

A raising operator formula for Macdonald polynomials via LLT polynomials in the elliptic Hall algebra

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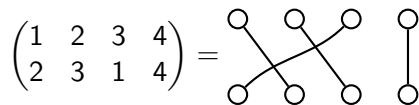
- ① **Background on symmetric functions and Macdonald polynomials**
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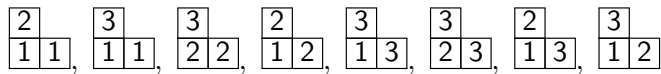
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- $\operatorname{sort}(\beta) =$ weakly decreasing sequence obtained by sorting β ,
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Example: $s_{201} = 0$, $s_{2-11} = -s_{200}$.

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Hidden Guide: Schur Positivity

“Naturally occurring” symmetric functions which are non-negative (coefficients in \mathbb{N}) linear combinations in Schur polynomial basis are interesting since they could have representation-theoretic models.

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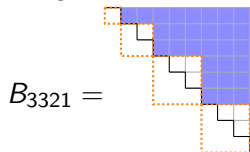
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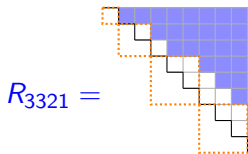
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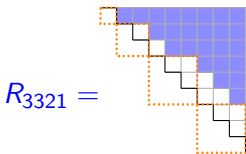
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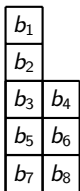
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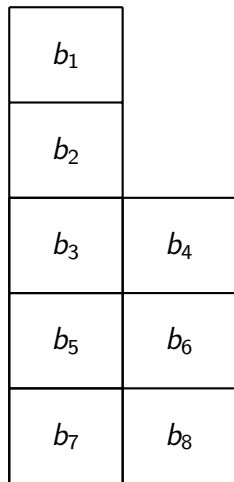
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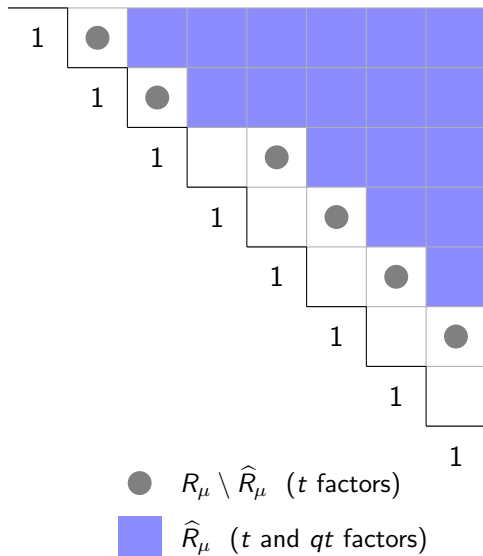
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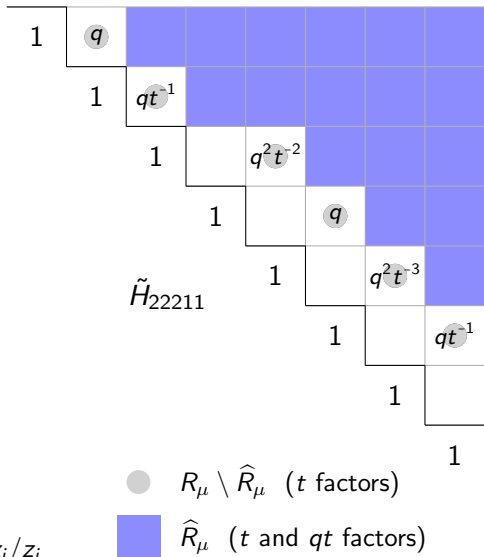
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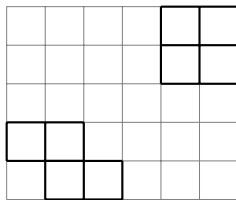
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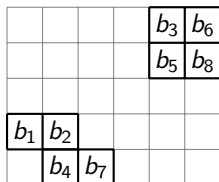
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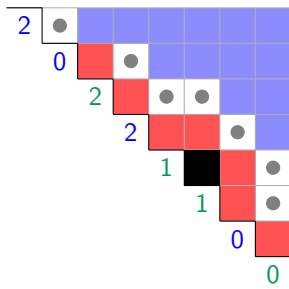
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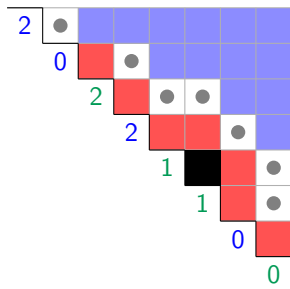
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Theorem (Blasiak-Haiman-Morse-Pun-S.)

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Haglund-Haiman-Loehr formula

Theorem (Haglund-Haiman-Loehr, 2005)

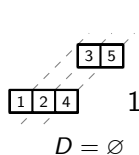
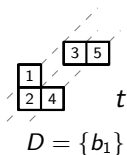
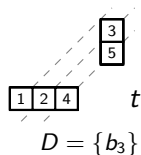
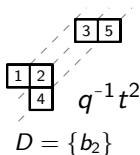
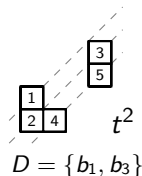
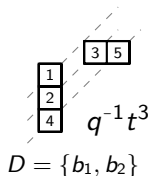
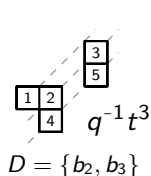
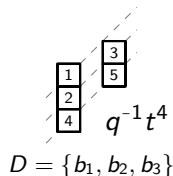
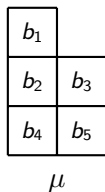
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where

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- $\nu(\mu, D) = (\nu^{(1)}, \dots, \nu^{(k)})$ 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 $\{-1, -2, \dots, -\mu_i^*\}$, and descent set $\text{Des}(\nu^{(i)}) = \{-j \mid (i, j) \in D\}$.

Haglund-Haiman-Loehr formula example

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

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- ① Background on symmetric functions and Macdonald polynomials
- ② A new formula for Macdonald polynomials
- ③ **LLT polynomials in the elliptic Hall algebra**

Elliptic Hall Algebra

Burban and Schiffmann studied a subalgebra \mathcal{E} of the Hall algebra of coherent sheaves on an elliptic curve over \mathbb{F}_p .

The *elliptic Hall algebra* \mathcal{E} is generated by subalgebras $\Lambda(X^{a,b})$ isomorphic to the ring of symmetric functions Λ over $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{Q}(q, t)$, one for each coprime pair $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, along with an additional central subalgebra.

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$$\nabla f = \omega H.$$

Shuffle to elliptic Hall summary

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
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Proof of $\nabla \mathcal{G}_\nu$ formula

- 1 LLT Catalananimals H_ν are tame.
- 2 LLT Catalananimals lie in $\psi^{-1}(\Lambda(X^{1,1}))$.
- 3 Describe coproduct Δ on \mathcal{E} explicitly on tame Catalananimals and show ΔH_ν matches $\Delta \mathcal{G}_\nu$.
- 4 Conclude $\psi(H_\nu) = c_\nu^{-1} \mathcal{G}_\nu(X^{1,1}) \in \mathcal{E}$.
- 5 Apply previous theorem to conclude $\nabla \mathcal{G}_\nu = c_\nu \omega H_\nu$

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

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Catalan animals in the shuffle algebra

For $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^n$,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\Gamma}^n(\mathbf{z}^{\lambda}) &= \sum_{w \in \mathcal{S}_n} w \left(\frac{\mathbf{z}^{\lambda} \prod_{\alpha \in R_+} (1 - qt\mathbf{z}^{\alpha})}{\prod_{\alpha \in R_+} ((1 - \mathbf{z}^{-\alpha})(1 - q\mathbf{z}^{\alpha})(1 - t\mathbf{z}^{\alpha}))} \right) \\ &= H(R_+, R_+, R_+, \lambda) \in \mathcal{S}_{\Gamma}.\end{aligned}$$

- Technicality: we have redefined

$$\sigma(\mathbf{z}^{\gamma}) = \sum_{w \in \mathcal{S}_n} \left(\frac{\mathbf{z}^{\gamma}}{\prod_{\alpha \in R_+} (1 - \mathbf{z}^{-\alpha})} \right) = \chi_{\gamma}, \text{ the irreducible } \mathrm{GL}_n \text{ character.}$$

- Let pol_X send $\chi_{\lambda} \mapsto s_{\lambda}$ if $\lambda_n \geq 0$, otherwise $\chi_{\lambda} \mapsto 0$.
- The σ from before is given by $\sigma_{\mathrm{old}} = \mathrm{pol}_X \sigma_{\mathrm{new}}$.

Catalanimals in the Shuffle algebra

$\sigma_{\Gamma}^n(f)$ can lie in \mathcal{S}_{Γ} even when f is not a Laurent polynomial.

Theorem (Negut)

The following family of Catalanimals lie in the shuffle algebra:

$$\sigma_{\Gamma}^n\left(\frac{z^{\lambda}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1}(1 - qtz_i/z_{i+1})}\right) = H(R_+, R_+, R'_+, \lambda) \in \mathcal{S}_{\Gamma},$$

where $R'_+ = \{\alpha_{ij} \in R_+ \mid i + 1 < j\}$.

The wheel condition

- A symmetric Laurent polynomial $g(\mathbf{z})$ satisfies the *wheel condition* if it vanishes whenever any three of the variables z_i, z_j, z_k are in the ratio $(z_i : z_j : z_k) = (1 : q : qt) = (1 : t : qt)$.
- Let $\mathcal{S}_{\check{\gamma}} \cong \mathcal{S}_{\Gamma}$ for
$$\check{\Gamma}(z_i, z_j) = (1 - z_i/z_j)(1 - qz_j/z_i)(1 - tz_j/z_i)(1 - qtz_i/z_j).$$

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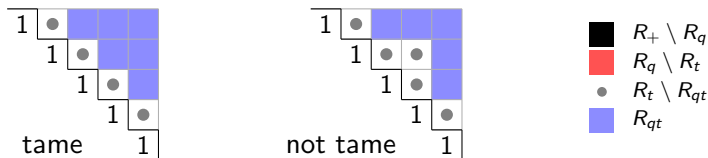
A symmetric Laurent polynomial $g(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ belongs to $\mathcal{S}_{\check{\gamma}}$ if and only if it satisfies the wheel condition and vanishes whenever $z_i = z_j$ for $i \neq j$.

The wheel condition and tame Catalananimals

A Catalananimal $H(R_q, R_t, R_{qt}, \lambda)$ is *tame* if

$$R_q + R_t \subseteq R_{qt},$$

where $R_q + R_t = \{\alpha + \beta \mid \alpha \in R_q, \beta \in R_t\}$.



The Catalananimals $H(R_+, R_+, R'_+, \lambda)$ and the LLT Catalananimals are tame.

Using Negut's theorem, we show: Tame Catalananimals belong to the shuffle algebra \mathcal{S}_Γ .