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Number of polytopes , up to duality, for  $S_n$  ( $5 \le n \le 14$ )

$\mathbf{G} \setminus \mathbf{r}$	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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$S_{13}$	7163	863	171	123	41	35	9	7	1	1	0
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Polytopes of rank  $r \ge n-4$ 

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