

# Enumerating permutations with singleton double descent sets

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## Example.

Permutations in  $\mathfrak{S}_5$  with descents (bolded) at indices 1, 3, and 4:  
**21543**, **41532**, **51432**, **31542**, **53421**, **43521**, **52431**, **42531**, **32541**  
 $\Rightarrow d(\{1, 3, 4\}; 5) = 9$ .

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- New goal: study permutations with singleton double descent sets

## Theorem.

Let  $I = \{m\}$  be a singleton set. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} dd(I; n+1) &= \sum_{k=m+1}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot dd(I; k) \cdot b_{n-k} \\ &\quad + \binom{n}{m-2} \cdot dd(\emptyset; m-2) \cdot (dd(\emptyset; n-m+2) - b_{n-m+2}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{m-4} \binom{n}{k} \cdot dd(\emptyset; k) \cdot c(\{m-1-k\}; n-k) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c(I; n)$  denotes the number of permutations in  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  with an initial ascent and double descent set  $I$ , and  $b_n$  denotes  $c(\emptyset; n)$ .

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$$0 < \alpha < \beta < 1, \quad \sum_{\alpha n < i < \beta n} dd(\{i\}; n) \sim (\beta - \alpha) \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} dd(\{i\}; n).$$

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Size of $\mathfrak{S}_n$	{2}	{3}	{4}	{5}	{6}	{7}	{8}	{9}	{10}	{11}	{12}	{13}
3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	15	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	71	66	66	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	426	363	462	363	426	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	2778	2491	2904	2904	2491	2778	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	20845	18261	22419	20521	22419	18261	20845	0	0	0	0	0
10	171729	152289	182610	176049	176049	182610	152289	171729	0	0	0	0
11	1565289	1379852	1675179	1577169	1661309	1577169	1675179	1379852	1565289	0	0	0
12	15518735	13721577	16558224	15784253	16236573	16236573	15784253	16558224	13721577	15518735	0	0
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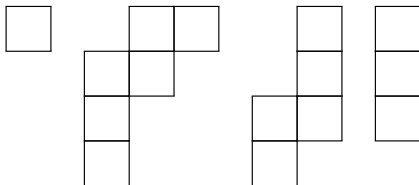
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Given a fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the numbers  $dd(\{i\}; n)$  for  $2 \leq i < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  follow a “down up down up” pattern. Namely,  $dd(\{i\}; n) > dd(\{i+1\}; n)$  if  $i$  is even, and  $dd(\{i\}; n) < dd(\{i+1\}; n)$  if  $i$  is odd.

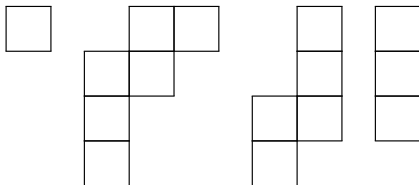
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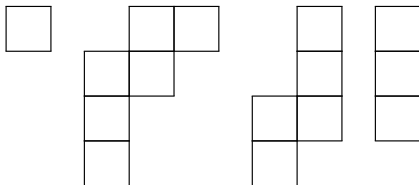
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Invalid tableau: 

	3	1	2
4	5		

Valid tableau: 

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3	5		

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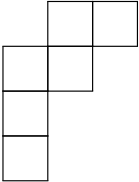

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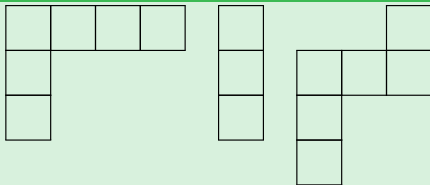
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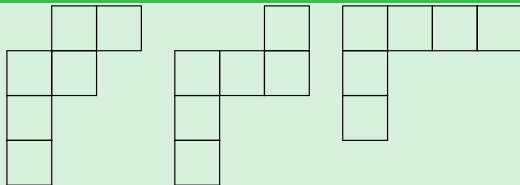
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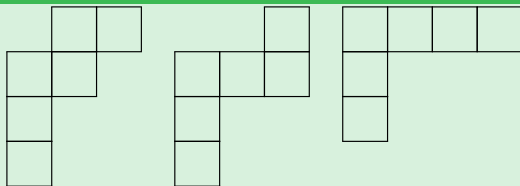
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- This provides us with another way to express  $dd(l; n)$ :

$$dd(l; n) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{R}_l(n)} f^\tau$$

where  $f^\tau$  denotes the number of valid tableaux for a rim hook  $\tau$ .

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2	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34
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4	0	0	2	2	4	6	10	16	26
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# Current goals

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