

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

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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

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Hidden Guide: Schur Positivity

“Naturally occurring” symmetric functions which are non-negative (coefficients in $\mathbb{N}[q, t]$) 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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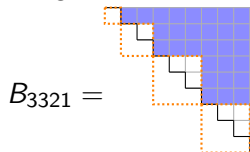
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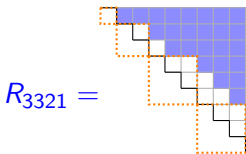
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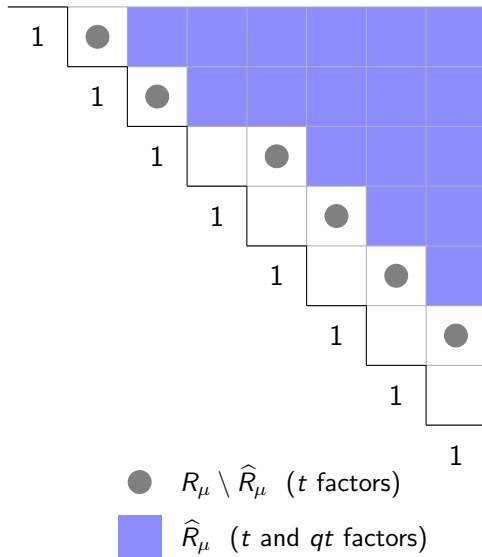
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partition $\mu = 22211$



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- *Reading order*: label boxes b_1, \dots, b_n by scanning each diagonal from southwest to northeast, in order of increasing content.
- A pair $(a, b) \in \nu$ is *attacking* if a precedes b in reading order and
 - $\text{content}(b) = \text{content}(a)$, or
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LLT Catalananimals

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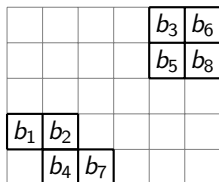
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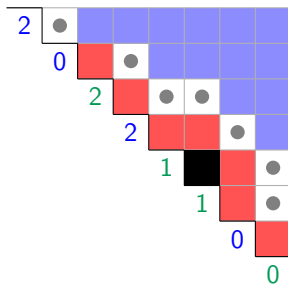
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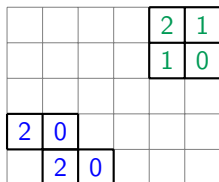


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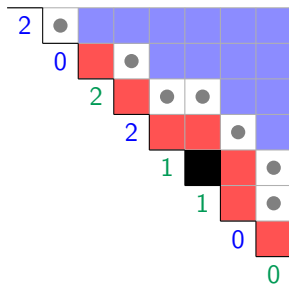
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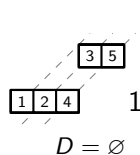
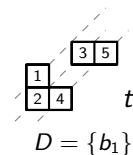
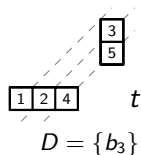
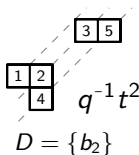
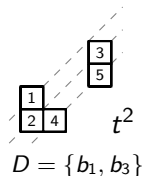
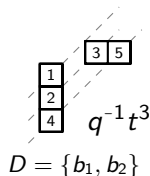
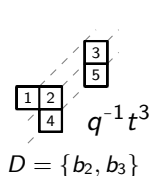
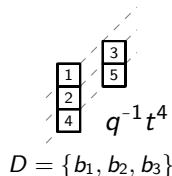
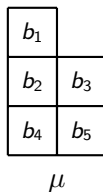
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Proof of $\nabla \mathcal{G}_\nu$ formula

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

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

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Catalan animals in the shuffle algebra

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

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

- Technicality: we have redefined

$\sigma(\mathbf{z}^\gamma) = \sum_{w \in S_n} \left(\frac{\mathbf{z}^\gamma}{\prod_{\alpha \in R_+} (1 - \mathbf{z}^{-\alpha})} \right) = \chi_\gamma$, the irreducible GL_n 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
$$\check{\Gamma}(z_i, z_j) = (1 - z_i/z_j)(1 - qz_j/z_i)(1 - tz_j/z_i)(1 - qtz_i/z_j).$$

Theorem (Negut)

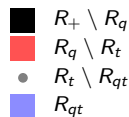
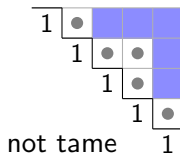
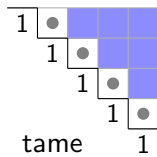
A symmetric Laurent polynomial $g(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ belongs to $\mathcal{S}_{\check{\Gamma}}$ if and only if it satisfies the wheel condition and vanishes whenever $z_i = z_j$ for $i \neq j$.

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 .