# Equivalence classes of mesh patterns with a Dominating Pattern

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#### Permutations

A permutation is a bijection,  $\pi$ , from the set  $\llbracket n \rrbracket = \{1, \ldots, n\}$  to itself. More intuitively "A permutation of n objects is an arrangement of n distinct objects in a row" (Knuth).

We write permutations in *one-line notation*, writing the entries of the entries of the permutation in order

$$\pi = \pi(1)\pi(2)\dots\pi(n)$$

## Example

The 6 permutations on [3] are

123, 132, 213, 231, 312, 321



We can display a permutation in a *plot* to give a graphical represention. We plot the points  $(i, \pi(i))$  in a Cartesian coordinate system.



Figure: Plot of the permutation 231

In this setting we call the elements of the permutations *points*. The set of all permutations of length n is  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  and has size n!. The set of all permutations is  $\mathfrak{S} = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{S}_i$ .

# Classical Permutation Patterns

Classical permutation patterns capture many interesting combinatorial objects and properties.

# Definition (Order Isomorphism)

Two substrings  $\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_n$  and  $\beta_1 \beta_2 \cdots \beta_n$  are said to be *order isomorphic* if  $\alpha_r < \alpha_s$  if and only if  $\beta_r < \beta_s$ .

#### Definition

A permutation  $\pi$  is said to contain the classical permutation pattern  $\sigma$  (denoted  $\sigma \leq \pi$ ) if there is some subsequence  $i_1 i_2 \cdots i_k$  such that the sequence  $\pi(i_1)\pi(i_2)\cdots\pi(i_k)$  is order isomorphic to  $\sigma(1)\sigma(2)\cdots\sigma(k)$ .

If  $\pi$  does not contain  $\sigma$  we say that  $\pi$  avoids  $\sigma$ .

We the set of permutations of length n avoiding a pattern  $\sigma$  is denoted as  $\operatorname{Av}_n(\sigma)$  and  $\operatorname{Av}(\sigma) = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Av}_i(\sigma)$ .

The permutation  $\pi=$  24153 contains the pattern  $\sigma=$  231



Figure: Plot of the permutation 24153 with an occurrence of 231 indicated

# Mesh Patterns

Mesh patterns are a natural extension of classical permutation patterns.

#### Definition

A mesh pattern is a pair

$$p = (\tau, R)$$
 with  $\tau \in \mathfrak{S}_k$  and  $R \subseteq [0, k] \times [0, k]$ .

We say that  $\tau$  is the underlying classical pattern of p.

The pattern

$$p = (213, \{(0,1), (0,2), (0,3), (1,0), (1,1), (2,1), (2,2)\}) =$$
 is contained in  $\pi = 34215$ .



Figure: An occurrence of p in  $\pi$ 

The pattern  $q = (21, \{(0,1), (0,2), (1,0), (1,1)\}) = 2$  is contained in  $p = (213, \{(0,1), (0,2), (0,3), (1,0), (1,1), (2,1), (2,2)\}) = 2$  as a subpattern.



Figure: An occurrence of q in p

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# Coincidence

#### Definition

Two mesh patterns are said to be *coincident* if they avoid the same set of patterns at every length.

Classical patterns can never be coincident.

Aim to establish rules that classify coincidences when we have one mesh pattern and one classical pattern.

# Experimental Results

	Dominating Pattern			
	231		321	
	12	21	12	21
No Dominating rule	220	220	220	220
First Dominating rule	85	43	220	29
Second Dominating rule	59	39	220	29
Third Dominating rule	56	39	220	29
Experimental class size	56	39	213	29

Table: Coincidence class number reduction by application of Dominating rules

# First Dominating rule

# Proposition: First Dominating rule

Given two mesh patterns  $m_1=(\sigma,R_1)$  and  $m_2=(\sigma,R_2)$ , and a dominating classical pattern  $\pi=(\pi,\emptyset)$  such that  $|\pi|\leq |\sigma|+1$ , the sets  $\operatorname{Av}(\{\pi,m_1\})$  and  $\operatorname{Av}(\{\pi,m_2\})$  are coincident if

- 1.  $R_1 \triangle R_2 = \{(a, b)\}$
- 2.  $\pi \leq \text{add\_point}(\sigma, (a, b), \emptyset)$

The following two patterns are coincident in Av(321)



## Corollary

All coincidences of classes the form  $Av({321, (21, R)})$  are fully explained by the First Dominating rule.

There are 29 coincidences of mesh patterns of the form  $Av({321,(21,R)})$ 

# Second Dominating rule

#### The patterns

$$m_1 = \frac{1}{m_1}$$
 and  $m_2 = \frac{1}{m_2}$ 

are coincident in Av(231).

#### Lemma

Given a mesh pattern  $m=(\sigma,R)$ , where the box (a,b) is not in R, and a dominating classical pattern  $\pi=(\pi,\emptyset)$  if  $\pi \leq \operatorname{add}_{\operatorname{ascent}}(\sigma,(a,b))$   $(\pi \leq \operatorname{add}_{\operatorname{ascent}}(\sigma,(a,b)))$ , then in any occurrence of m in a permutation  $\varrho$ , the region corresponding to the box (a,b) can only contain an increasing (decreasing) subsequence of  $\varrho$ .

Considering  $m_1$  again



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Considering  $m_1$  again



This is  $m_2$ .

# Proposition: Second Dominating rule

Given two mesh patterns  $m_1=(\sigma,R_1)$  and  $m_2=(\sigma,R_2)$ , and a dominating classical pattern  $\pi=(\pi,\emptyset)$  such that  $|\pi|\leq |\sigma|+2$ , the sets  $\operatorname{Av}(\{\pi,m_1\})$  and  $\operatorname{Av}(\{\pi,m_2\})$  are coincident if

- 1.  $R_1 \triangle R_2 = \{(a, b)\}$
- 2. 2.1  $\pi \leq \text{add\_ascent}(\sigma,(a,b))$  and

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$$(a+1,b) \in \sigma$$
 and  $(a+1,b-1) \notin R$  and  $(x,b-1) \in R \implies (x,b) \in R$  (where  $x \neq a,a+1$ ) and  $(a+1,y) \in R \implies (a,y) \in R$  (where  $y \neq b-1,b$ ).

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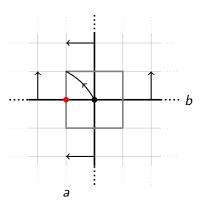


Figure: If the conditions of The Second Dominating rule are satisfied the box (a-1,b) can be shaded.

#### Corollary

All coincidences of classes the form  $Av(\{231, (21, R))\}$  are fully explained by applying the First Dominating rule, then applying the Second Dominating rule.

There are 39 coincidences of mesh patterns of the form  $Av({231,(21,R)})$ 

# Third Dominating rule

The patterns

$$m_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$
 and  $m_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ 

are coincident in Av(231). Neither of the previous two rules explain this.











# Proposition: Third Dominating rule

Given two mesh patterns  $m_1=(\sigma,R_1)$  and  $m_2=(\sigma,R_2)$ , and a dominating classical pattern  $\pi=(\pi,\emptyset)$ , the sets  $\operatorname{Av}(\{\pi,m_1\})$  and  $\operatorname{Av}(\{\pi,m_2\})$  are coincident if

- 1.  $R_1 \triangle R_2 = \{(a, b)\}$
- 2.  $add\_point((\sigma, R_1), (a, b), D)$  where  $D \in \{N, E, S, W\}$  is coincident with a mesh pattern containing an occurrence of  $(\sigma, R_2)$  as a subpattern.

#### Corollary

All coincidences of classes the form  $Av(\{231, (12, R))\}$  are fully explained by applying the First Dominating rule, the Second Dominating rule, and then the Third Dominating rule.

There are 39 coincidences of mesh patterns of the form  $Av({231,(21,R)})$