

# Réalisations géométriques du $s$ -permutoèdre

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## s-decreasing trees (Ceballos-Pons '20)

Let  $s$  be a weak composition (i.e.  $s_i \geq 0$ ).

An *s-decreasing tree* is a planar rooted tree on  $n$  internal vertices (called nodes), labeled on  $[n]$ .

Each node labeled  $i$  has  $s_i + 1$  children and any descendant  $j$  of  $i$  satisfies  $j < i$ .

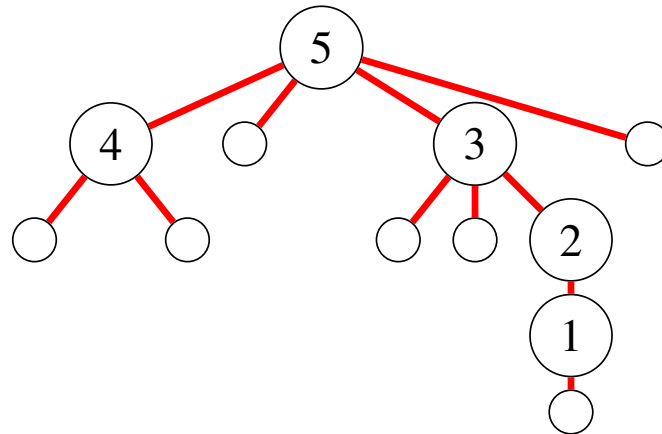


Figure 1: An  $(0, 0, 2, 1, 3)$ -decreasing tree.

# s-weak order

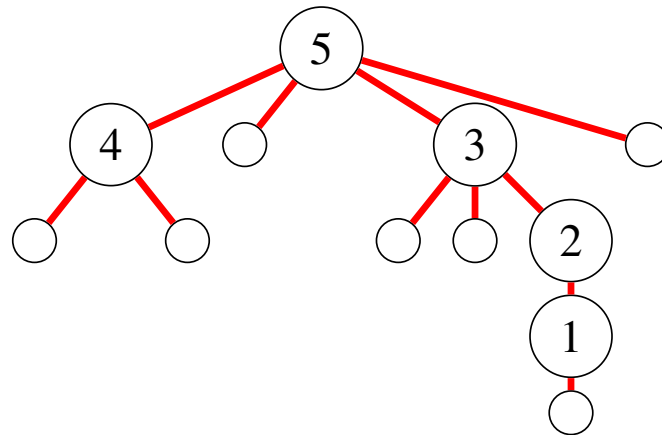
If  $T$  is a  $s$ -decreasing tree,  $\text{inv}(T)$  is the multi-set of *tree-inversions* of  $T$  formed by pairs  $(y < x)$  with multiplicity (also called cardinality)

$$\#(y, x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is left of } y, \\ i, & \text{if } x \in T_i^y, \\ s_y, & \text{if } x \text{ is right of } y. \end{cases}$$

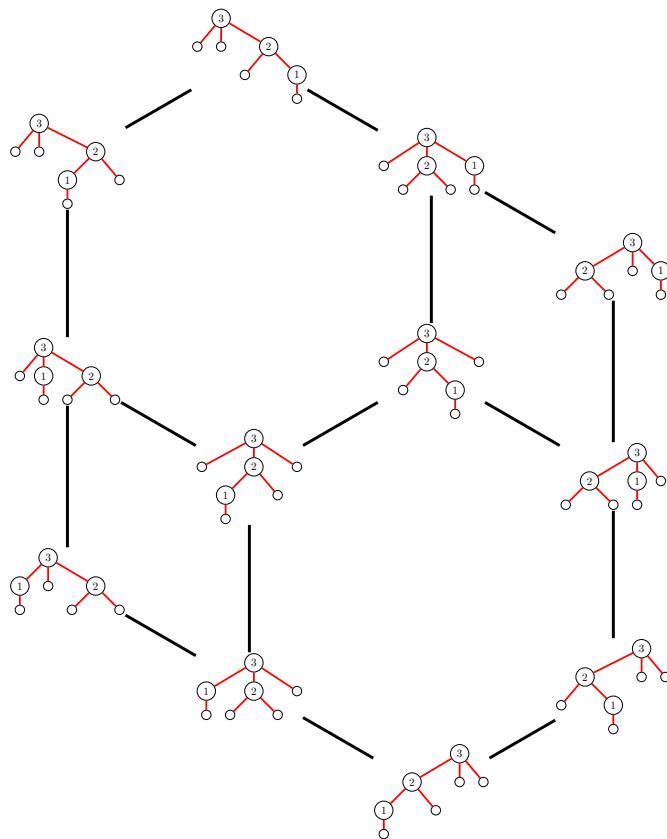
If  $R, T$  are  $s$ -decreasing trees, the *s-weak order*  $\trianglelefteq$  is given by  $R \trianglelefteq T$  iff  $\text{inv}(R) \subseteq \text{inv}(T)$ .

# Tree inversions

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$$\begin{array}{llll} \#(5, 4) = 0 & \#(5, 3) = 2 & \#(5, 2) = 2 & \#(5, 1) = 2 \\ \#(4, 3) = 1 & \#(4, 2) = 1 & \#(4, 1) = 1 & \\ \#(3, 2) = 2 & \#(3, 1) = 2 & & \#(2, 1) = 0 \end{array}$$



Credit: Ceballos, Pons.

**Figure 2:** The lattice of  $(0, 1, 2)$ -decreasing trees.

# s-Stirling permutations

Let  $s$  be free of zeroes and  $T$  an  $s$ -decreasing tree. The  $s$ -Stirling permutation  $\sigma(T)$  (also called  $121$ -avoiding  $s$ -permutations) is the word obtained by taking the in-order  $T$  and reading the nodes in each chamber.

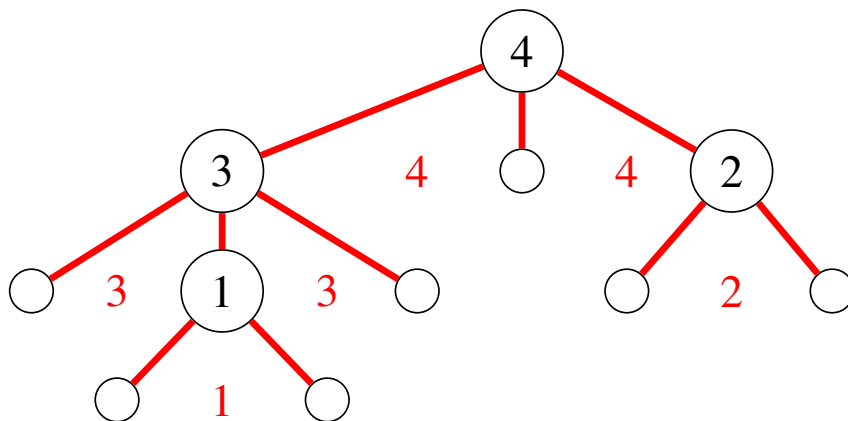
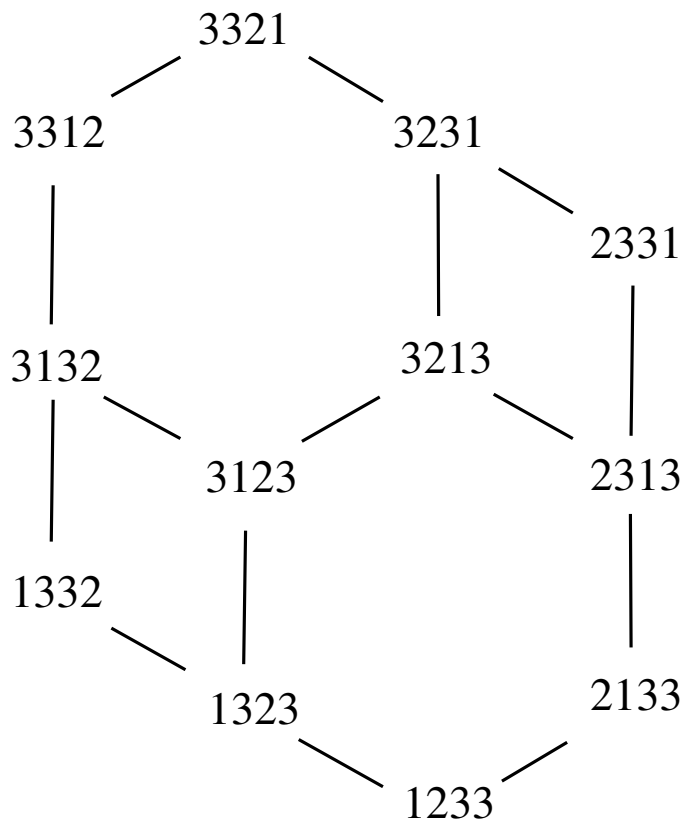
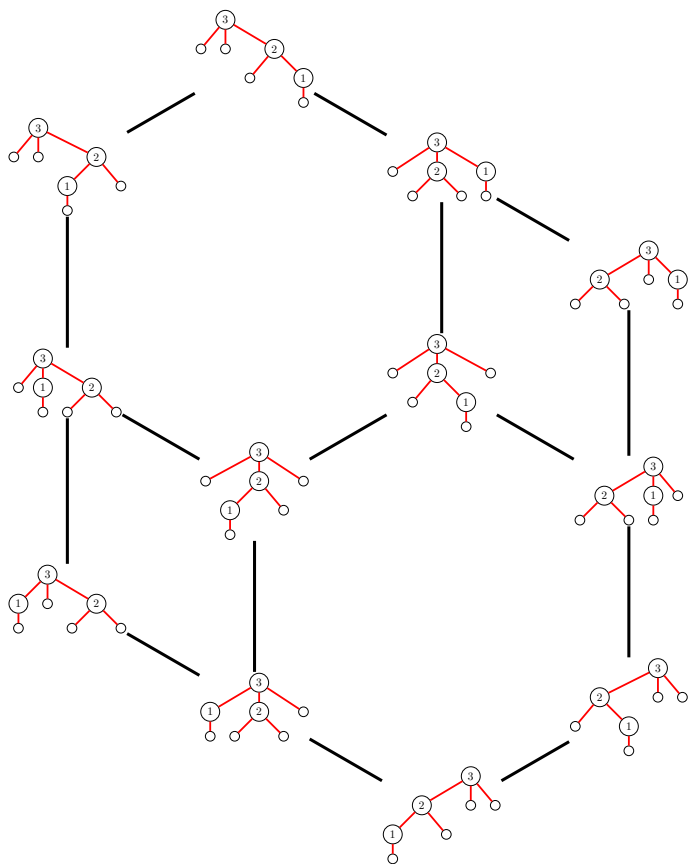


Figure 3: An  $(1, 1, 2, 2)$ -decreasing tree with  $\sigma(T) = 313442$ .



## s-weak order



Credit: Ceballos, Pons.

# Flows

Given a graph  $G$  on  $[n]$  and vector  $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n)$  with  $\sum_i a_i = 0$ , a *flow* of  $G$  with *netflow*  $\mathbf{a}$  is a vector  $(f_e)_{e \in E} \in (\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})^E$  such that for all inner vertices:

$$\sum_{e \in \text{in}(i)} f_e + a_i = \sum_{e \in \text{out}(i)} f_e.$$

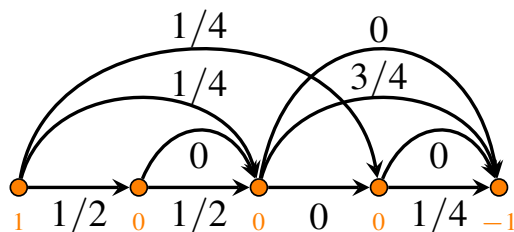


Figure 5: A directed graph with a flow for  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, 0, 0, -1)$ .

If all  $f_e$  are integers we get *integer flows*. We denote by  $\mathcal{F}_G^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbf{a})$  the set of integer flows of  $G$  with netflow  $\mathbf{a}$ .

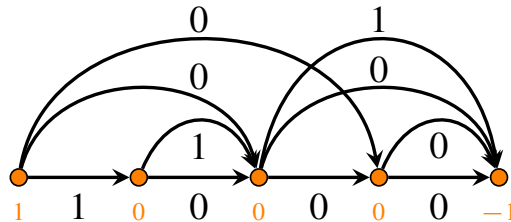


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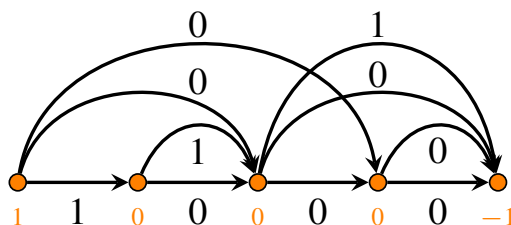


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Theorem (Corollary of the Lidskii formula, Baldoni-Vergne '08, Postnikov-Stanley '00)

The volume of the flow polytope  $\mathcal{F}_G(1, 0, \dots, 0, -1)$  is equal to the number of integer flows of  $\mathcal{F}_G^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbf{d})$  where  $d_i = \text{indeg}_G(v_i) - 1$ .

# Connection

Consider the graph  $G_s$  with vertex set  $\{0, \dots, n\}$  such that there are

- 2 edges between  $i$  and  $i + 1$  and
- $s_{n+1-i} - 1$  edges between  $0$  and  $i$ .

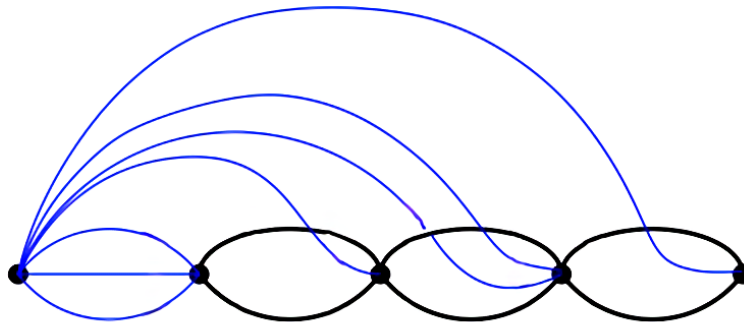
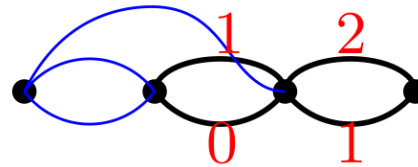
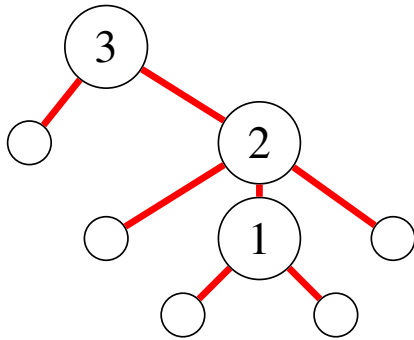


Figure 7: The graph  $G_{(2,3,2,2)}$ .

# Trees and Flows

These graphs allows us to get bijections between  $s$ -decreasing trees and integer flows as follows:



$$\#(3, 2) = 1$$

$$\#(3, 1) = 1$$

$$\#(2, 1) = 1$$

**Figure \*:** An 121-decreasing tree and an integer flow of  $G_{(1,2,1)}$ .

# Coherent routes

A *framing* of  $G$  is a choice of linear orders  $\preceq_{\mathcal{I}_i}$  and  $\preceq_{\mathcal{O}_i}$  on the sets of incoming and outgoing edges for each inner vertex  $v_i$ .

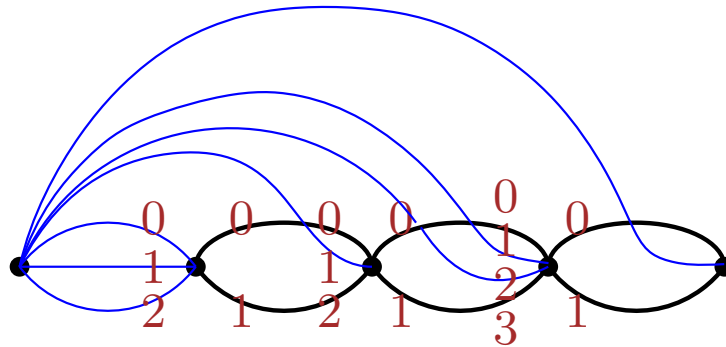


Figure 8: A graph with framing in red.

We say that 2 routes (paths from  $v_0$  to  $v_n$ )  $P, Q$  of  $G$  are *coherent* if for every common vertex  $v_i$ , the prefixes  $Pv_i$  and  $Qv_i$  have the same order as the suffixes  $v_iP$  and  $v_iQ$ .

# Maximal cliques of coherent routes

A maximal set of coherent routes gives us *maximal cliques*.

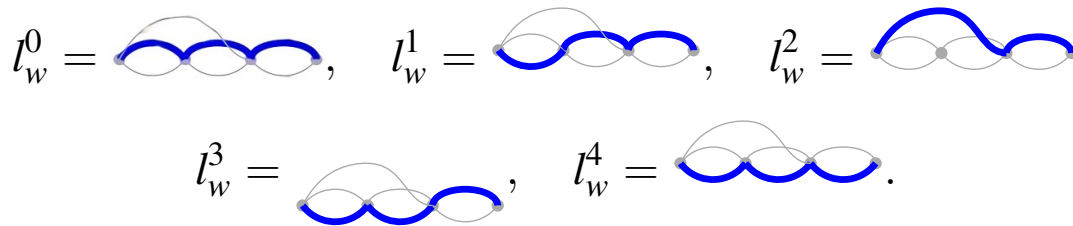


Figure 9: The maximal clique  $\{l_w^0, \dots, l_w^4\}$ .

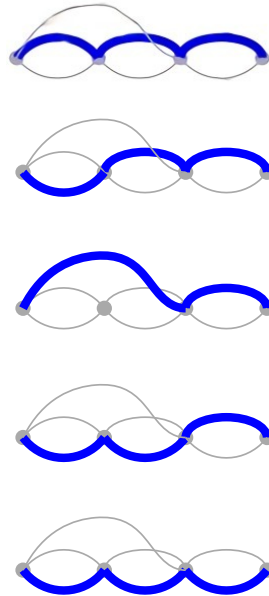
**Theorem (Mészáros, Morales, Striker, 19')**

Given a framed graph  $(G, \preceq)$ , its maximal cliques are in bijection with the integer flows of  $\mathcal{F}_G^{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbf{d})$  where  $d_i = \text{indeg}_G(v_i) - 1$ .



# Permutations and cliques

Cliques are naturally connected with  $s$ -Stirling permutations.



**Figure 10:** The maximal clique  $\{l_w^0, \dots, l_w^4\}$  corresponding to the  $(1, 2, 1)$ -Stirling permutation  $w = 3221$ .

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# Flow polytope

The *flow polytope* of  $G$  is

$$\mathcal{F}_G(\mathbf{a}) = \left\{ (f_e)_{e \in E} \text{ flow of } G \text{ with netflow } \mathbf{a} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^E.$$

It is a polytope of dimension  $|E| - |V| + 1$ .

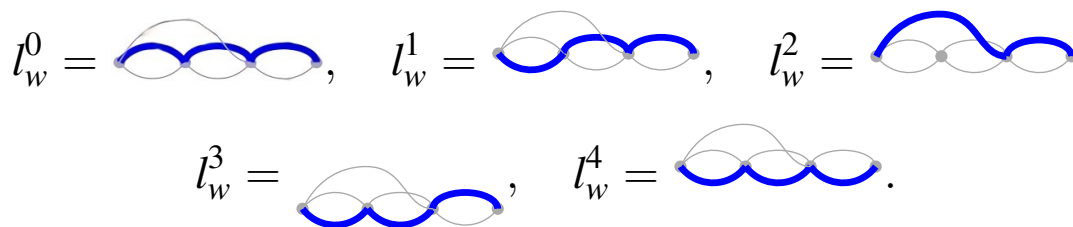
In the case  $\mathbf{a} = (1, 0, \dots, 0, -1)$ , the vertices of  $\mathcal{F}_G$  are the indicator vectors of the routes of  $G$ .

# DKK Triangulations (Danilov-Karzanov-Koshevoy, '12)

For  $C \in \mathcal{C}^{\max}$  (set of maximal cliques),  $\Delta_C$  denotes the simplex with vertices the indicator vectors of the routes in  $C$ .

## Theorem (DKK, 12)

The simplices  $\{\Delta_C \mid C \in \mathcal{C}^{\max}(G, \preceq)\}$  form a (regular) triangulation of  $\mathcal{F}_G$ , called the **DKK triangulation** of  $\mathcal{F}_G$  with respect to the framing  $\preceq$ .



**Figure 11:** The maximal clique  $\{l_w^0, \dots, l_w^4\}$  corresponding to the  $(1, 2, 1)$ -Stirling permutation  $w = 3221$ .

## Theorem (GMPTVY, 22')

The  $s$ -decreasing trees are in bijection with the simplices of the DKK triangulation of  $(\mathcal{F}_{G_s}, \preceq)$ .

Moreover, two simplices are adjacent if and only if there is a cover relation in the  $s$ -weak order for the corresponding  $s$ -decreasing trees.

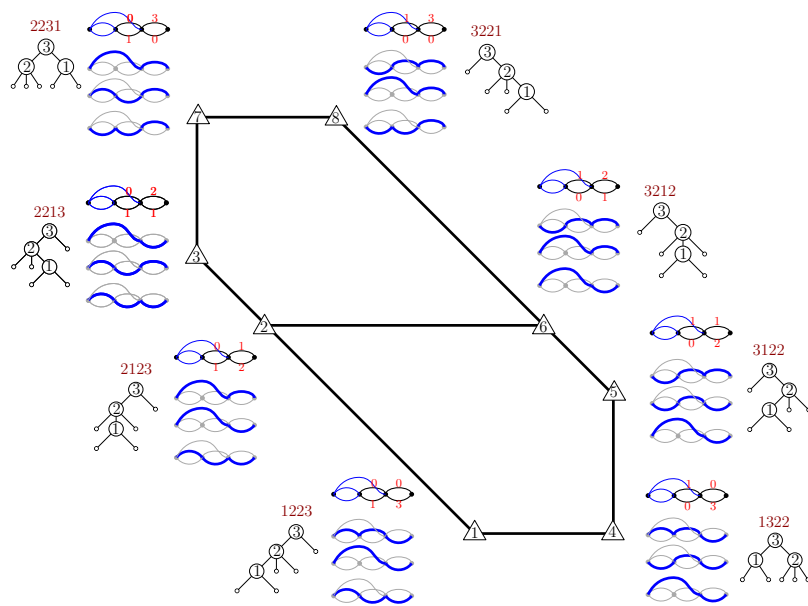
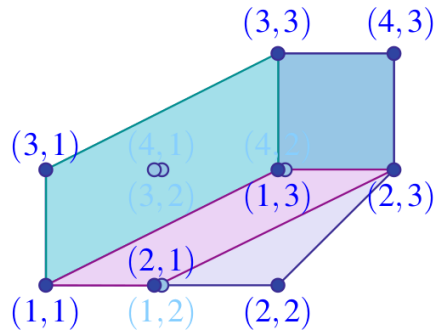


Figure 12: Dual of the DKK triangulation for  $s = (1, 2, 1)$ .

# Minkowski sums

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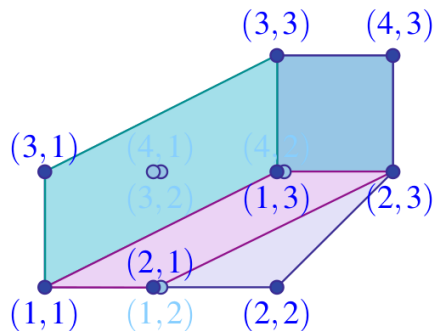


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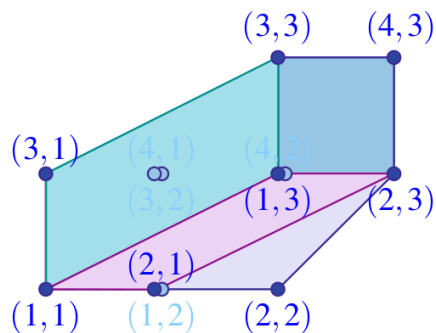


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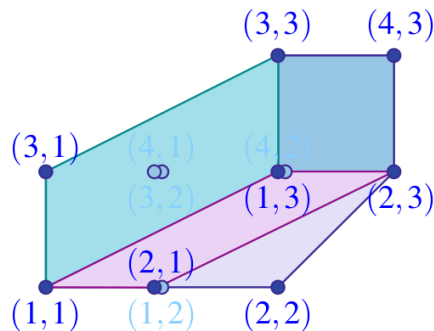
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- A *fine mixed subdivision* is a minimal mixed subdivision via containment.



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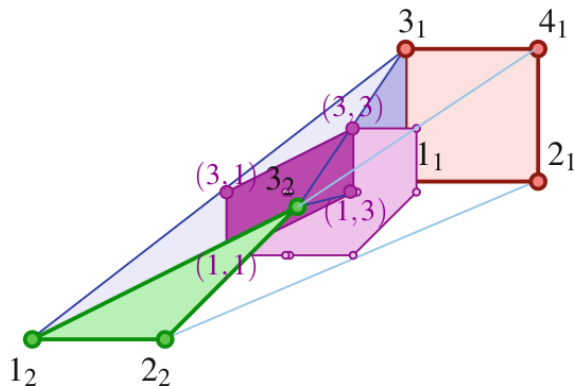
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# Cayley Trick

$\mathcal{C}(P_1, \dots, P_k) := \text{conv}(\{e_1\} \times P_1, \dots, \{e_k\} \times P_k) \subset \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^n$  is the *Cayley embedding* of  $P_1, \dots, P_k$ .

**Proposition (The Cayley trick)**

*The (regular) polytopal subdivisions (resp. triangulations) of  $\mathcal{C}(P_1, \dots, P_k)$  are in bijection with the (coherent) mixed subdivisions (resp. fine mixed subdivisions) of  $P_1 + \dots + P_k$ .*



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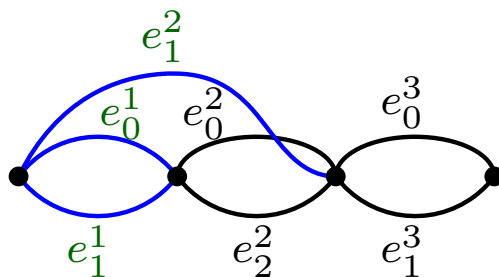
# Flow polytopes are Cayley embeddings

Theorem (GMPTVY, 22')

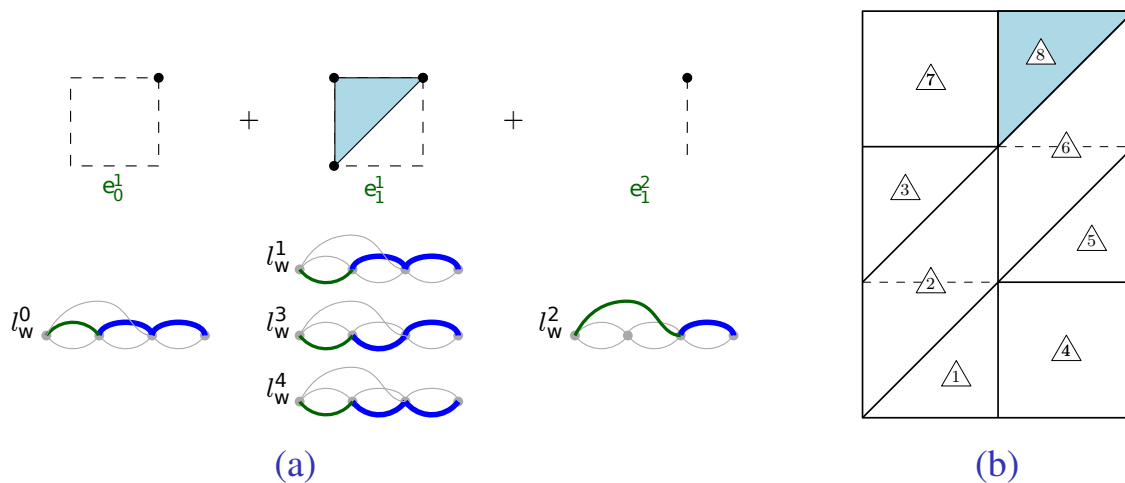
*The  $s$ -decreasing trees are in bijection with the maximal cells of a fine mixed subdivision of the Minkowski sum of hypercubes in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  given by*

$$(s_n + 1)\square_{n-1} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (s_i - 1)\square_{i-1}.$$

Proof : The flow polytope of  $G_s$  is a Cayley embedding of hypercubes.

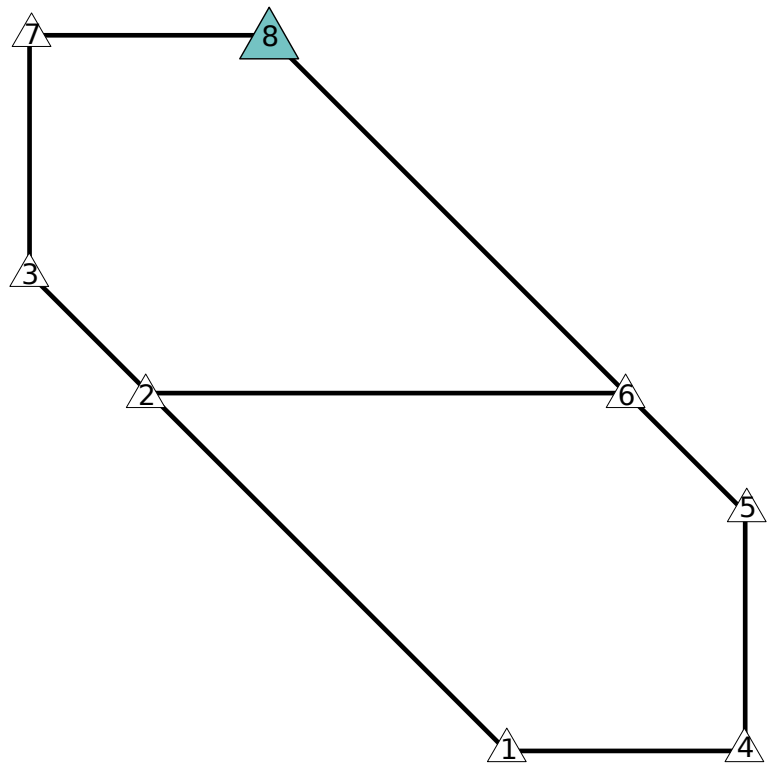
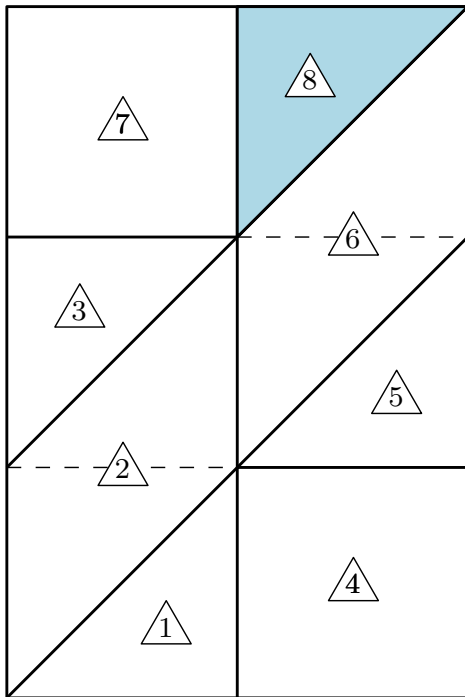


# Mixed subdivision of hypercubes



**Figure 14:** (a) Summands of the Minkowski cell corresponding to  $w = 3221$ .  
 (b) Mixed subdivision of  $2\Box_2 + \Box_1$  realizing the  $(1, 2, 1)$ -permutahedron.

# From the mixed subdivision to a dual polyhedral complex

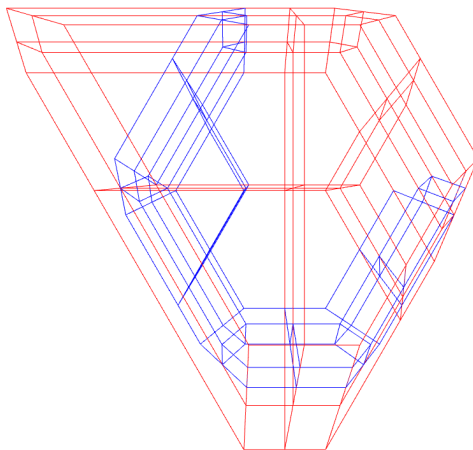


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## Future work

- Nicer coordinates?
- Relation with the  $s$ -associahedron
- Case where  $s$  has zeros.



Credit: Ceballos, Pons.

**Figure 15:** 0222-permutahedron (blue) and 0222-associahedron (red).

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