

# Two linear-time algorithms for computing the minimum length polygon of a digital contour

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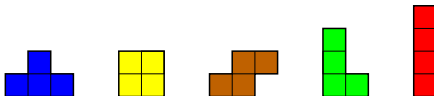


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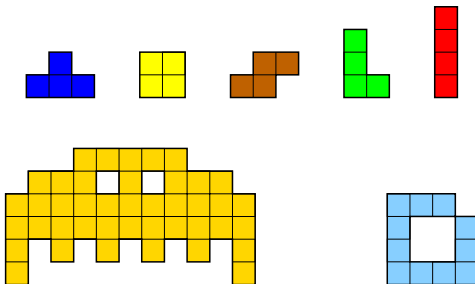
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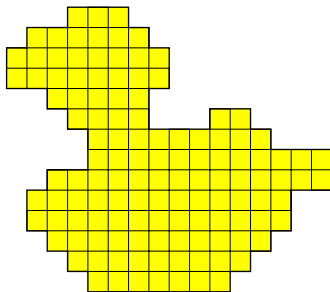


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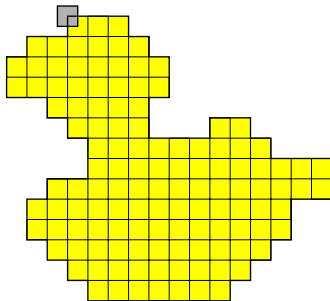
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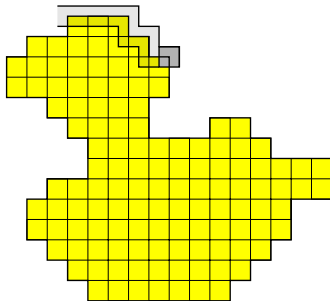
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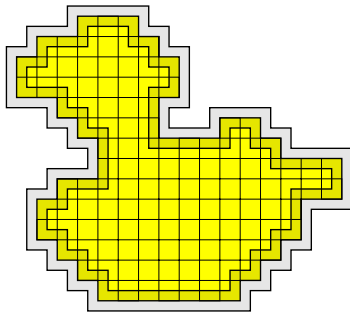


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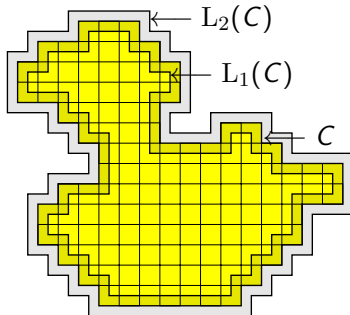




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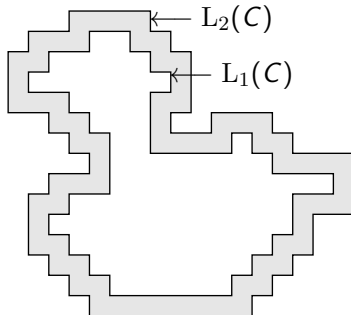
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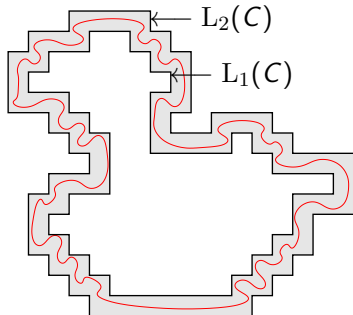
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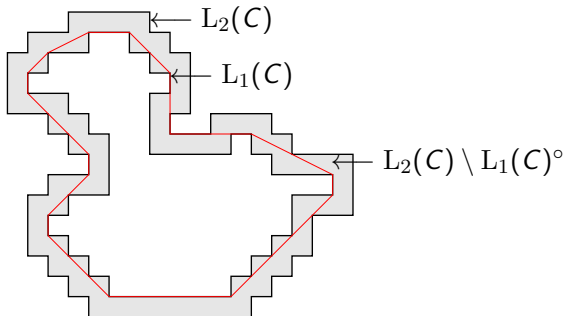
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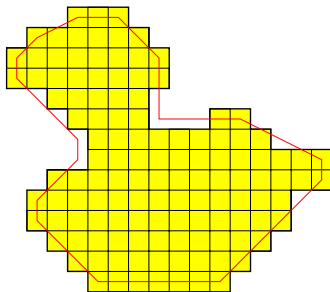
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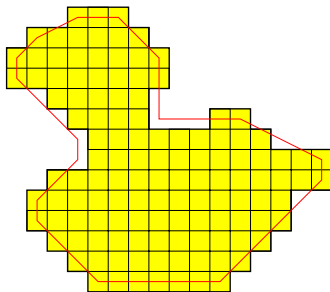
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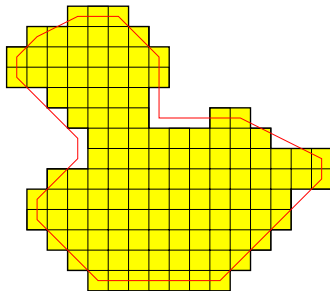
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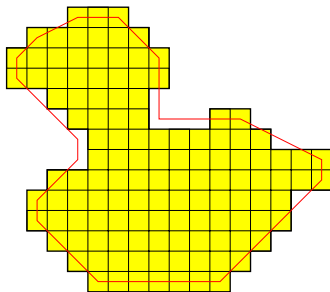


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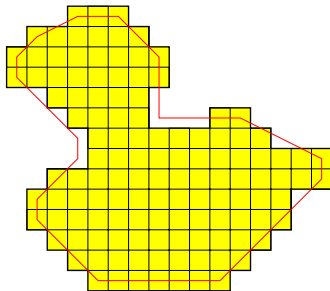
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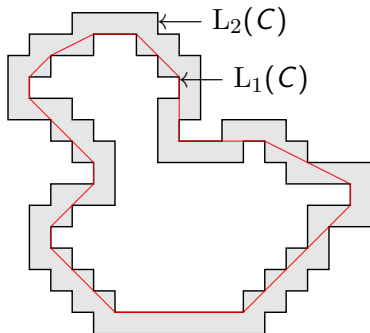
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## Theorem (Sloboda, Stoer 1994)

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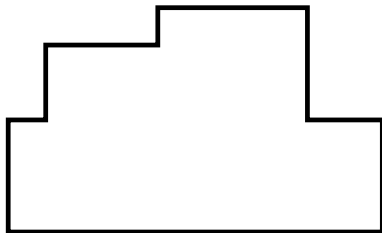
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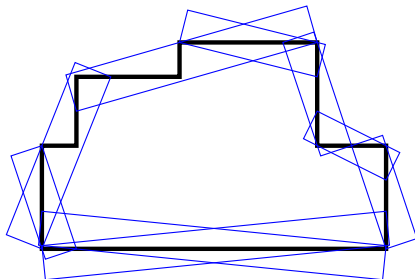
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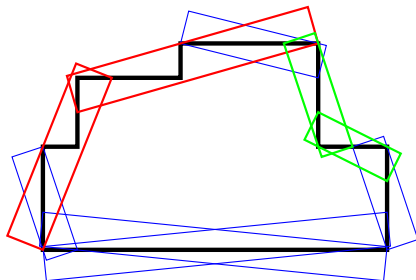
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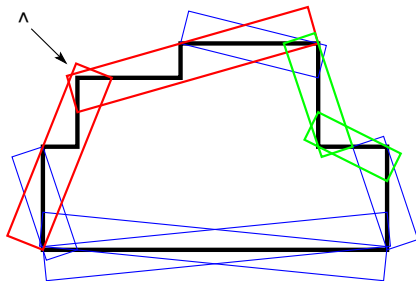
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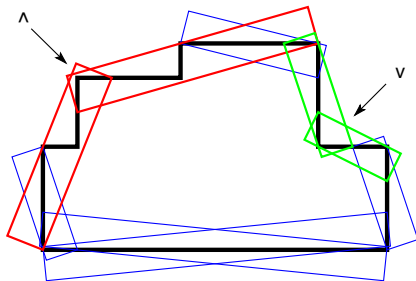


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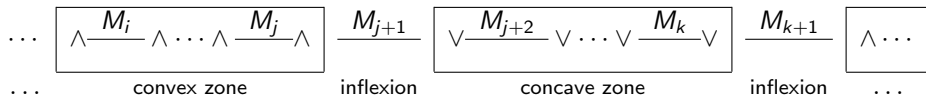
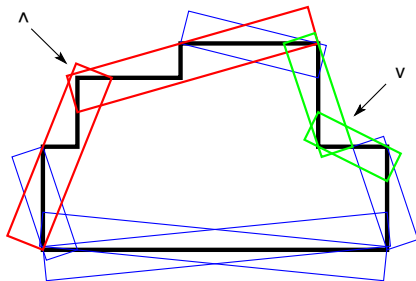


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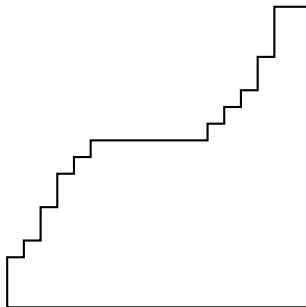
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Theorem (Dorksen-Reiter, Debled-Renesson 2006)

*A digital contour is digitally convex iff every couple of consecutive MDSS of its tangential cover is made of  $\wedge$ -turns.*

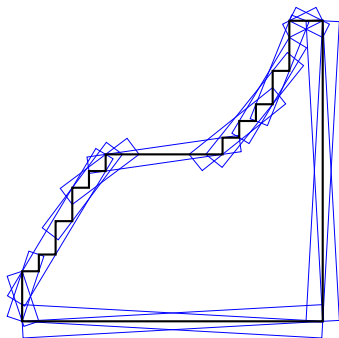




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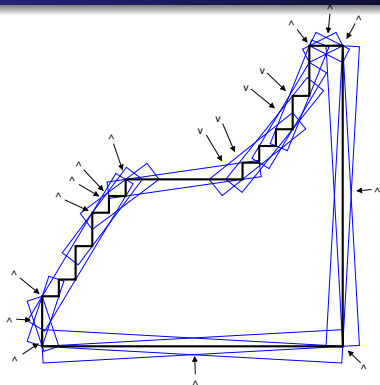
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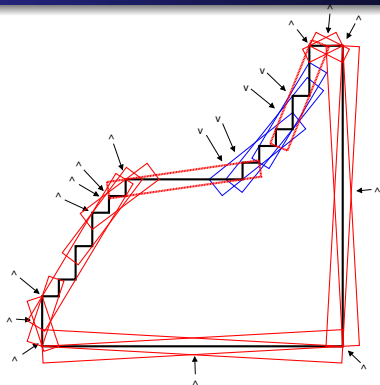
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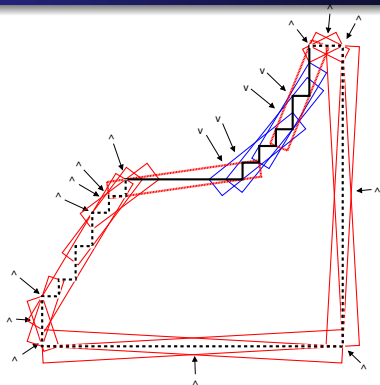
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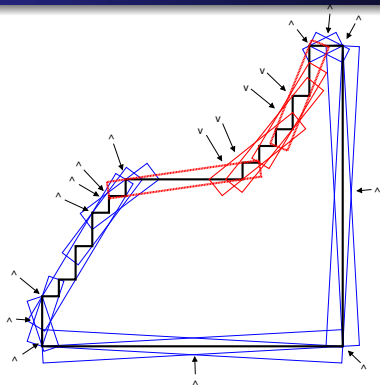
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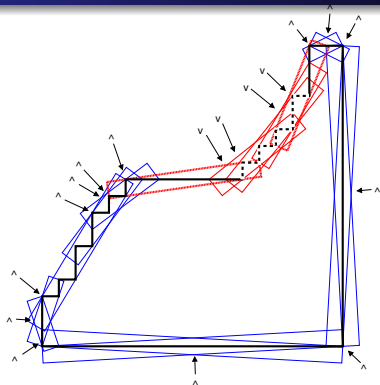
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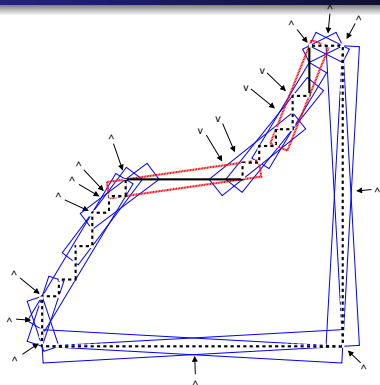
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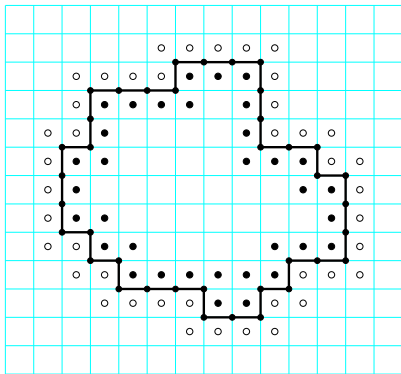


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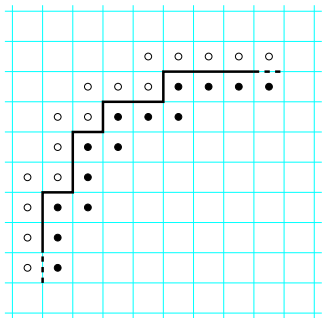
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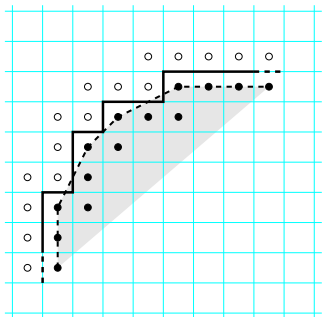
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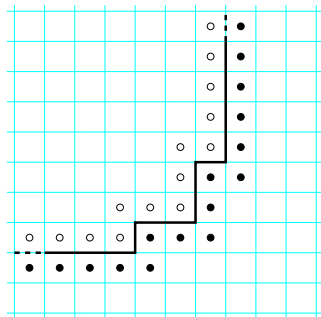
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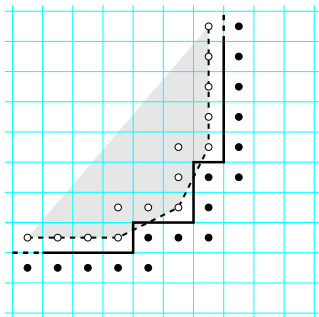
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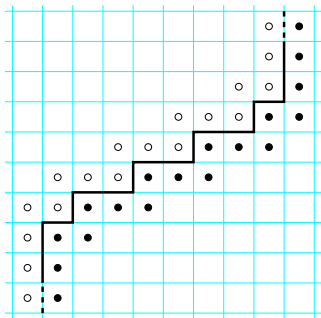
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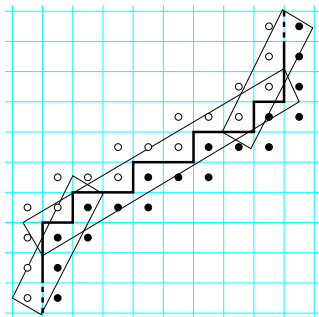
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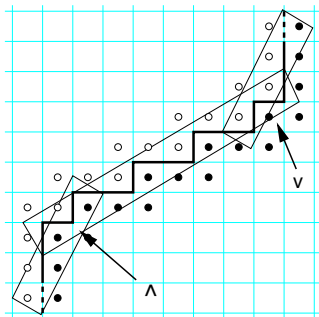




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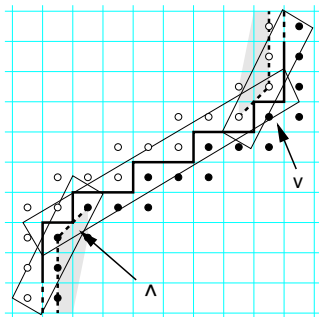
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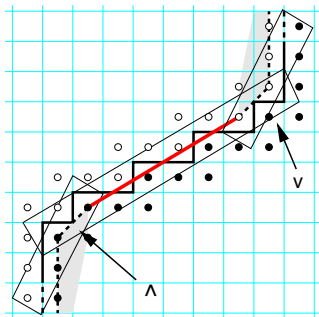
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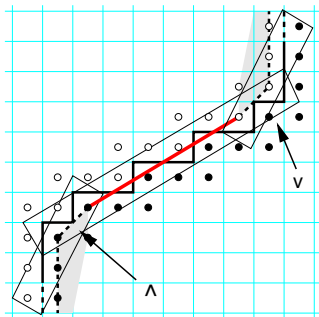
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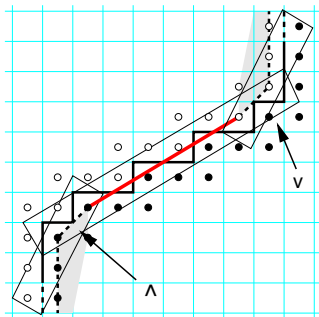
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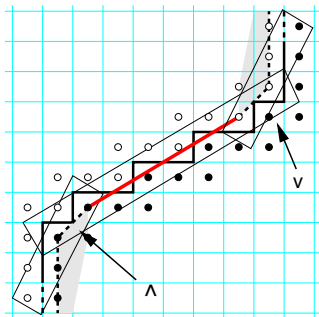
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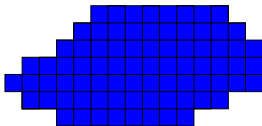
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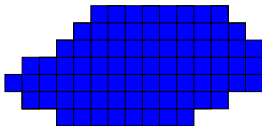
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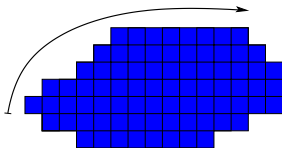
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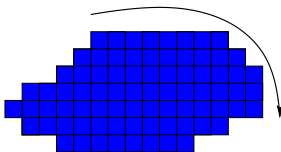
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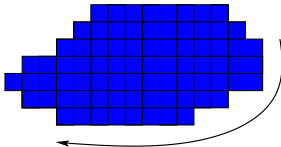


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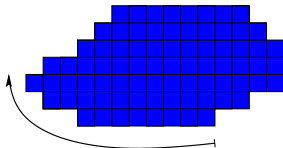
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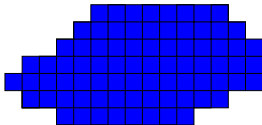
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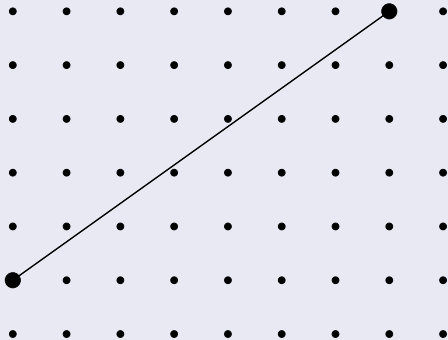
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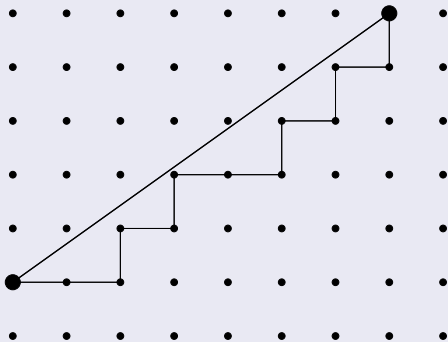
Theorem (Brlek, Lachaud, P., Reutenauer "DGCI 2008" )

An *hv-convex polyomino*  $P$  is *digitally* if and only if the each of its quadrant words  $q_i$  is such that its factorization as decreasing Lyndon words  $q_i = l_1^{n_1} l_2^{n_2} \cdots l_k^{n_k}$  contains only Christoffel words. In such case, this factorization coincide with its Euclidian convex.

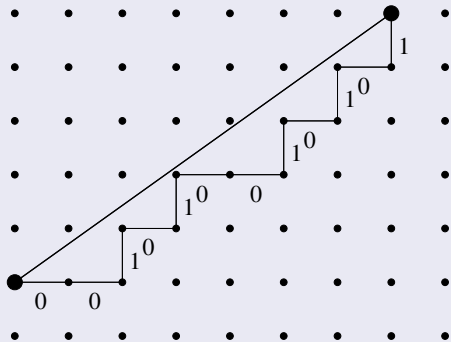
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*Given a word  $w$  of length  $n$ , its factorization as decreasing Lyndon words  $w = l_1^{n_1} l_2^{n_2} \cdots l_k^{n_k}$  is computed in  $O(n)$  using Duval's algorithm.*



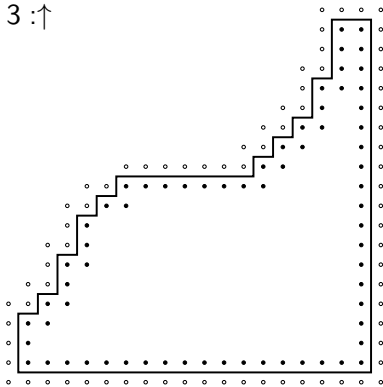
# Adapted Version of Duval's Algorithm

Using the repetition properties of Christoffel words, we modify Duval's algorithm in order to stop the computation if the prefix read is not prefix of a Christoffel word.

# Computation of the CMLP

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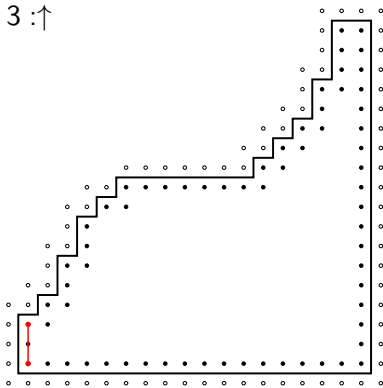


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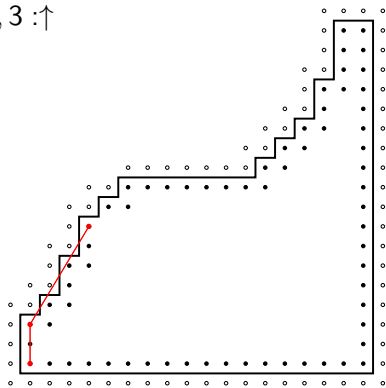
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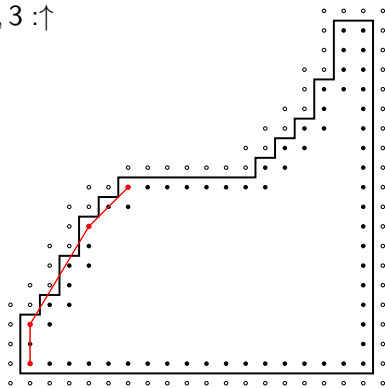
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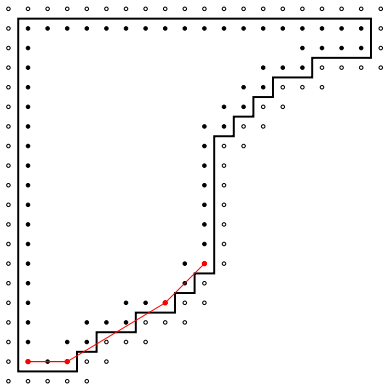
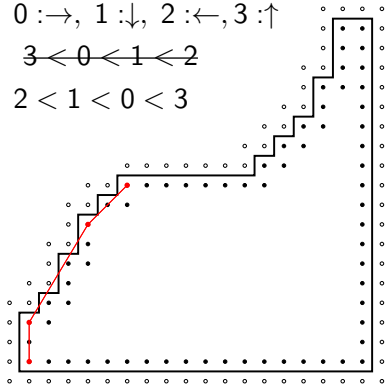
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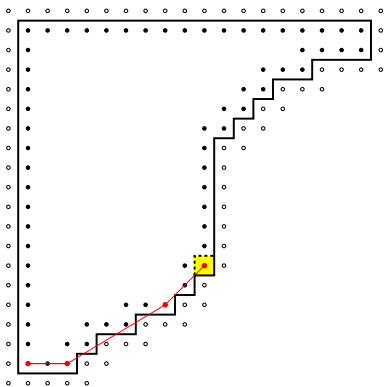
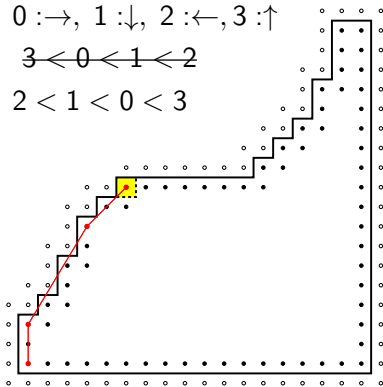
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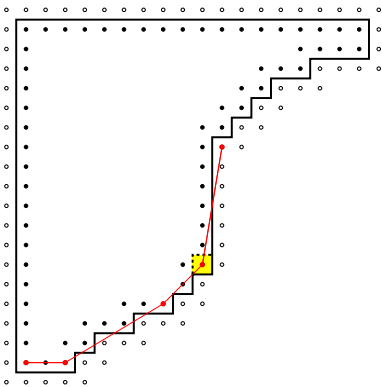
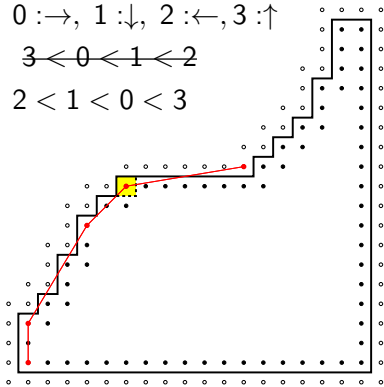
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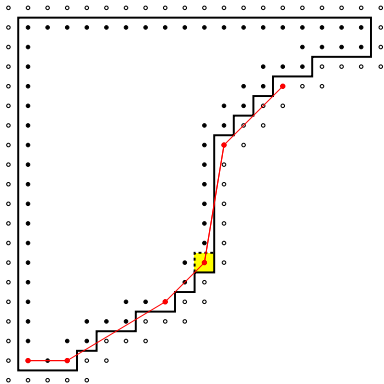
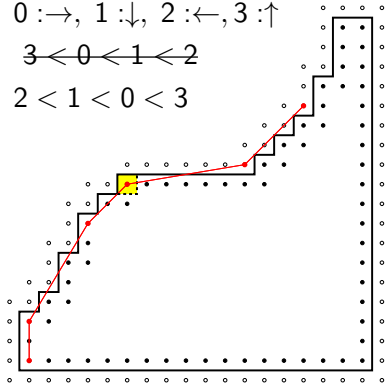


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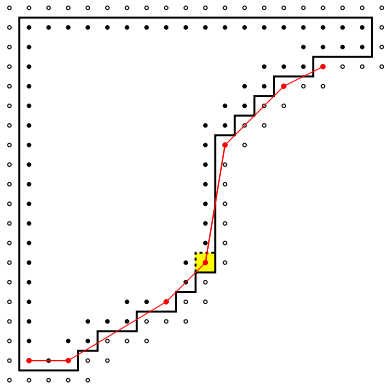
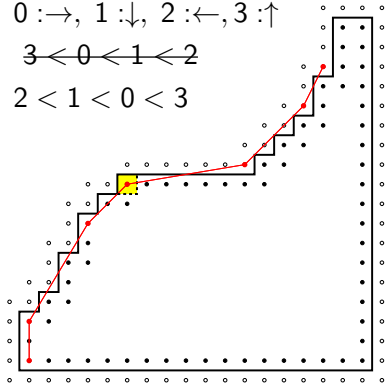
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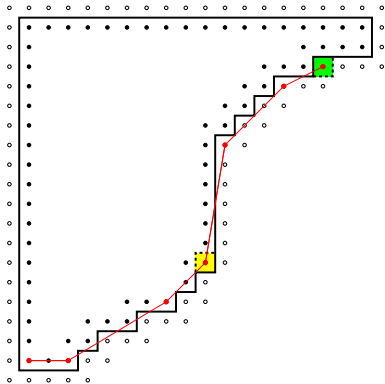
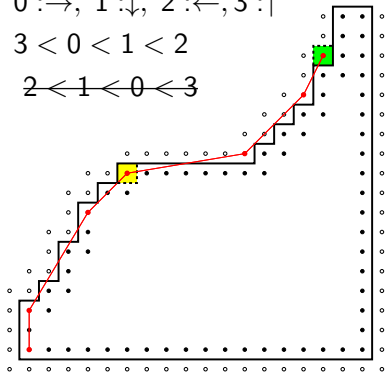
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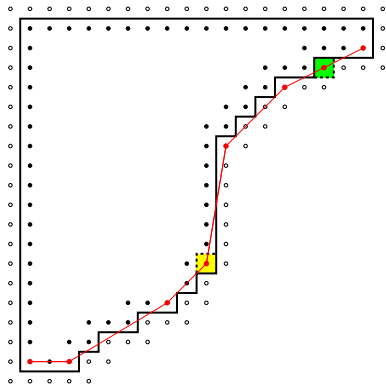
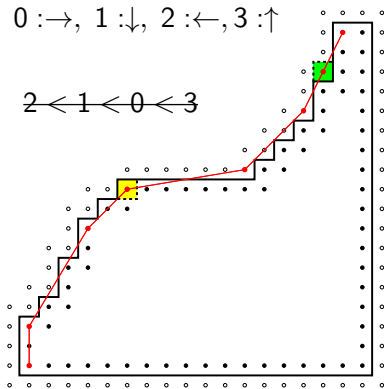
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Both algorithms AMLP and CMLP have been implemented and are include in the ImaGene project.

<http://gforge.liris.cnrs.fr/projects/imagene>

*Thank you!*