

K -theoretic Catalan functions

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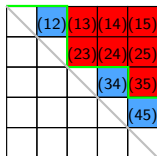
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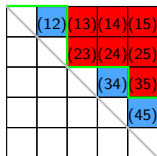
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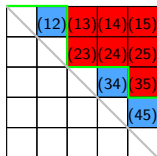
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k -Schur is a Catalan function (Blasiak et al., 2019).

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

$$s_\lambda^{(k)} = H(\Delta^k(\lambda); \lambda).$$

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	(12)		•	•
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		(34)		
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$$\begin{aligned} K(\Psi; \mathcal{L}; 54332) \\ &= (1 - L_4)^2 (1 - L_5)^2 \\ &\cdot (1 - R_{12})(1 - R_{34})(1 - R_{45}) k_{54332} \end{aligned}$$

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