

Some determinants of path generating functions

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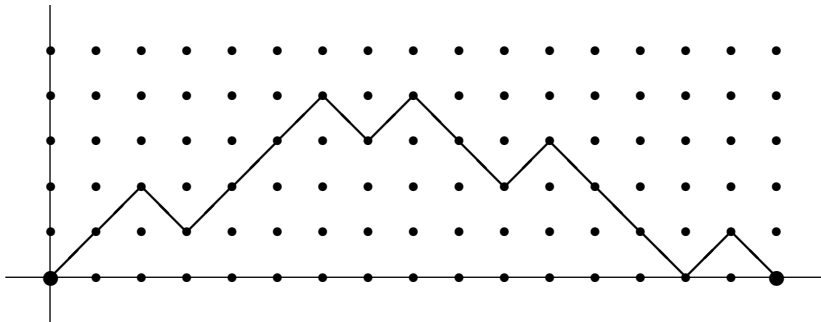
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The Catalan number C_n counts *Dyck paths* of length $2n$:



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Fix a lattice region R . Let A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1} and E_0, E_1, \dots, E_{n-1} be lattice points in R . Then (modulo a mild technical condition) the number of all families $(P_0, P_1, \dots, P_{n-1})$ of non-intersecting paths staying in R , such that the i -th path P_i runs from A_i to E_i , $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$, is given by

$$\det_{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1} (|\mathcal{P}(A_j \rightarrow E_i)|),$$

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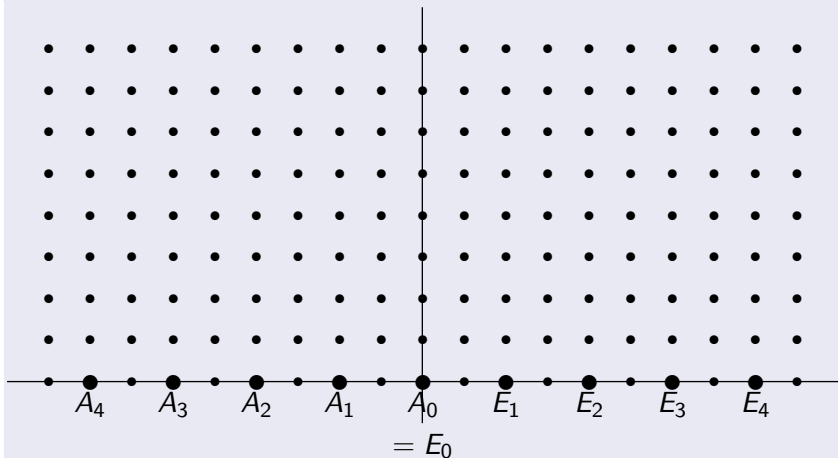
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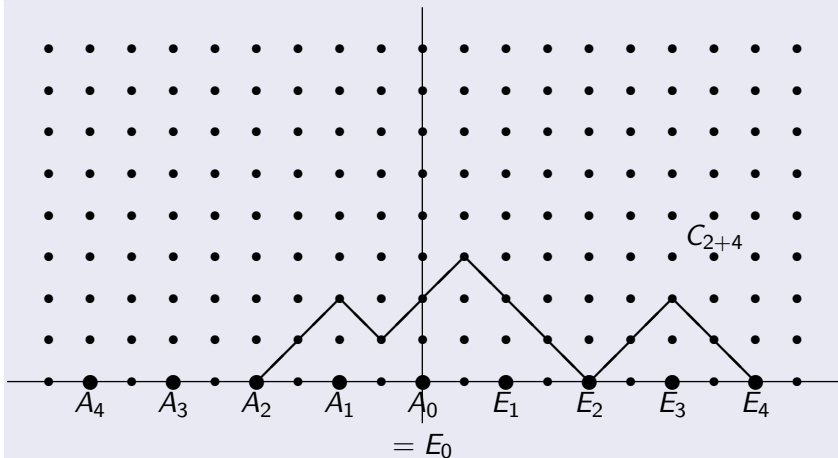
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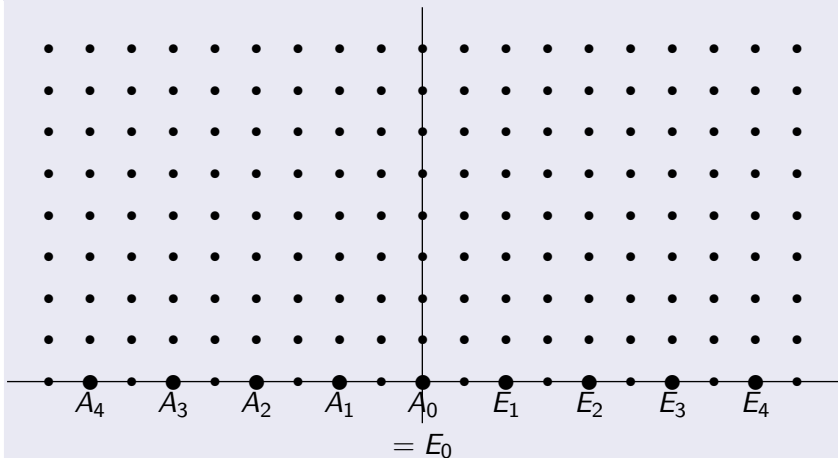
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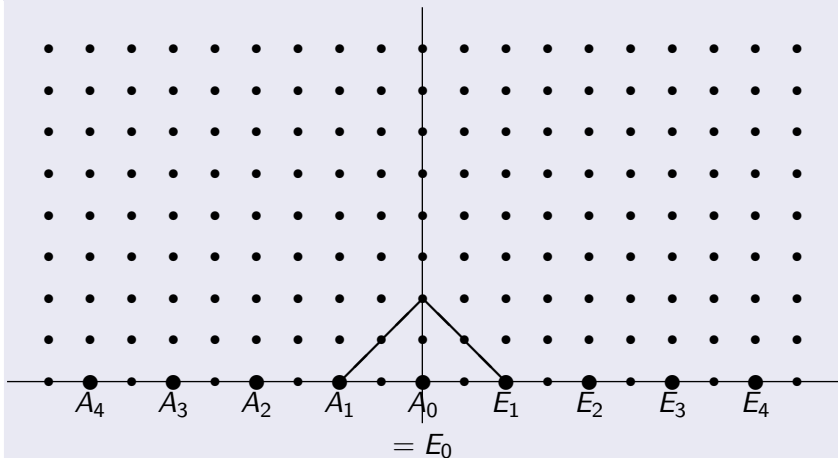
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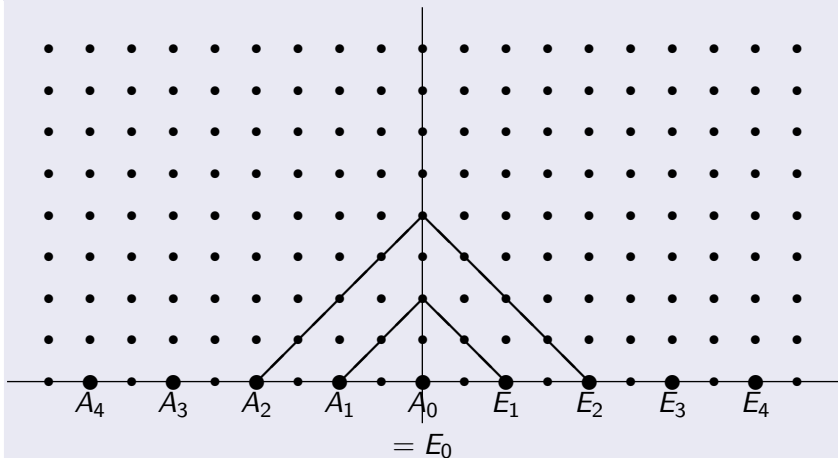
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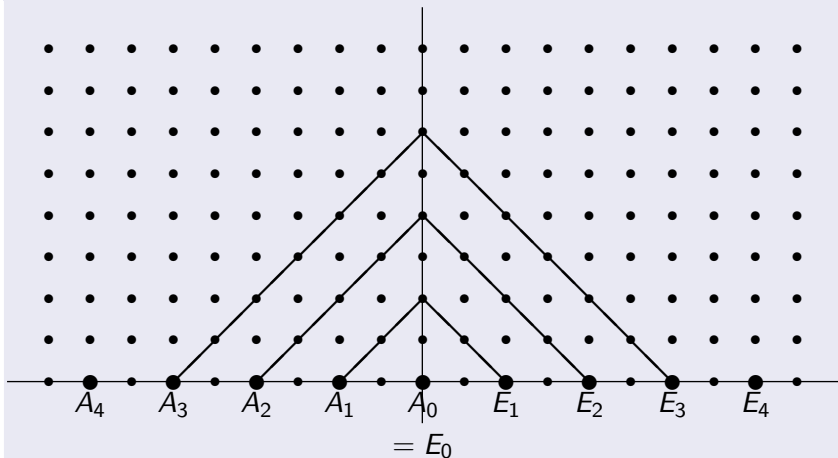
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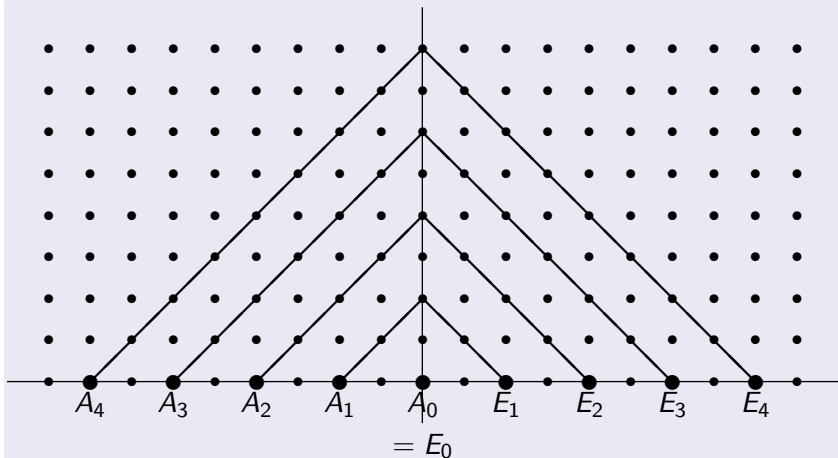
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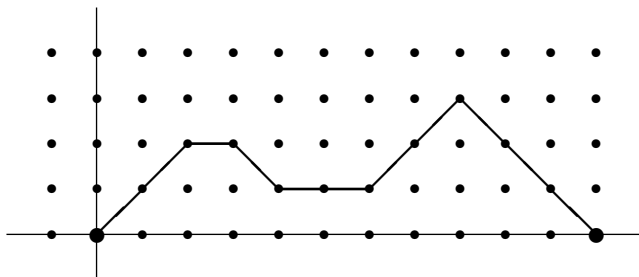
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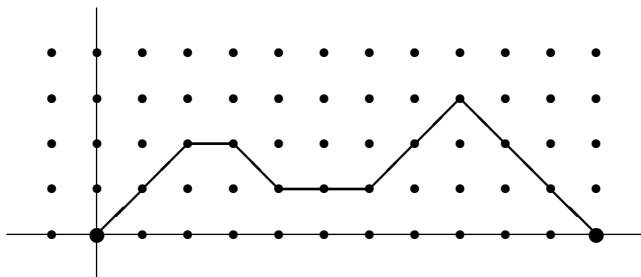
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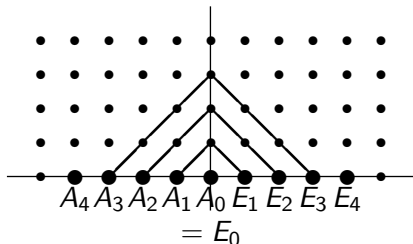
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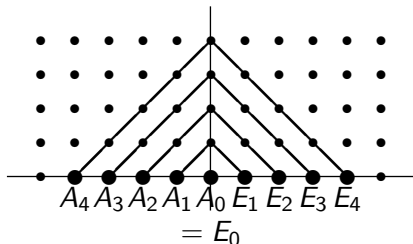
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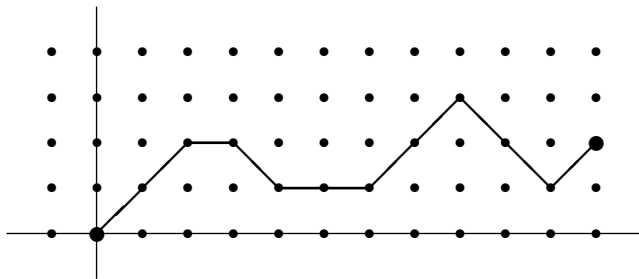
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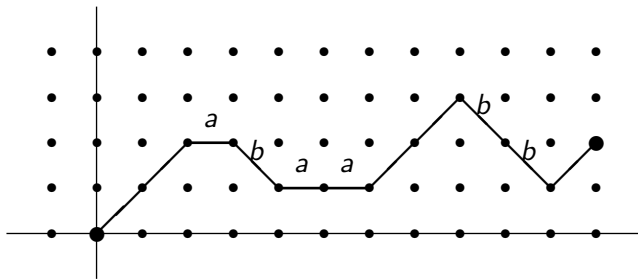
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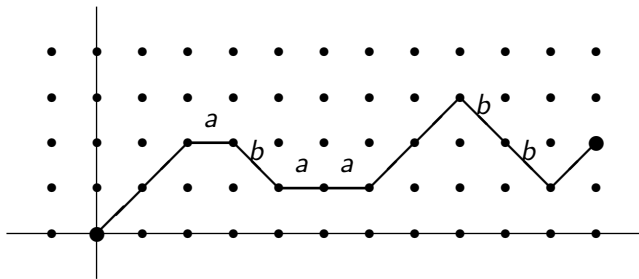
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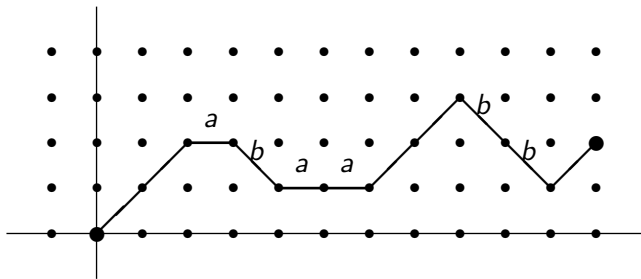


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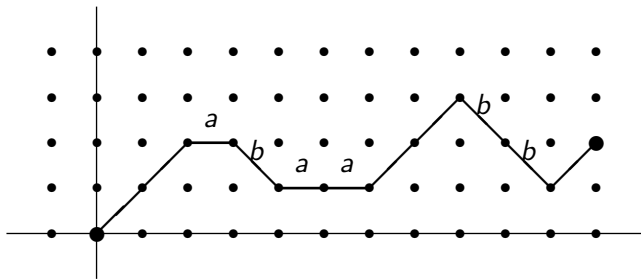
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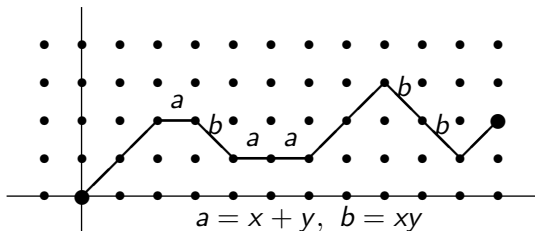
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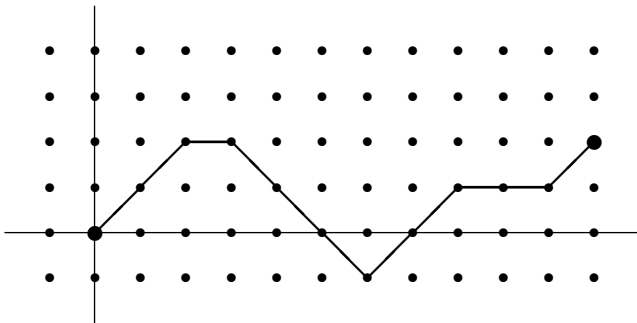
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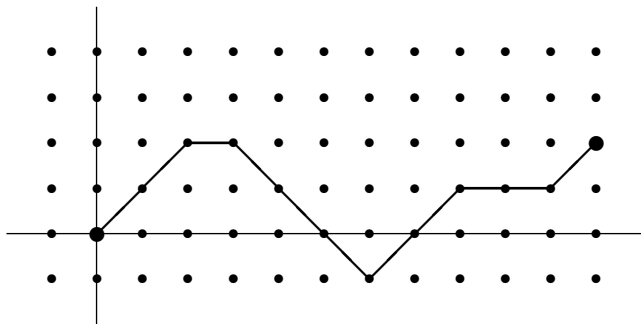
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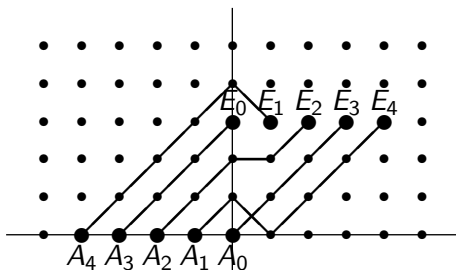
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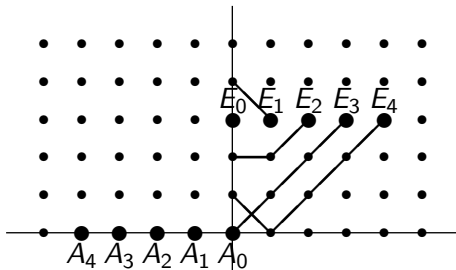
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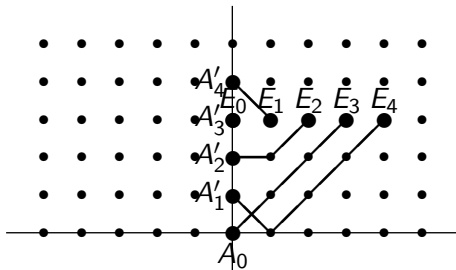
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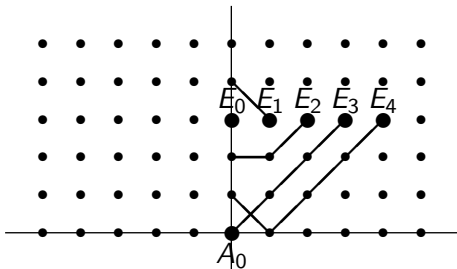
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By applying (tedious) row operations, one can convert all these determinants into “saw-tooth” forms:

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If the determinant does have the “right” size, then it is simply equal to the product of the left-most entries in each row:

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