## GUILLOTINE RECTANGULATIONS AND MESH PATTERNS

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Two kinds of equivalence:

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



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Equivalence classes up to the weak equivalence are called **mosaic rectangulations** (I will say: weak rectangulations).

Equivalence classes up to the strong equivalence are called **generic rectangulations** (I will say: strong rectangulations).

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

Permutation classes to appear in this talk:

Baxter permutations: Av(2[41]3, 3[14]2).

Twisted Baxter permutations: Av(2[41]3, 3[41]2).

Co-twisted Baxter permutations: Av(2[14]3, 3[14]2).

These three classes are enumerated by **Baxter numbers**.

Separable permutations: Av(2413, 3142).

Two-clumped permutations.

Co-two-clumped permutations.





## Baxter



Twisted Baxter

Co-twisted Baxter

## Two-clumped:





## Co-two-clumped:





The mapping  $\gamma_w: S_n \to \mathbf{weak}$  rectangulations of size n



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the right rule

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the SW–NE rule

the right rule













the left rule





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**Summary.** (Reading<sup>+</sup>, Meehan, Ackerman<sup>+</sup>, Cardinal<sup>+</sup>, ...)

- 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  $L(P_w(R))$  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  $L(P_w(R))$ , with respect to the weak Bruhat order.





The mapping  $\gamma_s: S_n \to \text{strong}$  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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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |   |
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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" – configura-tions of segments as shown here.



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

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#### **Proof, step 1:**

#### The mesh patterns



are (respectively) equivalent to the mesh paterns



### **Proof, step 2:** $\pi$ contains $q_1 \implies$ $\gamma_w(\pi)$ contains $w_1$ .















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## **Corollary.** There are bijections between

- 1. weak guillotine rectangulations and
  - (a)  $(p_1, p_2)$ -avoiding Baxter permutations,
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- 2. strong guillotine rectangulations and
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## Implications.

- 1(a) implies  $Av(2413, 3142) = Av(2[41]3, 3[14]2, p_1, p_2)$ .
- 2(a) is the first representation of strong guillotine rectangulations by a permutation class (conjectured by Merino and Mütze).

## END

