#### On the dimension of composition posets

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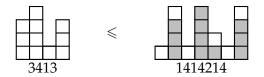
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- ► This order can be visualized using *skyline diagrams*!



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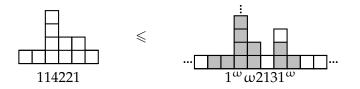
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- For example, we say 114221 ∈ Age(1<sup>ω</sup>ω2131<sup>ω</sup>) as exhibited by the embedding below.



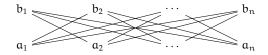
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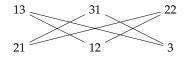
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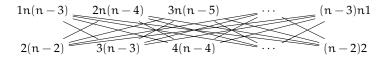
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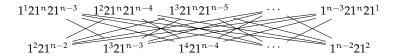
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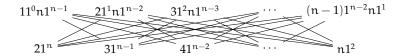


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  - Age( $awb1^wc1^wdwe$ )
  - Age $(a1^{\omega}b\omega c\omega d1^{\omega}e)$

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