

# Universal permuton limits of substitution-closed permutation classes

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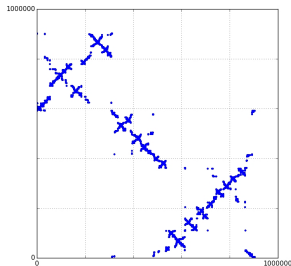
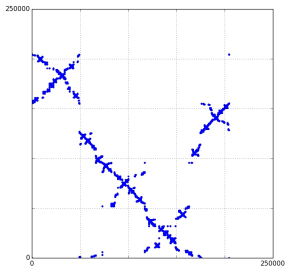
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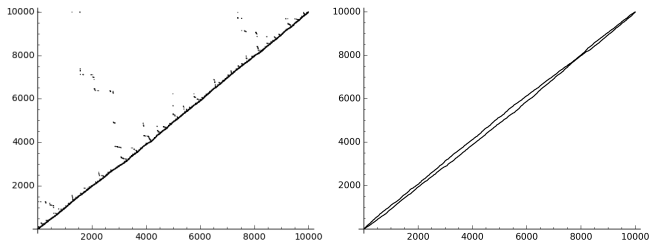
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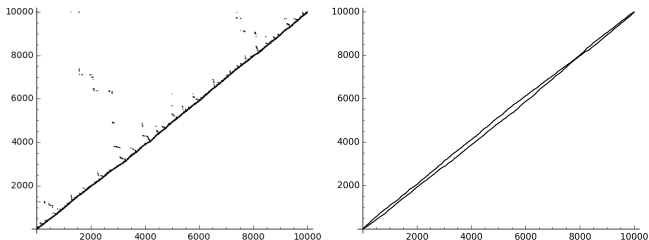
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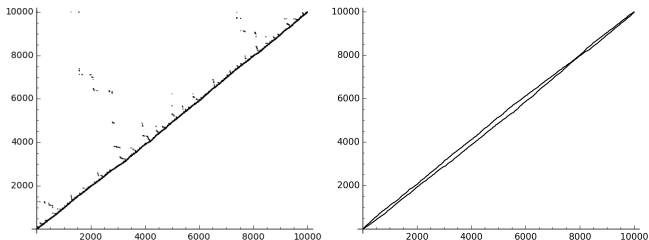
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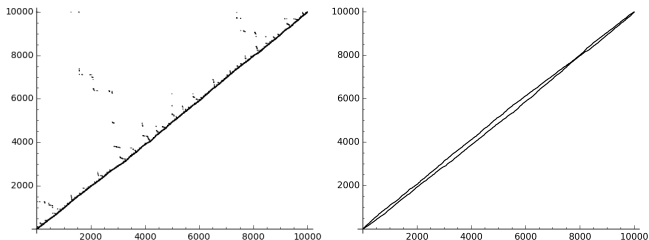
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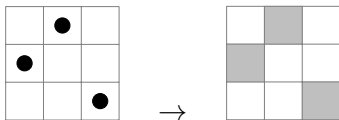
→ linked with limit shapes thanks to [permutons](#)

# Permutons

A **permuton**  $\mu$  is a **probability measure** on  $[0, 1]^2$  such that  $(x, y)$  drawn under  $\mu \Rightarrow x$  (resp.  $y$ ) is uniform on  $[0, 1]$ .

Permutation  $\sigma \Rightarrow$  permuton  $\mu_\sigma$ :

normalize the diagram and fill in uniformly cells containing dots



- Permuton **approximate** permutation diagrams
- $\sigma_n$  random permutation  $\Rightarrow \mu_{\sigma_n}$  **random permuton**

## Patterns in permutons

- $\sigma$  a permutation

$$\widetilde{\text{occ}}(\pi, \sigma) = \frac{\# \text{ occurrences of } \pi \text{ in } \sigma}{\binom{n}{k}} = \mathbb{P}(\text{pat}_{\mathbf{I}}(\sigma) = \pi)$$

with  $\mathbf{I}$  a uniform random subset of  $[n]$  with  $k$  elements

- $\mu$  a permuton

$\widetilde{\text{occ}}(\pi, \mu)$  = probability that  $k$  points drawn from  $\mu$   
are isomorphic to the diagram of  $\pi$

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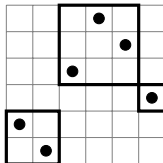
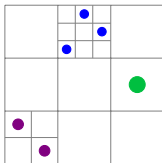
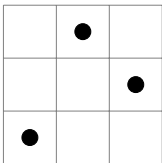
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## Goal:

Find the **permuton limit** of  $(\sigma_n)$  uniform random permutations in a **substitution-closed class**.

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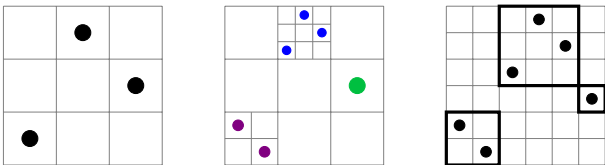
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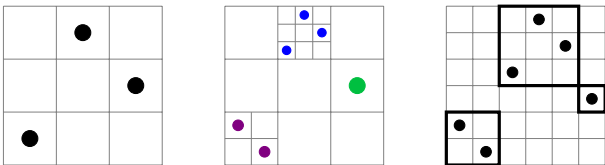
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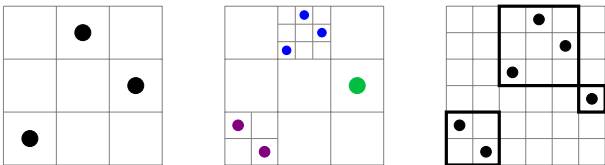
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**Simple** permutation = indecomposable:

$\alpha$  simple  $\Leftrightarrow$  cannot be written as  $\sigma[\pi^1, \dots, \pi^n]$  with  $1 < |\sigma| < |\alpha|$

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**Canonical tree:** rooted planar tree whose internal nodes have labels s.t.

- Internal nodes are labeled by  $\oplus, \ominus$ , or by a simple permutation.
- A node labeled by  $\alpha$  has degree  $|\alpha|$ , nodes labeled by  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$  have degree at least 2.
- A child of a node labeled by  $\oplus$  (resp.  $\ominus$ ) cannot be labeled by  $\oplus$  (resp.  $\ominus$ ).

**Bijection:** permutation  $\sigma \leftrightarrow$  canonical tree  $T_\sigma$ :

$$\sigma = \theta[\pi^{(1)}, \dots, \pi^{(d)}] \Leftrightarrow T_\sigma = \begin{array}{c} \theta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ T_1 \quad T_2 \quad \cdots \quad T_d \end{array} \quad \text{where } T_i = T_{\pi^{(i)}}$$

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$\mathcal{C}$  substitution-closed class  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C} = \langle \mathcal{S} \rangle$  for some downward-closed  $\mathcal{S}$

Ex: separable permutations  $= \langle \emptyset \rangle$

$\mathcal{S}$  not downward-closed  $\Rightarrow \langle \mathcal{S} \rangle$  is not a permutation class,  
but results of this talk still true for this kind of sets.

## Main result: Standard case

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$$S(z) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{S}} z^{|\alpha|} \quad , \quad R_S \in [0, +\infty] \text{ its radius of convergence}$$

$\sigma_n$  a uniform permutation in  $\langle \mathcal{S} \rangle_n \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Under some condition (H1),  $(\mu_{\sigma_n})_n \xrightarrow{d} \mu^{(p)}$ , the **biased Brownian separable permuton** whose parameter  $p$  only depends on the quantity of occurrences of 12 and 21 in the elements of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

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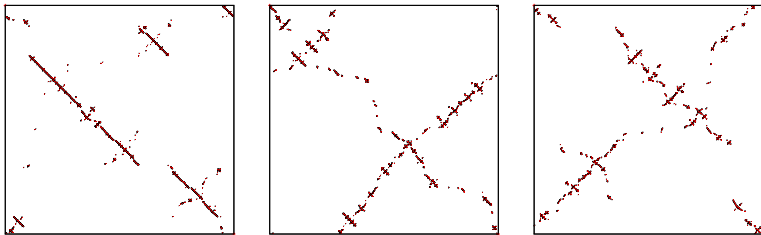
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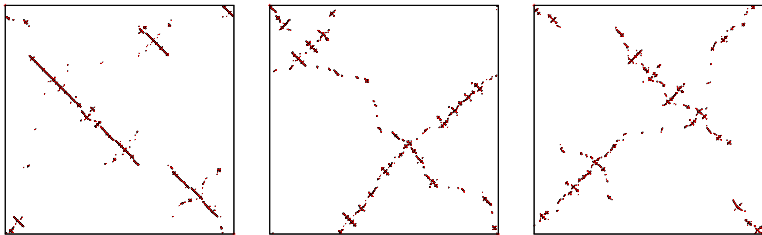
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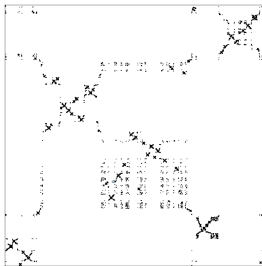
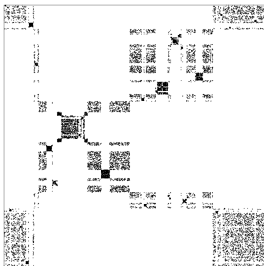
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- either a biased Brownian separable permuton
- or a **stable permuton**, defined using the random *stable tree*



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