Pattern-Avoiding Involutions: Exact and Asymptotic Enumeration

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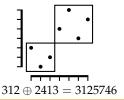
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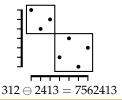
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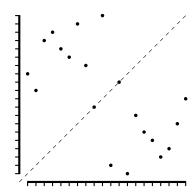
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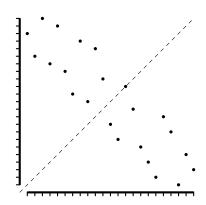
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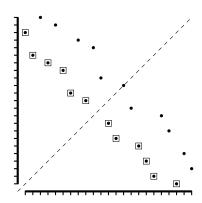
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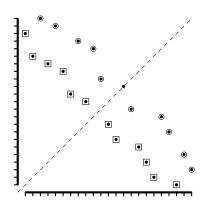


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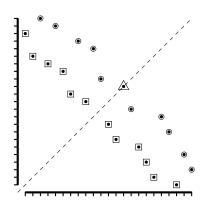
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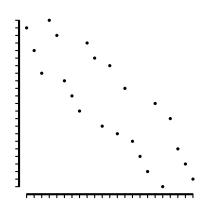
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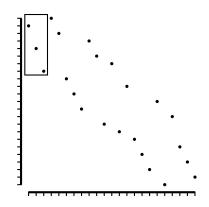


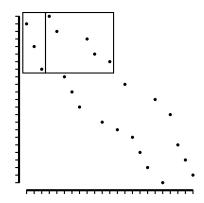
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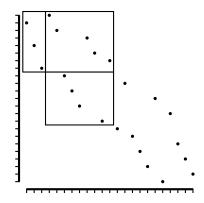
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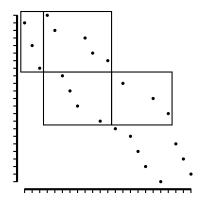
- every entry above and to the right of existing entries, or
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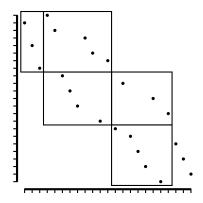


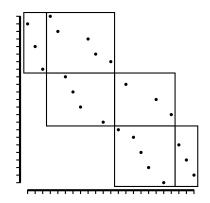












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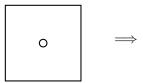
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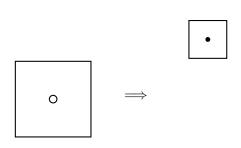
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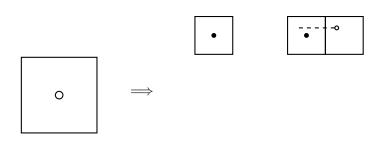
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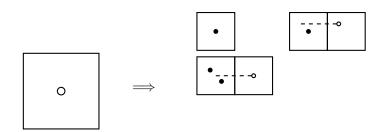
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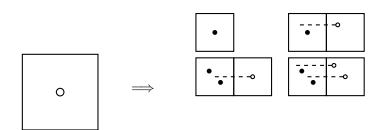
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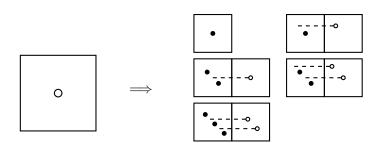


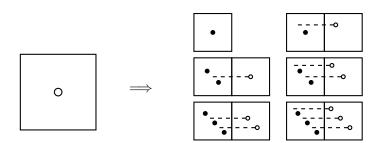


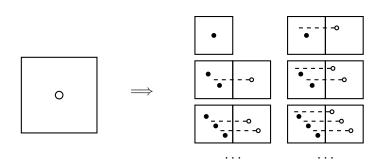


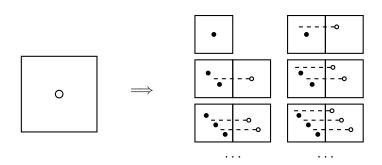


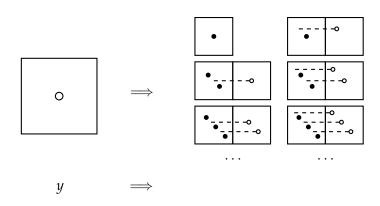


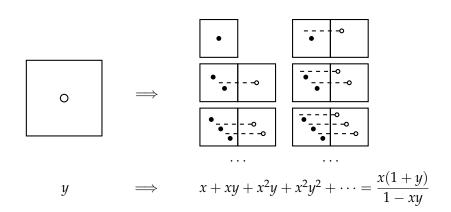


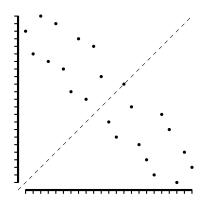


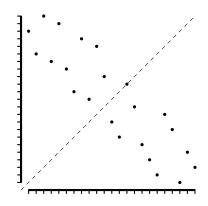


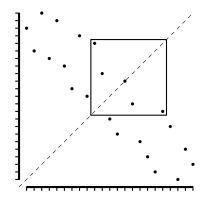


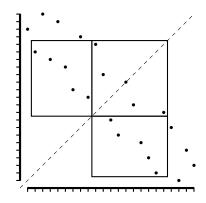


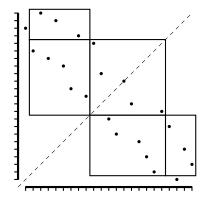


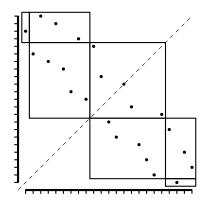


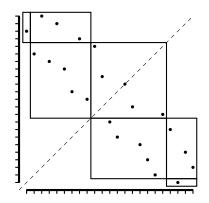












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which gives the growth rate

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2341-AVOIDING INVOLUTIONS

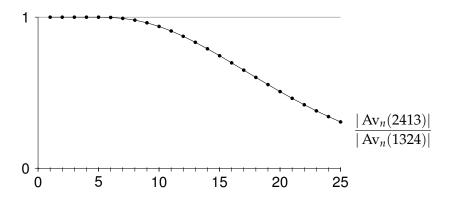
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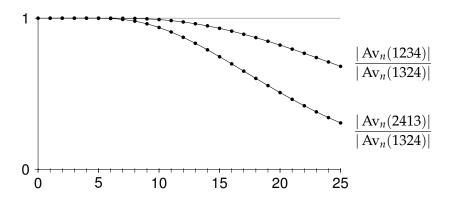
The growth rate is an algebraic number of degree 16 with minimal polynomial

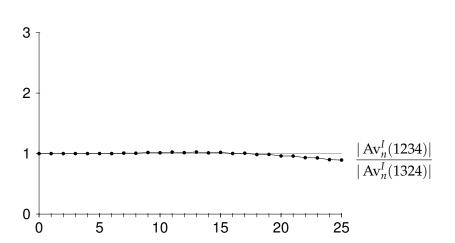
$$x^{16} - 6x^{15} + 4x^{14} + 50x^{13} - 141x^{12} + 55x^{11} + 326x^{10} - 514x^9 - 26x^8 + 725x^7 - 561x^6 - 223x^5 + 540x^4 - 206x^3 - 113x^2 + 120x - 32$$

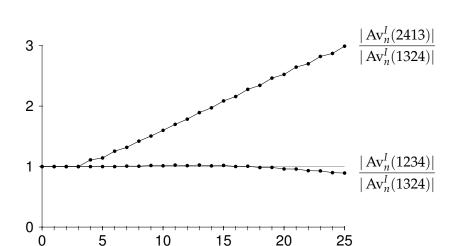
and is approximately 2.54.

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$ \operatorname{Av}_6^I(\beta) $	62	66	62	51	51	66	51	64
$ \operatorname{Av}_7^I(\beta) $	154	170	156	127	126	173	128	166
$ \operatorname{Av}_8^I(\beta) $	396	441	406	323	321	460	327	456
$ \operatorname{Av}_9^I(\beta) $	992	1124	1040	835	820	1218	858	1234
$ \operatorname{Av}_{10}^{I}(\beta) $	2536	2870	2714	2188	2160	3240	2272	3454
$ \operatorname{Av}_{11}^{I}(\beta) $	6376	7273	7012	5798	5654	8602	6146	9600
$ \operatorname{Av}_{12}^{I}(\beta) $	16238	18477	18322	15511	15272	22878	16716	27246
$ \operatorname{Av}_{13}^{I}(\beta) $	40914	46825	47560	41835	40758	60794	46246	77132
$ \operatorname{Av}_{14}^{I}(\beta) $	103954	118917	124358	113634	112280	161668	128414	221336
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$ \operatorname{Av}_{19}^{I}(\beta) $	10766470	12557685	15082372	18199284	18460066	21479469	24067930	45465412
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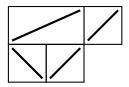
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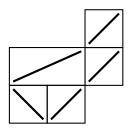


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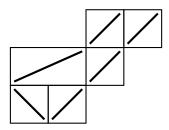


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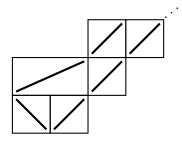
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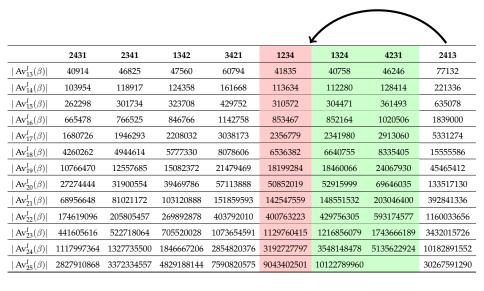
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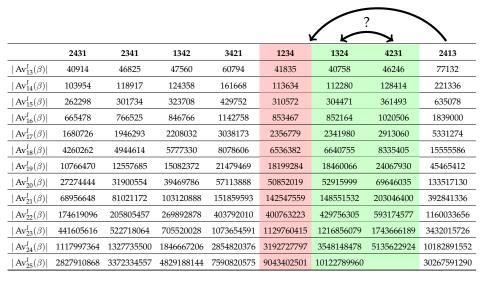
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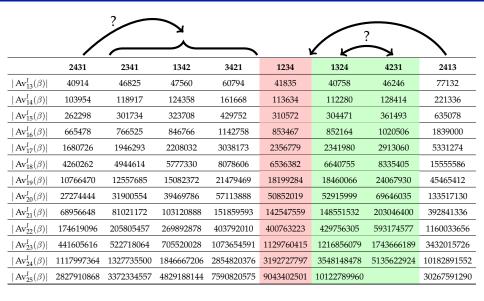
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(agrees up to 25 terms), which yields a growth rate of ≈ 2.66 and so is overtaken by $Av^{I}(1234)$ at some point.

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$ \operatorname{Av}_{25}^{I}(\beta) $	2827910868	3372334557	4829188144	7590820575	9043402501	10122789960		30267591290







Thanks for coming. Any questions?

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