

# Diagonal Harmonics and Shuffle Theorems

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Capsule Research Talk

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- Symmetric polynomials and The Shuffle Theorem
- Generalizations of The Shuffle Theorem
- Proof techniques and new progress

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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.

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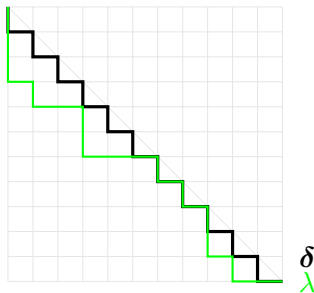
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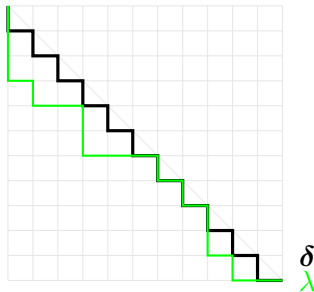
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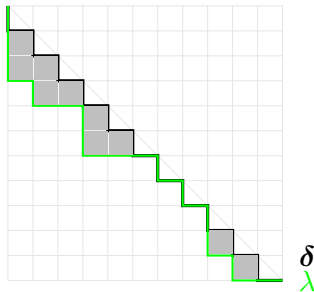


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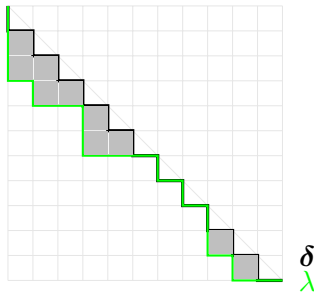


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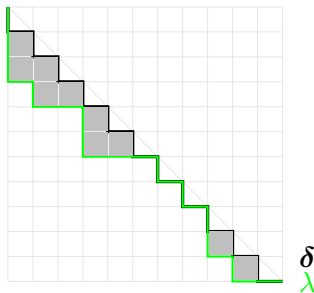


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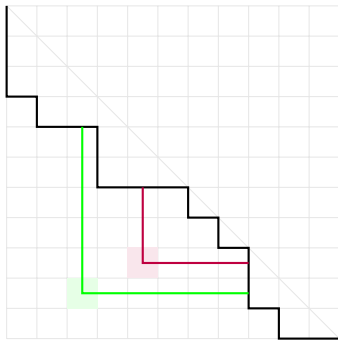
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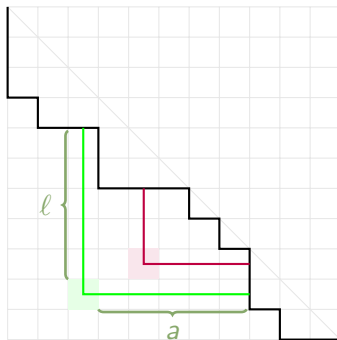
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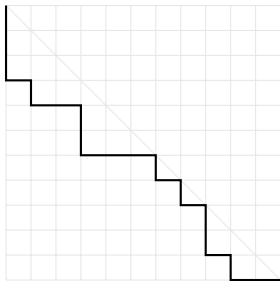
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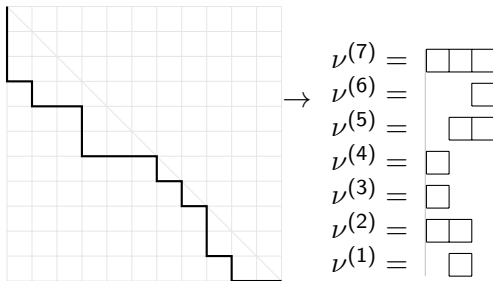
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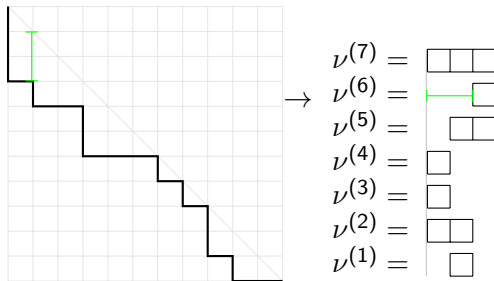
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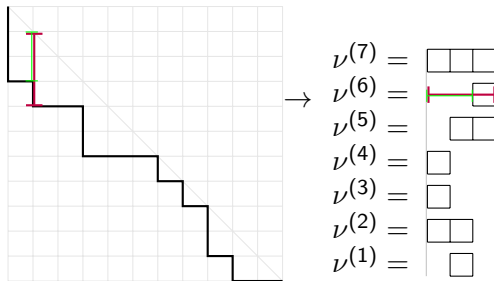
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




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




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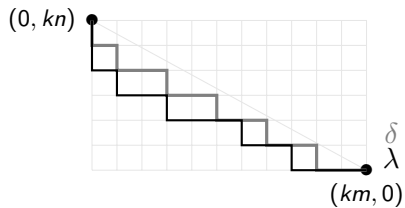
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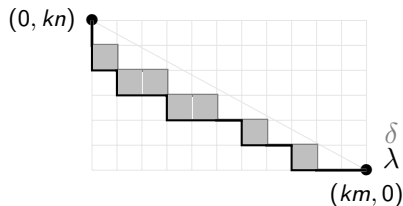
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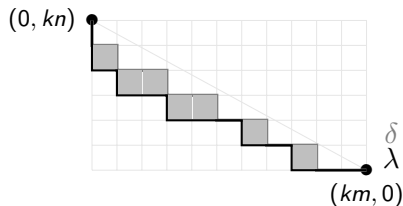
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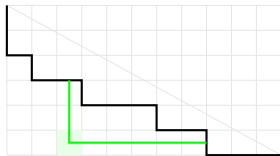
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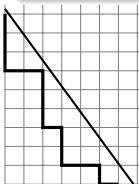
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