

**Exercise 23.** Inversions and descents.

- (a) For each of  $w \in \mathcal{S}_3$ , write  $w$  in word form and give (i)  $w^{-1}$ , (ii)  $I(w)$ , (iii)  $\text{inv}(w)$ , (iv)  $\text{code}(w)$ , (v)  $D(w)$ , (vi)  $\text{des}(w)$ , and (vii)  $\text{maj}(w)$ . (Make a table.)
- (b) Use your calculations in (a) to verify
- (i)  $I(w^{-1})$  and  $\text{code}_i(w) = \#\{j > i \mid w(j) < w(i)\}$  are equivalent definitions of  $\text{code}(w)$ ,
  - (ii) Corollary 1.3.13,
  - (iii) Proposition 1.3.14,
  - (iv) the proof of Prop 1.3.14 (show the bijection between inversions  $(i, j)$  in  $w$  and inversions  $(w_i, w_j)$  in  $w^{-1}$ ); and
  - (v) equation (1.41),
- for  $n = 3$ .