

# Young Tableau, Symmetric Functions, Schubert Polynomials, and Degeneracy Loci

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# Preface

These are notes for a reading course under Professor [Dave Anderson](#). They begin with a review of some material from Fulton’s *Young Tableaux*<sup>1</sup> [[Ful97](#)]. However, the primary focus is Manivel’s *Symmetric Functions, Schubert Polynomials, and Degeneracy Loci* [[Man01](#)] which one could see as a quasi-sequel.

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<sup>1</sup>which throughout these notes will be spelled as “tableaux” or “tableau” with no real consistency.

# Chapter 1

## [Ful97] Geometry

**Solution:** [Ful97] §9.1 Ex. 1: Choose a basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  so that  $E$  can be identified with  $\mathbb{C}^m$ . Let  $i_1 < \dots < i_{d-1}$  and  $j_1 < \dots < j_{d+1}$  be sequences in  $[m]$ . Apply §9.1 Equation (1) with  $k = 1$  to the sequences  $j_2 < \dots < j_{d+1}$  and  $i_1 < \dots < i_{d-1}, j_1$  by fixing  $j_1$  to be the vector swapped successively with the  $j_2 < \dots < j_{d+1}$ . Reordering the indices and applying the appropriate sign change yields the desired alternating summation.  $\square$

**Solution:** [Ful97] §9.1 Ex. 2: We have that  $V \subseteq E = \mathbb{C}^4$  is given as the kernel of multiplication of a matrix  $A = (a_{i,j})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq 4 \\ 1 \leq j \leq 2}}$ . To find this matrix, the given conditions of the  $x_{i,j}$  describe the following determinantal conditions on the entries of  $A$ :

$$x_{1,2} = 1 \iff \Delta_{1,2}(A) = 1,$$

$$x_{1,3} = 2 \iff \Delta_{1,3}(A) = 2,$$

$$x_{1,4} = 1 \iff \Delta_{1,4}(A) = 1,$$

$$x_{2,3} = 1 \iff \Delta_{2,3}(A) = 1,$$

$$x_{2,4} = 2 \iff \Delta_{2,4}(A) = 2,$$

$$x_{3,4} = 3 \iff \Delta_{3,4}(A) = 3,$$

where  $\Delta(j_1, j_2)(A)$  is the  $2 \times 2$  minor of  $A$  defined by picking columns  $j_1, j_2$ . From here, we must make an assumption based on which affine portion of  $\mathbb{P}^6$  our matrix lives in. This amounts to picking some  $i_1, i_2$  so that the minor given by those columns is the identity matrix. For the given conditions, we could pick  $(i_1, i_2) = (1, 2)$ ,  $(1, 4)$ , or  $(2, 3)$ . We give  $A$  for each of these conditions respectively:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$



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