

# FPSAC 2020 Online:

## Crystal for stable Grothendieck polynomials

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# Stable Grothendieck Polynomials for $w$

## Definition

**Stable Grothendieck polynomial** (or  $K$ -Stanley symmetric function):

$$\mathfrak{G}_w(\mathbf{x}, \beta) = \sum_{h^m \dots h^2 h^1 \in \mathcal{H}_w^m} \beta^{\ell(h^1) + \dots + \ell(h^m) - \ell(w)} x_1^{\ell(h^1)} \dots x_m^{\ell(h^m)}$$

where  $\ell(w)$  is the length of any reduced word of  $w$ .

$\mathcal{H}_w^m$ : Decreasing factorizations of 0-Hecke Monoid

## Example

$w = 132 \in \mathcal{H}_0(4)$

Reduced Hecke words 132, 312

Decreasing factorizations for constant term:

(31)(2), (1)(32) (3)(1)(2), (1)(3)(2)

$$\beta^0 : (x_1^2 x_2 + x_1^2 x_3 + x_2^2 x_3 + x_1 x_2^2 + x_1 x_3^2 + x_2 x_3^2) + 2x_1 x_2 x_3 = s_{21}$$

# Schur positivity

Schur positivity (Fomin, Greene 1998)

$$\mathfrak{S}_w(\mathbf{x}, \beta) = \sum_{\lambda} \beta^{|\lambda| - \ell(w)} g_w^{\lambda} s_{\lambda}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$g_w^{\lambda} = |\{T \in SST^n(\lambda') \mid \text{column reading of } T \equiv w\}|$$

Example

$$\mathfrak{S}_{132}(\mathbf{x}, \beta) = s_{21} + \beta(2s_{211} + s_{22}) + \beta^2(3s_{2111} + 2s_{221}) + \cdots$$

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# Crystal for $F_w$ or $\mathfrak{G}_w$ ?

## Idea

Fix  $w \in S_n$ , create **Graph**  $B(w)$

- ① vertices are decreasing factorizations of  $w$
- ② edges are imposed and colored by  $f_i, e_i$
- ③ highest weights are vertices with no unpaired entries

Theorem (Schilling, Morse 2016)

$B(w)$  is a *crystal graph* of type  $A_\ell$



# Motivation: Schubert Calculus

## Polynomial Representatives for Schubert Cells

	Grassmannian $\mathbb{G}_{m,n}$	Flag Varieties $Fl_n$
cohomology	$s_\lambda$	$\mathfrak{S}_w \rightarrow F_w$
k-theory	$\mathcal{G}_\lambda$	$\mathcal{G}_w \rightarrow \mathfrak{G}_w$

Grassmannian Grothendieck polynomials:  $\mathfrak{G}_\lambda$  Lascoux, Schützenberger 1982

Stable Grothendieck polynomials:  $\mathfrak{G}_w$  Fomin, Kirillov 1994

## Combinatorial Approach?

- Crystal Structure on  $F_w$   
(Morse & Schilling 2015)
- Nonlocal crystal structure on  $\mathfrak{G}_w$   
(Monical & Pechenik & Scrimshaw 2018)

## ★-Crystal Structure on $\mathcal{H}^{m,\star}$ (Morse, Pan, Poh, Schilling 19')

Bracketing rule on  $h^m \dots h^{i+1} h^i \dots h^1$

- 1 Start with the **largest** letter  $b$  in  $h^{i+1}$ , pair it with the smallest  $a \geq b$  in  $h^i$ . If there is no such  $a$ , then  $b$  is unpaired.
- 2 Proceed in decreasing order in  $h^{i+1}$ , ignore previously paired letters.

Crystal operator  $f_i^\star$ ,  $x$  : largest unpaired letter in  $h^i$

- If  $x + 1 \in h^i \cap h^{i+1}$ , then remove  $x + 1$  from  $h^i$ , add  $x$  to  $h^{i+1}$ .
- Otherwise, remove  $x$  from  $h^i$  and add  $x$  to  $h^{i+1}$ .

### Example

- $(1)(32) \xrightarrow{\text{bracket}} (\textcolor{red}{1})(\textcolor{red}{3}2) \xrightarrow{f_1^\star} (31)(2)$
- $(7532)(621) \xrightarrow{\text{bracket}} (7\textcolor{red}{5}3\textcolor{green}{2})(\textcolor{red}{6}2\textcolor{green}{1}) \xrightarrow{f_1^\star} (75321)(61)$

# Vertices and Edges

$$w = 132, \beta^1$$

$$\mathfrak{G}_{132}(\mathbf{x}, \beta) = s_{21} + \beta(2s_{211} + s_{22}) + \beta^2(3s_{2111} + 2s_{221}) + \dots$$

① (3, 1)(3, 2)( )

② (3, 1)(1)(2)

③ (3, 1)(2)(2)

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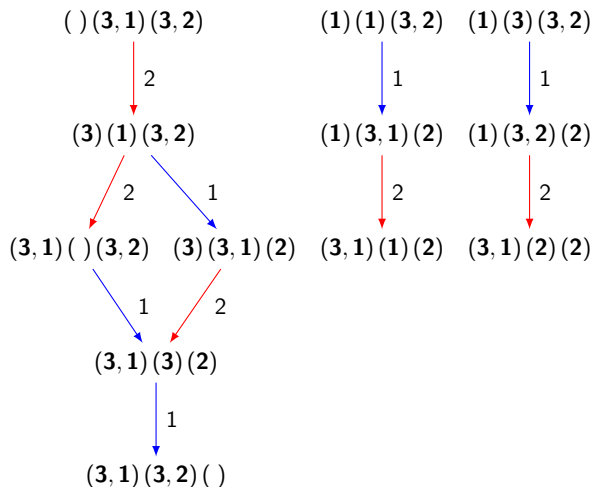
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# The Residue Map

$\mathcal{H}^{m,\star}$  = set of 321-avoiding decreasing factorizations with  $m$  factors

Definition:  $\text{res}(T)$

- $\text{res} : \text{SVT}^m(\lambda/\mu) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{m,\star}$
- Associate cell  $(i, j)$  with  $\ell(\lambda) + j - i$
- Form the  $i$ th factor  $h^i$  by taking the labels of all cells in  $T$  containing  $i$  in decreasing order

Example ( $m=5$ )

34 <sub>1</sub>	45 <sub>2</sub>
	12 <sub>3</sub>
	25 <sub>4</sub>

$$\xrightarrow{\text{res}} (42)(21)(1)(43)(3) \in \mathcal{H}^5, \mathcal{H}^{5,\star}$$

# Grothendieck polynomials for skew shapes

$$\mathfrak{G}_{\nu/\lambda}(\mathbf{x}; \beta) = \sum_{T \in \text{SVT}(\nu/\lambda)} \beta^{\text{ex}(T)} x_1^{\# \text{of } 1\text{'s}} x_2^{\# \text{of } 2\text{'s}} \dots \quad (\text{Buch 2002})$$

$\text{SVT}(\nu/\lambda)$  = set of semistandard set-valued tableaux of shape  $\nu/\lambda$

Excess in  $T$  is  $\text{ex}(T)$

## Semistandard set-valued tableaux $\text{SVT}(\nu/\lambda)$

Fill boxes of skew shape  $\nu/\lambda$  with nonempty sets. **Semistandardness:**

C	
A	B

 $\max(A) \leq \min(B), \max(A) < \min(C)$

## Example (Which one is a valid filling?)

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12	25				

34	35	
	12	456

2	35	
	14	56

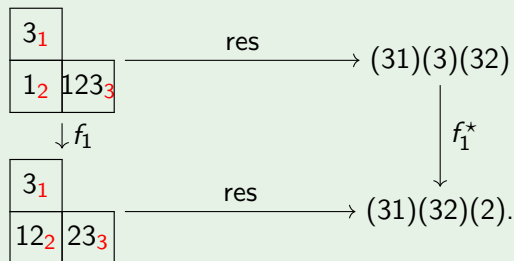
# The Residue as a Crystal Isomorphism

Theorem (Morse, Pan, Poh, Schilling, 2019)

The crystal on SVT defined by [MPS18] and the crystal on decreasing factorizations  $\mathcal{H}^{m,*}$  intertwine under the residue map. That is, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{SVT}^m(\lambda/\mu) & \xrightarrow{\text{res}} & \mathcal{H}^{m,*} \\ \downarrow f_k & & \downarrow f_k^* \\ \text{SVT}^m(\lambda/\mu) & \xrightarrow{\text{res}} & \mathcal{H}^{m,*} \end{array}$$

## Example



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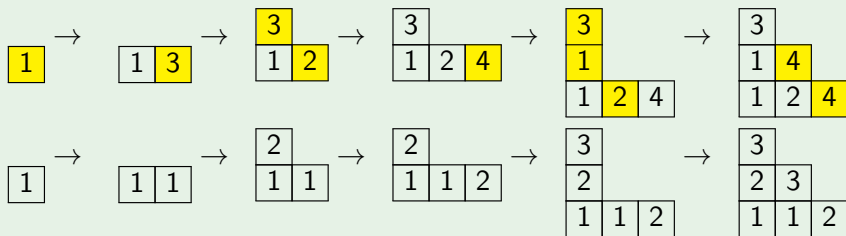
## ★-Insertion Algorithm Morse, Pan, Poh, Schilling, 2019

Insert  $x$  into row  $R$  of a transpose of a semistandard tableau

- 1 Try to append  $x$  to the right of  $R$  (terminate and record)
- 2  $x \notin R$ , bump the minimal  $z > x$  (proceed to the next row)
- 3  $x \in R$ , proceed to next row with  $y$  minimal such that  $[y, x] \subseteq R$

## Example

$$\mathbf{h} = (42)(42)(31) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Association with $\star$ -crystal

## Theorem (Morse, Pan, Poh, Schilling, 2019)

Let  $\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}^{m,\star}$  and  $(P^\star(\mathbf{h}), Q^\star(\mathbf{h})) = \star(\mathbf{h})$ .

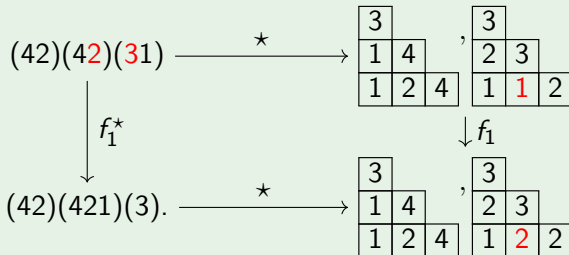
①  $f_i^\star(\mathbf{h}) \neq 0$  if and only if  $f_i(Q^\star(\mathbf{h})) \neq 0$ .

② If  $f_i^\star(\mathbf{h}) \neq 0$ , then  $Q^\star(f_i^\star(\mathbf{h})) = f_i Q^\star(\mathbf{h})$ .

In other words, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{H}^{m,\star} & \xrightarrow{Q^\star} & \text{SSYT}^m \\ \downarrow f_i^\star & & \downarrow f_i \\ \mathcal{H}^{m,\star} & \xrightarrow{Q^\star} & \text{SSYT}^m. \end{array}$$

## Example



# The Hecke Insertion and the Residue Map

Theorem (Morse, Pan, Poh, Schilling, 2019)

Let  $T \in \text{SVT}(\lambda)$  and  $[\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{h}]^t = \text{res}(T)$ . Apply Hecke row insertion from the right on  $[\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{h}]^t$  to obtain the pair of tableaux  $(P, Q)$ . Then  $Q = T$ .

Example

$$T = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2_1 & 4_2 \\ \hline 1_2 & 23_3 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{res}} (2)(3)(31)(2) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \boxed{2} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} = P. \\ \\ \boxed{1} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & \\ \hline 1 & 23 \\ \hline \end{array} & \rightarrow & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 23 \\ \hline \end{array} = Q. \end{array}$$

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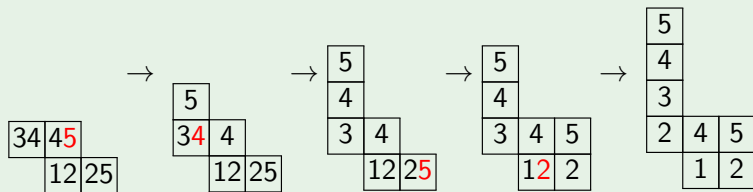
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# Uncrowding Algorithm

Uncrowding Operator [Lenart 2000](#); [Buch 2002](#); [Bandlow, Morse 2012](#); [Patrias 2016](#); [Reiner, Tenner, Yong 2018](#)

- Identify the topmost row in  $T$  containing a multicell.
- Let  $x$  be the largest letter in that row which lies in a multicell.
- Delete this  $x$  and perform RSK algorithm into the rows above.
- Result is a single-valued skew tableau.

## Example

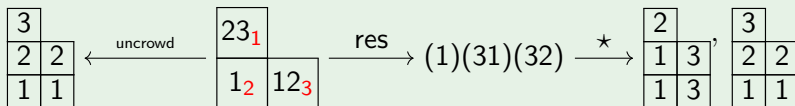


# Connection to the Uncrowding map

**Theorem (Morse, Pan, Poh, Schilling, 2019)**

Let  $T \in \text{SVT}^m(\lambda)$ ,  $(\tilde{P}, \tilde{Q}) = \text{uncrowd}(T)$ , and  $(P, Q) = \star \circ \text{res}(T)$ . Then  $Q = \tilde{P}$ .

**Example**





Thank you!



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# 0-Hecke Monoid

## Definition

The **0-Hecke monoid**, denoted by  $\mathcal{H}_0(n)$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is the monoid of all finite words in  $[n-1] := \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ , such that for all  $p, q \in [n]$ ,

$$pp \equiv p, \quad pqp \equiv qpq,$$

if  $|p - q| > 1$  we also have  $pq \equiv qp$ .

## Examples

- $2112 \equiv 212 \equiv 121$
- $2121 \equiv 1211 \equiv 121 \equiv 212$
- $31312 \equiv 3132 \equiv 312 \equiv 132$

Back to definition of stable Grothendieck polynomials

# Decreasing factorizations in $\mathcal{H}_0(n)$

## Definition

A **decreasing factorization** of  $w \in \mathcal{H}_0(n)$  into  $m$  **factors** is a product of decreasing factors

$$\mathbf{h} = h^m \dots h^2 h^1$$

such that  $\mathbf{h} \equiv w$  in  $\mathcal{H}_0(n)$ .

$\mathcal{H}_w^m$  = set of decreasing factorizations of  $w$  in  $\mathcal{H}_0(n)$  with  $m$  factors

## Example

Decreasing factorizations for  $132 \in \mathcal{H}_0(3)$  of length 5 with 3 factors:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (31)(31)(2) & (31)(32)(2) & (31)(1)(32) \\ (31)(3)(32) & (1)(31)(32) & (3)(31)(32) \end{array}$$

Back to definition of stable Grothendieck polynomials

# 321-avoiding Hecke words (braid-free)

## Definition

An element  $w \in \mathcal{H}_0(n)$  is **321-avoiding** if none of the reduced expressions for  $w$  contain a consecutive subword of the form  $i \ i + 1 \ i$  for any  $i \in [n - 1] = \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ .

## Examples

- $121 \equiv 212$  is not 321-avoiding
- $132 \equiv 312$  is 321-avoiding
- $22132 \equiv 2132 \equiv 2312$  is 321-avoiding

Denote  $\mathcal{H}^{m,\star}(n)$  as the set of all 321-avoiding decreasing factorizations of  $\mathcal{H}_0(n)$  with  $m$  factors.

## Examples

- $(\ ) (1) (21) \in \mathcal{H}^3, \notin \mathcal{H}^{3,\star}.$
- $(31) (2) \in \mathcal{H}^{2,\star}$

# Crystal Structure on SVT (Monical & Pechenik & Scrimshaw 2018)

## A Signature Rule

Assign  $-$  to every column of  $T$  containing an  $i$  but not an  $i + 1$ . Similarly, assign  $+$  to every column of  $T$  containing an  $i + 1$  but not an  $i$ . Then successively pair each  $+$  that is adjacent to a  $-$ .

## Crystal Operator $f_i$

- changes the rightmost unpaired  $i -$  to  $i + 1$ , except
- if its right neighbor contains both  $i, i + 1$ , then *move* the  $i$  over and turn it to be  $i + 1$

## Example

$+$   $-$   $-$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{f_2} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$-$   $+$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{f_4} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 4 & 5 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# The Hecke Insertion Algorithm (Buch 2008, Patrias, Pylyavskyy 2016)

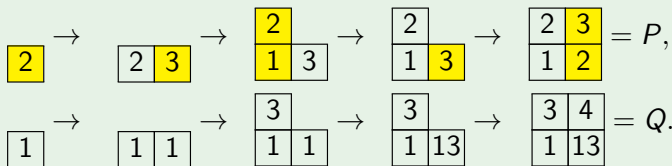
Insert  $x$  to row  $R$  of an **increasing tableau**

- Try to append  $x$  to the right of  $R$  (record and terminate)
- Try to bump the smallest letter that is bigger than  $x$  (proceed to the next row)

$$\mathcal{H}^m \longleftrightarrow (P, Q)$$

## Example

$$\mathbf{h} = (2)(31)(\quad)(32) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$



# A Solution to $\mathcal{H}^m(3)$

$(2, 1, 21)$



$(2, 21, 2)$



$(21, 1, 2)$

$(\quad, 21, 21)$

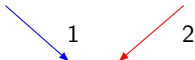


$(1, 2, 21)$



$(21, \quad, 21)$

$(1, 21, 1)$



$(21, 2, 1)$



$(21, 21, \quad)$

$(1, 1, 21)$



$(1, 21, 2)$



$(21, 2, 2)$

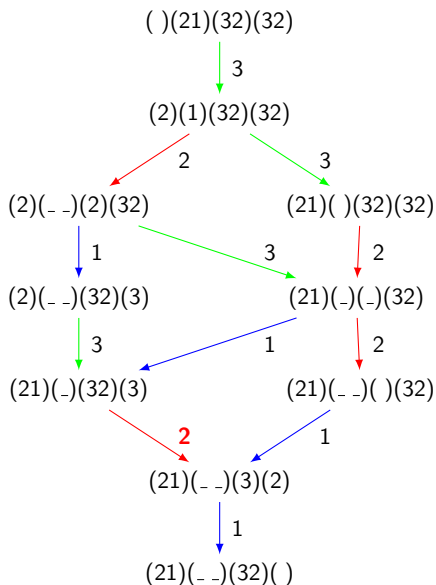
# A Counterexample

Desired properties:

- ❶  $f_i$  only changes the  $i$ -th and  $(i + 1)$ -st factors;
- ❷  $f_i$  is determined by the first  $(i + 1)$  factors;
- ❸  $f_i$  does not change  $w$  and excess.

Our crystal on  $\mathcal{H}^m(3)$  has these properties.

However, we found a counter example in  $\mathcal{H}^4(4)$ .





# Pop Motivation: Why crystals?

- Irreducible representations  $V_\lambda$  and  $V_\mu$

- 

$$V_\lambda \otimes V_\mu \cong \bigoplus_{\nu} c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} V_{\nu}$$

**Question:** How to count multiplicities  $c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$ ?

- Crystals  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda \longleftrightarrow V_\lambda$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_\mu \longleftrightarrow V_\mu$

- 

$$\mathcal{B}_\lambda \otimes \mathcal{B}_\mu = \bigoplus_{\nu} c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} \mathcal{B}_{\nu}$$

- $c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} = \#\{\text{Yamanouchi tableaux of shape } \nu/\lambda \text{ and content } \mu\}$

**Littlewood-Richardson Coefficients**

- Character of crystal  $\mathcal{B}_\lambda = s_\lambda$

# An Illustration on Lie Algebra $\mathfrak{sl}_3$

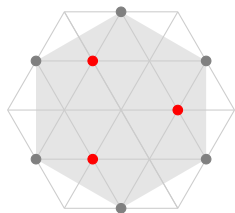


Figure: Std Rep of  $\mathfrak{sl}_3 : V_{(1,0)}$

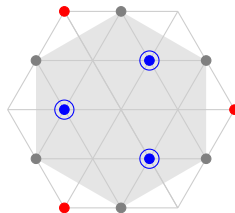


Figure: Tensor Product

Characters:

- $x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_3^2 = s_2$
- $x_2x_1 + x_3x_1 + x_3x_2 = s_{11}$

## Tensor Product Using Crystals

$$1 \xrightarrow{1} 2 \xrightarrow{2} 3$$

1	$1 \otimes 1$	$\xrightarrow{1}$	$1 \otimes 2$	$\xrightarrow{2}$	$1 \otimes 3$
$\downarrow 1$			$\downarrow 1$		$\downarrow 1$
2	$2 \otimes 1$		$2 \otimes 2$	$\xrightarrow{2}$	$2 \otimes 3$
$\downarrow 2$	$\downarrow 2$				$\downarrow 2$
3	$3 \otimes 1$	$\xrightarrow{1}$	$3 \otimes 2$		$3 \otimes 3$