

Descent sets of cyclic permutations

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The permutation **4217536** can be *realized* by the shift on 3 letters, because taking $w = 2102212210\dots \in \mathcal{W}_3$,

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Main theorem

Let $D(\pi) = \{i : 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \pi(i) > \pi(i+1)\}$.

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For every n there is a bijection $\varphi : \mathcal{C}_{n+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_n$ such that if $\pi \in \mathcal{C}_{n+1}$ and $\sigma = \varphi(\pi)$, then

$$D(\pi) \cap [n-1] = D(\sigma).$$

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$$\sigma = (11, 4, 10, 3, 5)(16, 9, 2, 6, 12)(20, 1, 7, 14, 18, 8, 13, 19, 15, 17)$$

$$z := 6.$$

$$\varepsilon := -1.$$

Switch 6 and 5. Switch 2 and 3.

The bijection $\varphi : \mathcal{C}_{n+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_n$. Fixing bad pairs

For each but the last cycle of σ , from left to right:

- ▶ $z :=$ rightmost entry of the cycle.
If $\{z, z-1\}$ or $\{z, z+1\}$ are bad, let $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ be such that $\{z, z+\varepsilon\}$ is bad and $\sigma(z+\varepsilon)$ is largest.
- ▶ Repeat for as long as $\{z, z+\varepsilon\}$ is bad:
 1. Switch z and $z+\varepsilon$ (in the cycle form of σ).
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$$z := 6.$$

$$\varepsilon := -1.$$

Switch 6 and 5. Switch 2 and 3. Switch 10 and 9.

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1. Switch z and $z+\varepsilon$ (in the cycle form of σ).
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$$z := 6.$$

$$\varepsilon := -1.$$

Switch 6 and 5. Switch 2 and 3. Switch 10 and 9.

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$$z := 5.$$

$$\varepsilon := -1.$$

The bijection $\varphi : \mathcal{C}_{n+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_n$. Fixing bad pairs

For each but the last cycle of σ , from left to right:

- ▶ $z :=$ rightmost entry of the cycle.

If $\{z, z-1\}$ or $\{z, z+1\}$ are bad, let $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ be such that $\{z, z+\varepsilon\}$ is bad and $\sigma(z+\varepsilon)$ is largest.

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1. Switch z and $z+\varepsilon$ (in the cycle form of σ).
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$z := 5$. $\{5, 4\}$ is OK, so we move on to the second cycle.

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 1. Switch z and $z+\varepsilon$ (in the cycle form of σ).
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$$z := 12.$$

The bijection $\varphi : \mathcal{C}_{n+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_n$. Fixing bad pairs

For each but the last cycle of σ , from left to right:

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$$z := \mathbf{12}. \quad \{\mathbf{12}, \mathbf{11}\} \text{ is OK but } \{\mathbf{12}, \mathbf{13}\} \text{ is bad} \quad \Rightarrow \varepsilon := 1.$$

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$$z := 12.$$

$$\varepsilon := 1.$$

Switch 12 and 13.

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Switch 12 and 13.

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Switch 12 and 13.

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$$z := 13.$$

$$\varepsilon := 1.$$

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$$z := 13. \quad \{13, 14\} \text{ is bad.}$$

$$\varepsilon := 1.$$

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Switch 13 and 14.

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$$z := 13.$$

$$\varepsilon := 1.$$

Switch 13 and 14. Switch 6 and 7.

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Switch 13 and 14. Switch 6 and 7. Switch 2 and 1.

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$$z := 14.$$

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$$z := 14. \quad \{14, 15\} \text{ is bad.}$$

$$\varepsilon := 1.$$

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Switch 14 and 15.

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Switch 14 and 15.

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$z := 15$. $\{15, 16\}$ is OK, so we are done.

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$$\pi = (11, 4, 10, 1, 7, 16, 9, 3, 5, 12, 20, 2, 6, 14, 18, 8, 13, 19, 15, 17, 21)$$

$$\varphi(\pi) = (11, 4, 9, 3, 5)(16, 10, 1, 7, 15)(20, 2, 6, 13, 18, 8, 12, 19, 14, 17)$$

Define $\varphi(\pi) = \sigma$.

The descent sets are preserved

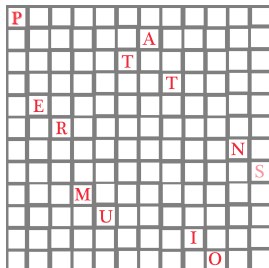
$$\begin{aligned}\pi &= (11, 4, 10, 1, 7, 16, 9, 3, 5, 12, 20, 2, 6, 14, 18, 8, 13, 19, 15, 17, 21) \\ \varphi(\pi) &= (11, 4, 9, 3, 5)(16, 10, 1, 7, 15)(20, 2, 6, 13, 18, 8, 12, 19, 14, 17)\end{aligned}$$

In one-line notation,

$$\begin{aligned}\pi &= 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \ 10 \ 12 \ 14 \ 16 \cdot 13 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \ 4 \ 20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 16 \cdot 9 \ 21 \cdot 8 \ 15 \cdot 2 \ 11 \\ \varphi(\pi) &= 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \ 9 \ 11 \ 13 \ 15 \cdot 12 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \ 4 \ 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 10 \ 20 \cdot 8 \ 14 \cdot 2\end{aligned}$$

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