

Restricted Symmetric Permutations

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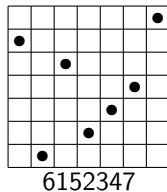
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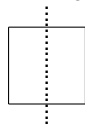
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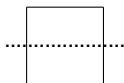
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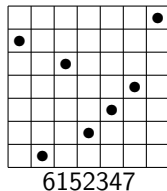
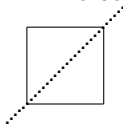
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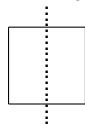
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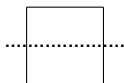
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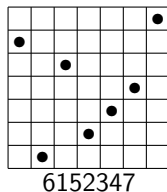
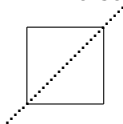
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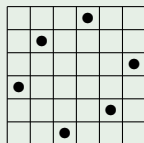
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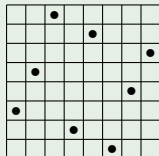
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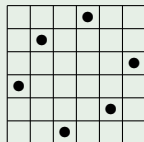
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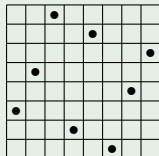
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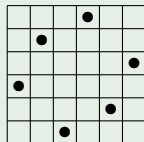
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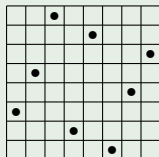
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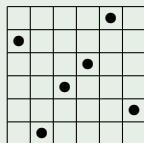


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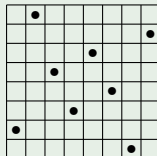
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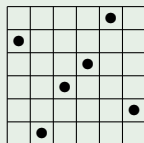
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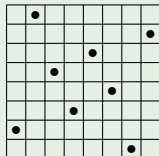
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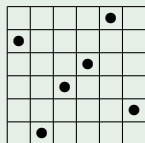
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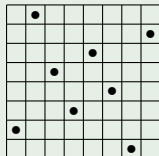
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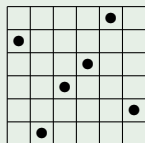
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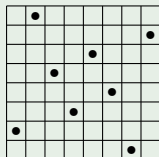
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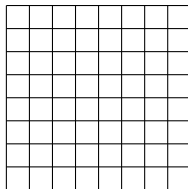
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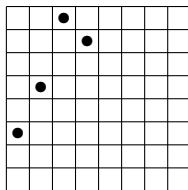
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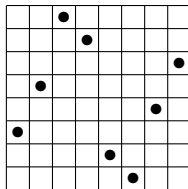
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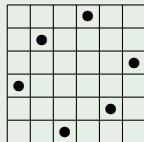
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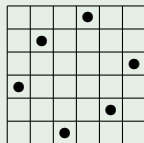
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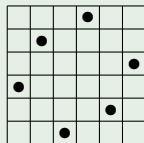
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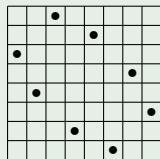


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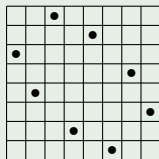
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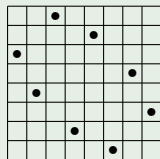
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Theorem (Guibert and Pergola, 2000)

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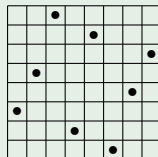
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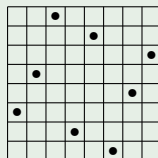
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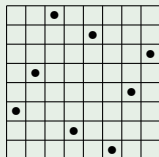
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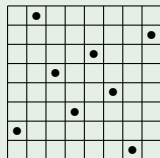


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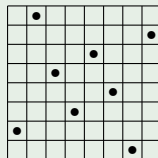
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where $d_0 = 1$ and

$$d_n = d_{n-1} + \sum_{k=1}^n 2^k C_{k-1} d_{n-k}.$$

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