Positive m-divisible non-crossing partitions and their cylic sieving

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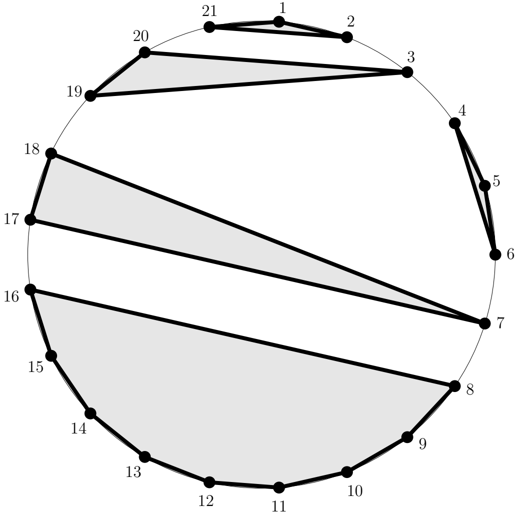

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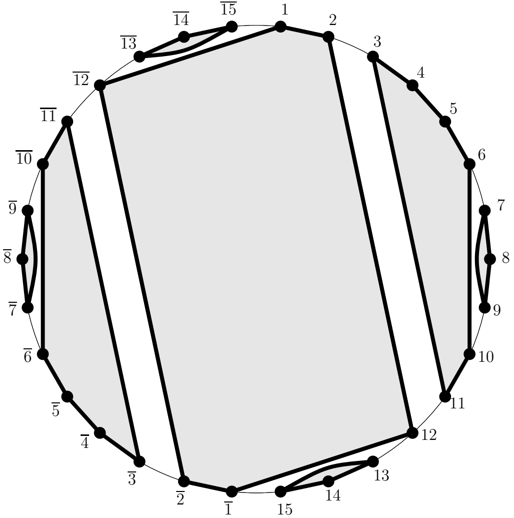

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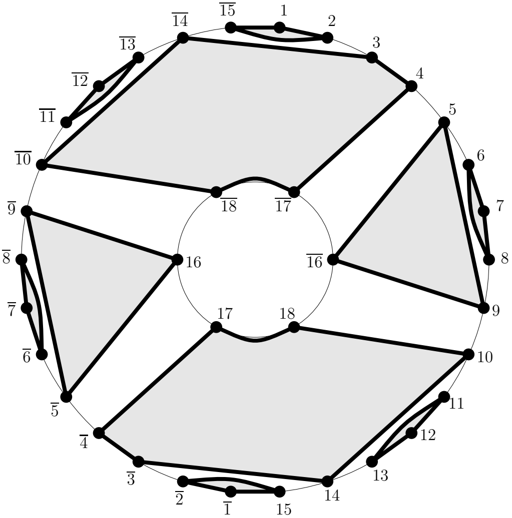

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Buan, Reiten and Thomas then write:

> *"Other than that, there do not seem to be enumerative results known for these families."*

Enumeration of positive m-divisible non-crossing partitions

For "ordinary" m-divisible non-crossing partitions, closed-form enumeration results are known for:

- total number;
- number of those of given rank;
- number of those with given block sizes (in types A, B, D);
- number of chains;
- number of chains with elements at given ranks;
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The word $\mathrm{w}_\circ(c)$ induces a *reflection ordering* given by

$$T = \big\{ s_{k_1} <_c s_{k_1} s_{k_2} s_{k_1} <_c s_{k_1} s_{k_2} s_{k_3} s_{k_2} s_{k_1} <_c \dots \\ <_c s_{k_1} \dots s_{k_{N-1}} s_{k_N} s_{k_{N-1}} \dots s_{k_1} \big\}.$$

Associate to every element $w \in NC(W)$ a reduced T-word $\mathcal{T}_c(w)$ given by the lexicographically first subword of T that is a reduced T-word for w.

We decompose w as $w = w^L w^R$ where w^R is the part of $\mathcal{T}_c(w)$ within the last n reflections in T.

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State of affairs: This is proved for all types except for types D_n, E_6, E_7, and E_8.

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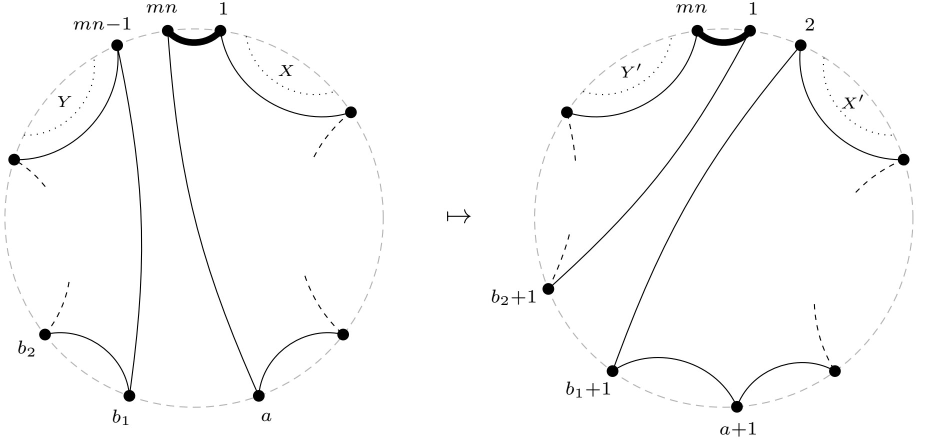

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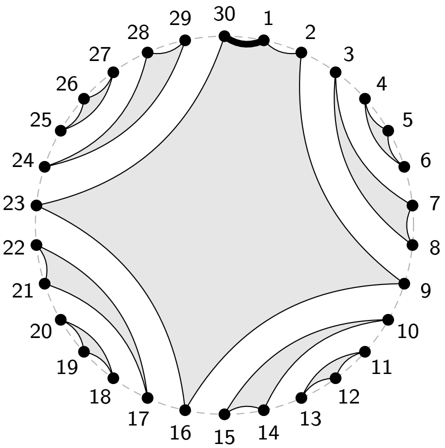

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Let m, n, r be positive integers with $r \geq 2$ and $r \mid (mn-2)$. Furthermore, let $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ be non-negative integers. The number of positive m-divisible non-crossing partitions of $\{1, 2, \dots, mn\}$ which are invariant under the r-pseudo-rotation $\widetilde{\phi}^{(mn-2)/r}$, the number of non-zero blocks of size mi being rb_i, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the zero block having size $ma = mn - mr\sum_{j=1}^{n} jb_j$, is given by

$$\binom{b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_n}{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n} \binom{(mn-2)/r}{b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_n}$$

if $b_1 + 2b_2 + \cdots + nb_n < n/r$, or if $r = 2$ and $b_1 + 2b_2 + \cdots + nb_n = n/2$, and 0 otherwise.

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Let C be the cyclic group of pseudo-rotations of an mn-gon generated by K_+. Then the triple (M, P, C) exhibits the cyclic sieving phenomenon for the following choices of sets M and polynomials P:

1. $M = \widetilde{NC}_+^{(m)}(n)$, *and* $P(q) = \frac{1}{[n]_q} \begin{bmatrix} (m+1)n-2 \\ n-1 \end{bmatrix}_q$;
2. *M consists of all elements of $\widetilde{NC}_+^{(m)}(n)$ the block sizes of which are all equal to m, and* $P(q) = \frac{1}{[n]_q} \begin{bmatrix} mn-2 \\ n-1 \end{bmatrix}_q$;
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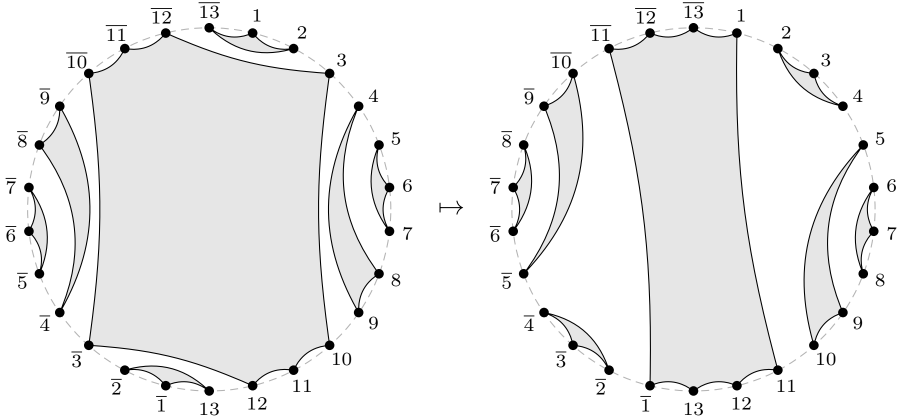

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There are results for the positive m-divisible non-crossing partitions for type B_n which are similar to those for type A_{n-1}.

Cyclic sieving for positive m-divisible non-crossing partitions for the exceptional types

The (positive) m-divisible non-crossing partitions

$$(w_0; w_1, \dots, w_m)$$

for the exceptional types become "sparse" for large m.
This allows one to reduce the occurring enumeration problems to finite problems. For the types E_6, E_7, E_8, we have not (yet?) been able to actually carry out the computations necessary for solving the finite problems.

"Other than that, there do not seem to be enumerative results known for these families."