# A Parking Function Bijection Suggested by the Haglund-Morse-Zabrocki Conjecture

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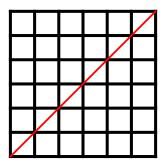
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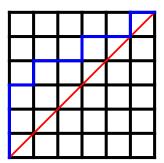
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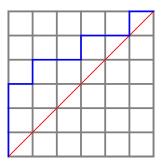
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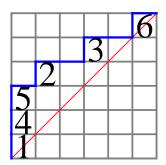
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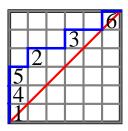


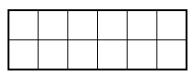
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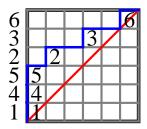




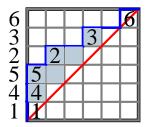




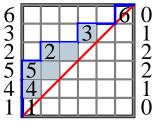




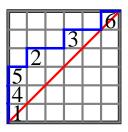
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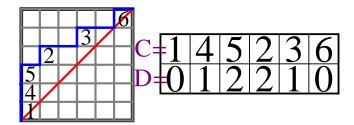
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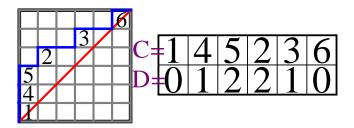


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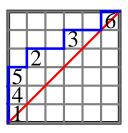


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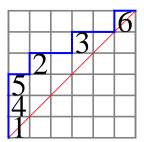
- (Dyck Path Condition)  $D_1 = 0$  and  $0 \le D_i \le D_{i-1} + 1$ .
- (Increasing Column Condition) If  $D_i = D_{i-1} + 1$ ,  $C_{i-1} < C_i$ .





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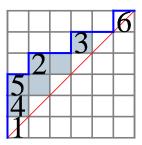


Figure: area(PF) = 6

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S		b
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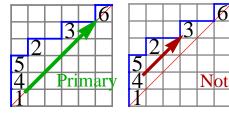
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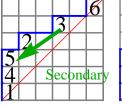
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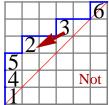
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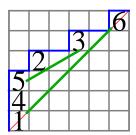




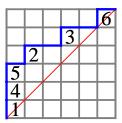
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The *dinv* of a parking function is the number of primary and secondary diagonal inversions it contains.

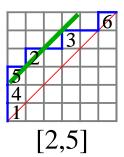
$$\mathsf{dinv}(PF) = 2$$



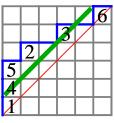
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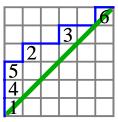


### Word



[2,5,3,4]

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[2,5,3,4,6,1]

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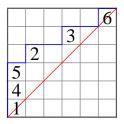
The *i-descent set* of a permutation P, is

$$ides(P) = \{i : i \text{ occurs after } i+1 \text{ in } P\}.$$

#### Definition

Let ides(PF) = ides(word(PF)).

### **I-descents**



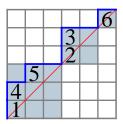
$$ides(PF) = ides([2, 5, 3, 4, 6, 1]) = \{1, 4\}$$

#### Definition

The weight of a parking function is defined as:

$$\operatorname{wt}(PF) = t^{\operatorname{area}(PF)} q^{\operatorname{dinv}(PF)} Q_{\operatorname{ides}(PF)}.$$

## Composition



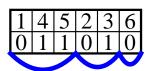


Figure: comp(PF) = [3, 2, 1]

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$$abla \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}_1} \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}_2} \dots \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{P}_k} 1 = \sum_{\mathsf{comp}(\mathit{PF}) = [p_1, \cdots, p_k]} t^{\mathit{area}(\mathit{PF})} q^{\mathit{dinv}(\mathit{PF})} Q_{\mathit{ides}(\mathit{PF})}$$

### A Commutativity Relation

When 
$$k < n - k$$
,

$$q(\mathcal{C}_k\mathcal{C}_{n-k}+\mathcal{C}_{n-k-1}\mathcal{C}_{k+1})=\mathcal{C}_{n-k}\mathcal{C}_k+\mathcal{C}_{k+1}\mathcal{C}_{n-k-1}$$

#### Definition

$$\mathcal{F}_p = \{PF : \mathsf{comp}(PF) = p\}$$

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$$\mathcal{A}_{\it P} = \sum_{\it PF \in \mathcal{F}_{\it P}} t^{\sf area(\it PF)} q^{\sf dinv(\it PF)} Q_{\sf ides(\it PF)}.$$

## Conjecture

For k < n - k.

$$q(\mathcal{A}_{\{k,n-k\}} + \mathcal{A}_{\{n-k-1,k+1\}}) = \mathcal{A}_{\{n-k,k\}} + \mathcal{A}_{\{k+1,n-k-1\}}$$

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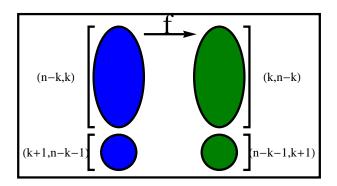
Then there exists a bijective map

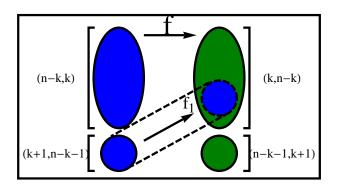
$$\begin{split} f: \mathcal{F}_{\{k,n-k\}} \cup \mathcal{F}_{\{n-k-1,k+1\}} &\Leftrightarrow \\ \mathcal{F}_{\{n-k-1,k+1\}} \cup \mathcal{F}_{\{n-k,k\}} \end{split}$$

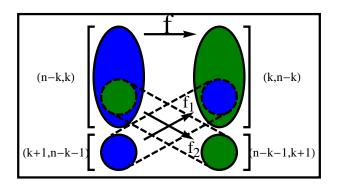
such that  $q \operatorname{wt}(f(PF)) = \operatorname{wt}(PF)$ .

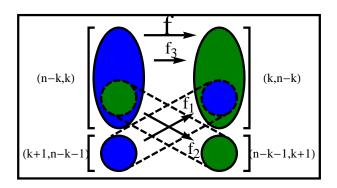
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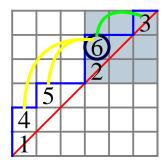




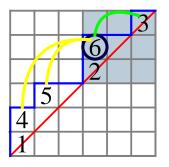


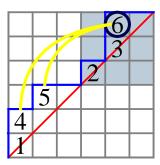


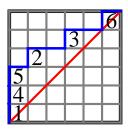
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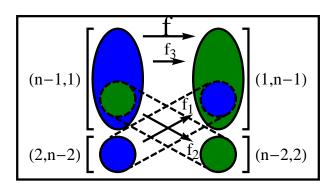
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(Now considering f which rearranges elements within a diagonal:)

- $\bullet$  dinv(f(PF)) = dinv(PF) 1
- $\bullet \operatorname{ides}(f(PF)) = \operatorname{ides}(PF)$ 
  - iff  $\begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$  does not move past  $\begin{bmatrix} c+1 \\ d \end{bmatrix}$
- $\blacksquare$  area(f(PF)) = area(PF)
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## Theorem

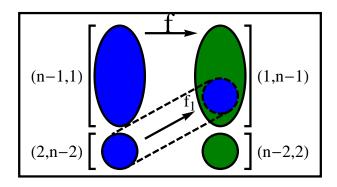
$$q(A_{\{1,n-1\}} + A_{\{n-2,2\}}) = A_{\{n-1,1\}} + A_{\{2,n-2\}}$$



 $\sqsubseteq$  When k=1

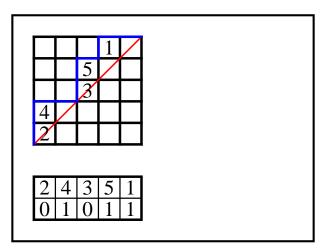
└A First Map

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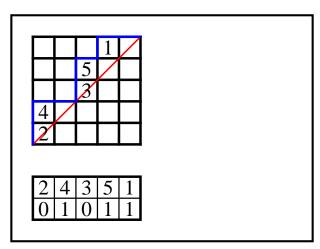
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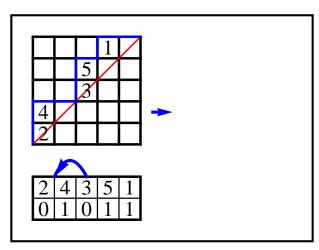
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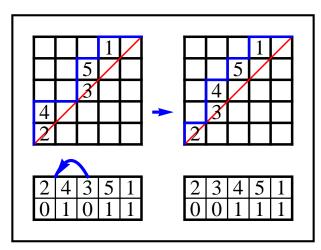


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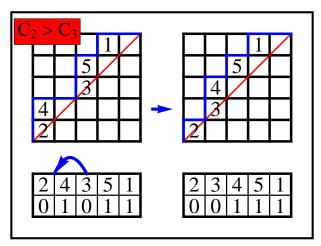
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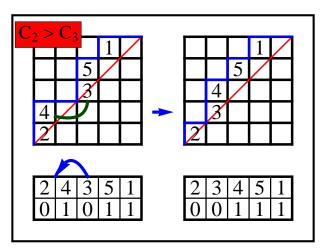
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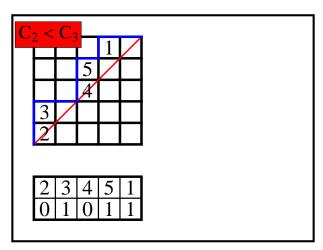


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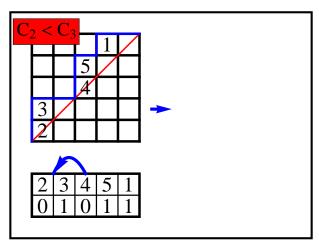
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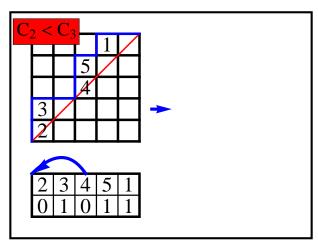
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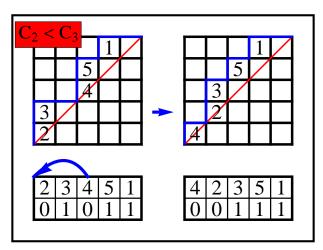


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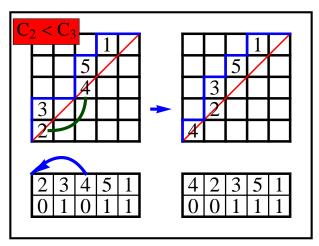
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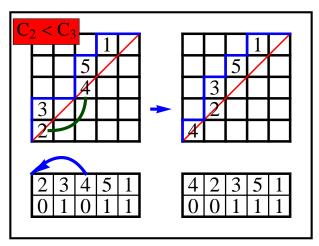
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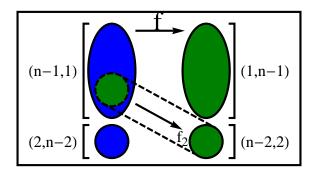
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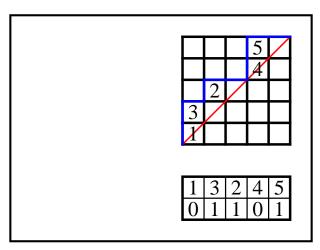
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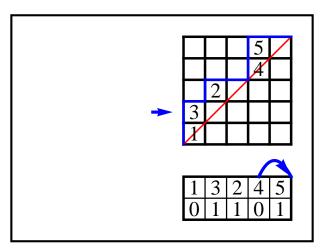
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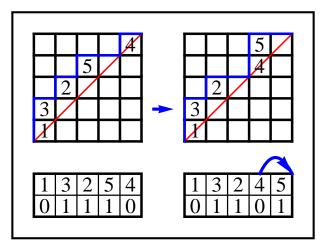


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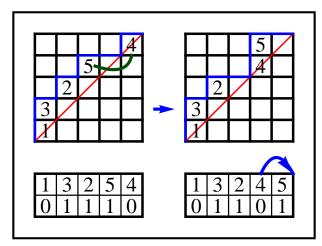
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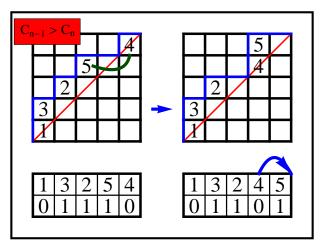
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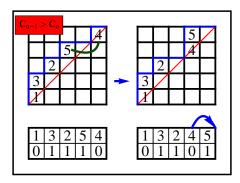
### Notation

Let  $C_L$  be the last car in the main diagonal.

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Say a car is "big" ("small") if it is bigger (smaller) than  $C_L$ .

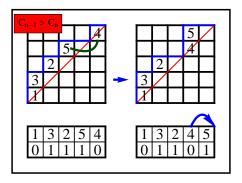
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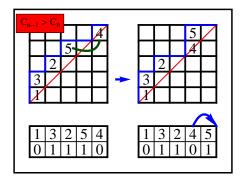
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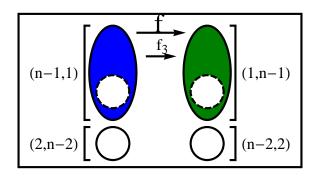
# **Recursive Condition**

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└─The Remaining Map

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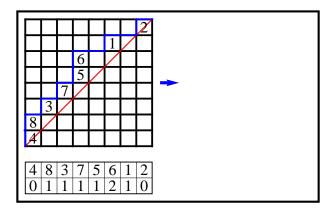


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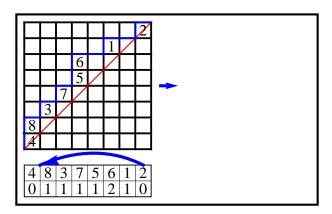
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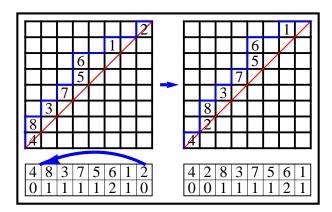
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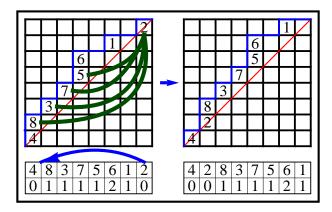


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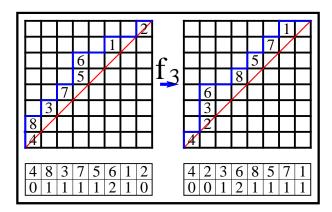


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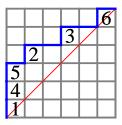


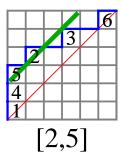
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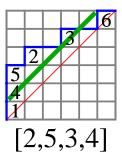
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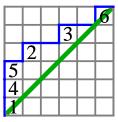


## **Diagonal Words**

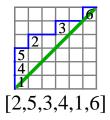




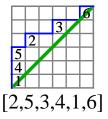




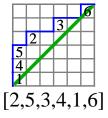
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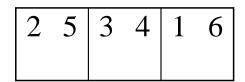


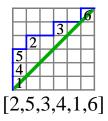
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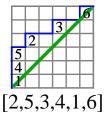
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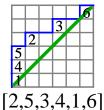




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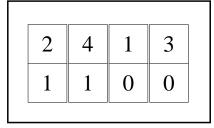
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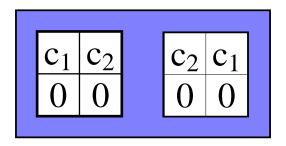
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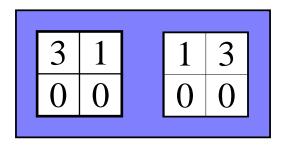
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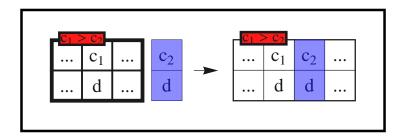


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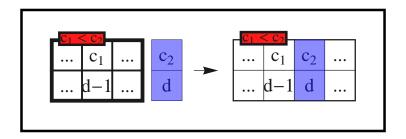
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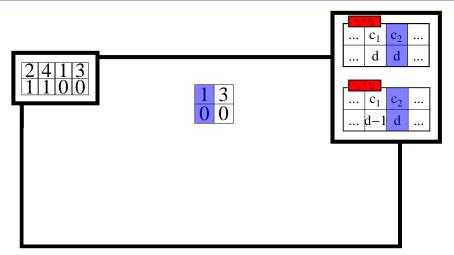
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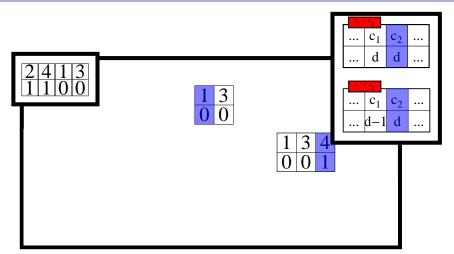
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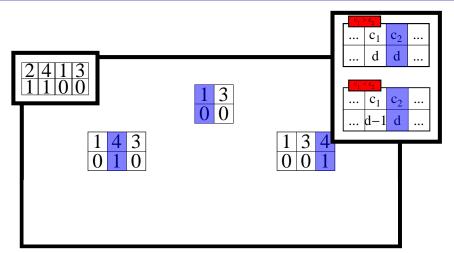
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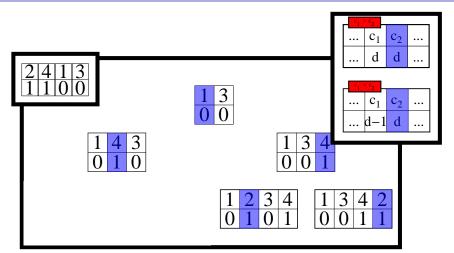
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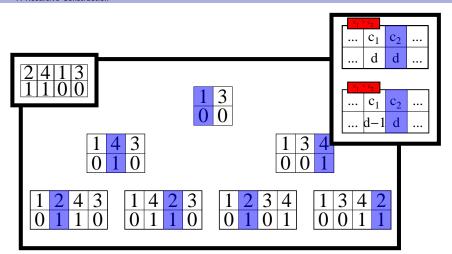
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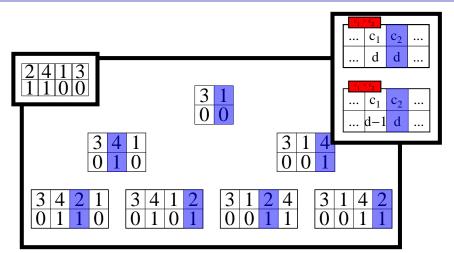
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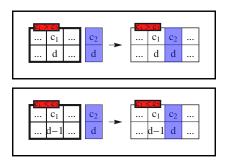
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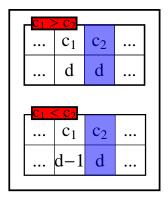
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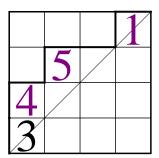
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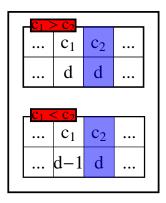


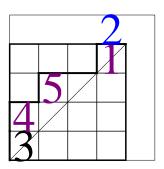
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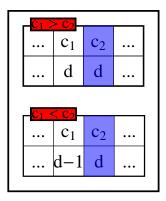


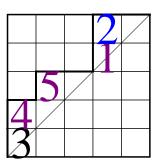
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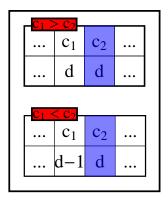


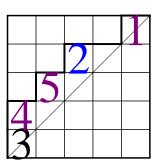
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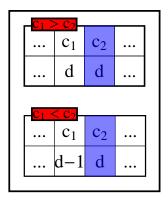


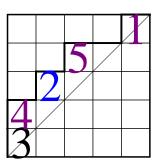
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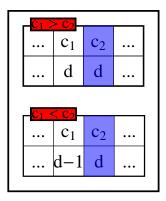


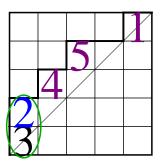
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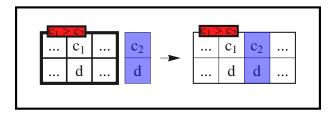


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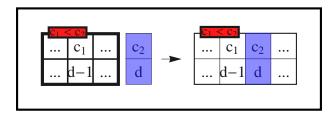


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$c_1 >$	> c <sub>2</sub>		
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	d	 d	

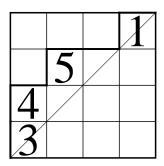
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c <sub>1</sub> <	< c <sub>2</sub>		
	$c_2$	 $c_1$	
	d	 d-1	

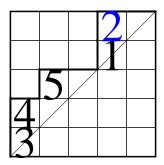
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$$t^{\text{maj}([2,4,5,1,3])}$$
  $\overbrace{(1)}^{3}$   $\overbrace{(1+q)}^{1}$   $\overbrace{(1+q)}^{5}$   $\overbrace{(1+q+q^2)}^{4}$   $\overbrace{(1+q+q^2)}^{2}$ 



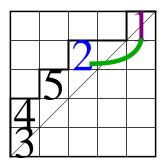
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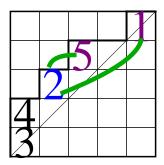
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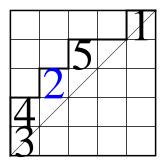
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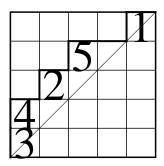
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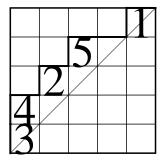


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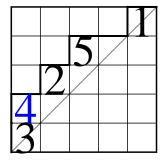


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5	1
4	2
2	2

Changing the Dinv

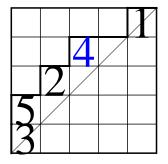
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car	dinv
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1	0
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2	2

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car	dinv
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#### Definition

Say  $Dec(C_i, PF)$  is the unique parking function PF' such that:

- 2 For  $j \neq i$ , dinv $(C_j, PF) = \text{dinv}(C_j, PF')$ .
- $\exists \ \operatorname{dinv}(C_i, PF') = \operatorname{dinv}(C_i, PF) 1.$

Define  $(Inc(C_i, PF))$  analogously.

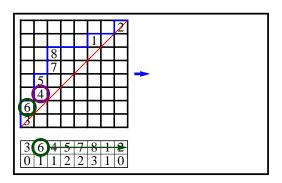
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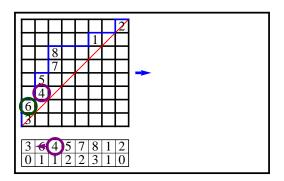
$$\mathsf{Change}(C_j, C_k, PF) = \mathsf{Dec}(C_k, \mathsf{Inc}(C_j, PF)).$$

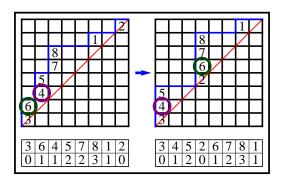
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# $\mathsf{Change}(4,6,\mathit{PF})$

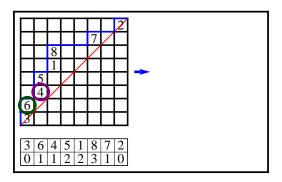


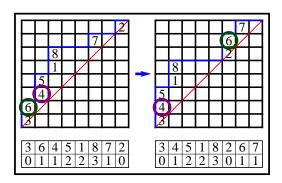
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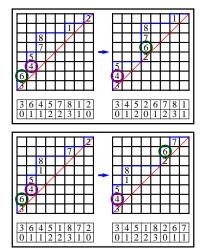




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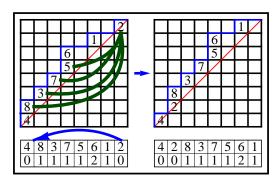


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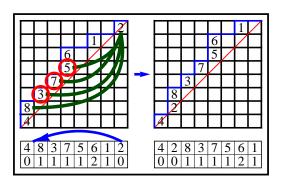
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#### When k=1

└─ The Remaining Map (returned)



When 
$$k = 1$$



### Definition (Troublesome Set)

$$T(PF) = \{C_j : 2 < j < L, D_j = 1, \text{ and } C_j \text{ is big.}\}.$$

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When k = 1
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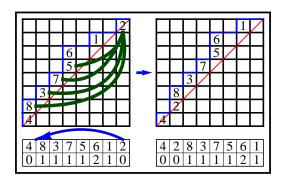
## Big Idea

- **1** Recursively use a series of dinv changes to reduce the size of T(PF).
- 2 Apply  $f_1$  when T(PF) is empty.

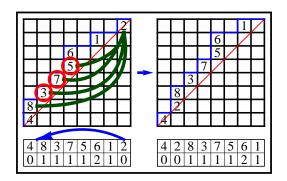
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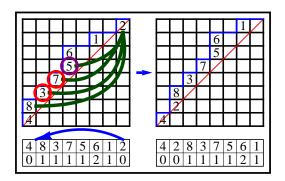
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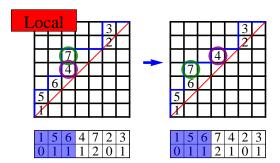
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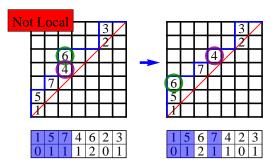
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Inc(6, PF)



When k = 1

└─The Remaining Map (returned)

### Definition

Say a dinv change is **local** if its dinv increase is local.

#### Procedure

Beginning with a parking function PF, we can construct  $f_3(PF)$  by forming a sequence

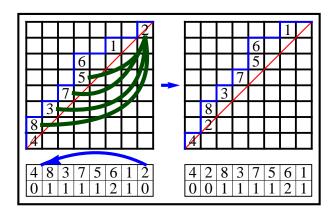
$$PF = PF^1, PF^2, \cdots, PF^s = f_3(PF)$$

by repeatedly applying the following:

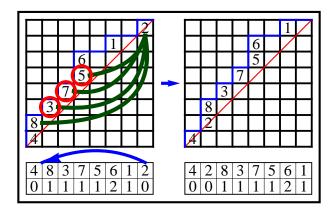
- 11 If  $T(PF^i) = \emptyset$ ,  $f_3(PF) = f_1(PF^i)$ .
- 2 Otherwise, if  $PF' = \text{Change}(C_{m(PF^i)+1}, C_{m(PF^i)}, PF^i)$  is a parking function and is local, then let  $PF^{i+1} = PF'$ .
- 3 Otherwise, if  $PF' = \text{Change}(C_{m(PF^i)}, C_{m(PF^i)-1}, PF^i)$  is a parking function, then let  $PF^{i+1} = PF'$ .
- 4 Otherwise, let  $PF^{i+1} = \text{Change}(C_L, C_2, PF^i)$ .

When 
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$$f_3:\mathcal{A}_{\{n-1,1\}} o \mathcal{A}_{\{1,n-1\}}$$

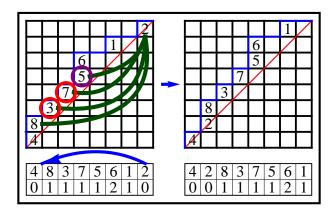


$$f_3: A_{\{n-1,1\}} \to A_{\{1,n-1\}}$$



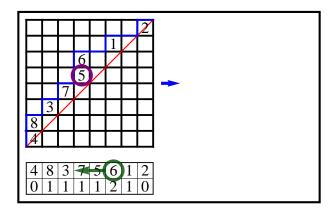
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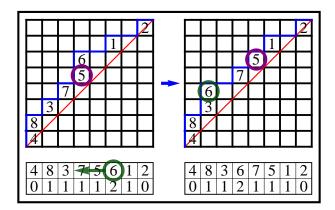
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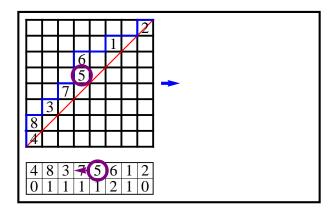
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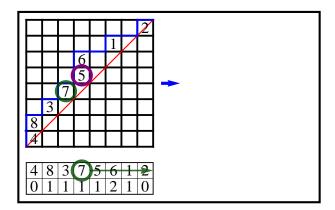
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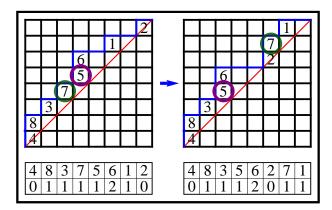


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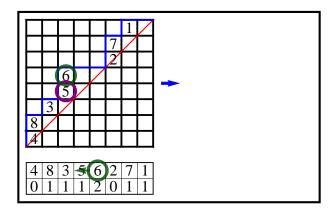


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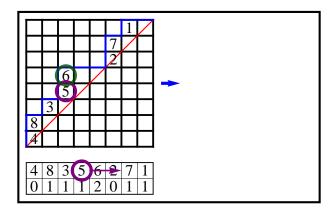
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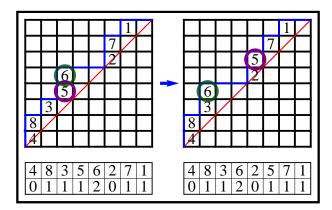
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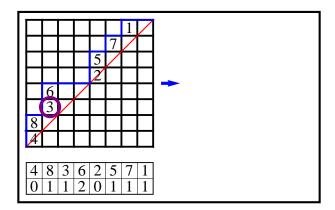
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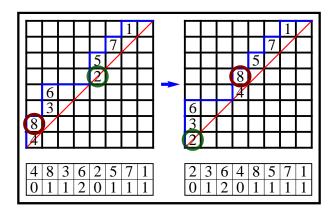
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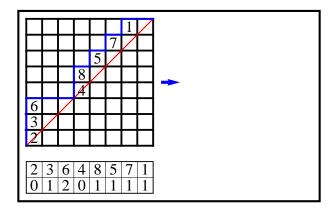
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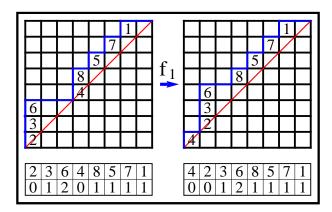
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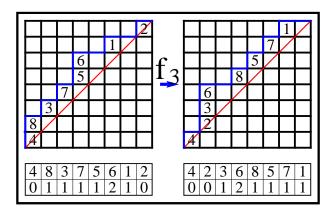
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# Why $f_3$ works:

- **1** The procedure terminates, since |T| decreases by one with each iteration.
- 2 One of the four cases will always produce a valid parking function.
  - (Recursive Condition) The last car before  $C_L$  is either small or not in the first diagonal.
- The dinv $(PF^i)$  = dinv $(PF^{i+1})$  and  $f_1$  decreases the dinv by exactly one, so dinv $(f_3(PF))$  = dinv(PF) + 1
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