

Recognizing merge classes

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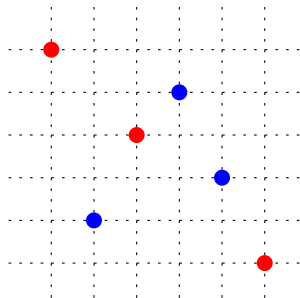
Permutation Patterns

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Merges

Definition

Permutation π is a **merge** of permutations σ and τ if the elements of π can be colored red and blue, so that the red elements are a copy of σ and the blue ones of τ .



One possible merge of 132 and 321 is 624531.

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Theorem (Farrugia)

If all the \mathcal{G}_i are hereditary and additive (i.e., closed under taking induced subgraphs and forming disjoint unions) then the problem is NP-hard, except the trivially polynomial case when $k = 2$ and both \mathcal{G}_1 and \mathcal{G}_2 are equal to the class of edgeless graphs.

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Theorem (Ekim et al.)

There is a polynomial algorithm for

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- ▶ $(\mathcal{L} \odot \overline{\mathcal{L}})$ -recognition, where

\mathcal{L} is the class of layered permutations and $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$ is the class of co-layered permutations.

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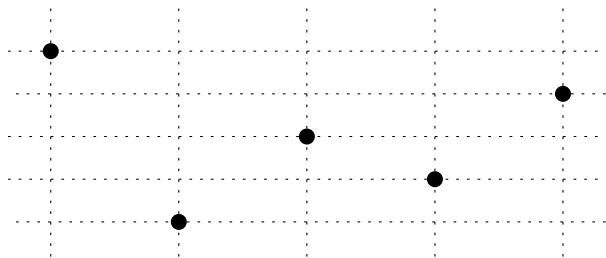
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Algorithm: Incrementally compute S_1, \dots, S_n .



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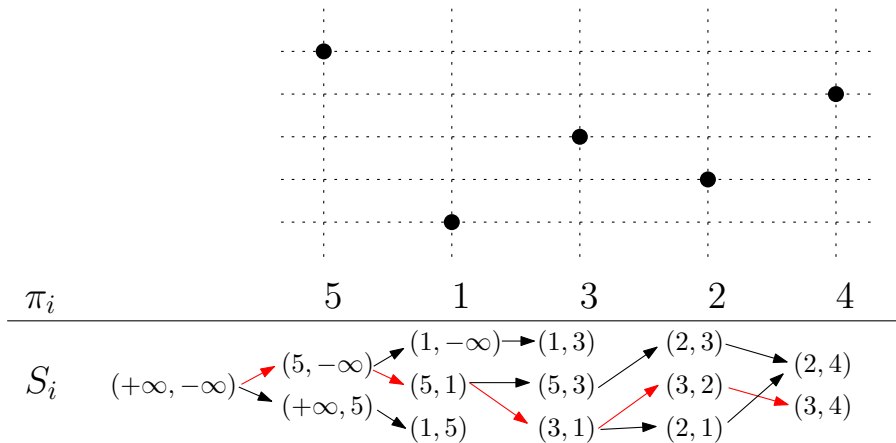
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Possible run of the nondeterministic algorithm that decomposes 51324 into 53 and 124.

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Corollary

For any sequence of classes $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_k \in \text{NLOL}$, the class $\mathcal{C}_1 \odot \mathcal{C}_2 \odot \dots \odot \mathcal{C}_k$ is in NLOL, and therefore polynomially recognizable.

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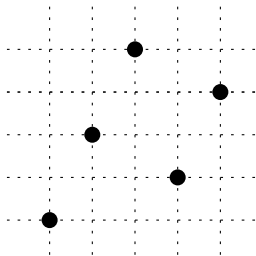
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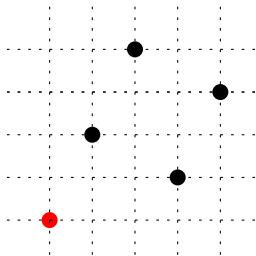


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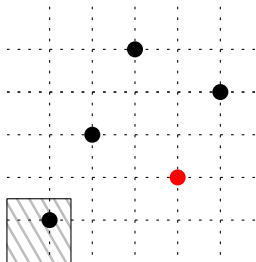


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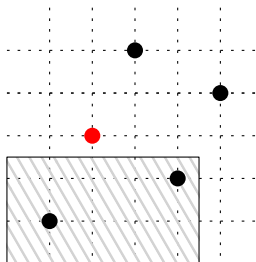


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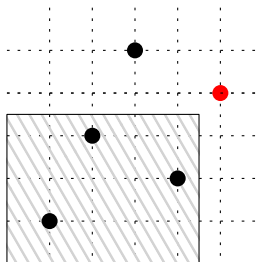


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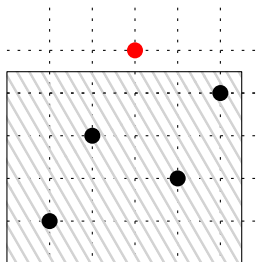


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