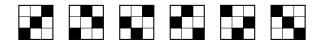
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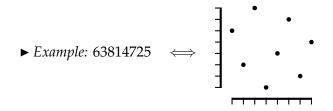
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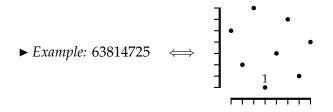
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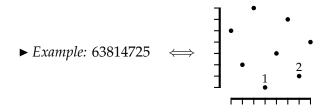
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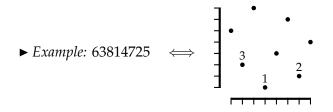
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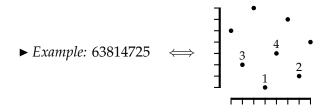
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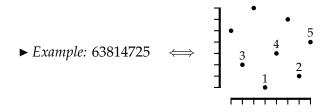
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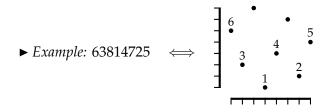
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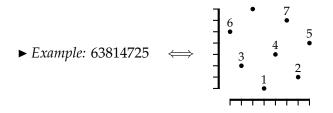
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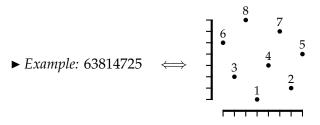
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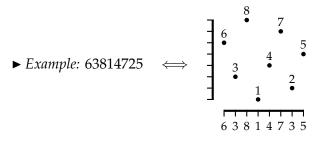
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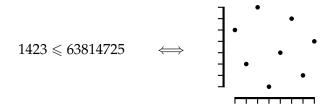
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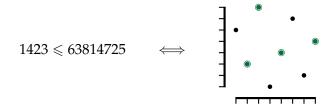


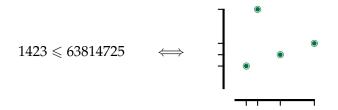
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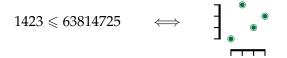
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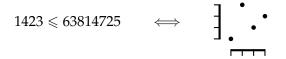












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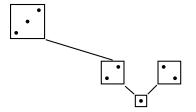
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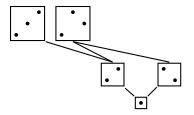
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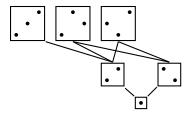
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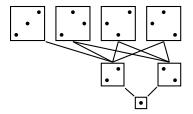
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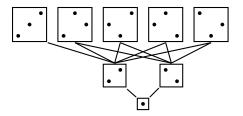
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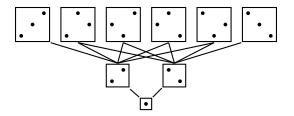
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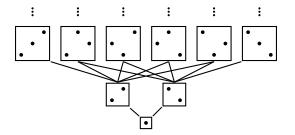
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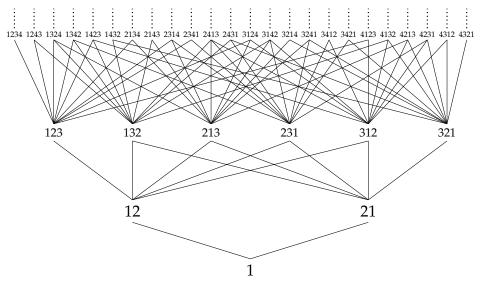
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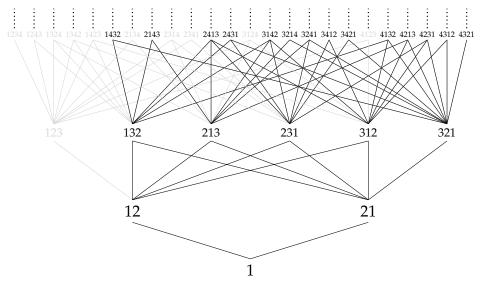
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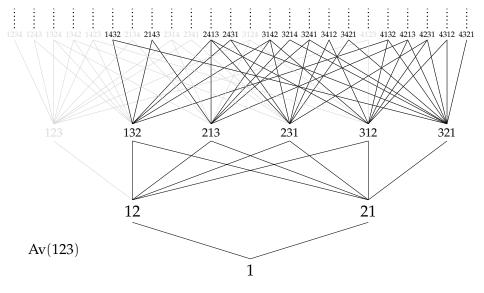
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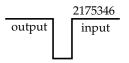
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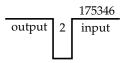


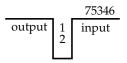
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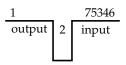
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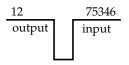


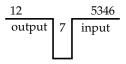


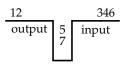


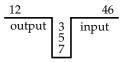


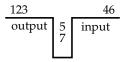


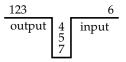


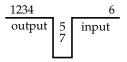


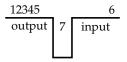


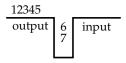


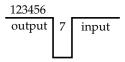


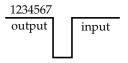




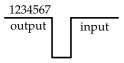




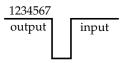


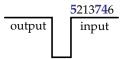


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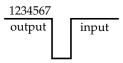


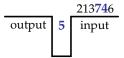
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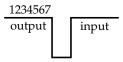


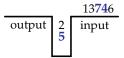
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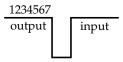


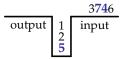
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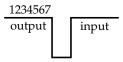


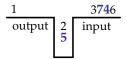
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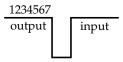


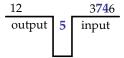
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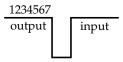


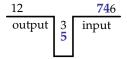
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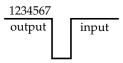


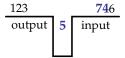
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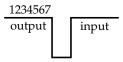


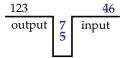
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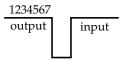


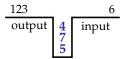
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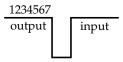


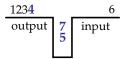
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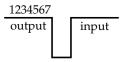


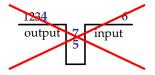
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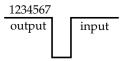


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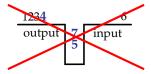




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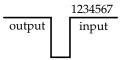


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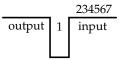


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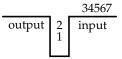
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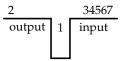
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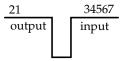
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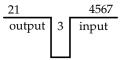
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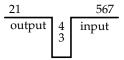
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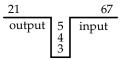
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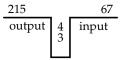
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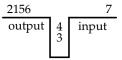
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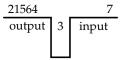
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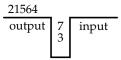
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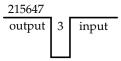
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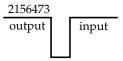
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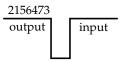
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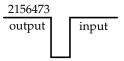
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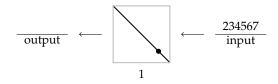
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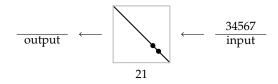
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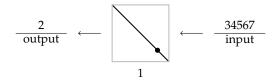
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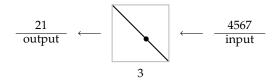
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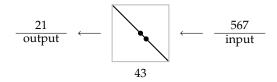
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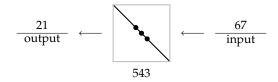
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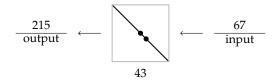
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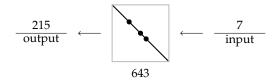
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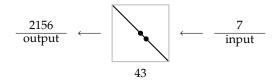
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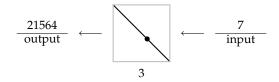
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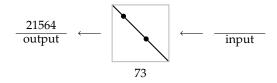
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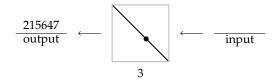
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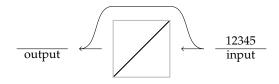


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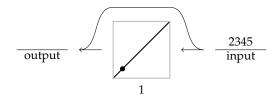
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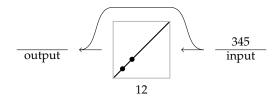
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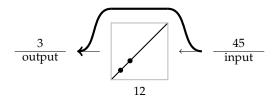
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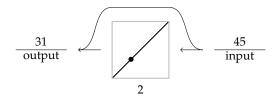
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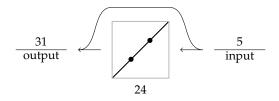
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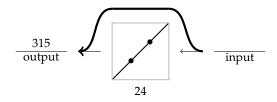
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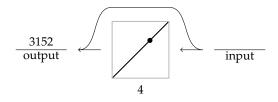
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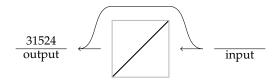
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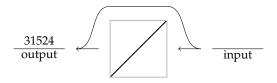


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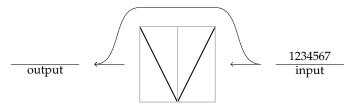
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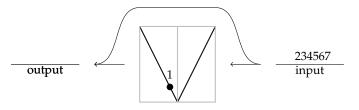


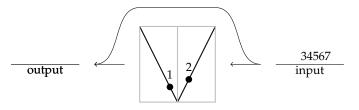
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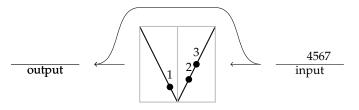
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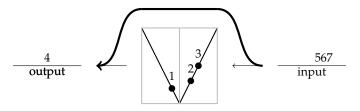
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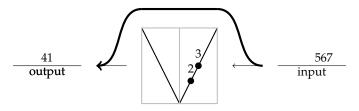






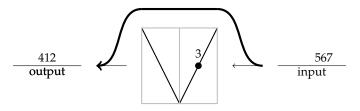
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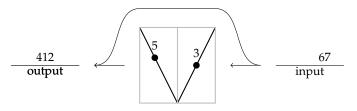
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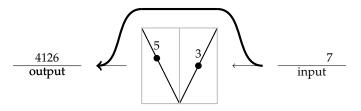


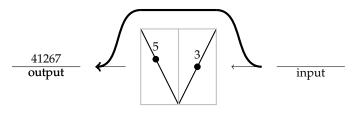
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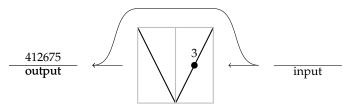
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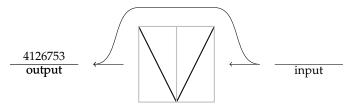












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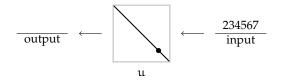
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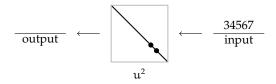
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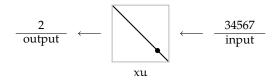
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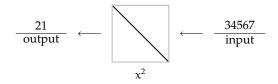
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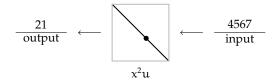
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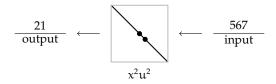
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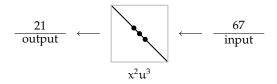
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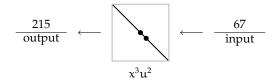
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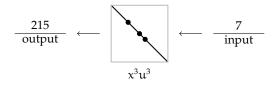
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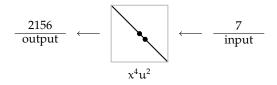
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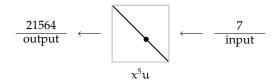
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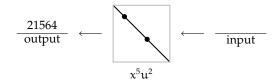
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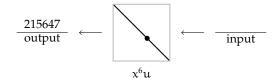


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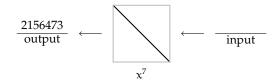
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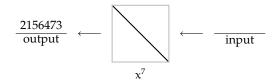
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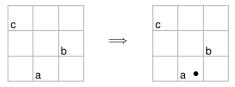
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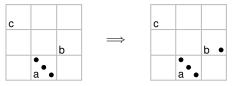


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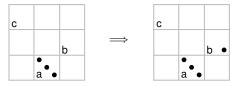
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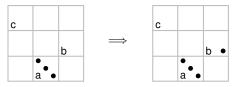
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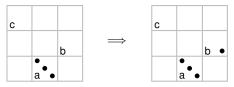
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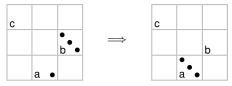
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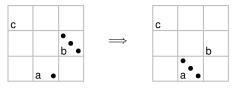
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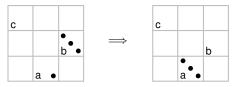
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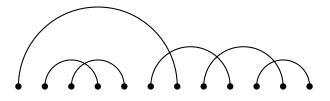
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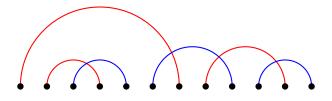
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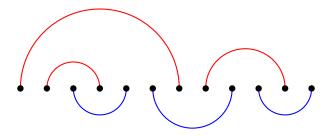
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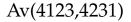
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**Conjecture.** The generating functions for these three permutation classes are non-differentially-algebraic.



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- ►  $x = 0.24870945696 \pm 0.00390217832i \pm (1+i)10^{-11}$

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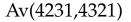
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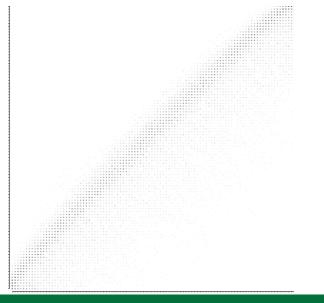
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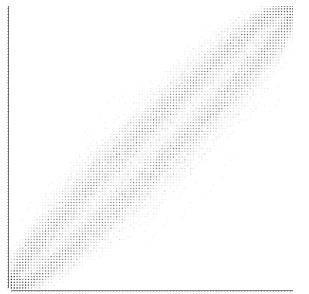


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### Thanks!