## GUILLOTINE RECTANGULATIONS AND MESH PATTERNS

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Two kinds of equivalence:

- weak (preserves rectangle-segment contacts),
- strong (preserves rectangle-rectangle contacts).


These two rectangulations are weakly equivalent but not strongly equivalent.

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The anti-diagonal rectangulation $\longrightarrow$ the SW-NW labeling.

Permutation classes to appear in this talk:
Baxter permutations: $\operatorname{Av}(2[41] 3,3[14] 2)$.
Twisted Baxter permutations: $\operatorname{Av}(2[41] 3,3[41] 2)$.
Co-twisted Baxter permutations: $\operatorname{Av}(2[14] 3,3[14] 2)$.
These three classes are enumerated by Baxter numbers.

Separable permutations: $\operatorname{Av}(2413,3142)$.

Two-clumped permutations.
Co-two-clumped permutations.




Baxter


Two-clumped:





Co-two-clumped:


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- The mapping $\gamma_{w}$ is surjective.
- The preimage of a rectangulation $R$ is the set of linear extensions of a poset $P_{w}(R)$.
- $P_{w}(R)$ is the transitive closure
 of the contact relations in the diagonal representative of $R$.
- The set $L\left(P_{w}(R)\right)$ contains precisely one Baxter / twisted Baxter / co-twisted Baxter permutation.
- The twisted Baxter / the co-twisted Baxter permutation is the minimal / the maximal element of $L\left(P_{w}(R)\right)$, with respect to the weak Bruhat order.


The mapping $\gamma_{s}: S_{n} \rightarrow$ strong rectangulations of size $n$

- Reading (2011):
- A "2-step" description of $\gamma_{s}$ :

First, apply $\gamma_{w}$, then shuffle the walls.

- Restriction of $\gamma_{s}$ to a bijection $\beta$ between two-clumped permutations and strong rectangulations.
- Our contribution:
- A "1-step" description of $\gamma_{s}$.
- An explicit desription of the preimage of a rectangulation under $\gamma_{s}$ (a poset) and $\beta$ (a 2 -clumped permutation).

Reading's mapping

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## Preimage

To find the preimage, we act similarly to the weak case. We use the blocking relations and two "special relations":


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Observation. A rectangulation is guillotine if and only if it does not contain "windmills" - configurations of segments as shown here.

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| Baxter permutations | Separable permutations |
| Enumeration: 1970s | Enumeration is elementary |
| GF D-finite | GF algebraic |
| Strong: | Strong guillotine: |
| Two-clumped permutations | ??????????????? |
| First results: 2011 |  |
| GF not D-finite (Fusy + 2021) |  |

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## Implications.

- 1(a) implies $\operatorname{Av}(2413,3142)=\operatorname{Av}\left(2[41] 3,3[14] 2, p_{1}, p_{2}\right)$.
- 2(a) is the first representation of strong guillotine rectangulations by a permutation class (conjectured by Merino and Mütze).

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