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Affine permutations and rational slope parking functions.

We introduce a new approach to the enumeration of rational slope parking functions with respect to the area and a generalized dinv statistics, and relate the combinatorics of parking functions to that of affine permutations. We relate our construction to two previously known combinatorial constructions: Haglund's bijection exchanging the pairs of statistics $(\text{area}, \text{dinv})$ and $(\text{bounce}, \text{area})$ on Dyck paths, and Pak-Stanley labeling of the regions of k -Shi hyperplane arrangements by k -parking functions. Essentially, our approach can be viewed as a generalization and a unification of these two constructions. We also relate our combinatorial constructions to representation theory. We derive new formulas for the Poincare polynomials of certain affine Springer fibers and describe a connection to the theory of finite dimensional representations of DAHA and nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials. (Received August 19, 2014)