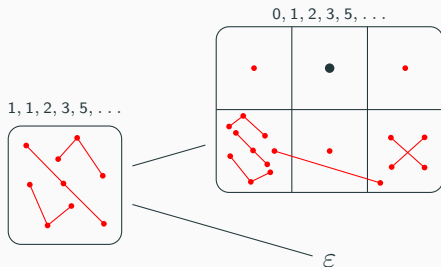
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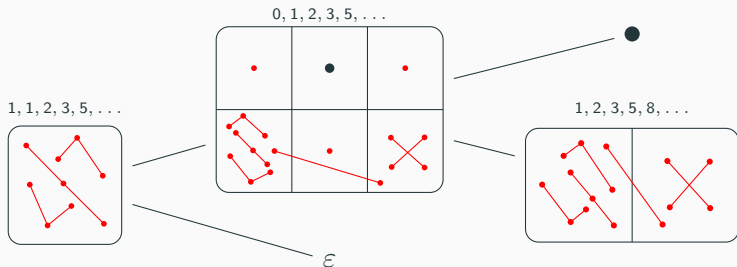
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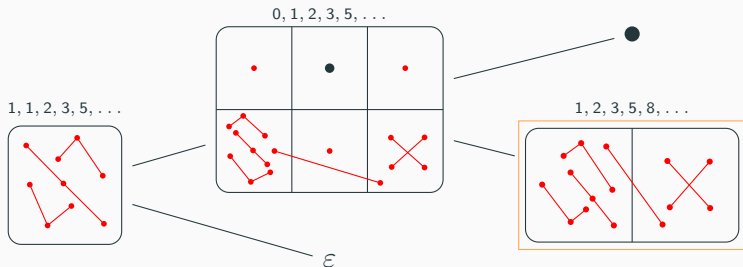
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**Figure 29:** The class that is isomorphic to the binary strings.

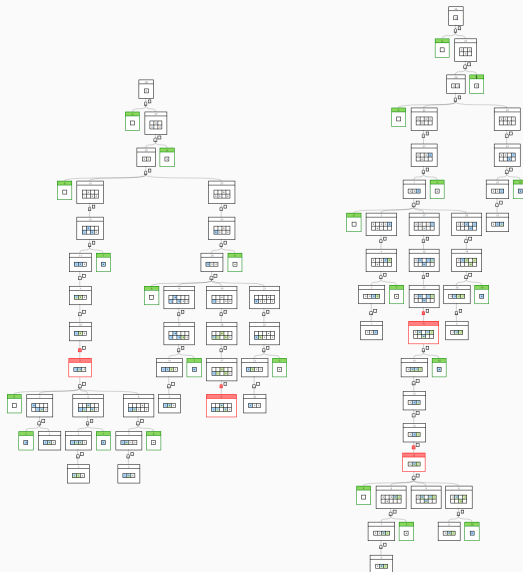


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  - ▶  $\text{Av}(2143)$  is missing.

# Known Wilf classes, $Av(1234)$ and $Av(1243)$



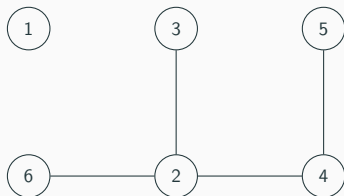
**Figure 30:** The parallel specifications found for  $Av(1234)$  and  $Av(1243)$ .

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**Figure 31:** The bijections found for an experimental class.

## Conclusion

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Thanks for listening

Questions?

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