

# Permutation Patterns 2012 – Strathclyde

## Lehmer code transforms and Mahonian statistics on permutations

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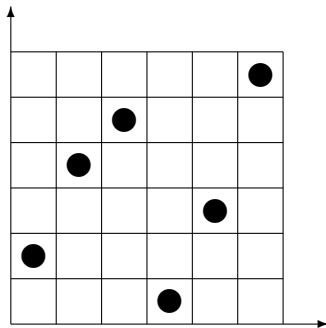
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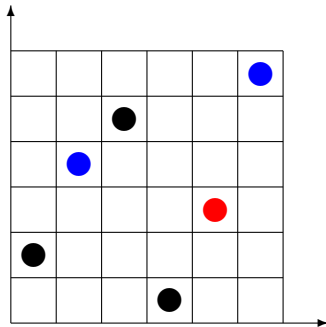
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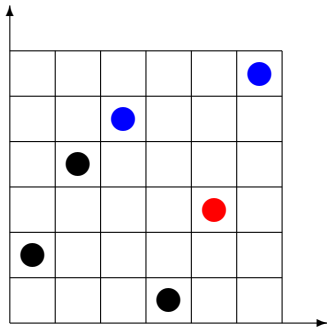


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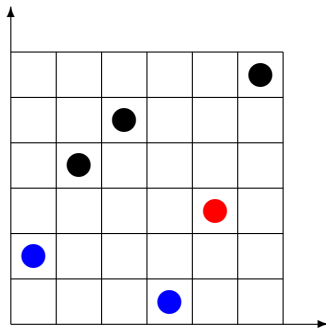
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# Lehmer's code

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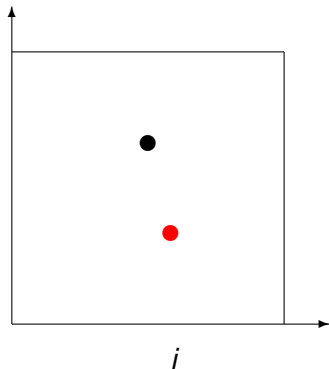
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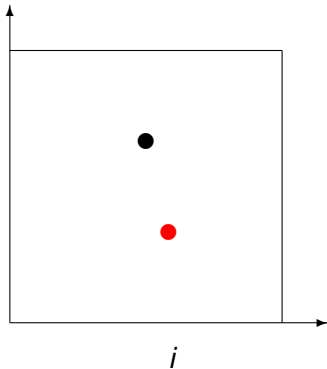
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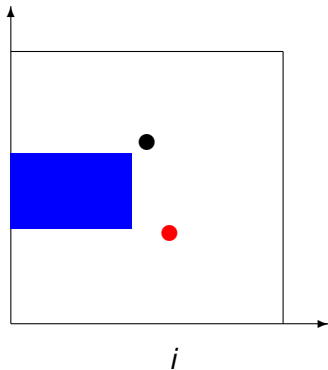
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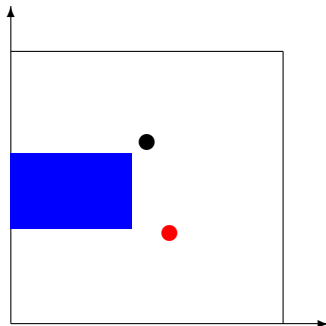


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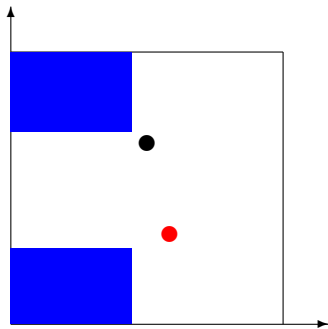




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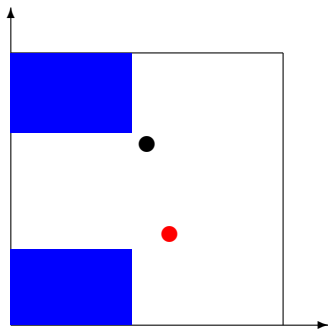


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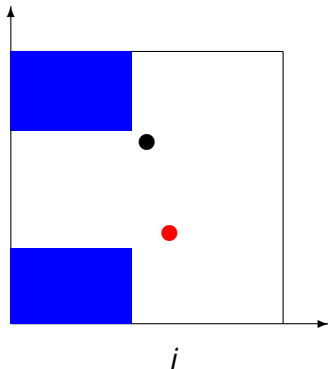
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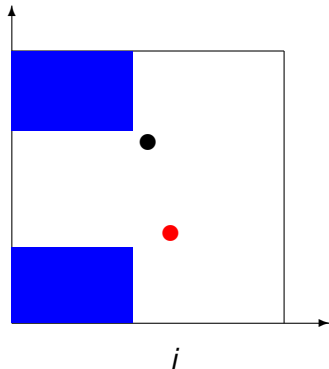
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