

# Square $q, t$ -lattice paths and $\nabla(p_n)$

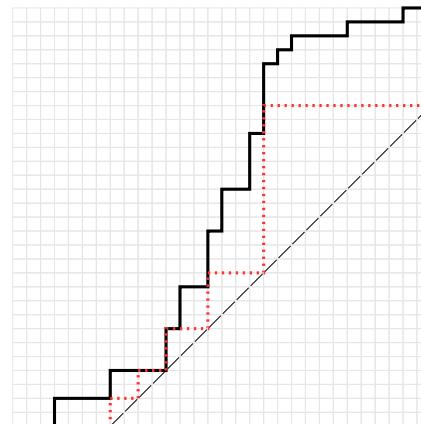
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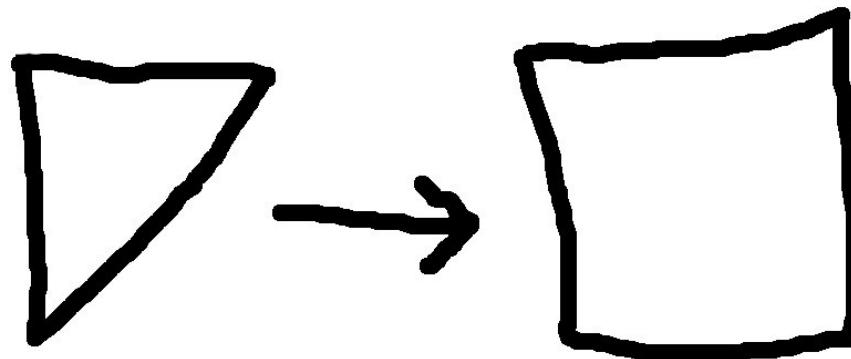
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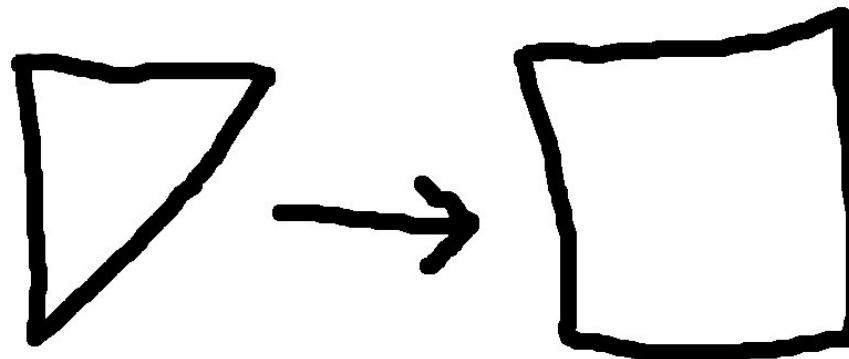


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- We generalize the area, boun, and dinv statistics.
- We conjecture a combinatorial formula for  $\nabla(p_n)$ .

# Situation circa 1996

Given (Garsia-Haiman): Rational functions  $OC_n(q, t)$

satisfying  $OC_n(q, t) = OC_n(t, q)$ ,

$$OC_n(1, 1) = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} = C_n,$$

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$$OC_n(1, q) = OC_n(q, 1) = \sum_{D \in \mathcal{D}_n} q^{\text{area}(D)}.$$

Wanted:  $OC_n(q, t) = \sum_{D \in \mathcal{D}_n} q^{\text{area}(D)} t^{\text{tstat}(D)}$ .

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Theorem (Garsia-Haglund).

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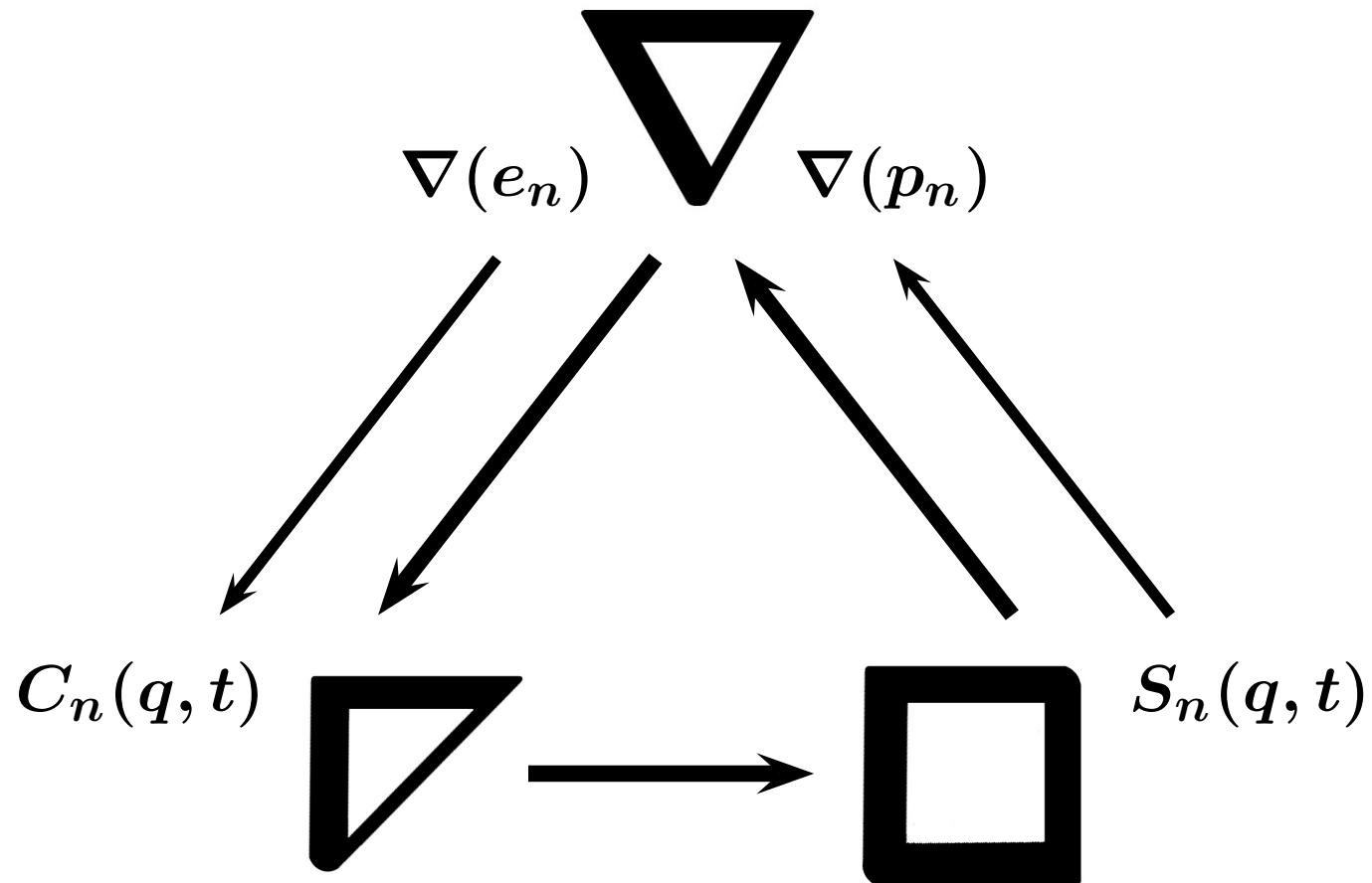
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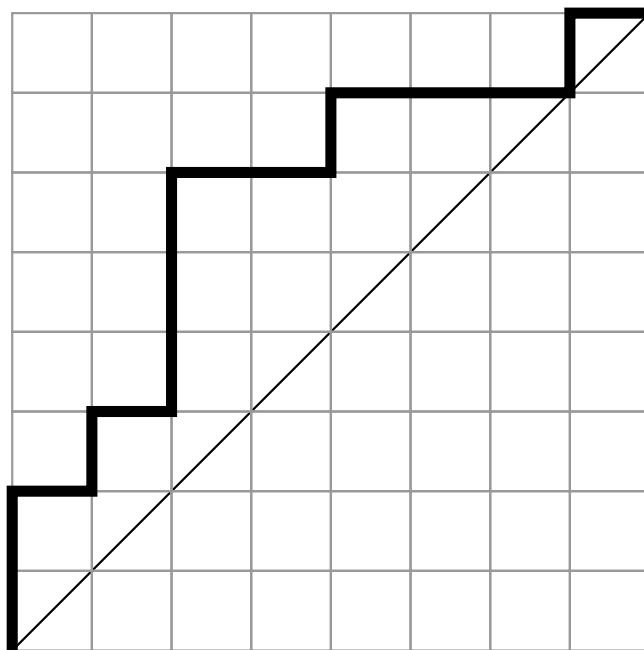
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**Theorem (Haiman).**  $\langle \nabla(e_n), s_{1^n} \rangle = OC_n(q, t)$ .

# Big picture

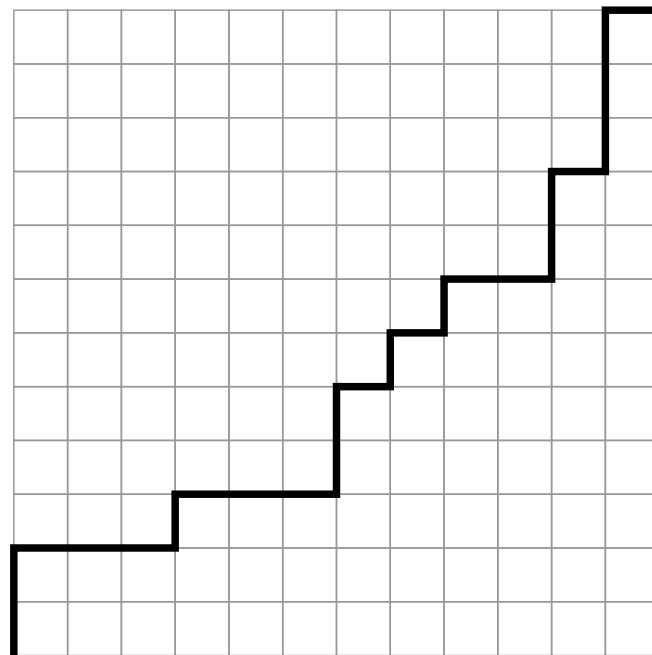
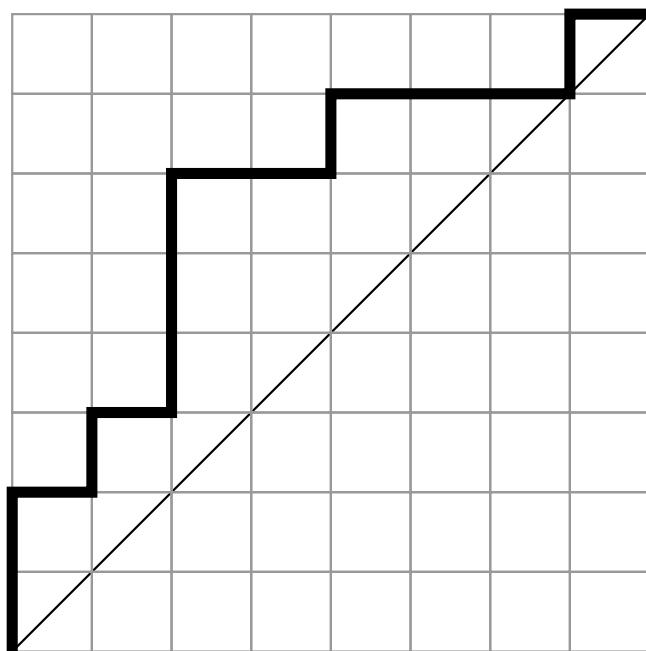


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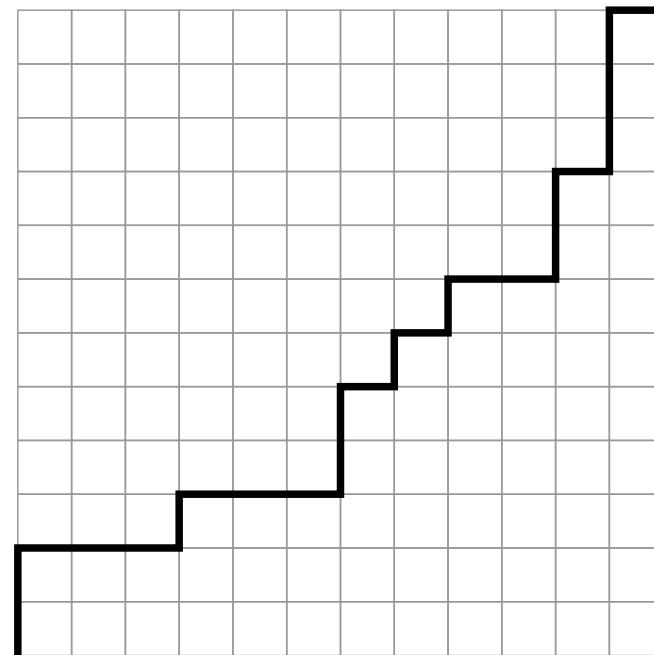
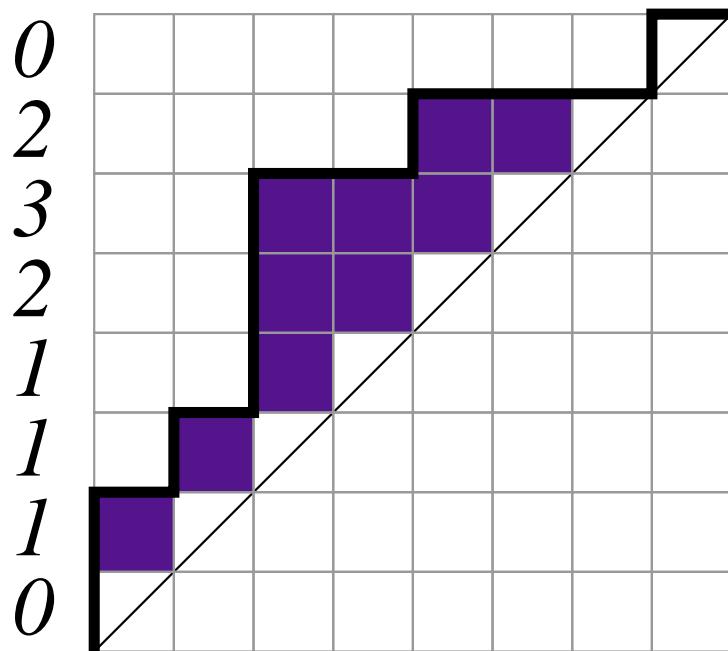
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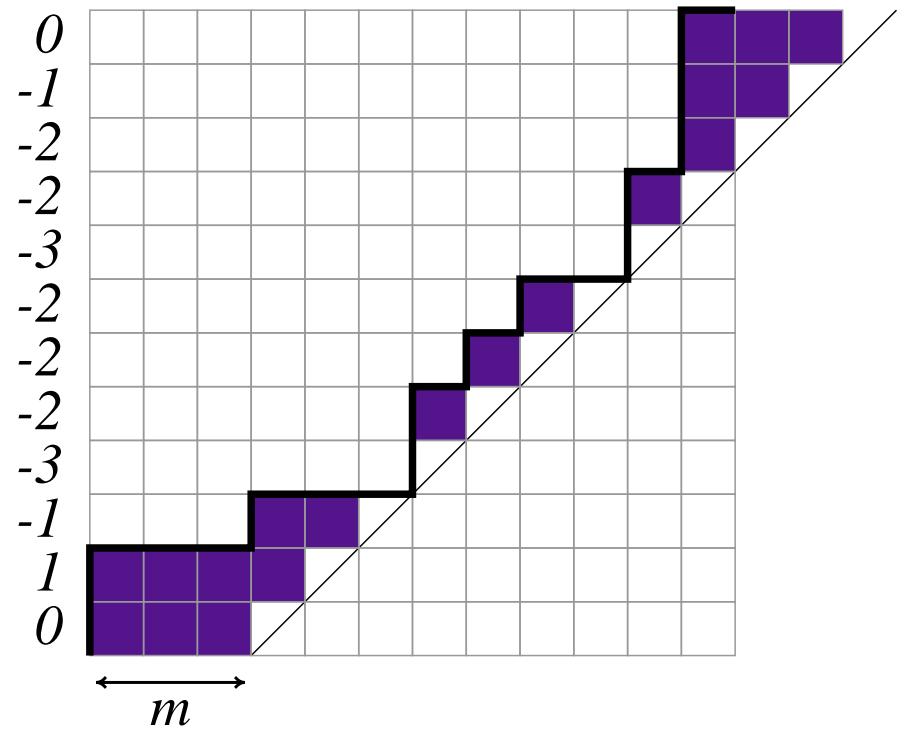
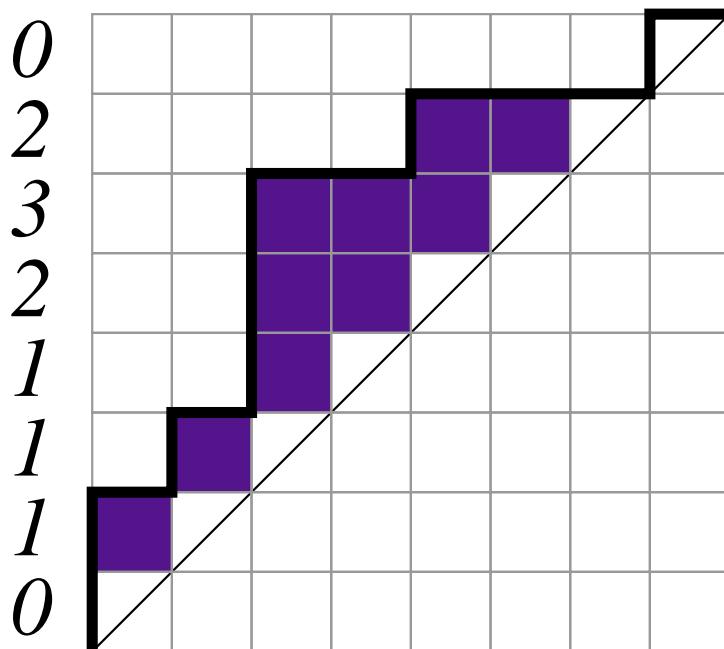
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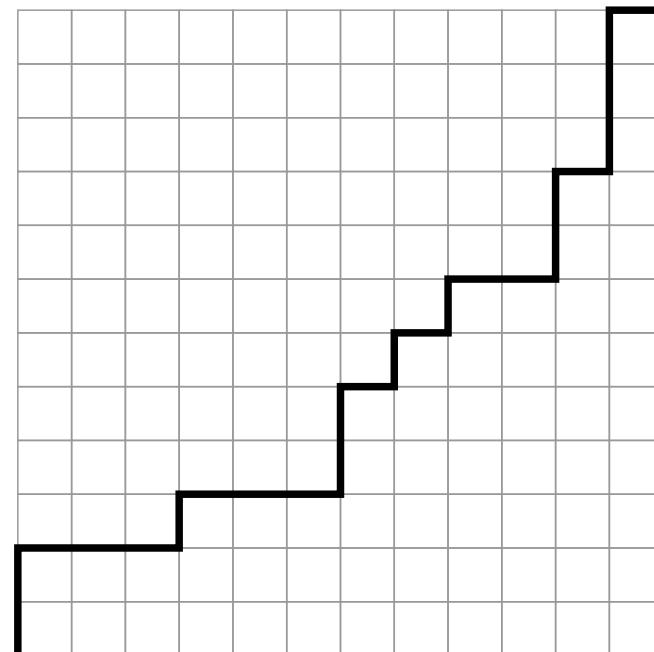
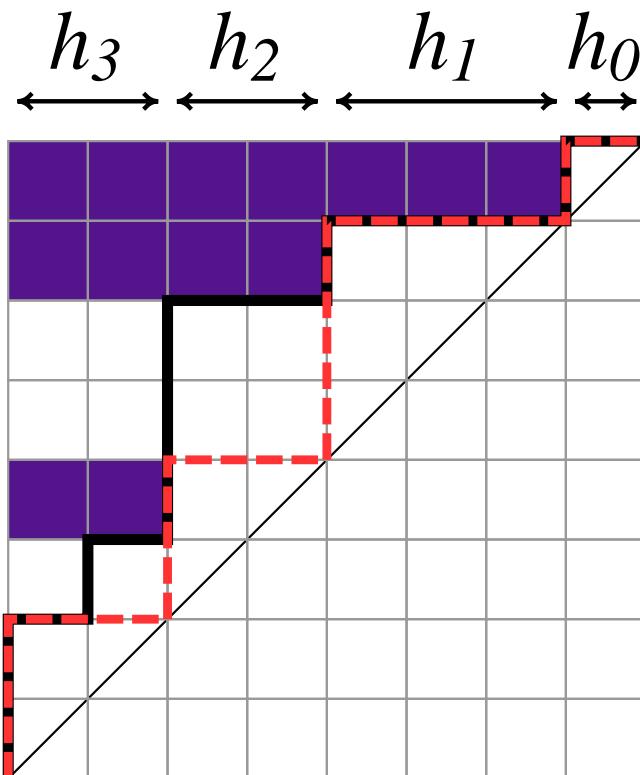
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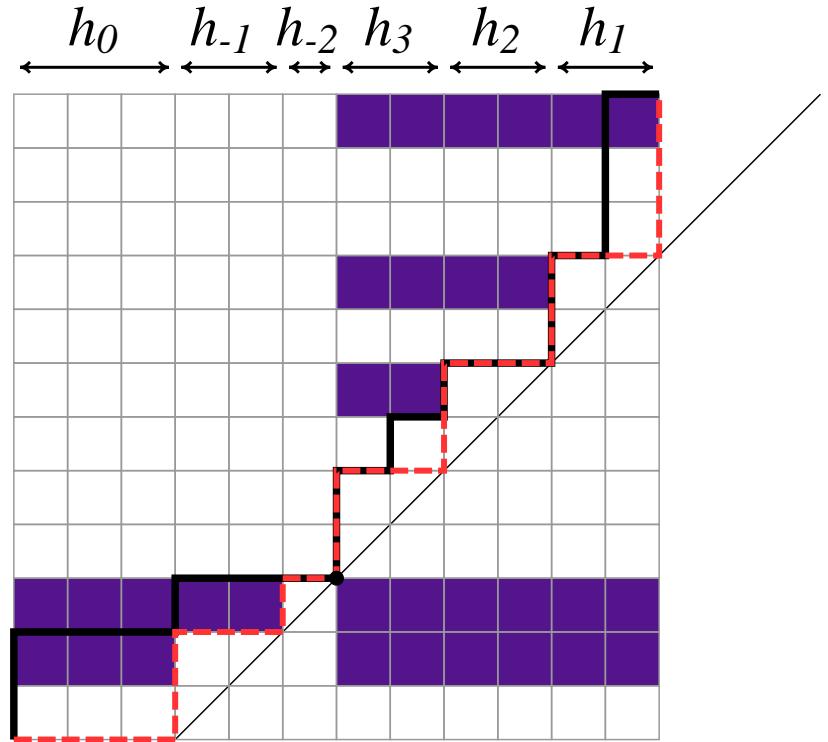
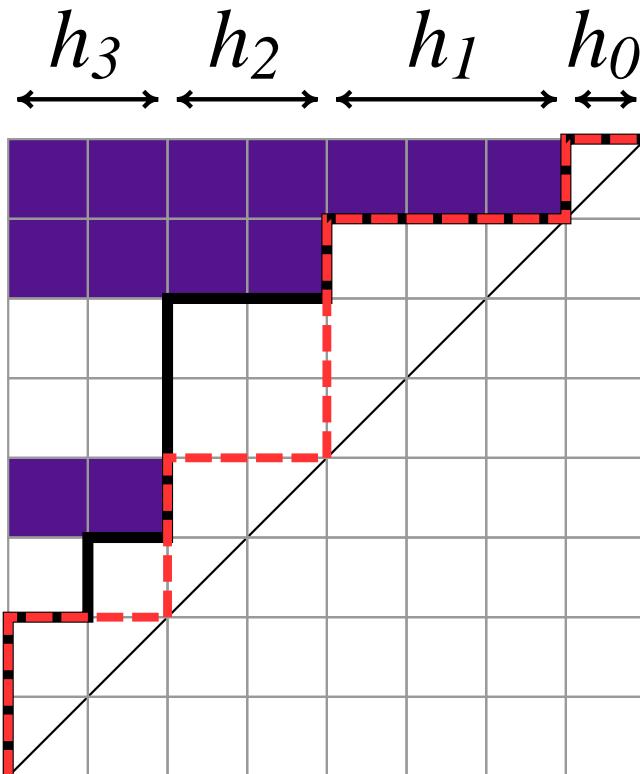
$$\text{area}(S) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (\textcolor{green}{m+g_i(S)}) + \binom{\textcolor{green}{m}}{2}$$

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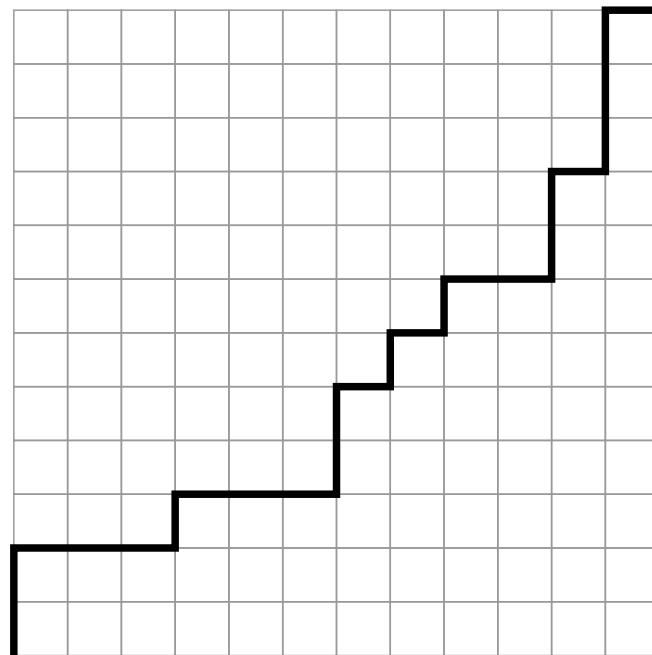
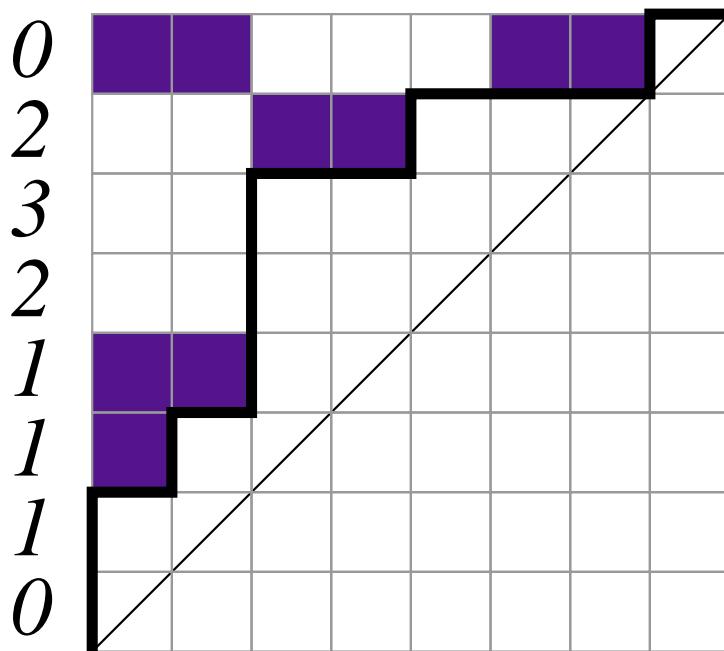
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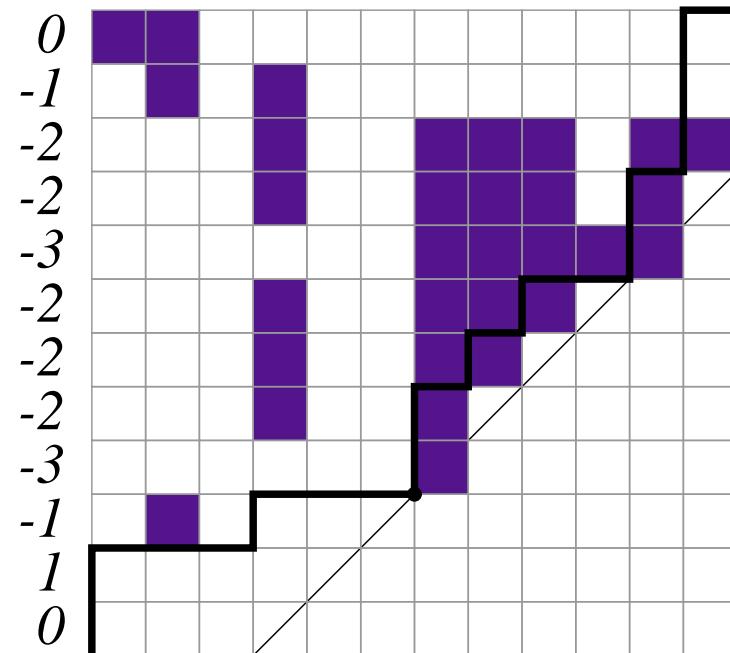
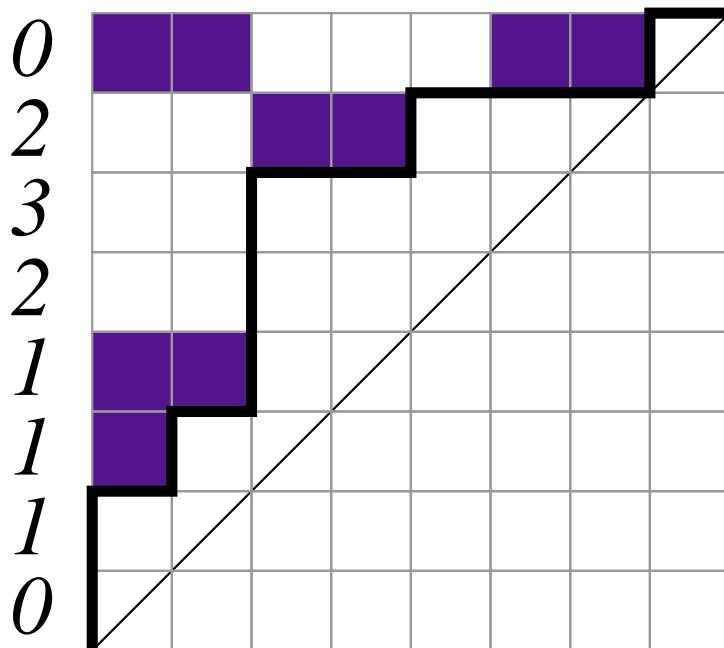
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$$+ \sum_i \chi[g_i(S) < -1]$$

# The $q, t$ -Square numbers

There exists a bijection  $\phi : \mathcal{SQ}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{SQ}_n$  taking

$$(\text{dinv}(S), \text{area}(S)) \mapsto (\text{area}(\phi(S)), \text{boun}(\phi(S))).$$

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**Conjecture.** For all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$S_n(q, t) = S_n(t, q).$$

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Theorem. For all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$q^{\binom{n}{2}} S_n(q, 1/q) = \frac{2}{1 + q^n} \begin{bmatrix} 2n \\ n, n \end{bmatrix}_q = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2n - 1 \\ n, n - 1 \end{bmatrix}_q.$$

# Accounting for the 2

Define

$$\begin{aligned} {}^N S_n(q, t) &= \sum_{S \in {}^N \mathcal{SQ}_n} q^{\text{dinv}(S)} t^{\text{area}(S)}, \\ {}^E S_n(q, t) &= \sum_{S \in {}^E \mathcal{SQ}_n} q^{\text{dinv}(S)} t^{\text{area}(S)}. \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem.

1. There exists a bijection  ${}^N \mathcal{SQ}_n \rightarrow {}^E \mathcal{SQ}_n$  that preserves  $\text{dinv}$  and  $\text{area}$ .
2.  ${}^N S_n(q, t) = {}^E S_n(q, t) = S_n(q, t)/2$ .

# $\nabla$ and ${}^E\mathcal{SQ}_n$

Theorem (Can-Loehr-Haglund). For all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$(-1)^{n-1} \langle \nabla(p_n), s_{1^n} \rangle = \sum_{S \in {}^E\mathcal{SQ}_n} q^{\text{dinv}(S)} t^{\text{area}(S)}.$$

# Labeled versions

Fix  $n$  and  $N$  with  $n \leq N \leq \infty$ .

Let  $r = r_0 \dots r_{n-1}$  with  $r_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{SQF}_n$  denote the set of all pairs  $(S, r)$  such that:

1.  $S$  is a path in  ${}^E\mathcal{SQ}_n$  and
2.  $r = r_0 \dots r_{n-1}$  with  $r_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  such that  $g_{i+1}(S) = g_i(S) + 1$  implies  $r_i < r_{i+1}$ .

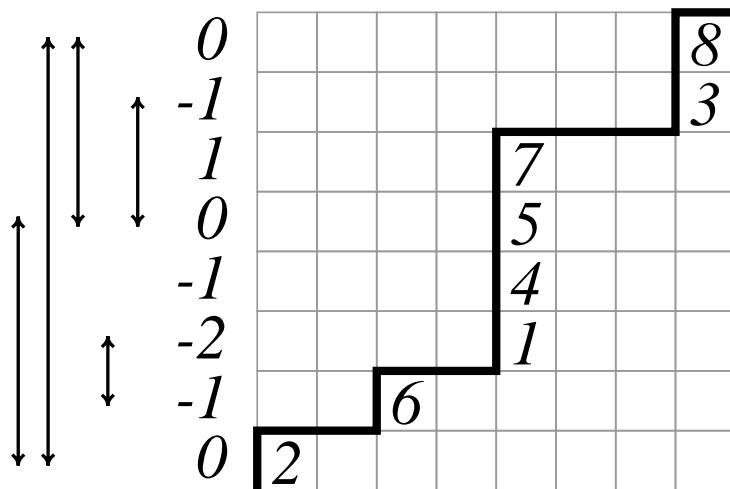
Let  $\mathcal{SQH}_n \subset \mathcal{SQF}_n$  be given by

$$\mathcal{SQH}_n = \{(S, r) : \{r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}.$$

# Labeled versions

Given  $(S, r) \in \mathcal{SQF}_n$ , define  $\text{area}(S, r) = \text{area}(S)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dinv}(S, r) = \sum_{i < j} \chi[(g_i(S) - g_j(S) = 0 \text{ and } r_i < r_j) \text{ or } \\ (g_i(S) - g_j(S) = 1 \text{ and } r_i > r_j)] \\ + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \chi[g_i(S) < -1]. \end{aligned}$$



# $\nabla$ conjectures

“Hilbert series” conjecture. For all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$(-1)^{n-1} \langle \nabla(p_n), h_{1^n} \rangle = \sum_{(S,r) \in \mathcal{SQH}_n} q^{\text{dinv}(S,r)} t^{\text{area}(S,r)}.$$

“Frobenius series” conjecture. For all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$(-1)^{n-1} \nabla(p_n[\vec{z}]) = \sum_{(S,r) \in \mathcal{SQF}_n} q^{\text{dinv}(S,r)} t^{\text{area}(S,r)} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} z_{r_i}.$$