# A Raising Operator Formula for Macdonald Polynomials (and The Journey There)

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#### Outline

- Background on symmetric functions and Macdonald polynomials
- Shuffle theorems, combinatorics, and LLT polynomials
- A new formula for Macdonald polynomials

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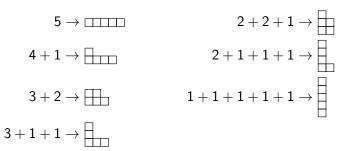
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#### Hidden Guide: Schur Positivity

"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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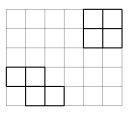
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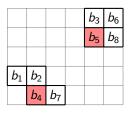
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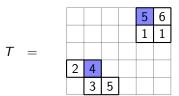
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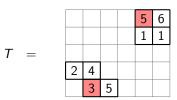
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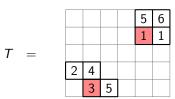
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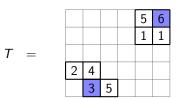
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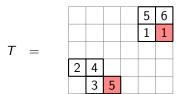
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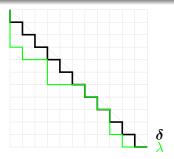
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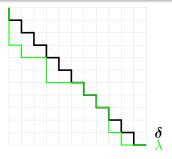
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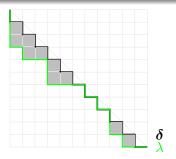
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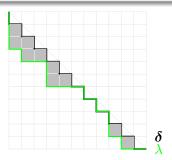
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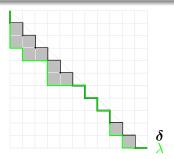
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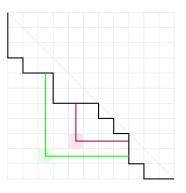
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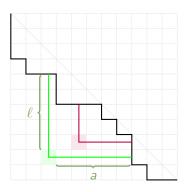
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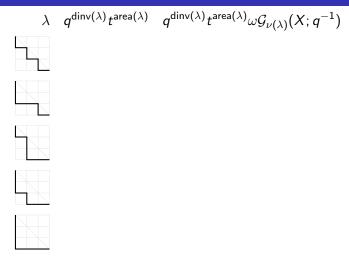
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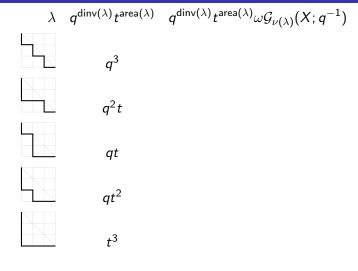
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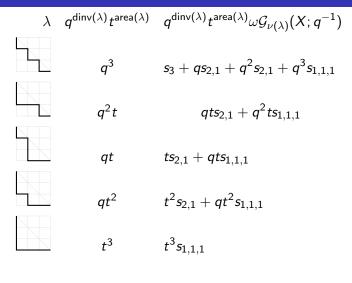
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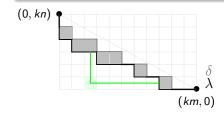
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Can be difficult to work with in general. Can we make it more explicit?

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$$s_{\gamma} = \begin{cases} \operatorname{sgn}(\gamma + \rho) s_{\operatorname{sort}(\gamma + \rho) - \rho} & \text{if } \gamma + \rho \text{ has distinct nonnegative parts,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

- $sort(\beta) = weakly decreasing sequence obtained by sorting <math>\beta$ ,
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Example:  $s_{201} = 0, s_{2-11} = -s_{200}$ .

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$$n = 3$$
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$$= s_{111} + (q + t + q^2 + qt + t^2)s_{21} + (qt + q^3 + q^2t + qt^2 + t^3)s_3$$

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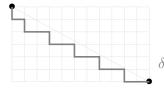
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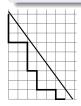
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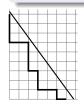
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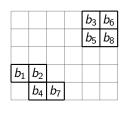
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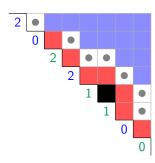
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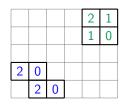
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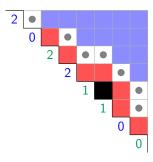
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#### LLT Catalanimals

#### Theorem (Blasiak-Haiman-Morse-Pun-S., 2021+)

Let  $\nu$  be a tuple of skew shapes and let  $H_{\nu} = H(R_q, R_t, R_{qt}, \lambda)$  be the associated LLT Catalanimal. Then

$$\nabla \mathcal{G}_{\nu}(X;q) = c_{\nu} \, \omega H_{\nu}$$

$$= c_{\nu} \, \omega \sigma \left( \frac{\mathbf{z}^{\lambda} \prod_{\alpha \in R_{qt}} (1 - qt \, \mathbf{z}^{\alpha})}{\prod_{\alpha \in R_{q}} (1 - q \, \mathbf{z}^{\alpha}) \prod_{\alpha \in R_{t}} (1 - t \, \mathbf{z}^{\alpha})} \right)$$

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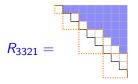
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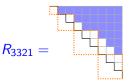
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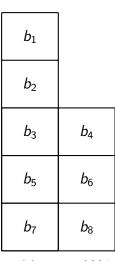
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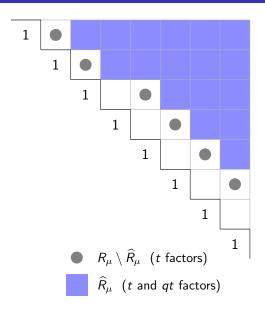
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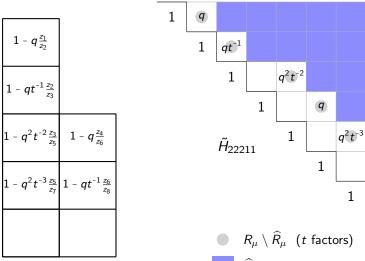
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partition  $\mu = 22211$ 



## Example



numerator factors  $1-q^{\mathrm{arm}+1}t^{-\mathrm{leg}}z_i/z_j$ 

 $\widehat{R}_{\mu}$  (t and qt factors)

 $qt^{-1}$ 

## q=t=1 specialization

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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

$$ilde{H}_{\mu}^{(s)} = \sum_{
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u,\mu}^{(s)}(q,t) \, \mathsf{s}_{
u}(X)$$

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

# Symmetric functions, representation theory, and combinatorics

Symmetric function	Representation theory	Combinatorics
$s_{\lambda}(X)$	Irreducible $V_{\lambda}$	$SSYT(\lambda)$
$\tilde{H}_{\lambda}(X;q,t)$	Garsia-Haiman $M_\lambda$	HHL
$\nabla e_n$	$DH_n$	Shuffle theorem
$ ilde{H}_{\lambda}^{(s)}(X;q,t)$	??	??

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