Positive *m*-divisible non-crossing partitions and their cylic sieving

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In particular,

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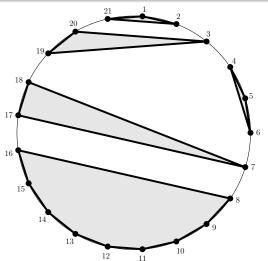
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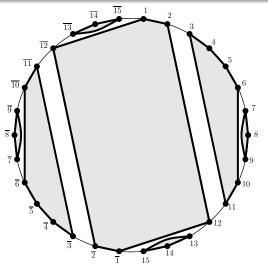
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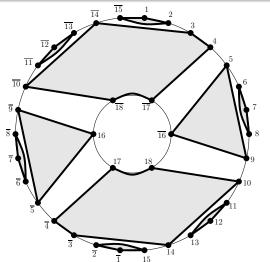
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For "ordinary" *m*-divisible non-crossing partitions, closed-form enumeration results are known for:

- total number;
- number of those of given rank;
- number of those with given block sizes (in types A, B, D);
- number of chains;
- number of chains with elements at given ranks;
- number of chains with elements at given ranks and bottom element with given block sizes (in types A, B, D).

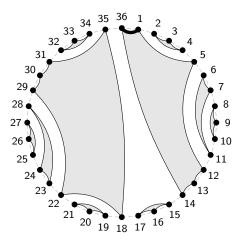
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$$\frac{1}{mn-1}\binom{b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_n}{b_1,b_2,\ldots,b_n}\binom{mn-1}{b_1+b_2+\cdots+b_n}$$

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$$\frac{mn - b_1 - b_2 - \dots - b_n}{(mn - 1)(b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n)} \binom{b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n}{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n} \times \binom{(l - 1)(mn - 1)}{b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n - 1}$$

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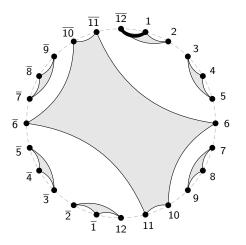
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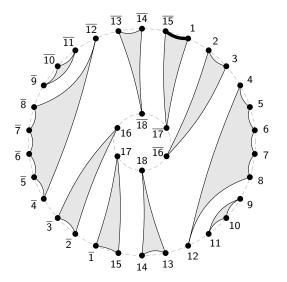
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$$\frac{2m(n-1)+n-2}{n}\binom{(m+1)(n-1)-1}{n-1},$$

while the number of these partitions of which all blocks have size m equals

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 REMARK . We did not go to finer levels although this may be doable.



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$$K: NC^{(m)}(W) \to NC^{(m)}(W)$$
 be the map defined by
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Consequently: we have to modify the above action.

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where $w_{m-1} = w_{m-1}^L w_{m-1}^R$ is the factorisation of w_{m-1} into its "left" and its "right" part.

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Fix a reduced word $c = c_1 \cdots c_n$ for the Coxeter element c.

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Let $w_o(c) = s_{k_1} \cdots s_{k_N}$ with N = nh/2 be the c-sorting word of the longest element $w_o \in W$.

The word $w_o(c)$ induces a *reflection ordering* given by

$$T = \{ s_{k_1} <_c s_{k_1} s_{k_2} s_{k_1} <_c s_{k_1} s_{k_2} s_{k_3} s_{k_2} s_{k_1} <_c \dots \\ <_c s_{k_1} \dots s_{k_{N-1}} s_{k_N} s_{k_{N-1}} \dots s_{k_1} \}.$$

Associate to every element $w \in NC(W)$ a reduced T-word $T_c(w)$ given by the lexicographically first subword of T that is a reduced T-word for w.

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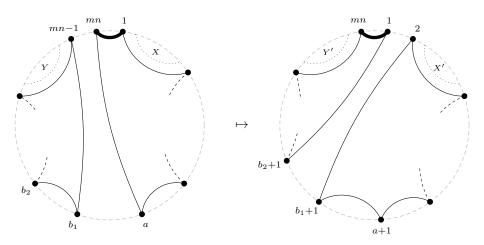
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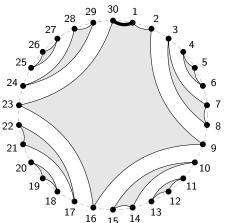
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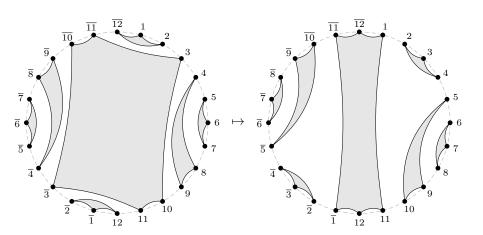
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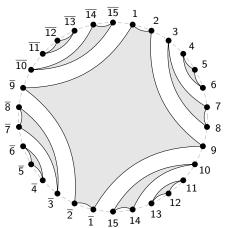
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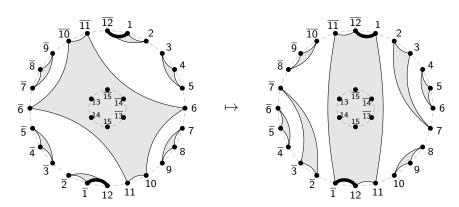
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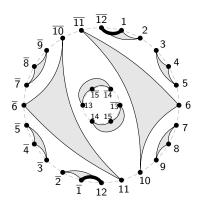
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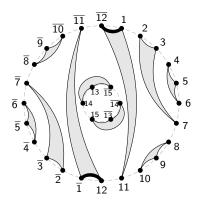
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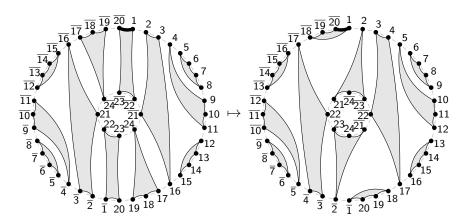


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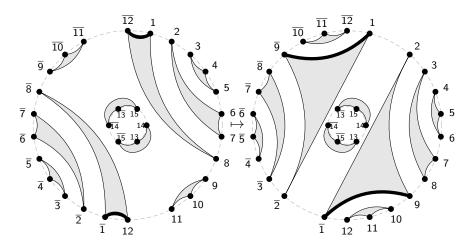




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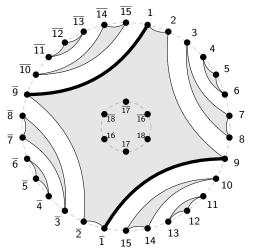


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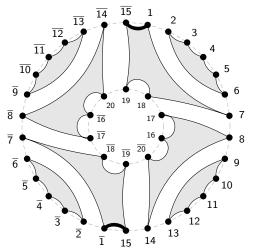


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The (positive) *m*-divisible non-crossing partitions

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for the exceptional types become "sparse" for large m. This allows one to reduce the occurring enumeration problems to finite problems.

"Other than that, there do not seem to be enumerative results known for these families."