

A minicourse on Permutation Flows

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Overview.

Part I. Flow polytopes (netflow $\vec{a} = \vec{e}_0 - \vec{e}_n$)

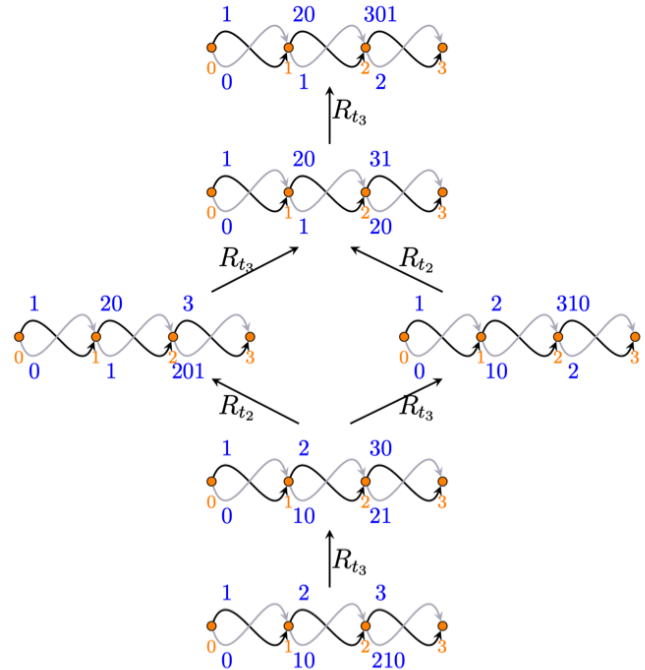
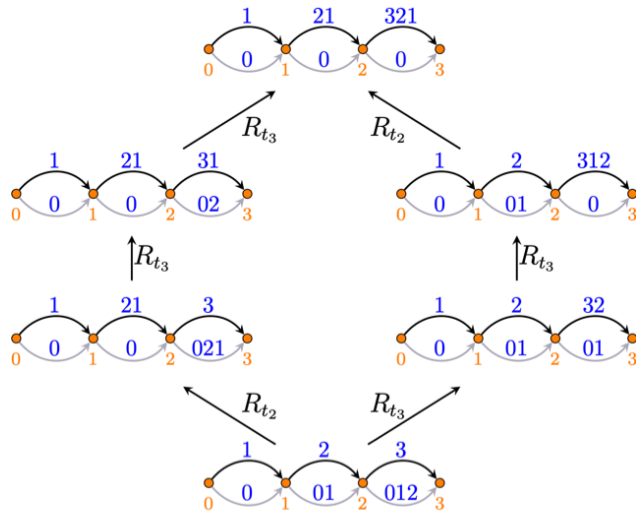
- faces, volume, framed triangulations, dual lattice structure
- a new combinatorial model for computing: **permutation flows**
- obtain the h^* -polynomial of the flow polytope \mathcal{F}_G

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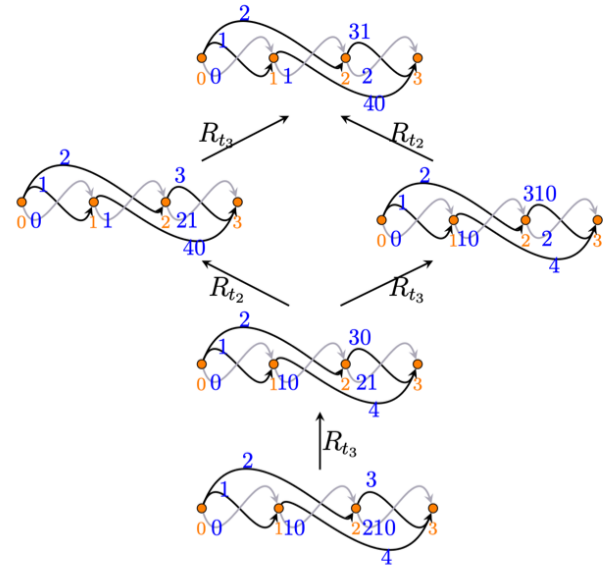
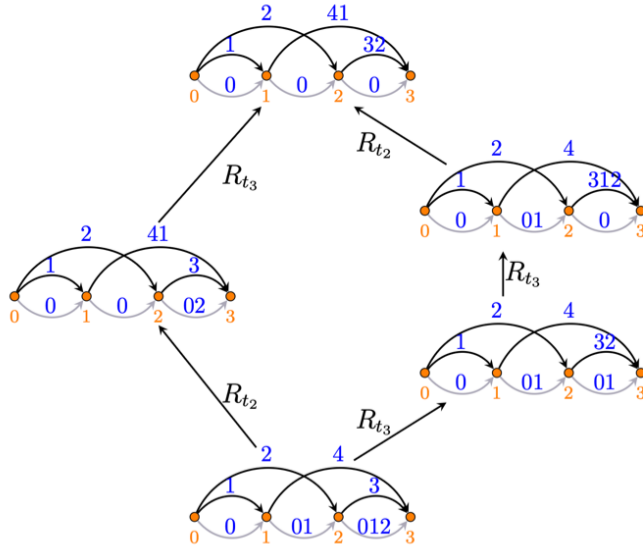
Part II. Flow polytopes (netflow $\vec{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, -\sum a_i)$)

- **permutation flow shuffles**, and groves and vines etc.
- a new triangulation of $\mathcal{F}_G(\vec{a})$

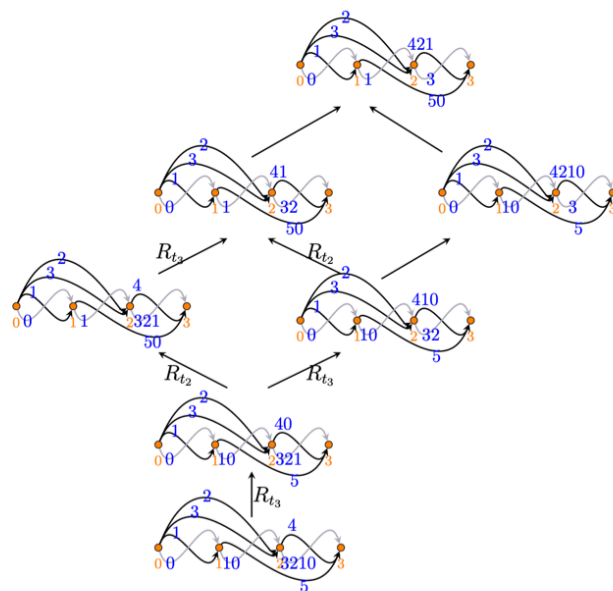
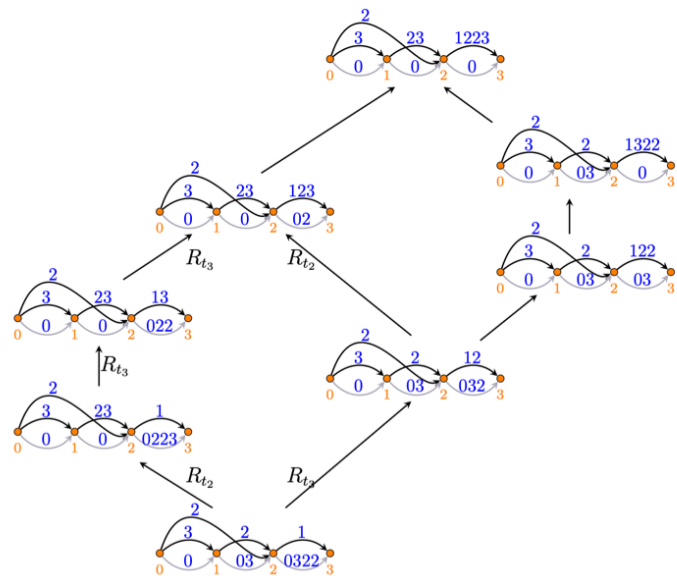
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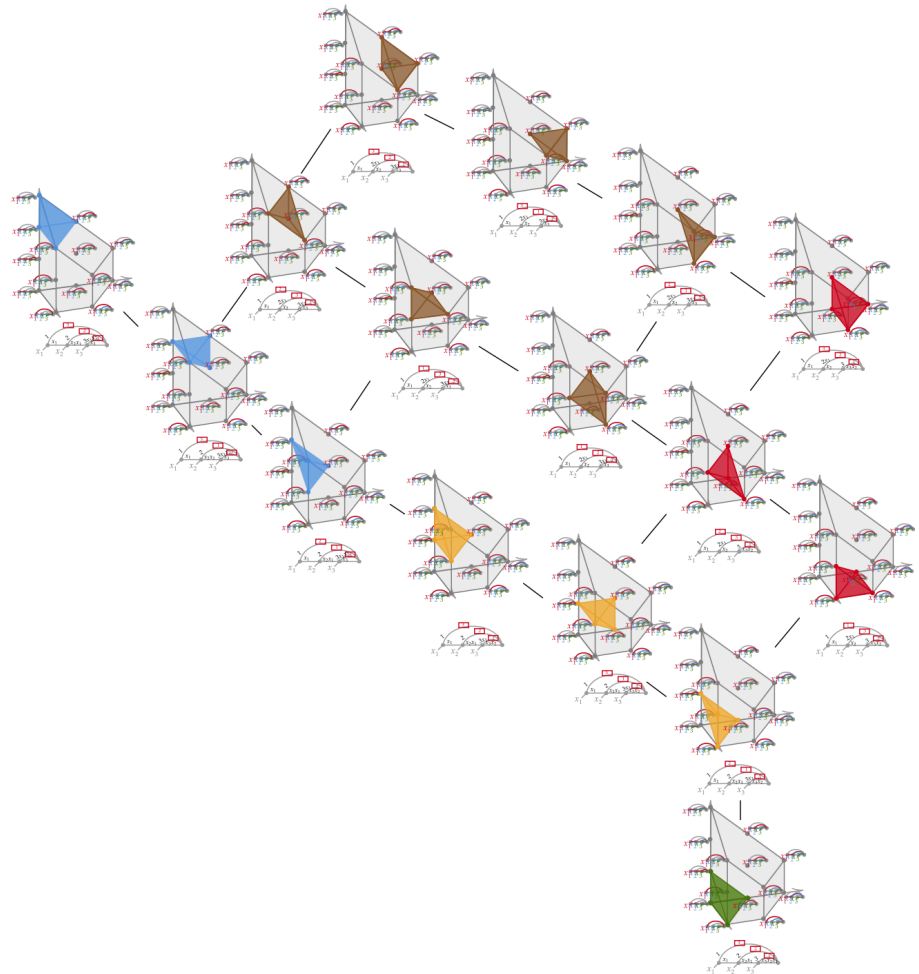
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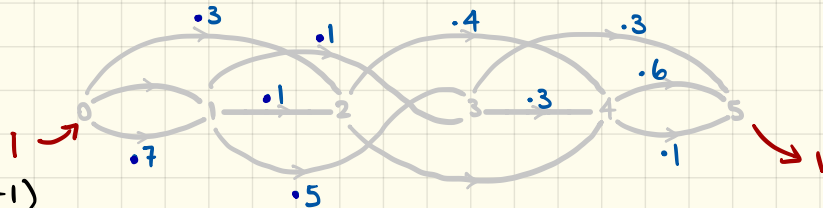
and Beyond.



Flow polytopes.

Defn. G is an acyclic directed graph, $V = \{0, \dots, n\}$, m edges.

$$\vec{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, -\sum a_i) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}, \quad a_v \geq 0 \text{ for } v = 0, \dots, n-1.$$



$$\vec{a} = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1)$$

The flow polytope \mathcal{F}_G is the set of all flows on G .

$$\mathcal{F}_G = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^E \mid N_G \vec{x} = \vec{a} \}.$$

signed incidence matrix of G .

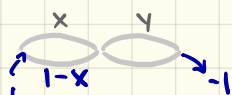
$$d = \dim \mathcal{F}_G = m - n.$$

Faces.

Theorem [Hille]. Faces of $\mathcal{F}_G(\vec{a})$ are of the form $\mathcal{F}_H(\vec{a})$ where H is a subgraph of G .

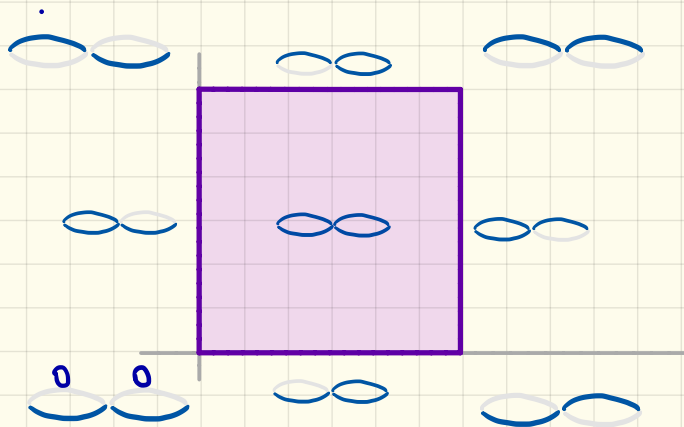
Corollary. Vertices of $\mathcal{F}_G(\vec{a})$ are $\mathcal{F}_T(\vec{a})$, T is a subtree.

Corollary. Vertices of \mathcal{F}_G are **routes** (directed paths from 0 to n).
when $\vec{a} = \vec{e}_0 - \vec{e}_n$

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$$0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 1$$

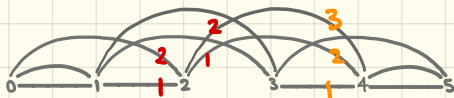


Framed Triangulations. [Danilov, Karzanov, Koshevoy].

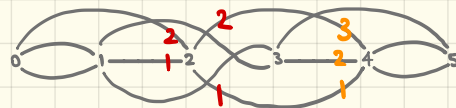
Defn. A **framing** at v is an ordering of the incoming and of the outgoing edges at v .

A **framing** F of G is the set of framings at every vertex (we include framings at 0 and n).

(G, F')

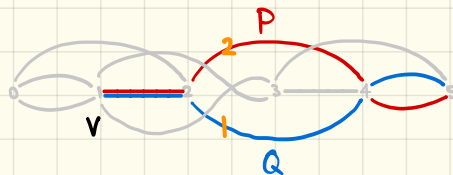


(G, F)



The framing at v induces total orderings on $\text{Prefixes}(v)$ and on $\text{Suffixes}(v)$.

paths from v to n



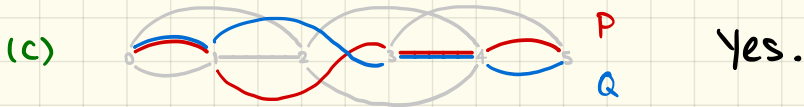
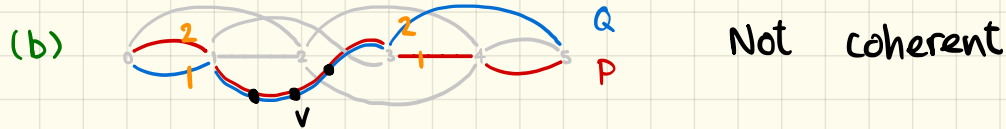
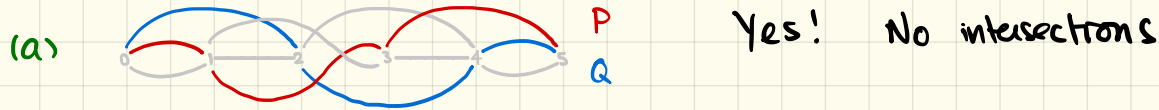
Is $P > Q$ or $P < Q$?

Framed Triangulations.

Defn. Two routes P and Q are **in conflict at v** if prefixes P_v, Q_v have the opposite ordering from suffixes vP, vQ .

P and Q are **coherent** if they are not in conflict at any v .

Question. Are P and Q coherent?



Framed Triangulations.

Defn. A **clique** is a set of pairwise coherent routes.

The set **Cliques** (G, F) is partially ordered by containment.

Given a clique \mathcal{C} , its rank or dimension is

$$\text{rank } \mathcal{C} = |\mathcal{C}| - 1.$$

$$\text{Let } \Delta_{\mathcal{C}} := \text{conv} \{ \vec{z}(R) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^E \mid R \in \mathcal{C} \}.$$

↑ indicator vector of the route

Theorem [Danilov, Karzanov, Koshevoy].

Let (G, F) be a framed graph. Then

$$\text{DKK}(G, F) := \{ \Delta_{\mathcal{C}} \mid \mathcal{C} \text{ is a maximal clique of } (G, F) \}$$

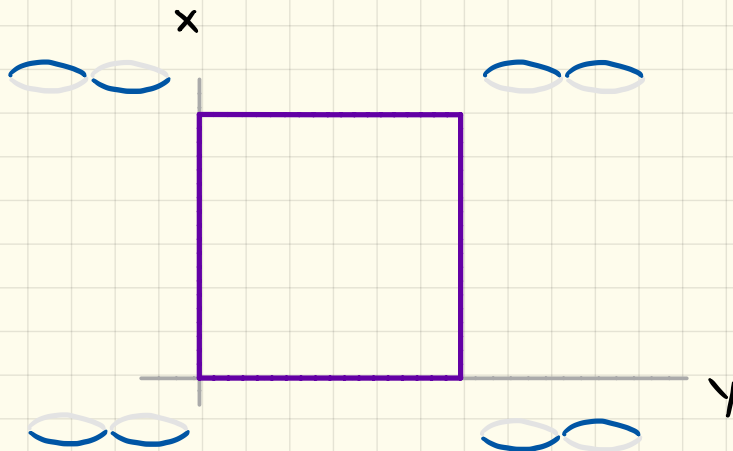
is the set of top-dimensional simplices in a regular unimodular triangulation of \mathcal{F}_G . Moreover, $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}$ and $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}'}$ share a facet if \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{C}' differ in exactly one route.

Framed Triangulations.

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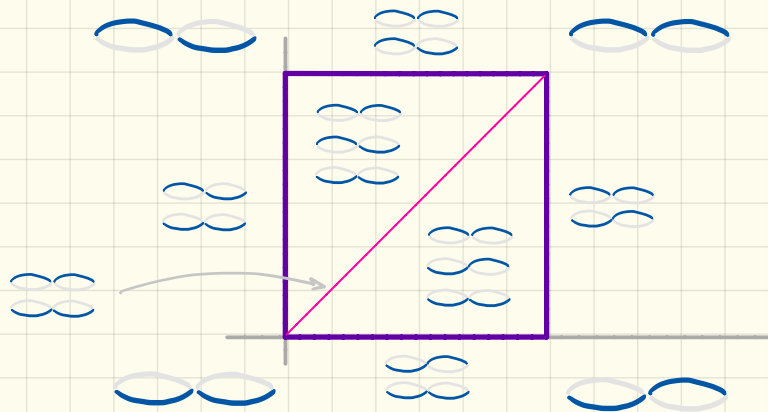


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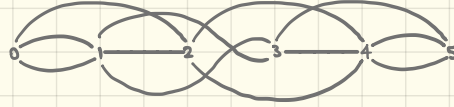
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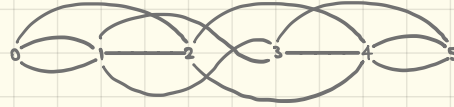
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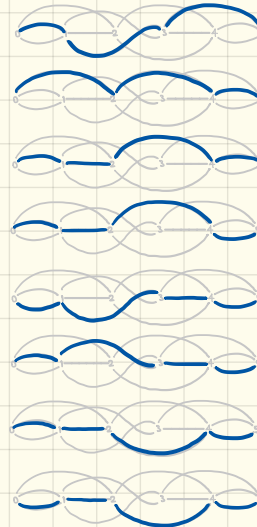
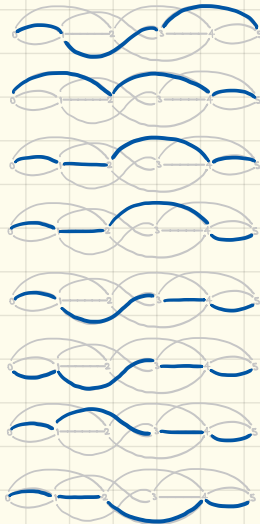
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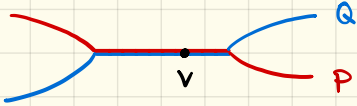
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The set $\text{MaxCliques}(G, F)$ has a poset structure.

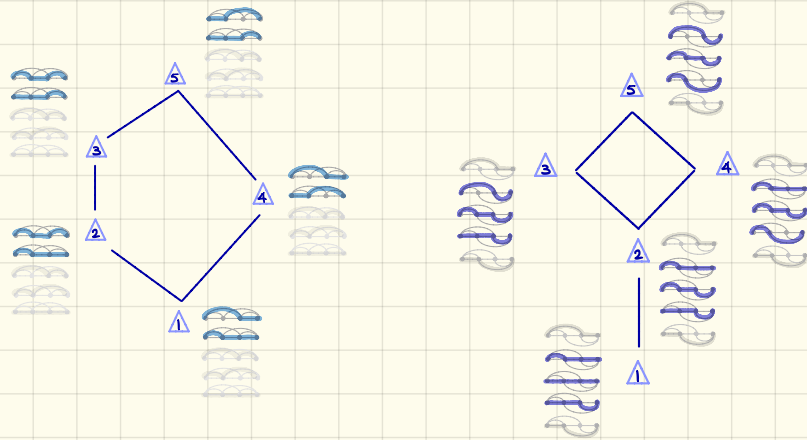
Suppose $\Delta_e \sim \Delta_{e'}$ in the dual graph, so $\mathcal{C}' = \mathcal{C} \setminus P \cup Q$.
with P and Q in conflict at some v .



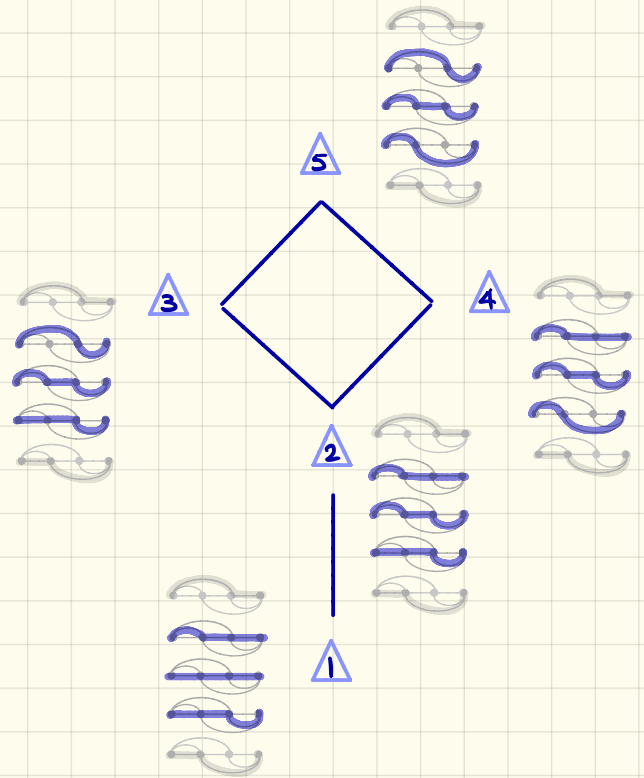
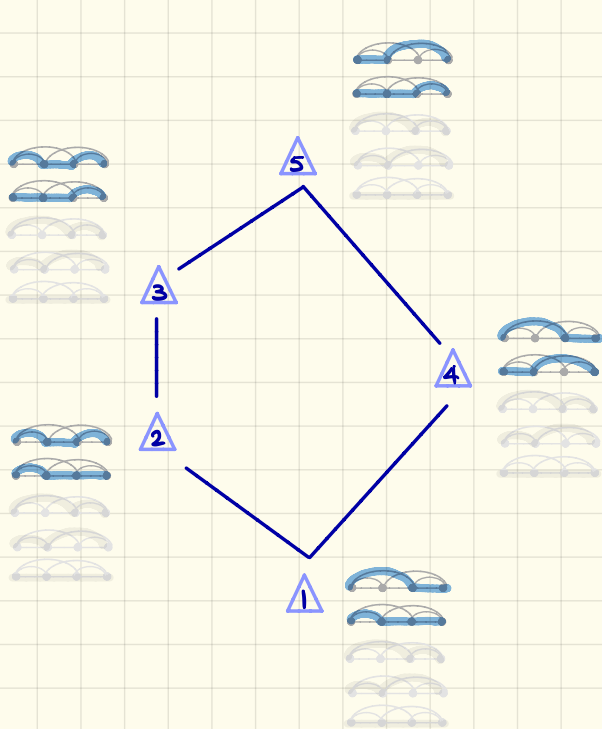
If $v_P <_{\text{out}(v)} v_Q$,

let $\mathcal{C} < \mathcal{C}'$ in $\text{MaxCliques}(G, F)$

The transitive closure of these $<$ defines a partial order.



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ν -Tamari lattice, principal order ideals $I(\nu)$ in Young's lattice.

Theorem. [Bell, González, Mayorga, Y. 23]

Let $\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_a) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^a$.

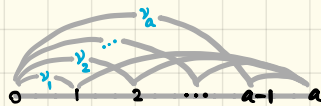
1 planar-framed triangulation of $\mathcal{F}_{\text{car}(\nu)}$:

$\text{car}(\nu)$



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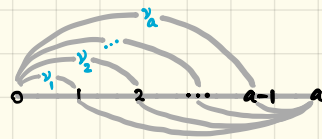
3, $\text{vol } \mathcal{F}_{\text{car}(\nu)} = \text{Cat}(\nu) = \det \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 + \sum_{k=i}^{a-j} \nu_k \\ 1 + j - i \end{pmatrix} \right]_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq a-1}$

4 $h_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{car}(\nu)}}^* = \nu$ -Narayana polynomial.

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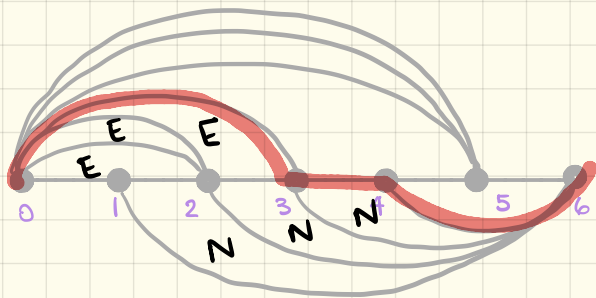


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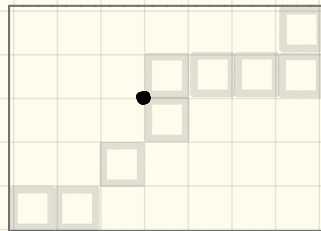
$\{\text{routes in } \text{car}(\nu)\} \xleftrightarrow{\psi} \{\text{lattice points above } \nu\}$.

$(2, 1, 0, 3, 0)$

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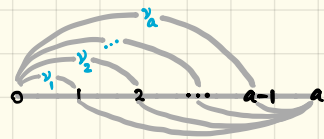
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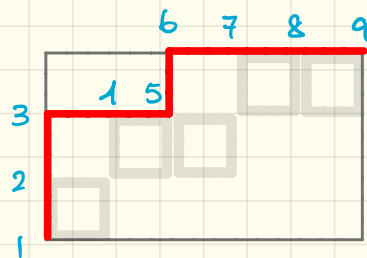
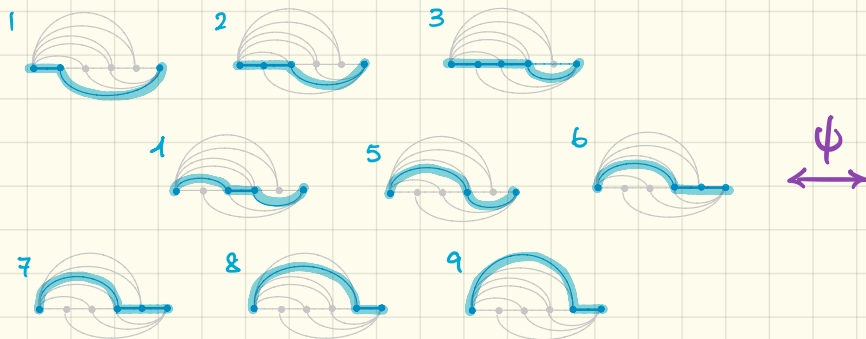
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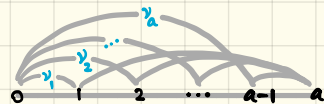
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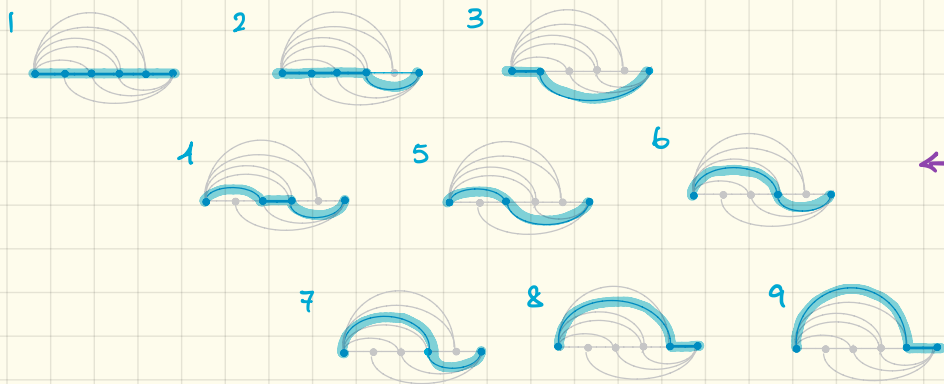
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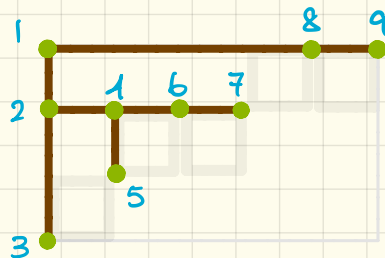
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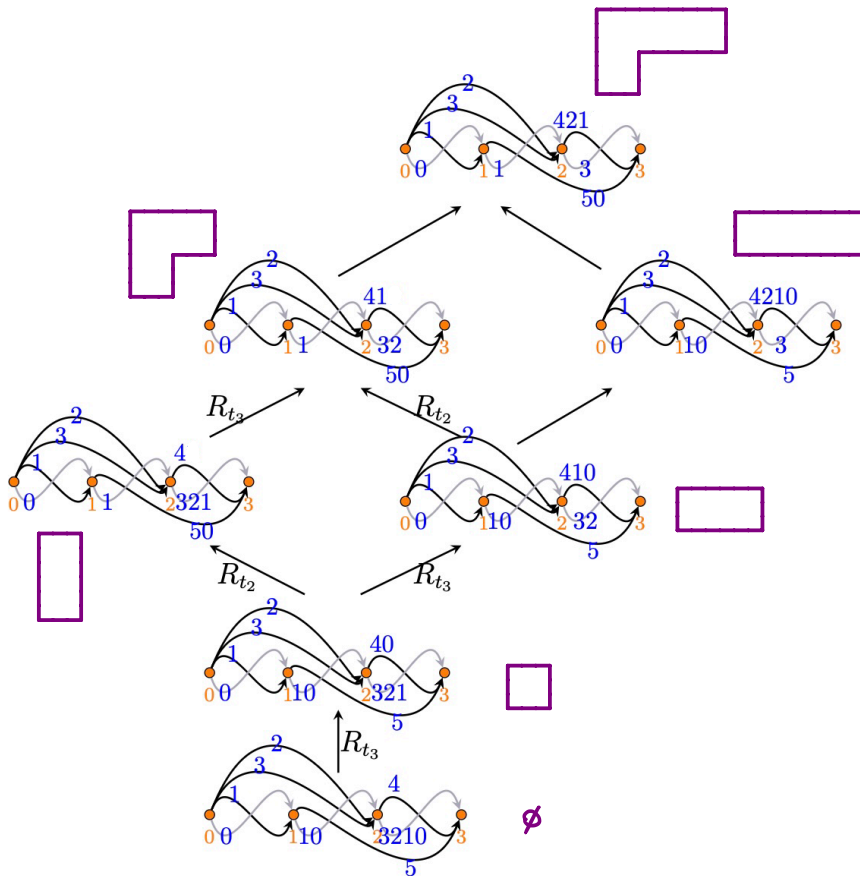
$\{\text{maximal cliques in } \text{car}(\nu)\} \xleftrightarrow{\varphi} \{\nu\text{-binary trees}\}$



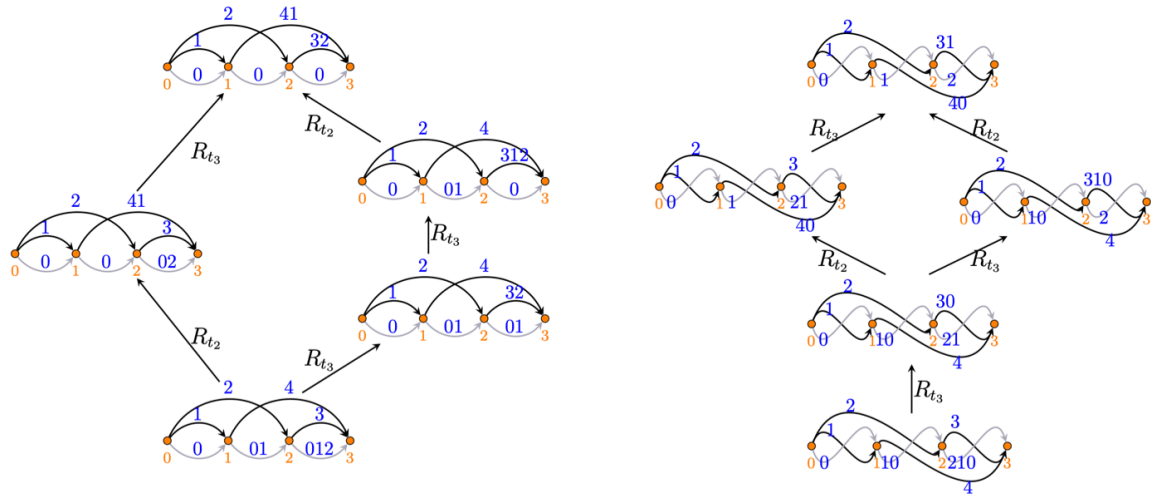
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$I(\nu)$, $\nu = (1, 2, 1)$.



DKK triangulations unify the study of the Tamari lattice and the poset of order ideals of the Type A root lattice.



But these are lattices !

Conjecture. All dual graphs of $\text{DKK}(G, F)$ have a lattice structure.

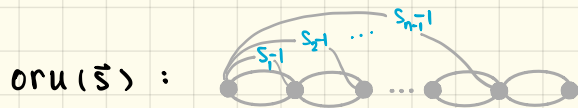
More evidence : \bar{s} -weak order.

Introduced by Ceballos and Pons, it is a lattice defined on s -decreasing trees.

They conjectured that the \bar{s} -weak order can be realized as the 1-skeleton of a polyhedral subdivision of a polytope.

Theorem. [González, Morales, Phillippe, Tamayo, Y. 25]

Let $\bar{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}^{n-1}$.



1. The dual graph of $\text{DKK}(\mathcal{F}_{\text{oru}(\bar{s})}, F)$ is the Hasse diagram of the \bar{s} -weak order.

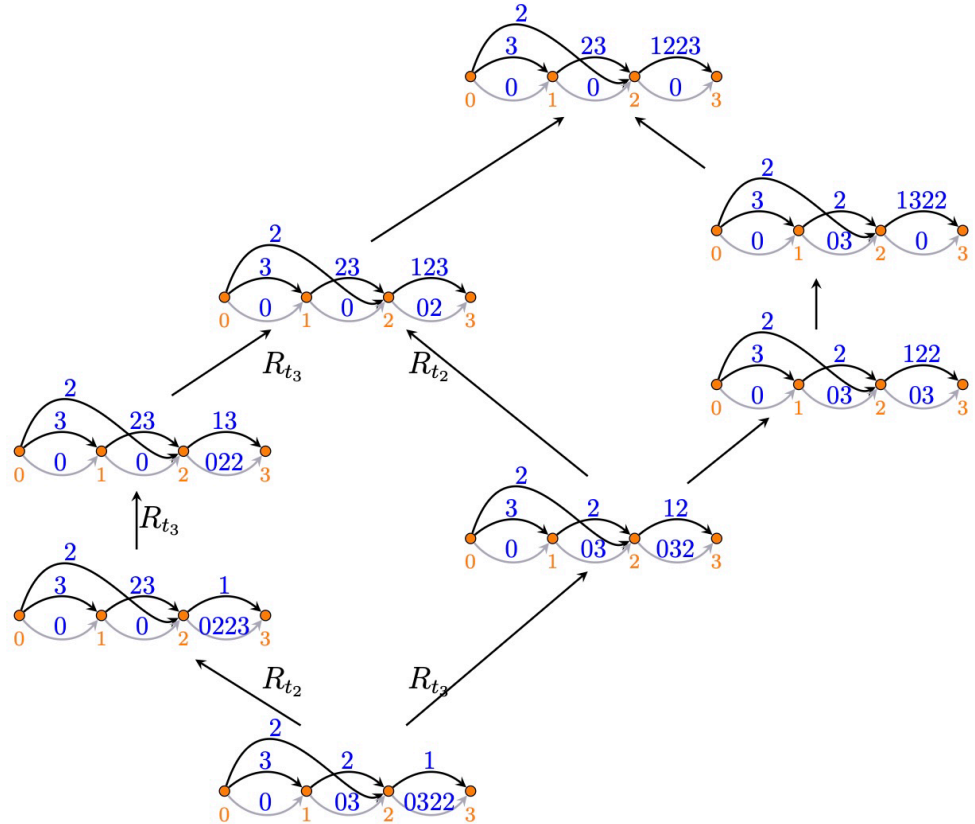
2. The \bar{s} -weak order can be realized as the dual graph of a fine mixed subdivision of a sum of hypercubes.

3. The \bar{s} -weak order can be realized as the 1-skeleton of a polyhedral complex.

$\text{oru}(1,2,1)$

These maximal
cliques are
in bijection
with :

- \vec{s} - decreasing
trees
- \vec{s} - Stirling
permutations



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Theorem. [Bell, Ceballos], [Berggren, Serhiyenko]

The poset on $\text{MaxCliques}(G, F)$ is a lattice !

Other notable examples of framing lattices include :

- Boolean lattice
- c-Cambrian [Reading]
- alt ν -Tamari [Ceballos, Chenevière]
- cross Tamari [Bell, Ceballos]
- Grassmann Tamari [Santos, Stump, Welker]
- grid Tamari [McConville]
- (ε, I, J) -Cambrian [Pilaud]

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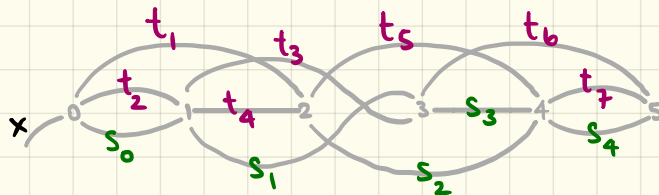
Cliques are difficult to work with.

We'll encode its information in a more compact manner.

Defn.

slack edges:

split edges:



It will be helpful to add an inflow half edge x to G .

Note # split edges = d .

The set of partial permutations of a set A is

$$\mathcal{P}_A = \bigsqcup_{B \subseteq A} \mathcal{P}_B.$$

Given $\pi: E \cup \{x\} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\{0,1,\dots,d\}}$, its support is

\hat{E}

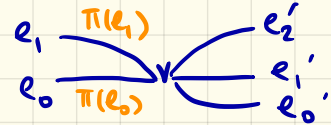
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At a vertex v with $\text{in}(v) = \{e_0, \dots, e_i\}$
 $\text{out}(v) = \{e'_0, \dots, e'_j\}$



the v^{th} -incoming summary and v^{th} -outgoing summary are

$$\text{InPerm}(v) = \pi(e_0) \dots \pi(e_i), \quad \text{OutPerm}(v) = \pi(e'_0) \dots \pi(e'_j).$$

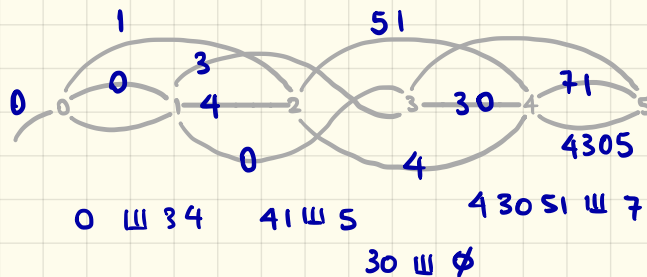
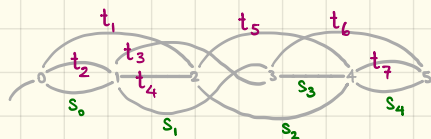
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- if π is nonempty, then $\pi(x) = 0$.
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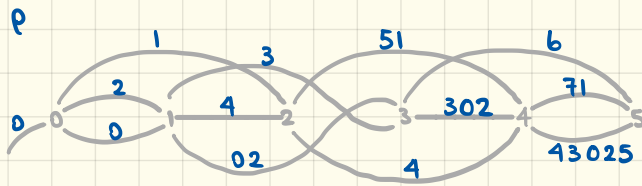
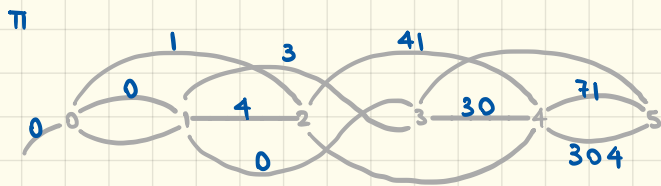
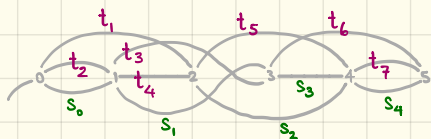
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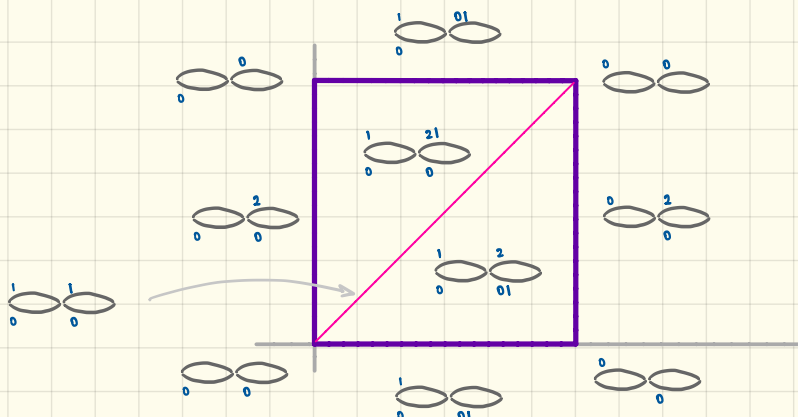
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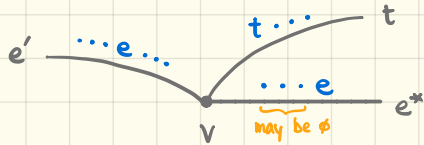


Permutation Flow splits.

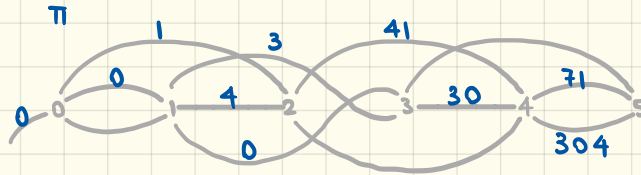
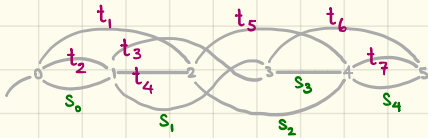
Define a partial order on the set $\text{PermuFlows}(G, F)$ via split reductions.

Defn. An edge $e \in E$ is a **split** in π if it is the first letter in $\pi(e)$.

An edge $t \in E$ is a **direct split** of e at v if



e^* is largest in $\text{out}(v)$ satisfying this



$\text{Splits}(\pi) = t_1 \ t_3 \ t_4 \ t_7$

A direct split of the letter 0 at $v=1$ is: 4

The letter 3 is a direct split of 0 at $v=1$.

Permutation Flow poset.

Defn. Let π, ρ be permuflows of (G, F) .

$$\pi \leq \rho$$

π is a **split reduction** of ρ if π can be obtained from ρ via:

- keeping a letter e ,
- if $\nexists t$ which is a direct split of e , then deleting all e , or
- if $\exists t$ which is a direct split of e at v (with t a min.), then deleting all e , after v , and replace all t by e .

Proposition. [González, Hanusa, Y. 25⁺]

Split reduction defines a partial order on $\text{PermuFlows}(G, F)$

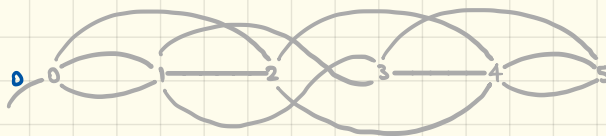
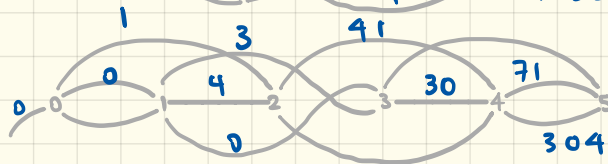
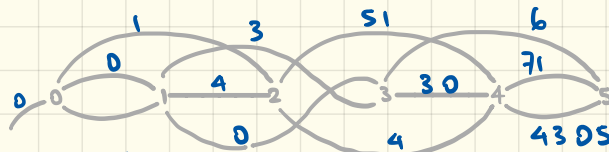
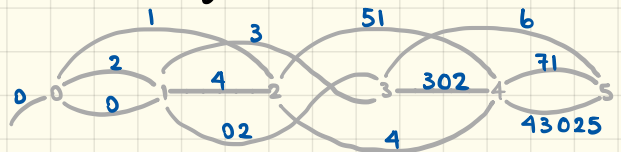
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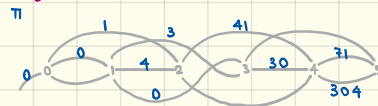
Defn. π is a **split reduction** of p if π can be obtained from p via :

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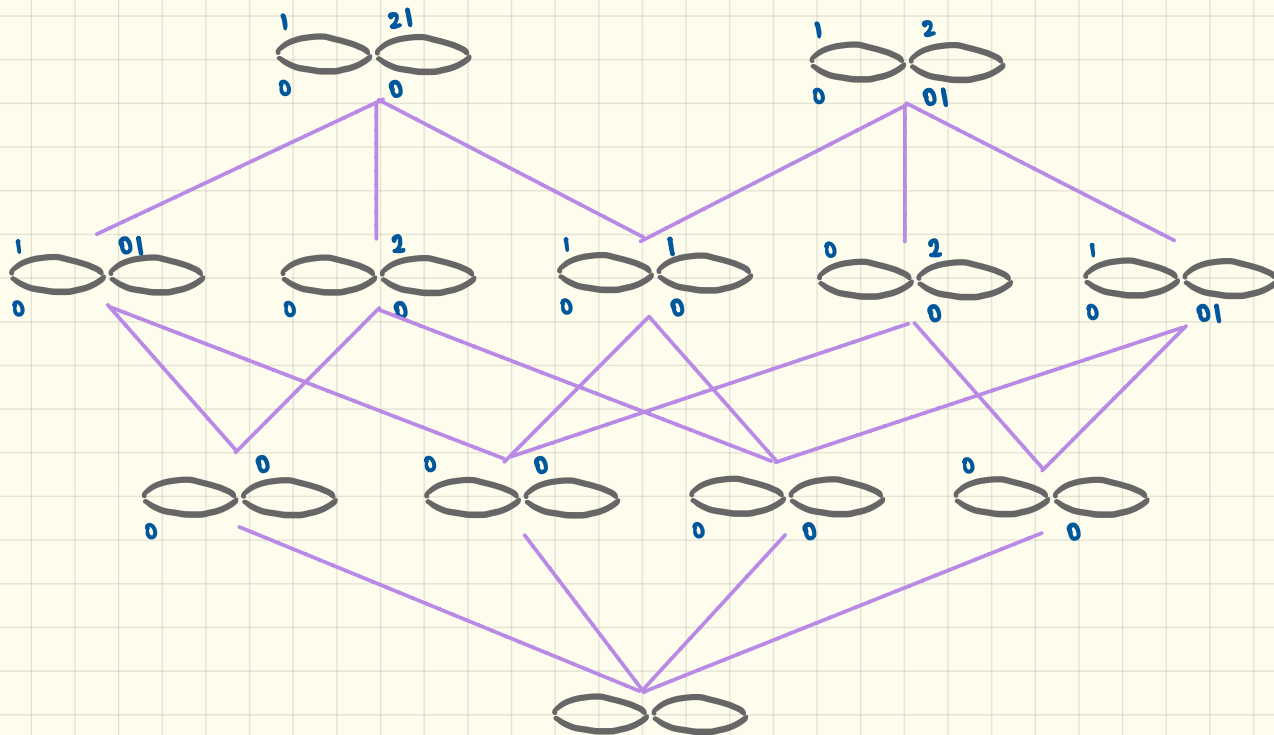
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Target :

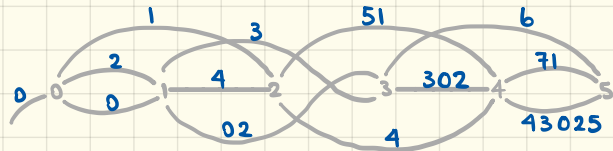


Face poset of the triangulated square.



Maximum Permutation Flows.

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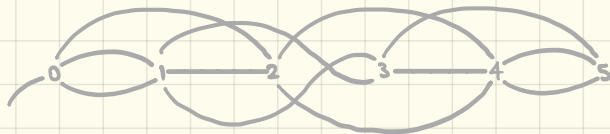
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Maximum permuflows have the following properties :

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- .

Proposition. [González, Hanusa, Y. 25⁺]

$$\{ \text{OutPerm}_p(n) \} \longleftrightarrow \text{MaxPermuFlows}(G, F).$$



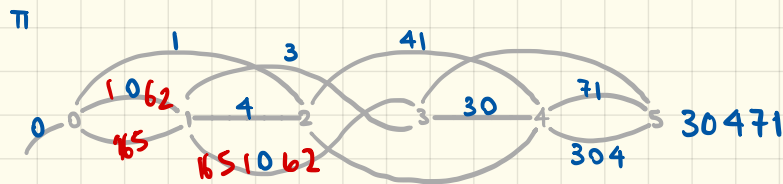
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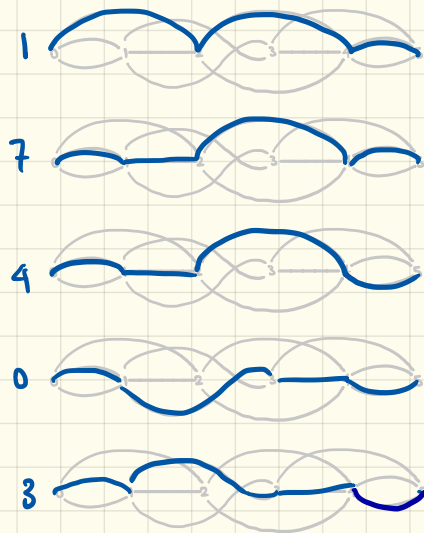
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is an order-preserving bijection.

Recovering routes from π .



$$\text{OutPerm}(1) = 651062 \cdot 4 \cdot 3$$



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Proof idea: Construct inverse map.

Do this tomorrow. Need some other objects.