Another Look at Pattern Avoiding Permutations

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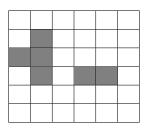
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Here we will give a pictorial description that will completely elucidate these properties.

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Fact (Monotonicity): For $\sigma \in S_n(321)$ the 2-elements are in increasing order from left to right. Likewise, the 1-elements are in increasing order from left to right.

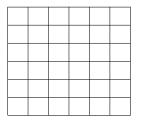
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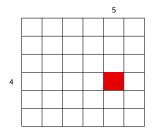
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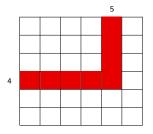
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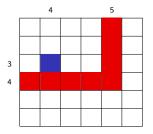
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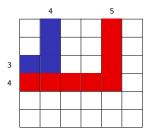
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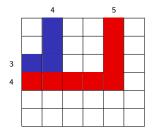




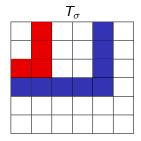


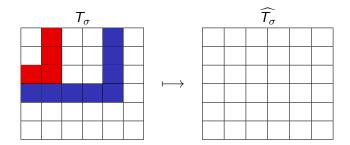


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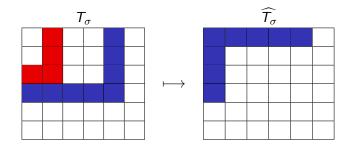


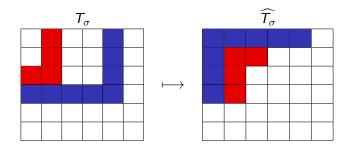
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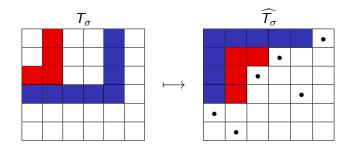


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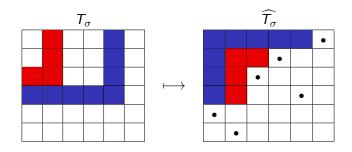




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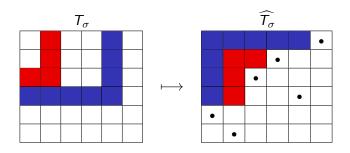


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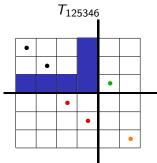
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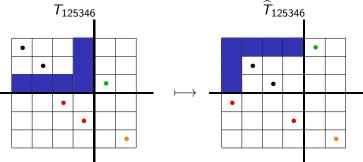
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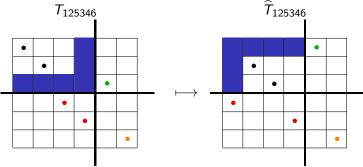


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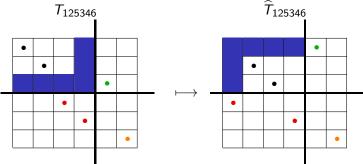
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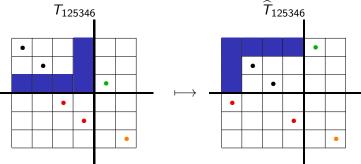




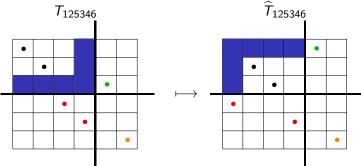
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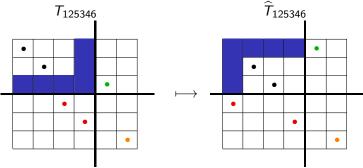
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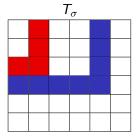


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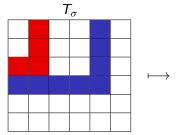


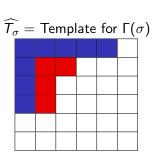
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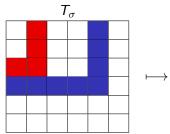


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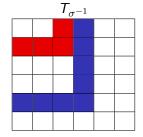




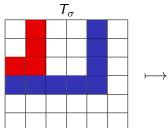
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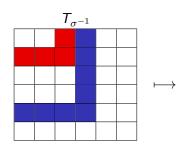
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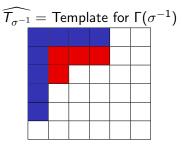


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