

# FISHBURN TREES

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## MILESTONE PAPERS

(I) *(2+2)-free posets, ascent sequences and pattern avoiding permutations,*

M. Bousquet-Melou, A. Claesson, M. Dukes, S. Kitaev, 2010.

- Ascent sequences (and modified ascent sequences);
- Fishburn permutations;
- Unlabeled  $(\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{2})$ -free posets;
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- (II) *Ascent sequences and upper triangular matrices containing non-negative integers,*

M. Dukes, R. Parviainen, 2010.

-Fishburn matrices and ascent sequences.

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- (III) *Composition matrices,  $(\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{2})$ -free posets and their specializations*,  
M. Dukes, V. Jelínek, M. Kubitzke, 2011.

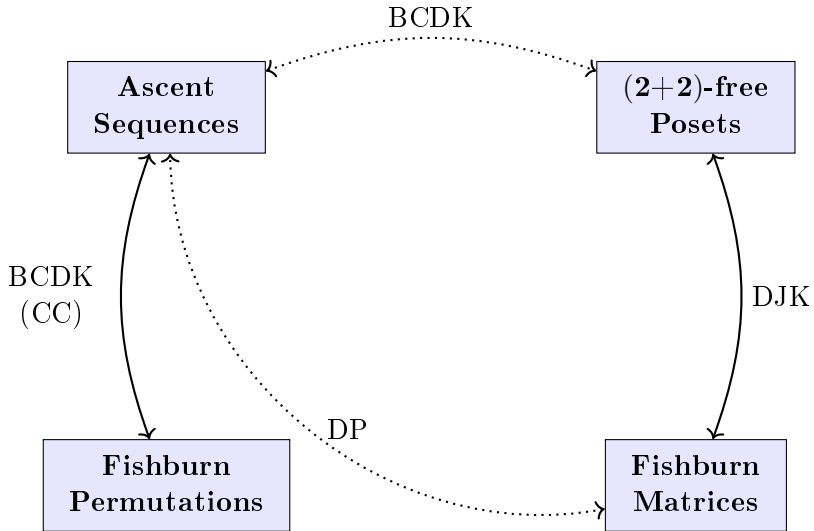
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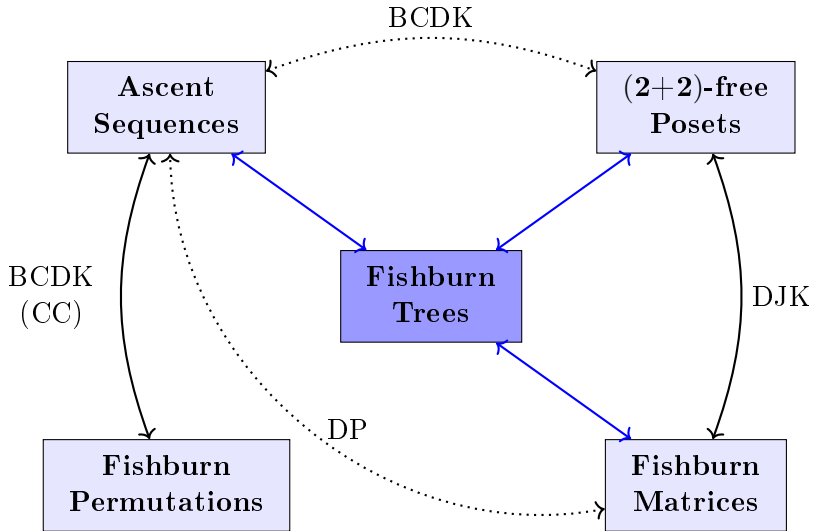
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## ONE MORE REFERENCE

(IV) *Transport of patterns by Burge transpose*,  
C., Claesson, PP2022.

- Modified ascent sequences and Fishburn permutations;
- Transport of patterns based on the Burge transpose.







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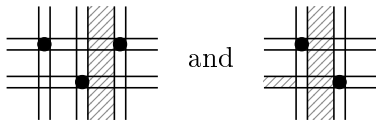
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Cayley permutations avoiding the Cayley-mesh patterns



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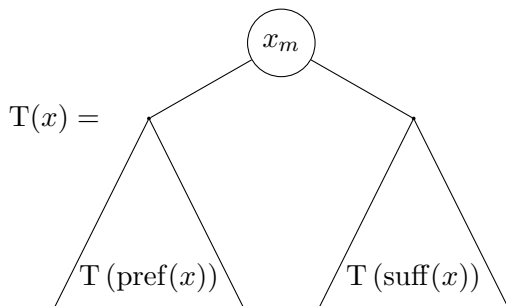
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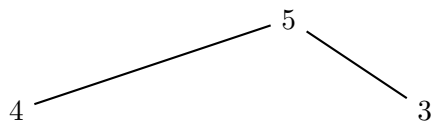
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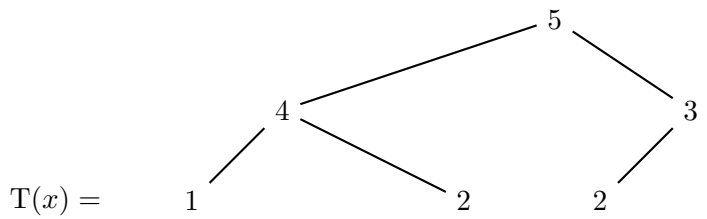
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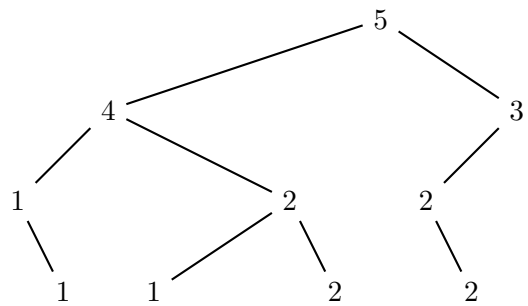
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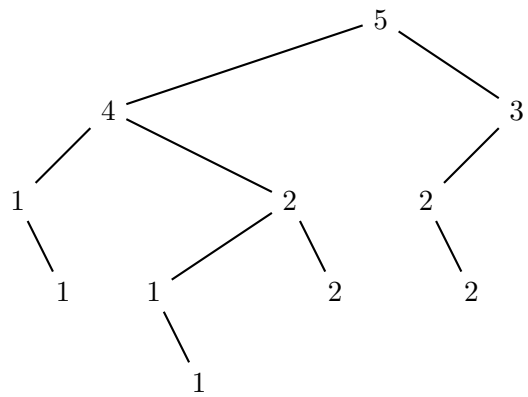
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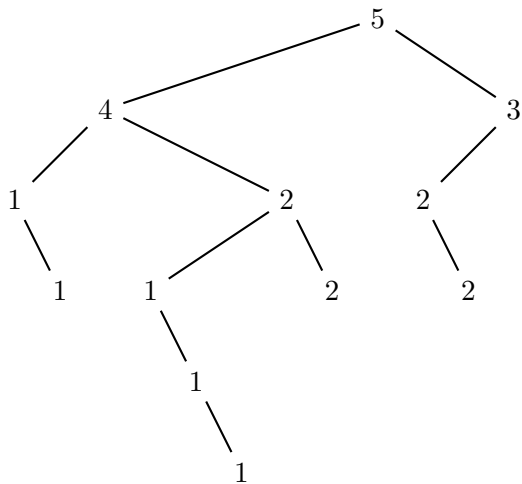
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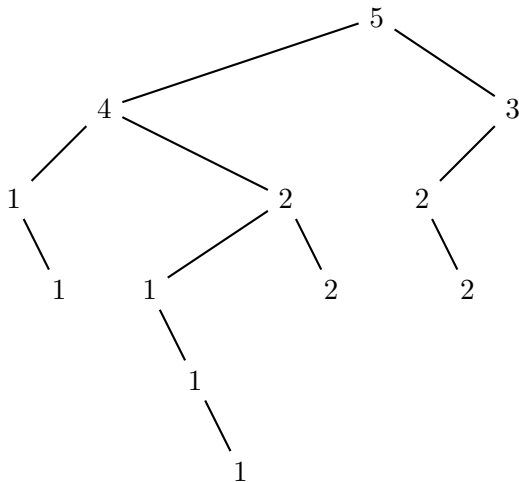
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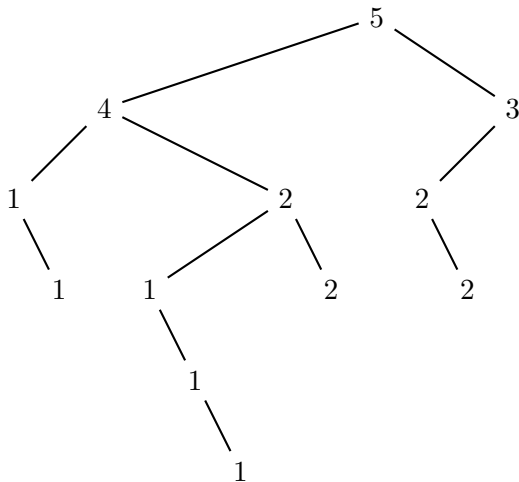
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We use the in-order traversal!

Let  $T = (L, r, R)$  be the rooted, labeled, binary tree with:

- Left subtree  $L$ ;
- Root  $r$  with label  $\mathfrak{l}(r)$ ;
- Right subtree  $R$

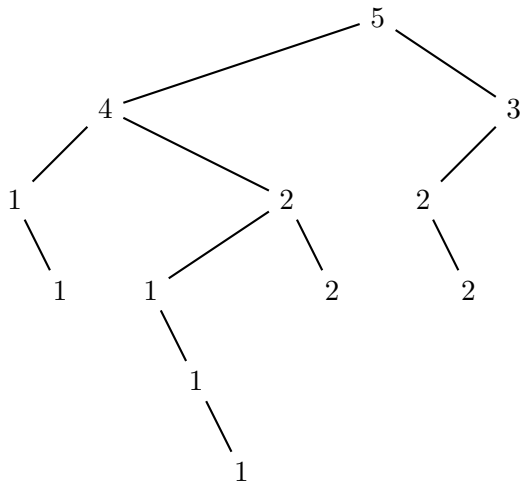
## IN-ORDER SEQUENCE

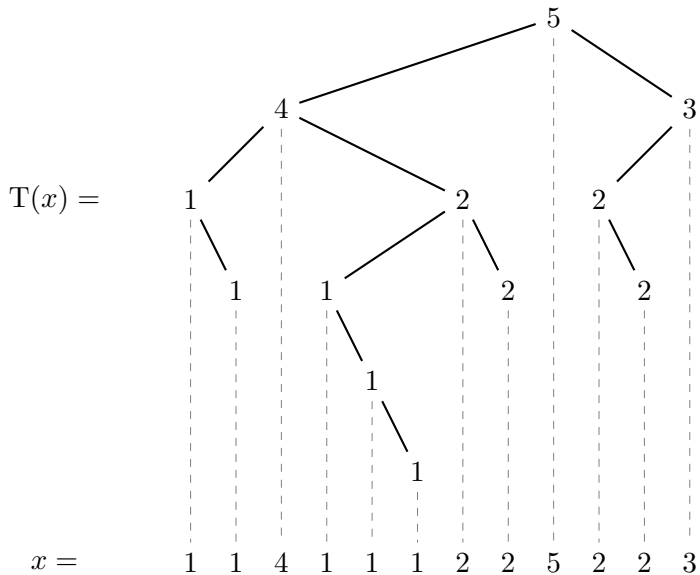
The in-order sequence of  $T$  is defined recursively by:

$$x(\emptyset) = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad x(T) = x(L) \mathfrak{l}(r) x(R).$$

“In-order traverse  $T$  and write down the label of each visited node”.

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A **FISHBURN TREE** is a tree that satisfies all the above properties.

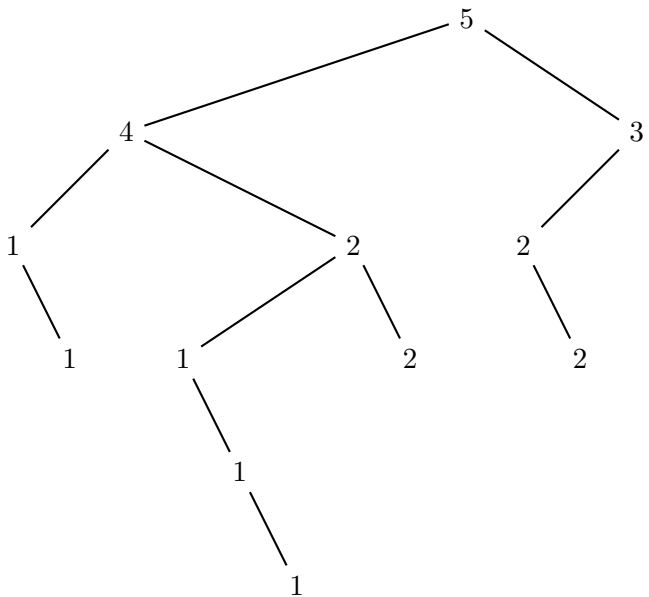
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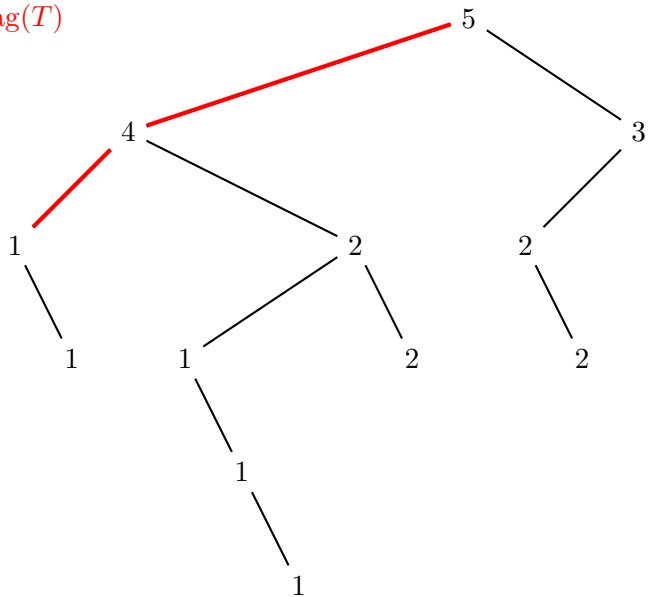
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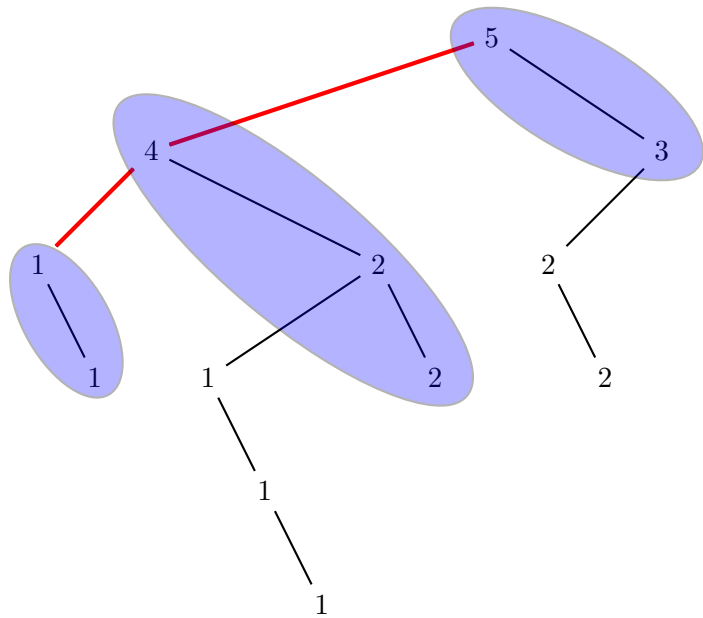
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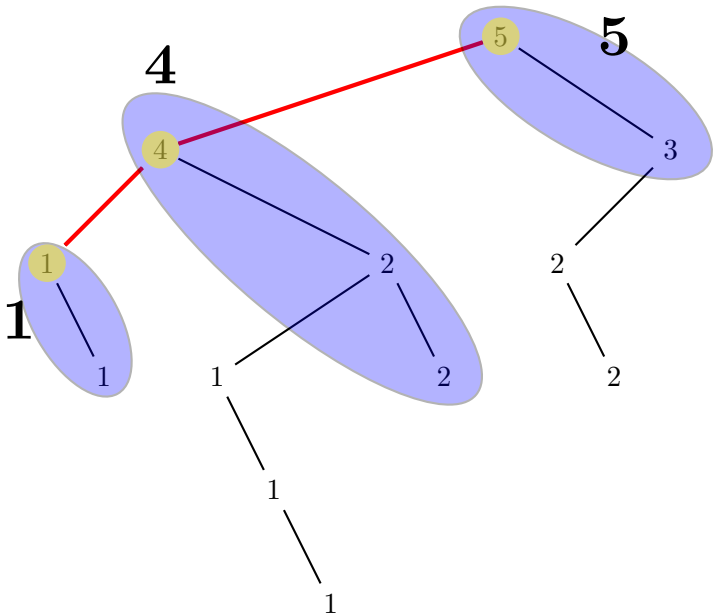
- Decompose  $T$  in maximal right paths.
- In each path, the topmost node  $v$  is either:
  - (I) on the diagonal;
  - (II) or, the left child of a node that is not on the diagonal.
- Number each maximal right path by the label of:
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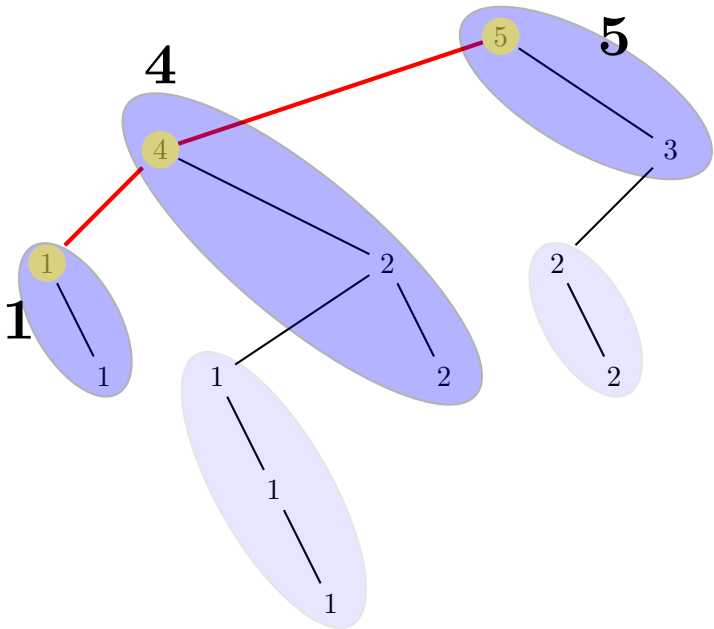
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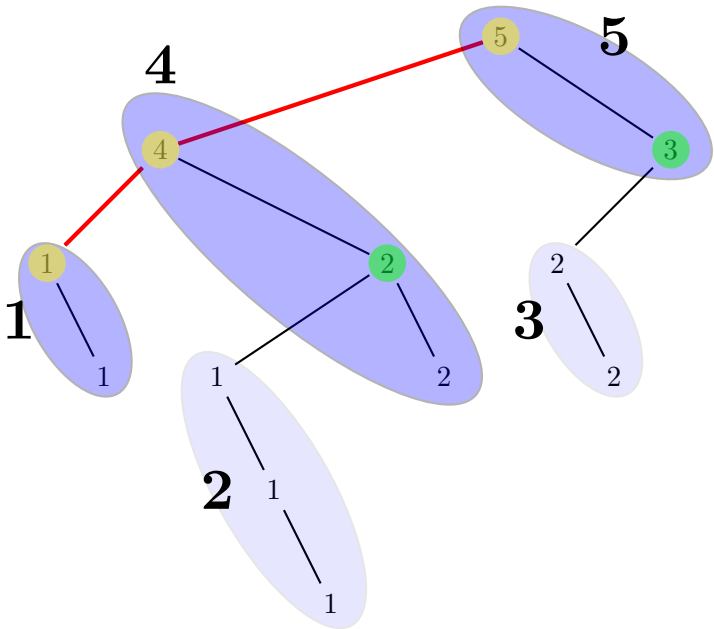












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**Proof.** A Fishburn tree is decreasing.

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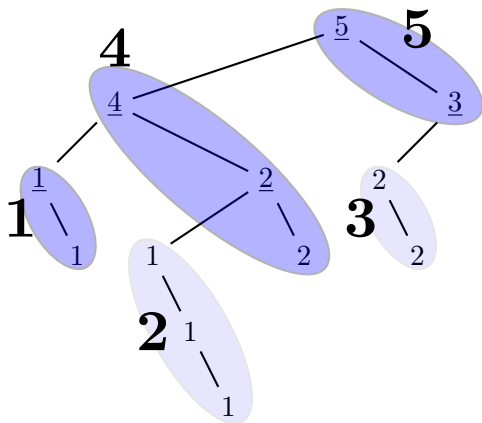
## FISHBURN MATRICES OF SIZE 3

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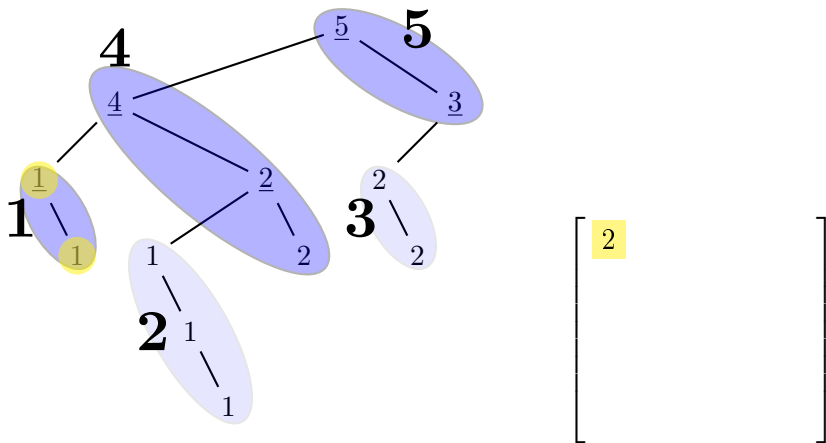
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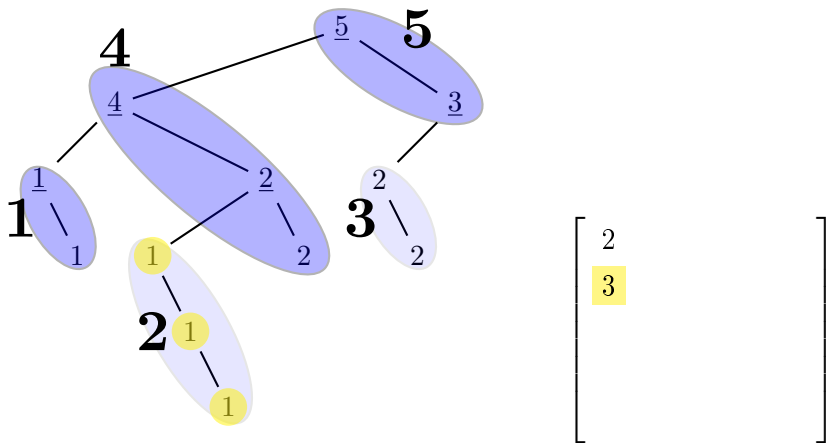
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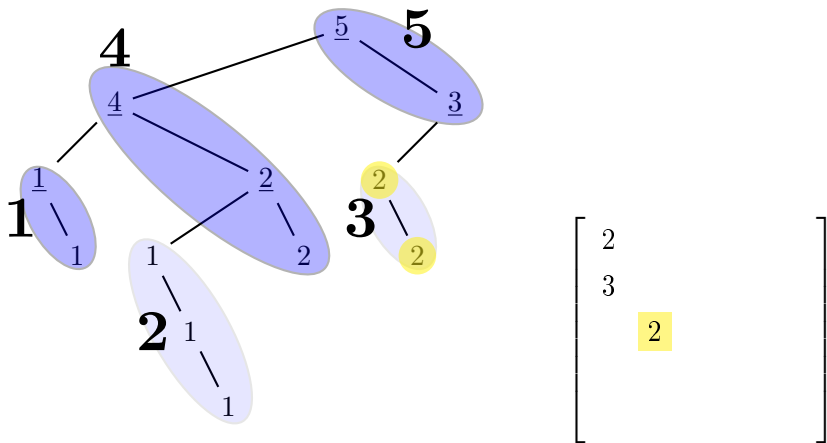
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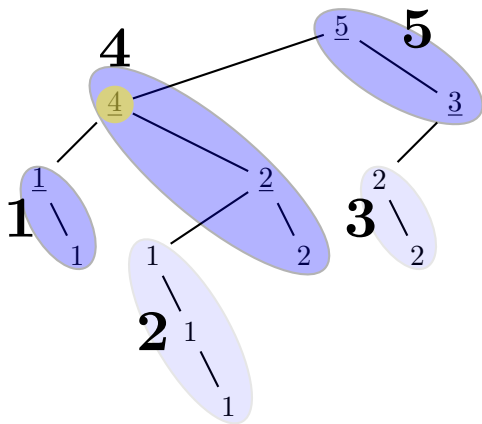
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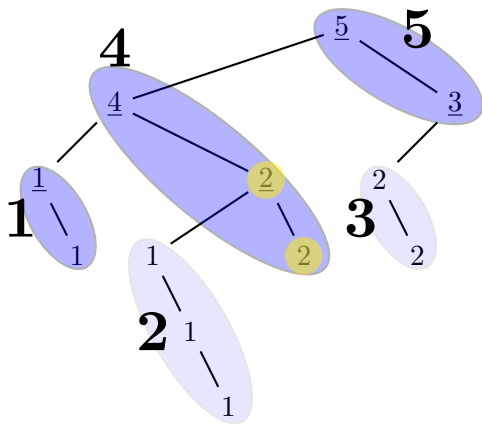


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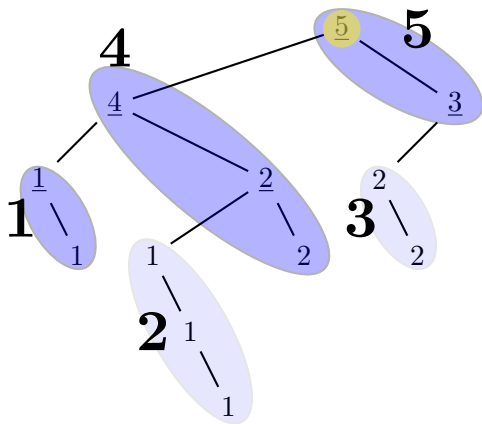


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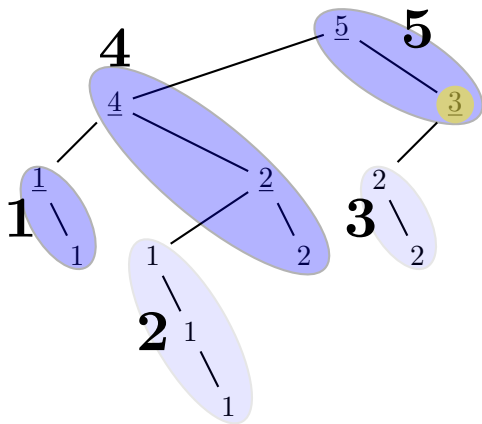


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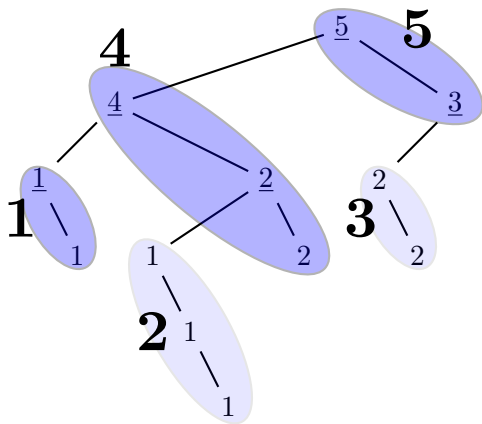


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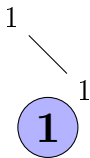


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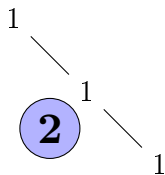
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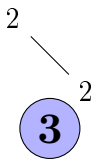
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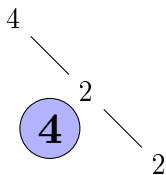
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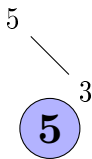
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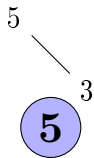
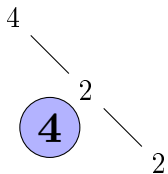
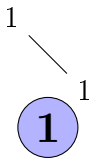
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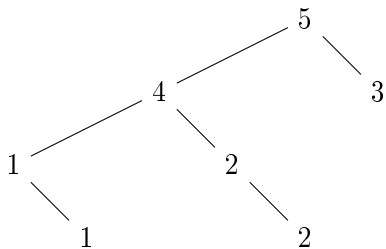
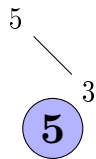
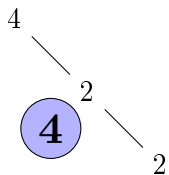
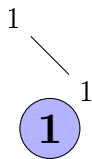
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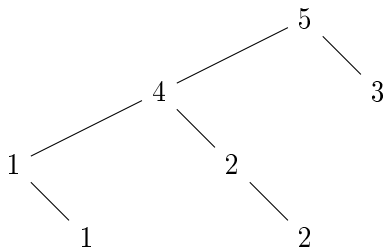
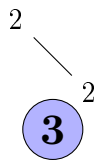
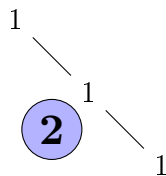
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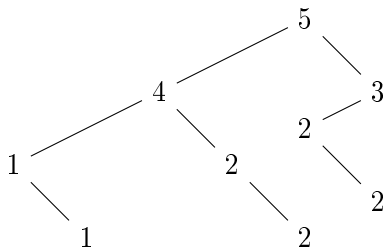
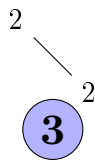
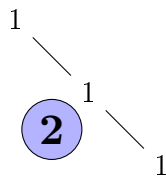
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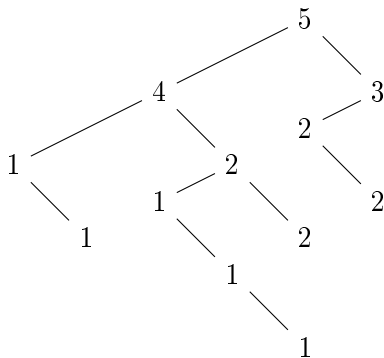
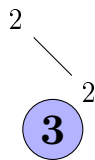
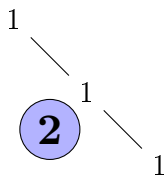
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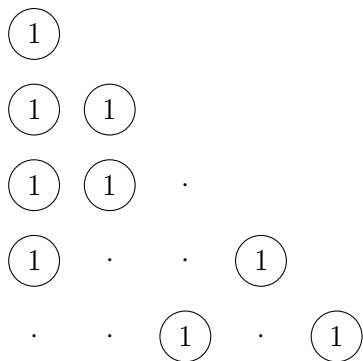
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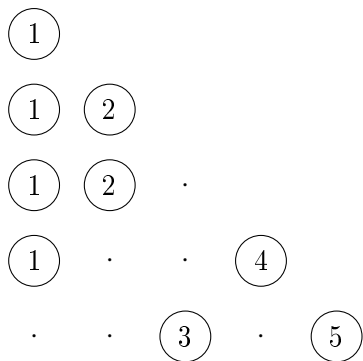
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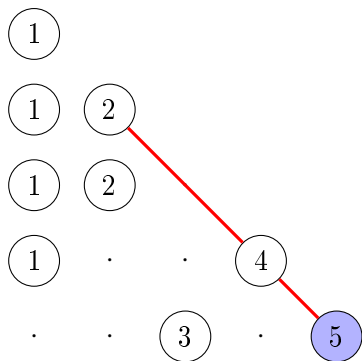
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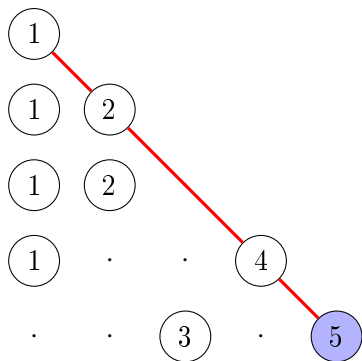
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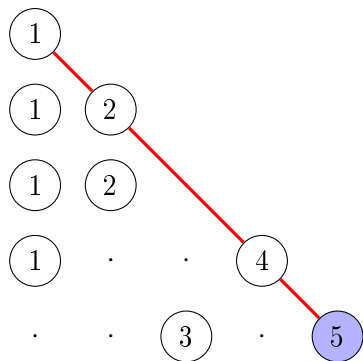
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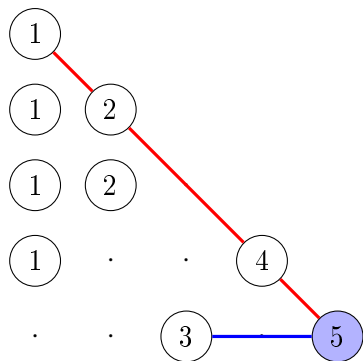


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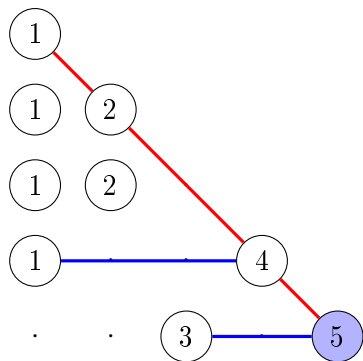


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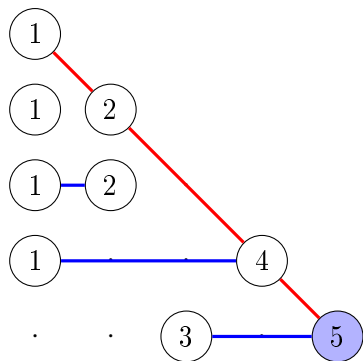


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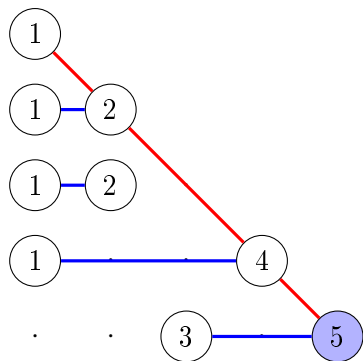


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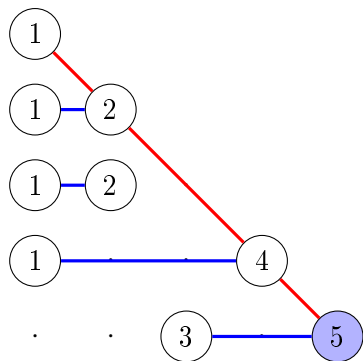
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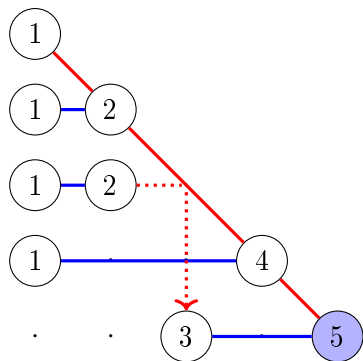
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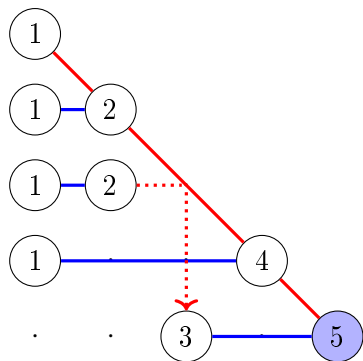
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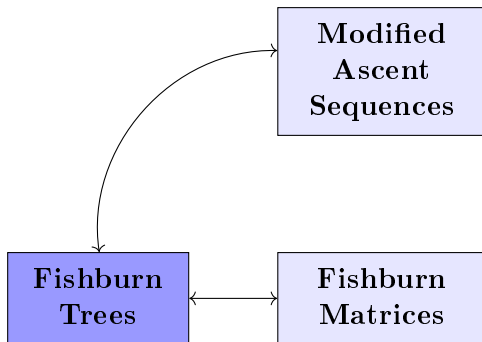
Rotate the matrix by  $90^\circ$  to obtain the Fishburn tree!

**Fishburn  
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Ascent  
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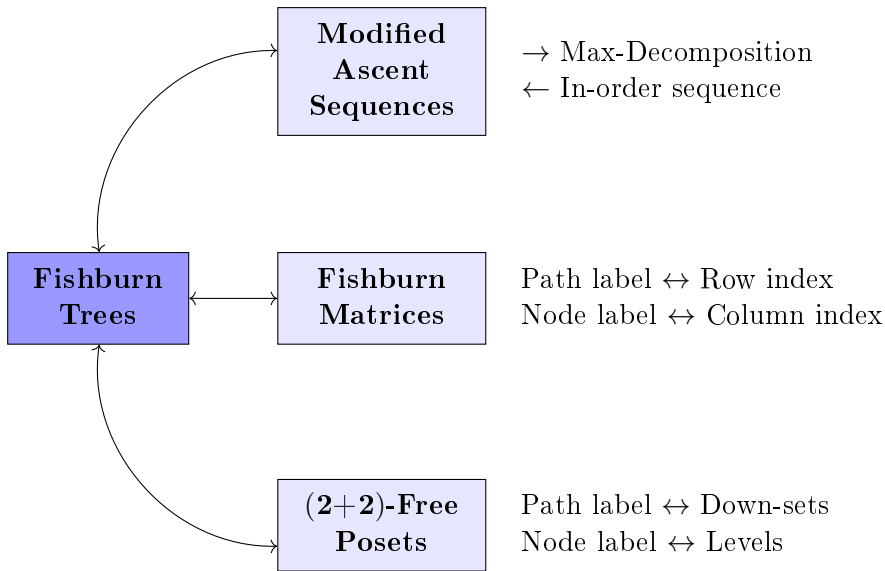
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Fishburn trees	Modified seq.	Fishburn mat.	$(\mathbf{2}+\mathbf{2})$ -free posets
Strictly decreasing	Primitive	Binary	Primitive
Comb-shaped	Self-modified	Positive diagonal	$\exists$ Chain of max length
( $\star$ )	$\hat{\mathcal{A}}(212, 312)$	NW-free	$N$ -free (Series-parallel)
( $\dagger$ )	$\hat{\mathcal{A}}(231)$	SW-free	$(\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{1})$ -free (Semiororders)
By intersection of the above two rows	$\hat{\mathcal{A}}(212, 312, 231)$	(NW,SW)-free	$N$ - and $(\mathbf{3}+\mathbf{1})$ -free

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# APPLICATIONS: STATISTICS

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Biggest node label	Maximum value	# rows/cols	# levels
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