

# On The Number Of Slim Semimodular Lattices

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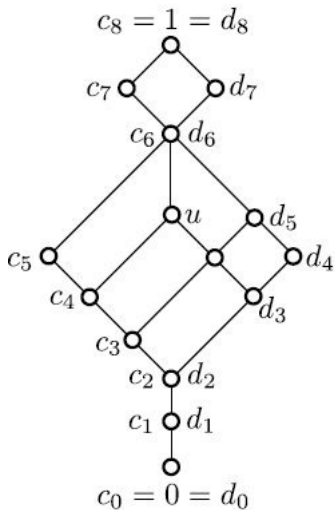
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*Previous results:* A recursive formula for every lattice of a given size (Heitzig, Reinhold).

A recursive formula for the number of SSLs of a given *length* (Czédli, Ozsvárt, Udvari).

## Example

SSLs possess planar diagrams.



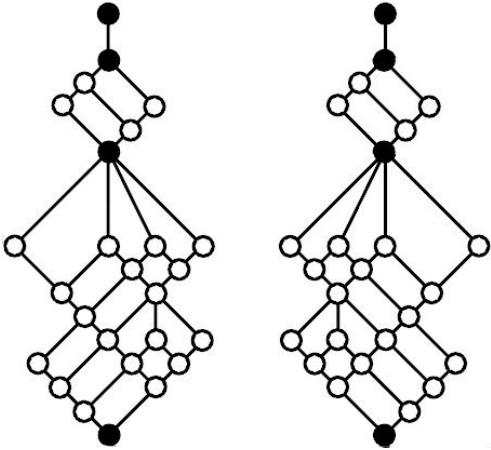
# Overview of SSLs

First, we will characterize the planar diagrams belonging to SSLs.

Let  $D_1, D_2$  two planar diagrams. Two planar diagrams,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are *similar*, if there is a lattice isomorphism  $\varphi$  for which if  $x \prec y$  and  $x \prec z$  in  $D_1$  then  $y$  is to the left of  $z$  iff  $\varphi(y)$  is to the left of  $\varphi(z)$ .

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These two diagrams are not similar, but they belong to the same lattice.





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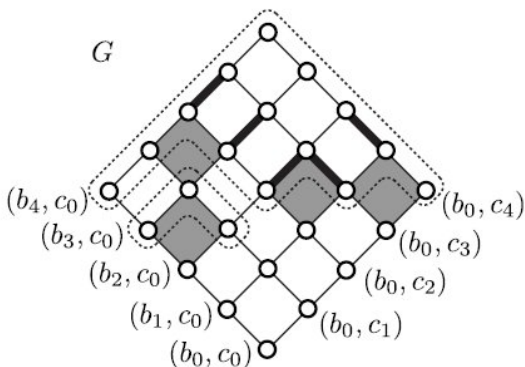
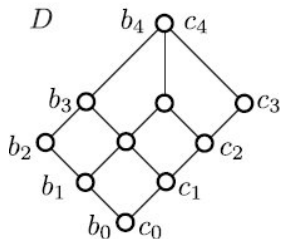
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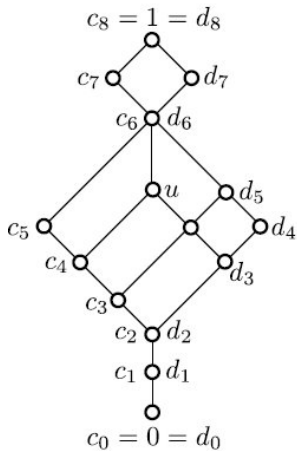
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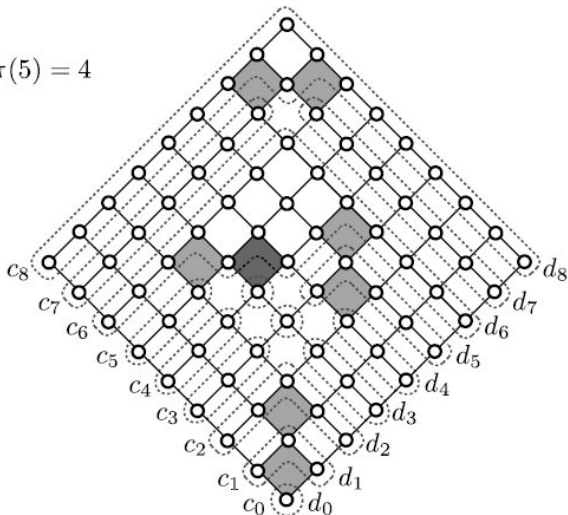
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1. What is the size of the SSL belonging to a permutation?
2. We must know whether two permutations belong to the same SSL or not.

# Permutations and diagrams 3. - another example



$$\pi(5) = 4$$



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## Proposition

Let  $K$  be the lattice belonging to the  $h \times h$  grid  $G$  and  $\pi \in S_h$ . Then  $|K/\beta_\pi| = h + 1 + inv(\pi)$ .

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## Definition

For  $\pi_1, \pi_2 \in S_h$ ,  $\pi_1 \sim \pi_2$  if their segments are the same and for each segment  $S$ :  $\pi_2|_S = \pi_1|_S$  or  $\pi_2|_S = (\pi_1|_S)^{-1}$ .

For example:

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Let  $\pi, \sigma \in S_h$ . The SSLs  $G/\beta_\pi$  and  $G/\beta_\sigma$  are isomorphic iff  $\pi \sim \sigma$ .

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We can determine  $p(h, k)$  using its generating function:

## Theorem (Rodriguez)

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\binom{h}{2}} p(h, j) x^j = \prod_{j=1}^h \frac{1-x^j}{1-x}.$$

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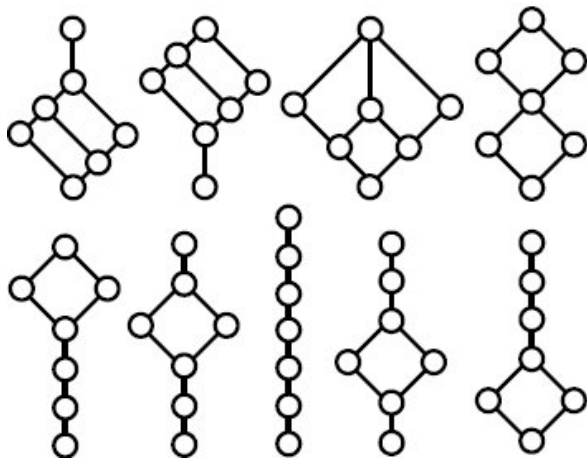
### Theorem

$$N_{ssl}(n) = \sum_{h=0}^{n-1} p^\sim(h, n-h-1).$$

## Results with computer algebra 1.

$$N_{ssl}(1) = N_{ssl}(2) = N_{ssl}(3) = 1,$$

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Recently we used permutations in a similar way to improve our previous recursion for SSLs of length  $h$ .

Thank you for your attention!

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