A Catalanimal formula for Macdonald polynomials

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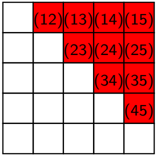
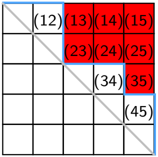


A root ideal $\Psi \subseteq R_+$ is an upper order ideal of positive roots.



Ψ = Roots above Dyck path

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Then,

$$s_\gamma = \begin{cases} \operatorname{sgn}(\gamma + \rho) s_{\mathrm{sort}(\gamma+\rho)-\rho} & \text{if } \gamma + \rho \text{ has distinct nonnegative parts,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

- $\mathrm{sort}(\beta)$ = weakly decreasing sequence obtained by sorting β,
- $\operatorname{sgn}(\beta)$ = sign of the shortest permutation taking β to $\mathrm{sort}(\beta)$.

Weyl symmetrization

Define the *Weyl symmetrization operator* $\boldsymbol{\sigma}\colon \mathbb{Q}[z_1^{\pm 1}, \ldots, z_n^{\pm 1}] \to \Lambda(X)$ by linearly extending

$$\boldsymbol{z}^\gamma \mapsto s_\gamma(X)$$

where $\boldsymbol{z}^\gamma = z_1^{\gamma_1} \cdots z_n^{\gamma_n}$.

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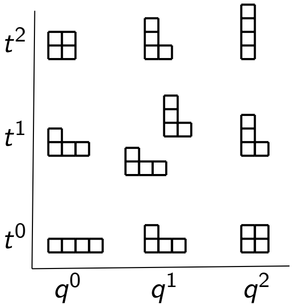
$$\tilde{H}_{22} = s_4 + (q + t + qt)s_{31} + (q^2 + t^2)s_{22} + (qt + q^2t + qt^2)s_{211} + q^2t^2s_{1111}$$



Modified Hall-Littlewood polynomials

When $q = 0$, the modified Macdonald polynomials reduce to the *modified Hall-Littlewood polynomials* $\tilde{H}_\mu(X; 0, t)$.

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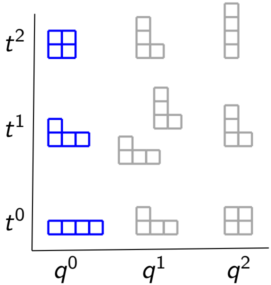

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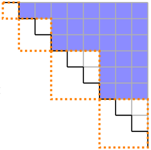
$B_{3321} =$ 

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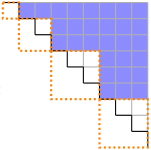
$B_{3321} =$ 

Theorem (Weyman, Shimozono-Weyman)

$$\tilde{H}_\mu(X;0,t) = \omega \boldsymbol{\sigma}\left(\frac{z_1 \cdots z_n}{\prod_{\alpha \in B_\mu}(1 - t\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha)}\right),$$

where $\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha = z_i/z_j$.

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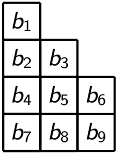

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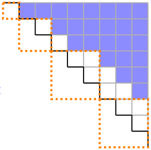

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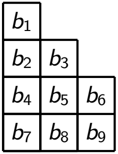

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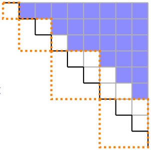

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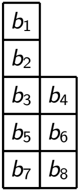

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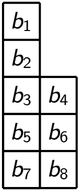

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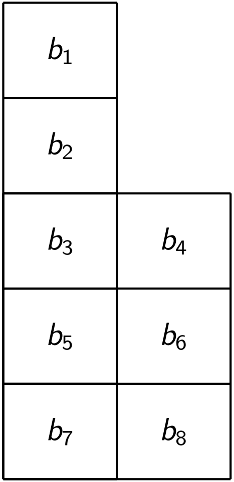
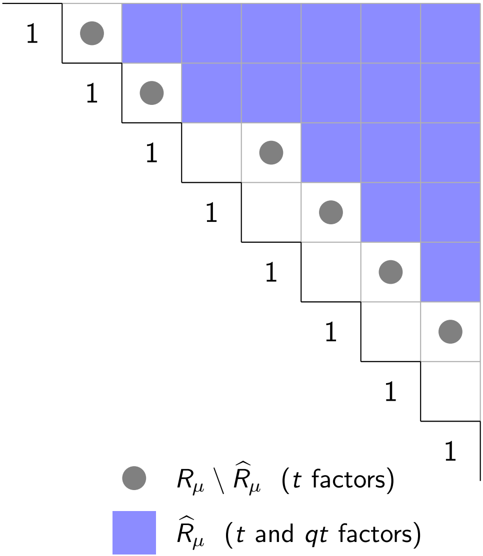


partition $\mu = 22211$



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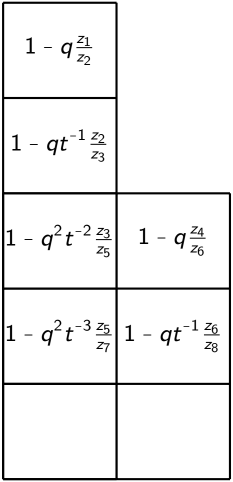
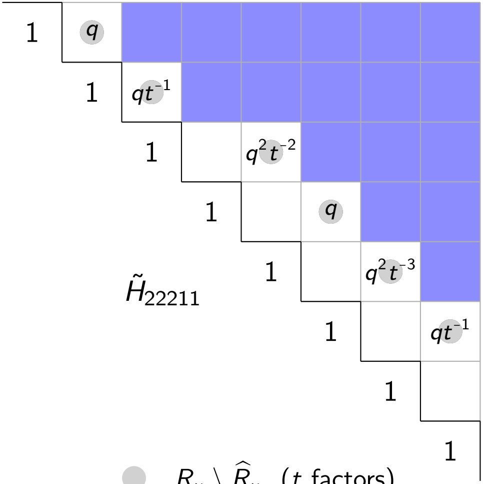


numerator factors $1 - q^{\mathrm{arm}+1}t^{-\mathrm{leg}}z_i/z_j$



$R_\mu \setminus \widehat{R}_\mu$ (t factors)

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\overset{q=t=1}{\longrightarrow}&\omega\boldsymbol{\sigma}\left(z_1\cdots z_n\frac{\prod_{\alpha\in R_\mu\setminus\widehat{R}_\mu}(1-\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha)\prod_{\alpha\in\widehat{R}_\mu}(1-\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha)}{\prod_{\alpha\in R_+}(1-\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha)\prod_{\alpha\in R_\mu}(1-\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha)}\right)\\
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=&e_1^n
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$q = 0$ specialization

$$\omega\boldsymbol{\sigma}\left(z_1\cdots z_n\frac{\prod\limits_{\alpha_{ij}\in R_\mu\setminus\widehat{R}_\mu}\left(1-q^{\mathrm{arm}(b_i)+1}t^{-\mathrm{leg}(b_i)}z_i/z_j\right)\prod\limits_{\alpha\in\widehat{R}_\mu}\left(1-qt\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha\right)}{\prod_{\alpha\in R_+}\left(1-q\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha\right)\prod_{\alpha\in R_\mu}\left(1-t\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha\right)}\right)$$

$$\overset{q=0}{\to}\omega\boldsymbol{\sigma}\left(\frac{z_1\cdots z_n}{\prod_{\alpha\in R_\mu}(1-t\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha)}\right)$$

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- Use Catalanimal formula for $\omega\nabla\mathcal{G}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}(X; q)$ and collect terms.

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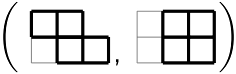
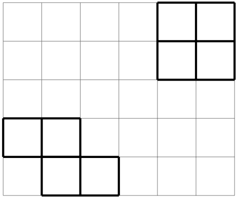
$\boldsymbol{\nu} =$ 



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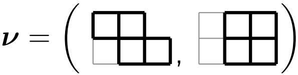

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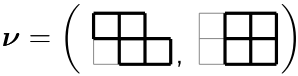

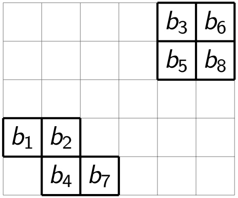

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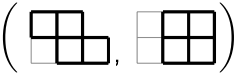
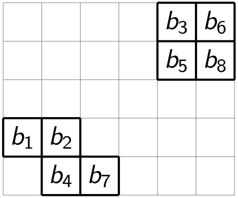
$\boldsymbol{\nu} =$ 



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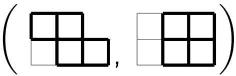
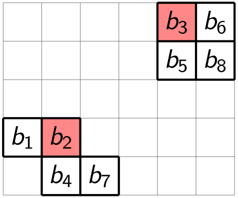
$\boldsymbol{\nu} =$ 



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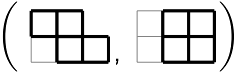
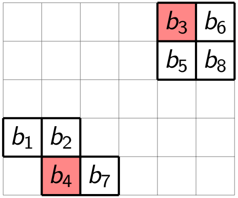
$\boldsymbol{\nu} =$ 



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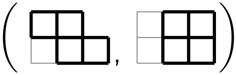
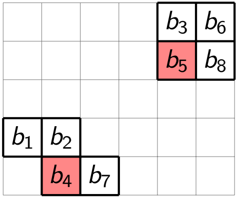
$\boldsymbol{\nu} =$ 



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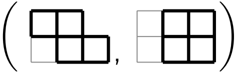
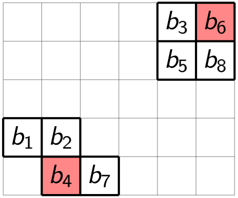
$\boldsymbol{\nu} =$ 



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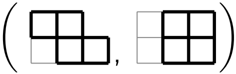
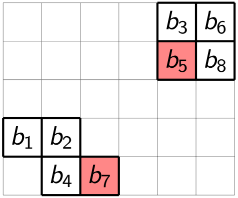
$\boldsymbol{\nu} =$ 



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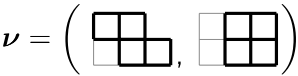

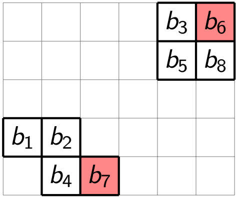

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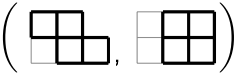
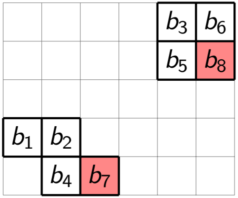
$\boldsymbol{\nu} =$ 



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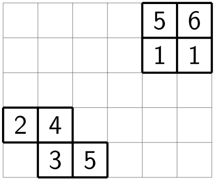

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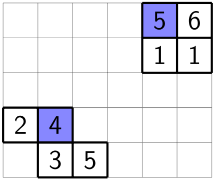

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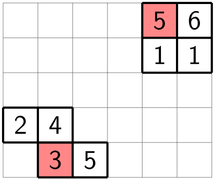

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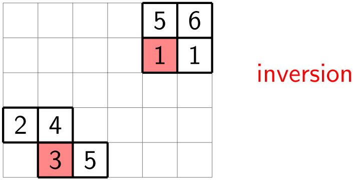

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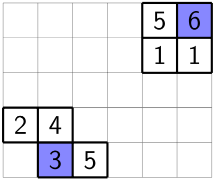
$T \quad =$ 

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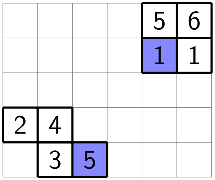

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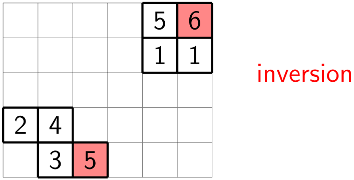

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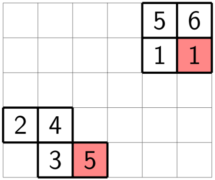

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$$\begin{aligned} H(R_+, R_+, \{\alpha_{13}\}, (111)) &= \boldsymbol{\sigma}\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{z}^{111}(1 - qtz_1/z_3)}{\prod_{1 \le i < j \le 3}(1 - qz_i/z_j)(1 - tz_i/z_j)}\right) \\ &= s_{111} + (q + t + q^2 + qt + t^2)s_{21} + (qt + q^3 + q^2 t + qt^2 + t^3)s_3 \\ &= \omega \nabla e_3. \end{aligned}$$

LLT Catalanimals

For a tuple of skew shapes $\boldsymbol{\nu}$, the *LLT Catalanimal* $H_{\boldsymbol{\nu}} = H(R_q, R_t, R_{qt}, \lambda)$ is determined by

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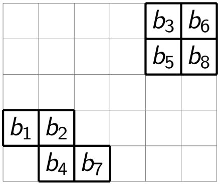

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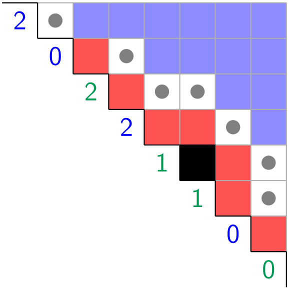

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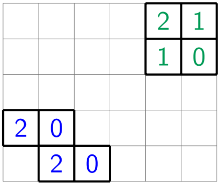

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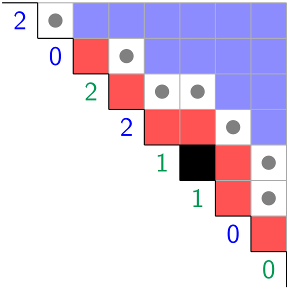

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$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \mathcal{G}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}(X;q) &= c_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}\, \omega\, \mathrm{pol}_X(H_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}) \\ &= c_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}\, \omega\, \mathrm{pol}_X\, \boldsymbol{\sigma}\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{z}^{\lambda} \prod_{\alpha \in R_{qt}} \left(1 - qt\, \boldsymbol{z}^{\alpha}\right)}{\prod_{\alpha \in R_q} \left(1 - q\, \boldsymbol{z}^{\alpha}\right) \prod_{\alpha \in R_t} \left(1 - t\, \boldsymbol{z}^{\alpha}\right)}\right)\end{aligned}$$

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Haglund-Haiman-Loehr formula

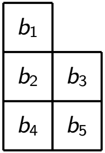
Theorem (Haglund-Haiman-Loehr, 2005)

$$\tilde{H}_\mu(X;q,t) = \sum_D \left(\prod_{u \in D} q^{-\mathrm{arm}(u)} t^{\mathrm{leg}(u)+1} \right) \mathcal{G}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}(\mu,D)}(X;q)\,,$$

where

- *the sum runs over all subsets* $D \subseteq \{(i,j) \in \mu \mid j > 1\}$, *and*
- $\boldsymbol{\nu}(\mu,D) = (\nu^{(1)},\ldots,\nu^{(k)})$ *where* $k = \mu_1$ *is the number of columns of* μ, *and* $\nu^{(i)}$ *is a ribbon of size* μ_i^*, *i.e., box contents* $\{-1,-2,\ldots,-\mu_i^*\}$, *and descent set* $Des(\nu^{(i)}) = \{-j \mid (i,j) \in D\}$.

Haglund-Haiman-Loehr formula example



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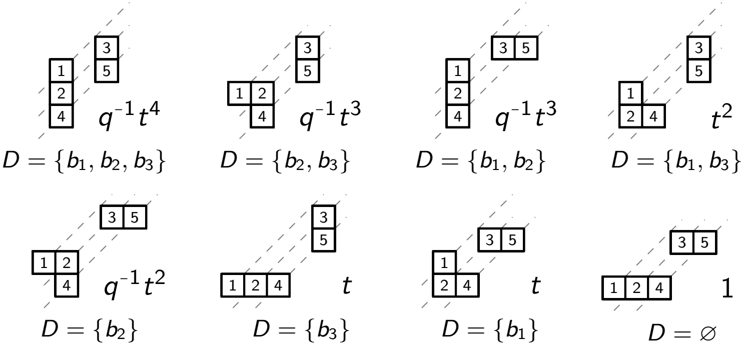

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- Collect terms to get $\prod_{\alpha_{ij}\in R_\mu \setminus \widehat{R}_\mu)}(1 - q^{\mathrm{arm}(b_i)+1} t^{-\mathrm{leg}(b_i)} z_i/z_j)$ factor.

$$\tilde{H}_\mu = \omega\boldsymbol{\sigma}\left(z_1 \cdots z_n \frac{\prod_{\alpha_{ij}\in R_\mu \setminus \widehat{R}_\mu} \left(1 - q^{\mathrm{arm}(b_i)+1} t^{-\mathrm{leg}(b_i)} z_i/z_j\right) \prod_{\alpha \in \widehat{R}_\mu} \left(1 - qt\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha\right)}{\prod_{\alpha\in R_+} \left(1 - q\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha\right) \prod_{\alpha \in R_\mu} \left(1 - t\boldsymbol{z}^\alpha\right)} \right).$$

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Conjecture (Blasiak-Haiman-Morse-Pun-S.)

For any partition μ and positive integer s, the symmetric function $\tilde{H}_\mu^{(s)}$ is Schur positive. That is, the coefficients in

$$\tilde{H}_\mu^{(s)} = \sum_\nu K_{\nu,\mu}^{(s)}(q,t)\, s_\nu(X)$$

satisfy $K_{\nu,\mu}^{(s)}(q,t) \in \mathbb{N}[q,t]$.

Thank you!

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