

# A generalization of perfectly clustering words via brick band modules of certain gentle algebras

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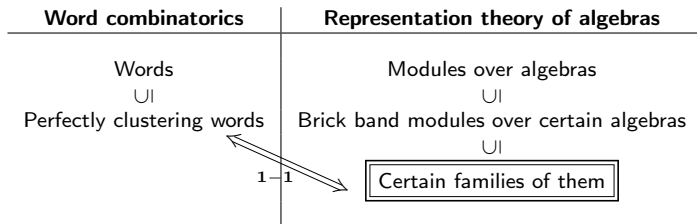
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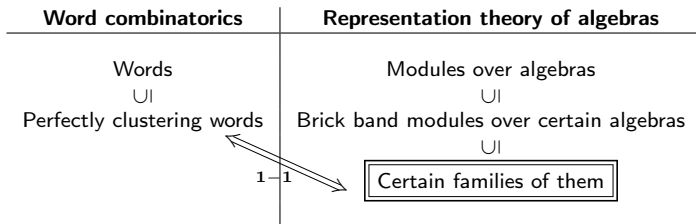
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- Then we read the word obtained by taking the last column of this tableau. We get is the Burrows-Wheeler transform of  $w$  :  $BW(w) = 444332221111$



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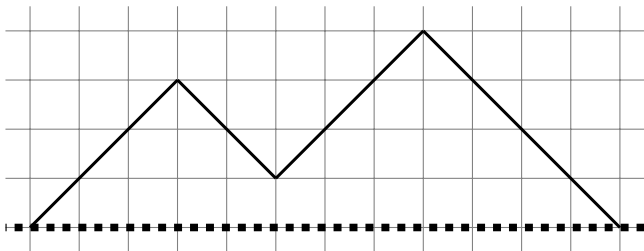
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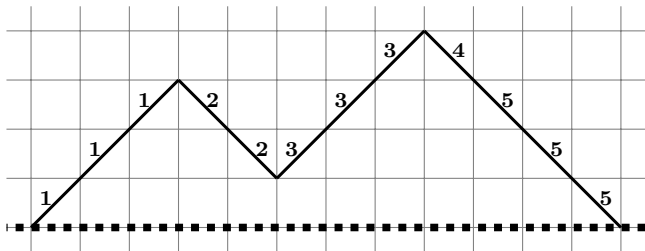
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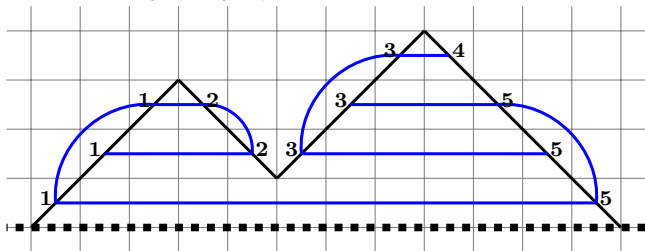
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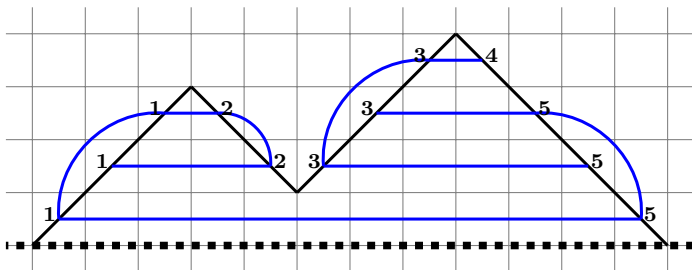
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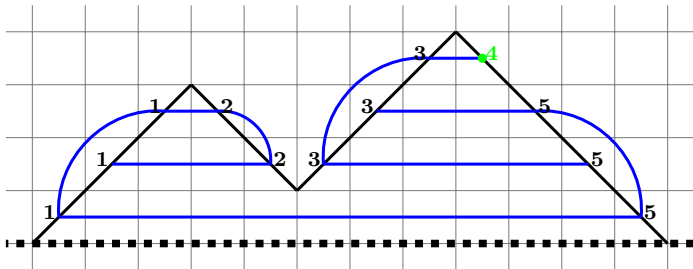
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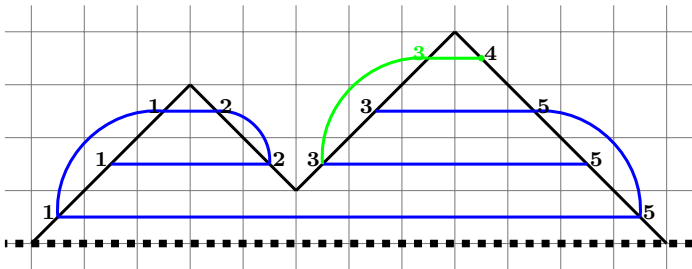
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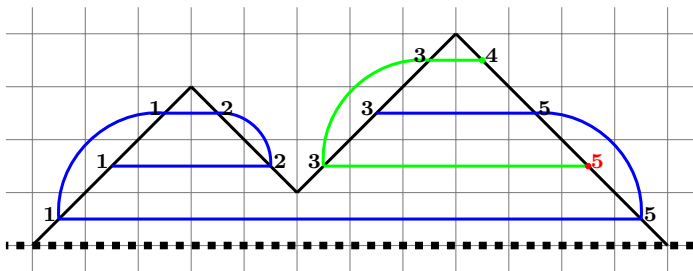
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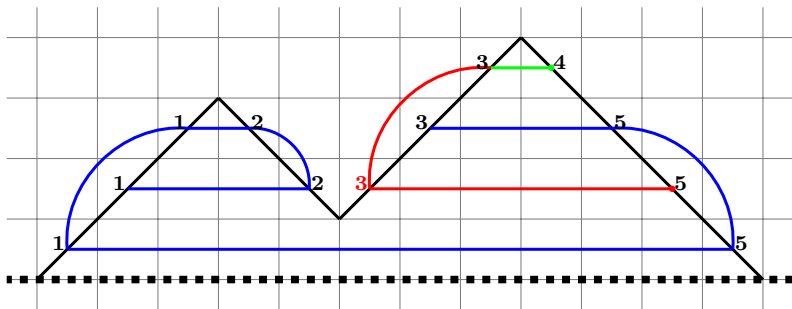


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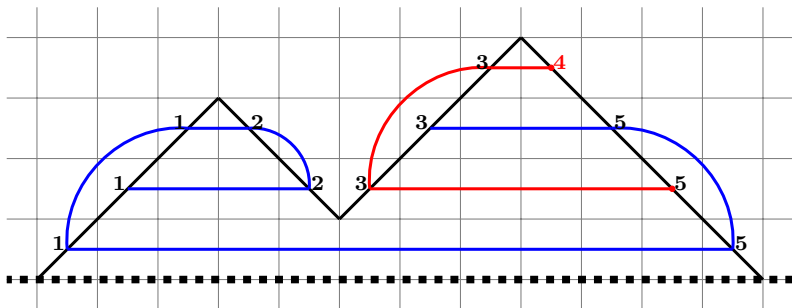
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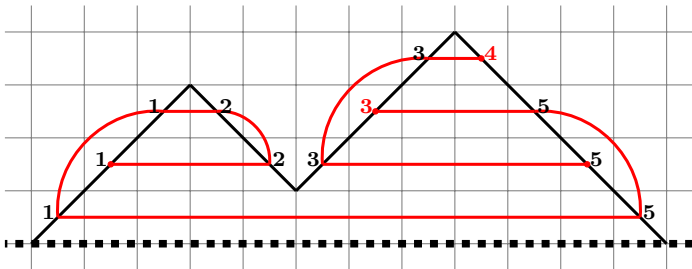
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- We give the result as a multiset of all conjugacy classes we got following the process.

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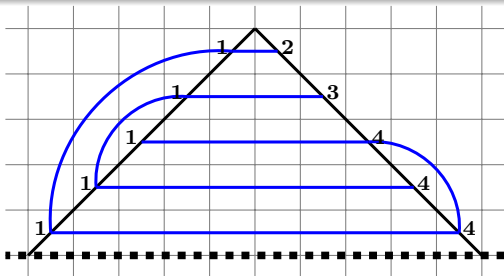
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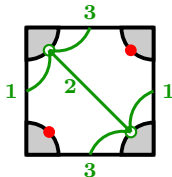
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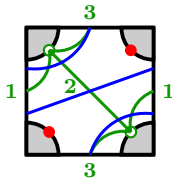
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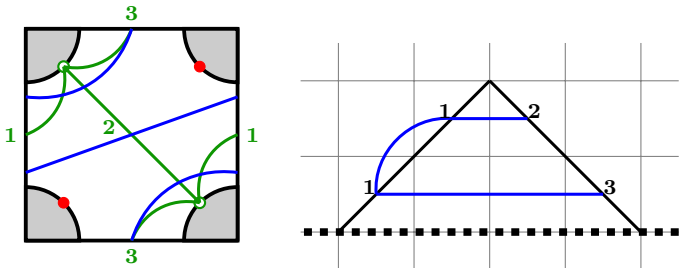
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