K-theoretic Catalan functions

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Overview

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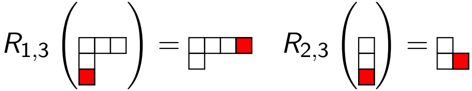

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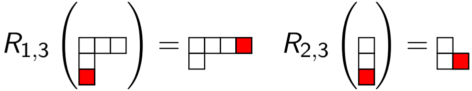

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3. (Lam et al., 2010) leave open the question: what is a direct formulation of the K-homology representatives of the affine Grassmannian (K-k-Schur functions)?

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Identify K-k-Schur functions in explicit (simple) terms amenable to calculation and proofs.

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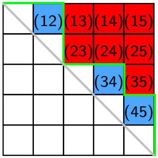

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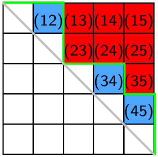

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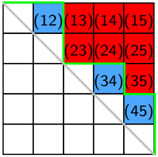

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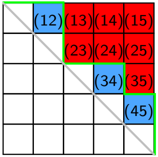

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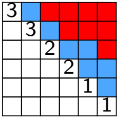
$\Delta^4(3,3,2,2,1,1) =$ 

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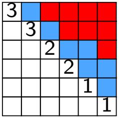

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k-Schur is a Catalan function (Blasiak et al., 2019).

For partition λ with $\lambda_1 \leq k$,

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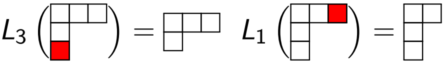

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non-roots of Ψ in blue, roots of $\mathcal{L}$ marked with $\bullet$

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$$K(\Psi; \mathcal{L}; 54332)$$
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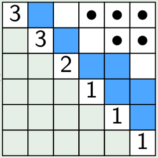
$g_{332111}^{(4)} =$ 

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