# 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.

¹which 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  $\{e_1, \ldots, e_m\}$  so that E can be identified with  $\mathbb{C}^m$ . Let  $i_1 < \cdots < i_{d-1}$  and  $j_1 < \cdots j_{d+1}$  be sequences in [m]. Apply §9.1 Equation (1) with k=1 to the sequences  $j_2 < \cdots < j_{d+1}$  and  $i_1 < \cdots < i_{d-1}, j_1$  by fixing  $j_1$  to be the vector swapped successively with the  $j_2 < \cdots < j_{d+1}$ . 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  $A = (a_{i,j})_{\substack{1 \le i \le 4 \\ 1 \le j \le 2}}$ . To find this matrix, the given conditions of the  $x_{i,j}$  describe the following determinantal conditions on the entries of A:

$$x_{1,2} = 1 \iff \Delta_{1,2}(A) = 1,$$
  
 $x_{1,3} = 2 \iff \Delta_{1,3}(A) = 2,$   
 $x_{1,4} = 1 \iff \Delta_{1,4}(A) = 1,$   
 $x_{2,3} = 1 \iff \Delta_{2,3}(A) = 1,$   
 $x_{2,4} = 2 \iff \Delta_{2,4}(A) = 2,$   
 $x_{3,4} = 3 \iff \Delta_{3,4}(A) = 3.$ 

From here, we must make an assumption based on which affine portion of  $\mathbb{P}^5$  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  $(i_1, i_2) = (1, 2), (1, 4), \text{ or } (2, 3)$ . We give *A* for each of these choices respectively:

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

It is clear that these are the same matrix up to row operations.

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