

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

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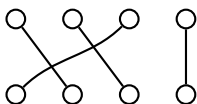
- ① **Background on symmetric functions and Macdonald polynomials**
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The diagram illustrates the permutation  $\sigma$  as a mapping between two rows of four nodes. The top row represents the domain  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and the bottom row represents the codomain  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Lines connect the nodes as follows: a line from the first node to the second, from the second to the third, from the third to the first, and a vertical line from the fourth to the fourth. This represents the permutation  $(1\ 2\ 3)$ .

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

Example:  $s_{201} = 0$ ,  $s_{2-11} = -s_{200}$ .

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## Hidden Guide: Schur Positivity

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
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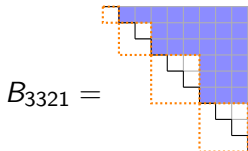
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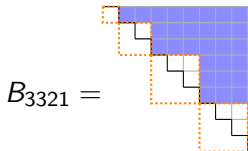
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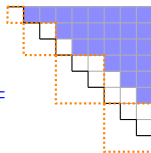
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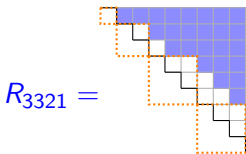
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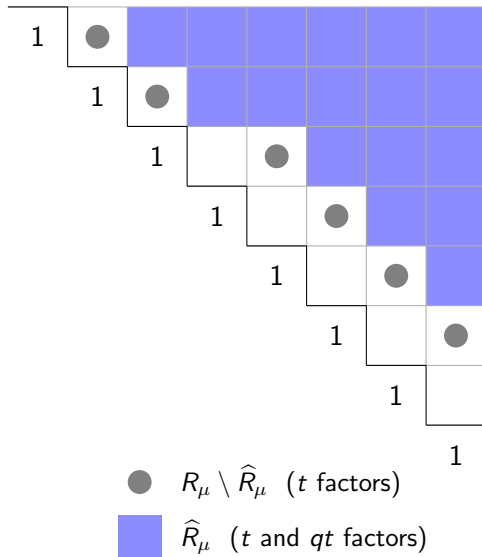
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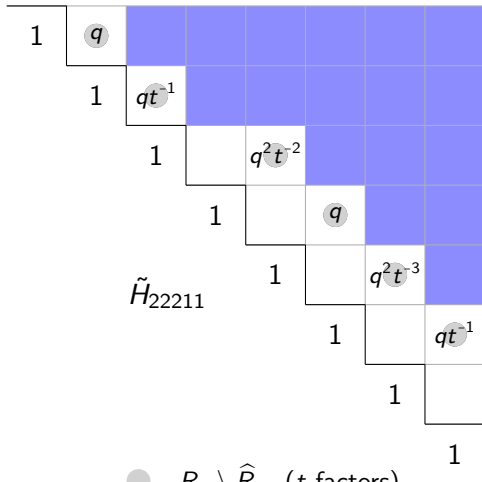
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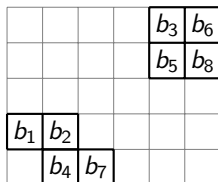
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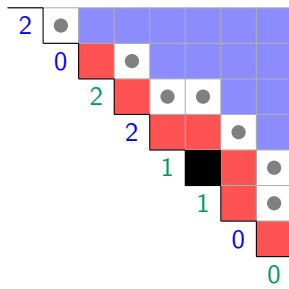
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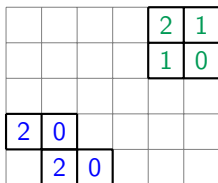


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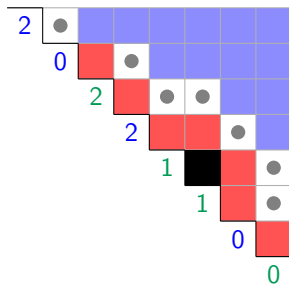
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## Theorem (Blasiak-Haiman-Morse-Pun-S.)

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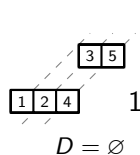
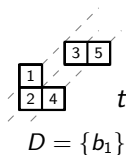
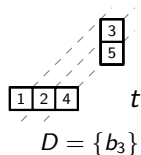
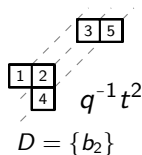
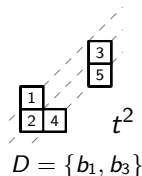
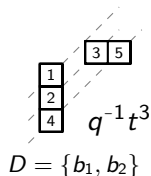
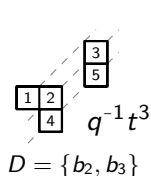
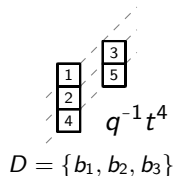
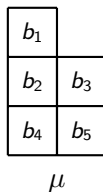
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# Haglund-Haiman-Loehr formula example

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The *elliptic Hall algebra*  $\mathcal{E}$  is generated by subalgebras  $\Lambda(X^{a,b})$  isomorphic to the ring of symmetric functions  $\Lambda$  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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Nice fact (up to some modifications of definitions)

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# Shuffle to elliptic Hall summary

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 & \uparrow & \\
 \bigoplus_{\substack{a>0 \\ b \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (a,b)=1}} \Lambda(X^{a,b}) & \stackrel{\cong}{\underset{\text{v.sp.}}{\longrightarrow}} & \mathcal{E}^+ \\
 & \uparrow \psi \cong & \\
 \sigma_\Gamma \left( \bigoplus_n \mathbb{k}[z_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, z_n^{\pm 1}] \right) & \stackrel{\cong}{\underset{\text{v.sp.}}{\longrightarrow}} \mathcal{S}_\Gamma \ni H & \text{“tame” Catalanimal}
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# Proof of $\nabla \mathcal{G}_\nu$ formula

- ① LLT Catalananimals  $H_\nu$  are tame.
- ② LLT Catalananimals lie in  $\psi^{-1}(\Lambda(X^{1,1}))$ .
- ③ Describe coproduct  $\Delta$  on  $\mathcal{E}$  explicitly on tame Catalananimals and show  $\Delta H_\nu$  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  $\mu$  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  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,

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- 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  $\mathrm{GL}_n$  character.

- Let  $\mathrm{pol}_X$  send  $\chi_{\lambda} \mapsto s_{\lambda}$  if  $\lambda_n \geq 0$ , otherwise  $\chi_{\lambda} \mapsto 0$ .
- The  $\sigma$  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  $\mathcal{S}_{\Gamma}$  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  
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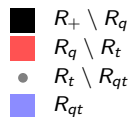
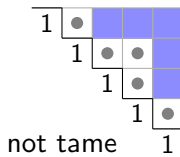
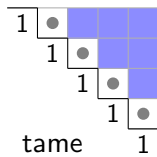
A symmetric Laurent polynomial  $g(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}_{\check{\Gamma}}$  if and only if it satisfies the wheel condition and vanishes whenever  $z_i = z_j$  for  $i \neq j$ .

# 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  $\mathcal{S}_\Gamma$ .