

Eulerian polynomials and generalizations

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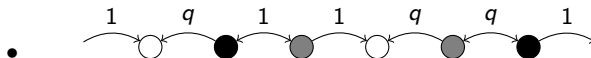
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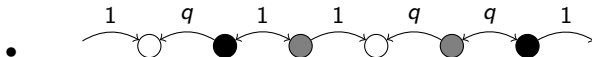
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For example, we have

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Using the recurrence of the Eulerian numbers, one proves that G satisfies the following differential equation

$$(1 - tx) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} G(t, x) - t(1 - t) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} G(t, x) - G(t, x) = 0.$$

Then prove that (1) is a solution.

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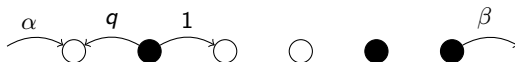
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In fact, sorting the permutations according to their position of recoils and position of descents allow us to compute transition matrices between to bases of **Sym**.

PRec \ Des	$\emptyset$	$\{3\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{1, 2\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$
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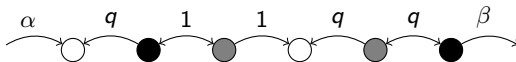
Theorem (Hivert, Novelli, Tevlin, Thibon, 2009)

Let G^n be the transition matrix between the ribbon basis of **Sym** and the fundamental one in degree n . Let S and T be two subsets of $[n-1]$, then

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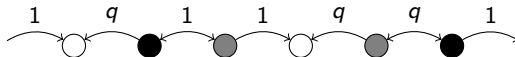
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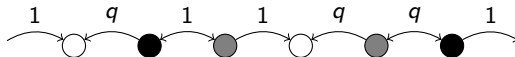
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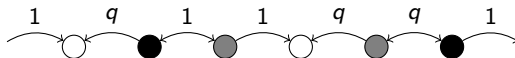
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Theorem (N., 2018+)

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