A combinatorial proof of joint equidistribution of certain pairs of permutation statistics

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We give a direct combinatorial proof of the joint equidistribution of two pairs of permutation statistics, (aid, des) and (inv, lec), which have been previously shown to have the same joint distribution as (maj, exc), the pair of the major index and the number of excendances of a permutation. Moreover, the triple (inv, lec, pix) was shown to have the same distribution as (maj, exc, fix), where fix is the number of fixed points of a permutation. We define a new statistic aix so that our bijection maps (inv, lec, pix) to (aid, des, aix).