

# **SOME GRAPHICAL REALIZATIONS OF TWO-ROW SPECHT MODULES OF HECKE ALGEBRAS**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $S_{2n+r}$  be the symmetric group on  $2n+r$  indices with  $2n+r \geq 2$ , let  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{k,q}(S_{2n+r})$  be the corresponding Hecke algebra over field  $k$  with parameter  $q \in k^\times$  having square root  $q^{1/2}$ , and let  $\{T_i\}$  be the reflections generating  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $[m]_q = 1 + q + \dots + q^{m-1}$  be the  $q$ -number of  $m$ . Let  $e$  be the smallest positive integer such that  $[e]_q = 0$ , and set  $e = \infty$  if no such integer exists. Either  $q = 1$  and  $e$  is the characteristic of  $k$  (with 0 replaced by  $\infty$ ), or  $q \neq 1$  and  $q$  is a primitive  $e$ th root of unity.

Throughout the text, we will refer to partitions of  $2n+r$ ; identify each partition with a tuple  $\lambda = (\lambda_1^{a_1}, \dots, \lambda_l^{a_l})$  having  $\lambda_i > \lambda_{i+1}$ ,  $a_i > 0$ , and  $\sum_i a_i \lambda_i = 2n+r$ . Identify each of these with a subset  $[\lambda] \subset \mathbb{N}^2$  as defined in Kleshchev, and define  $\lambda(i) = (\lambda_1^{a_1}, \dots, \lambda_{i-1}^{a_{i-1}}, \lambda_i^{a_i-1}, \lambda_i - 1, \lambda_{i+1}^{a_{i+1}}, \dots, \lambda_l^{a_l})$  to be the partition with the  $i$ th row removed.

Fixing some partition  $\lambda$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq l$ , let  $\beta(i, j)$  be the hook length

$$\beta(i, j) = \lambda_i - \lambda_j + \sum_{t=i}^j a_t.$$

Then, adopting Kleshchev's terminology,  $j$  is normal in  $\lambda$  if  $\beta(i, j) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{e}$  for all  $i < j$ , and  $j$  is good if it is the largest normal number (these are stronger conditions than generally necessary).

Let  $S^{(n+r, n)'} be the Specht module corresponding to the young diagram with two columns with height difference  $r$ , and let  $D^{(n+r, n)'}$  be the corresponding irreducible quotient. The purpose of this writing is to characterize these representation via an isomorphism with two graphical representations of  $\mathcal{H}$ .$

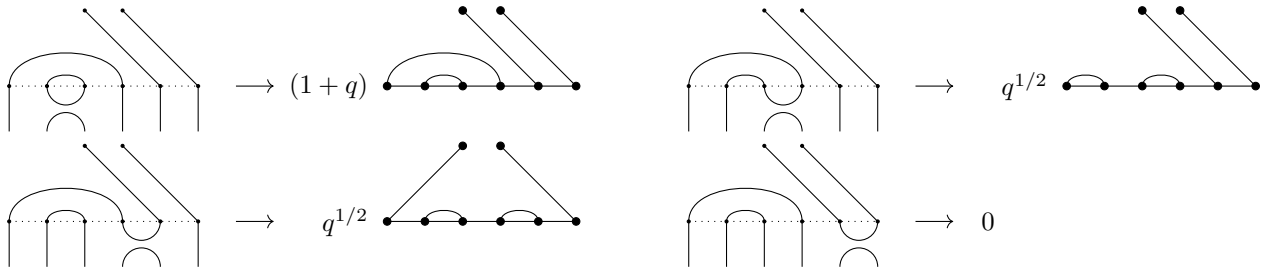
## 1.1. Crossingless Matchings.

**Definition 1.1.** A *crossingless matching* on  $2n+r$  indices with  $r$  anchors is a partition of  $\{1, \dots, 2n+r\}$  into  $n$  parts of size 2 and  $r$  of size 1 such that no two parts of size two “cross”, i.e. there are no parts  $(a, a')$  and  $(b, b')$  such that  $a < b < a' < b'$ , and no parts of size one are “inside” of a part of size two, i.e. there are no  $c, (a, a')$  such that  $a < c < a'$ . We will call these arcs and anchors, respectively. Then, define  $W_{2n+r}^r$  to be the  $k$ -vector space with basis the set of generalized crossingless matchings on  $2n+r$  indices with  $r$  anchors.

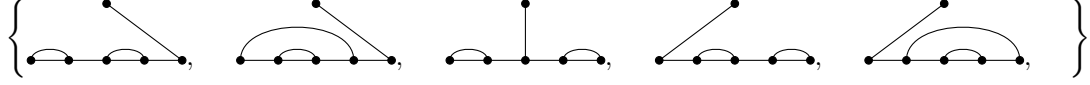
In order for this to be a  $\mathcal{H}$ -module, endow this with the action given by Figure 1; if a “loop” is created, scale by  $q+1$ , if a loop is not created and the action involves fewer than 2 anchors, deform into a new crossingless matching and scale by  $q^{1/2}$ , and if it involves two anchors, scale by 0. We verify that this is well-defined in appendix A.1.

Let the length of an arc  $(i, j)$  be  $l(i, j) := j - i + 1$ . Note that the crossingless matchings on  $2n$  indices with no anchors can all be identified with a list of  $n$  integers describing the lengths of the arcs from left to right; using this, we may order the crossingless matchings with no anchors in increasing lexicographical order in order to obtain an order on the subbasis containing a particular set of anchors; let the basis be ordered first by the position of the anchors in decreasing lexicographical order, then increasing for the matchings between each anchor. Let this basis be  $\{w_i\}$ . This basis is illustrated for  $W_5^1$  in Figure 2.

We will prove that  $W := W_{2n+r}^r$  and  $S := S^{(n+r, n)'}$  are isomorphic as representations in the case that  $e > n+r+1$ . Note that, when  $r = 0$ , these have the same dimension given by the  $n$ th catalan number  $C_n$ .



**Figure 1.** Illustration of the actions  $(1 + T_i)w_{|W_5^1|}$ . In general, we act by deleting loops, deforming into a new crossingless matching, and scaling by either  $q^{1/2}$ ,  $(q+1)$ , or 0.



**Figure 2.** The basis for  $W_5^1$ .

**1.2. Fibonacci Representation.** Now suppose that  $e = 5$  and  $k$  contains the algebraic number  $(-1 - q^2 - q^3)^{3/2}$ . Let  $V^m$  be a  $k$ -vector space with basis given by the strings  $\{*, 0\}^{n+1}$  such that the character  $*$  never appears twice in a row. We will suppress the superscript whenever it is clear from context.

We wish to endow this with a  $\mathcal{H}$ -action which acts on a basis vector only dependent on characters  $i, i+1, i+2$ , sending each basis vector to a combination of the other basis vectors having the same characters  $1, \dots, i, i+2, \dots, n+1$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad T_1(*00) &:= \alpha(*00) \\
 T_1(00*) &:= \alpha(00*) \\
 T_1(*0*) &:= \beta(*0*) \\
 T_1(0*0) &:= \gamma(0*0) + \delta(000) \\
 T_1(000) &:= \delta(0*0) + \varepsilon(000)
 \end{aligned}$$

for constants

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad \alpha &= -1 \\
 \beta &= q \\
 \gamma &= \tau(q\tau - 1) \\
 \delta &= \tau^{3/2}(q + 1) \\
 \varepsilon &= \tau(q - \tau) \\
 \tau &= -1 - q^2 - q^3
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $T_i$  acting similarly on the substring  $i, i+1, i+2$ . We will verify that this is a representation of  $\mathcal{H}$  in Appendix A.2

This contains 4 subrepresentations based on the first and last character of the string, which are not modified by  $\mathcal{H}$ . Label the subrepresentation spanned by strings  $(*\dots*)$  by  $V_{**}$ , and similar for the other 3. It is easy to see that  $V_{*0} \simeq V_{0*}$ , so that

$$V \simeq 2V_{*0} \oplus V_{**} \oplus V_{00}.$$

We will show that  $V_{00} \simeq V_{*0} \oplus V_{**}$ , and give the following isomorphisms with irreducible quotients of specht modules depending on the parity of the number of indices in  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3) \quad V_{**}^{2n} &\simeq D^{(n,n)'} \\
 V_{**}^{2n-1} &\simeq D^{(n+1,n-2)'} \\
 V_{*0}^{2n} &\simeq D^{(n+1,n-1)'} \\
 V_{*0}^{2n-1} &\simeq D^{(n,n-1)'}.
 \end{aligned}$$

## 2. PRELIMINARIES ON SPECHT MODULES

**Proposition 2.1.** (i) Suppose that  $n, r > 0$ . Then, a filtration of  $\text{Res} W_{2n+r}^r$  is given by

$$(4) \quad 0 \subset W_{2n+r-1}^{r-1} \subset \text{Res} W_{2n+r}^r$$

with  $\text{Res} W_{2n+r}^r / W_{2n+r-1}^{r-1} \simeq W_{2n+r-1}^{r+1}$ .

(ii) We have the following isomorphism of representations:

$$(5) \quad W_{2n-1}^1 \simeq \text{Res} W_{2n}^0$$

*Proof.* (i) Note that we may identify the subrepresentation of  $\text{Res} W_{2n+r}^r$  having anchor  $n$  with  $W_{2n+r-1}^{r-1}$ .

Let  $U := \text{Res} W_{2n+r}^r / W_{2n+r-1}^{r-1}$ . Let  $\phi : U \rightarrow W_{2n+r-1}^{r+1}$  be the  $k$ -linear map which regards the arc  $(i, 2n+r)$  in  $U$  as an anchor at  $i$  in  $W_{2n+r-1}^{r+1}$ . It is not hard to verify that this is a well-defined isomorphism of vector spaces, so we must show that it is  $\mathcal{H}$ -linear.

Given a basis vector  $w_j$  with arc  $(i, 2n+r)$ ,  $\phi$  is clearly compatible with  $T_{i'}$  with  $i' \neq i, i-1$ . Further, it's easy to verify that  $\phi$  is compatible with  $T_i$  and  $T_{i-1}$ , as actions on one anchor were designed for this deformation. When there are anchors  $(i, i+1)$ , then  $\phi(T_i w_j) = T_i \phi(w_j) = 0$ , and similar for  $T_{i-1}$ . Hence  $\phi$  is an isomorphism of representations, and the statement is proven.

(ii) This follows with the above proof, defining  $W_{2n-1}^{-1} := 0$   $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** Suppose  $n, r > 0$ . Then, we may characterize the socle of  $\text{Res} D^\lambda$  as follows:

$$\text{soc} \left( \text{Res} D^{(n+r, n)'} \right) \simeq \begin{cases} D^{(n+r-1, n)'} & e \mid r+2 \\ D^{(n+r, n-1)'} & e \nmid r+2, e \mid r \\ D^{(n+r-1, n)'} \oplus D^{(n+r, n-1)} & e \nmid r+2, r \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* This amounts to computations of the hook lengths  $\beta(1, 2)$  and  $\gamma(1, 2)$ :

$$\beta_\lambda(1, 2) = r+2$$

$$\gamma_\lambda(1, 2) = r$$

Since 2 is the largest removable number,  $D^{(n+r, n-1)'} \subset D^{(n+r, n)'}$  iff  $e \nmid r+2$ . Further, if  $e \nmid r+2$ , then  $D^{(n+r-1, n)'} \subset D^{(n+r, n)'}$  iff 1 is good iff  $e \nmid r$   $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** Assume  $e > 2$  and  $n > 0$ .

(i) Suppose  $e > n$ . Then,  $S^{(n+r, n)'}$  is irreducible iff  $e \nmid l$  for all  $r+2 \leq l \leq n+r+1$ .

(ii) Suppose  $e \leq n$ . Then,  $S^{(n+r, n)'}$  is irreducible iff  $e \mid r+1$  and  $\nu_{e,p}(h_{ab}^\lambda)$  acquires exactly two values over rows  $a \leq n$ .

*Proof.* (i) Note that  $\nu_p(l) \neq -1$  for all  $l$  and only hook lengths in the first column may vanish mod  $e$ ; hence we may equivalently prove that  $e$  divides no hook lengths in the first  $n$  rows of the first column. These hook lengths are precisely  $r+2, \dots, n+r+1$ .

(ii) Note that we have  $\nu_{e,p}(h_{n-e+1, 2}^\lambda) \neq -1$ . Suppose that  $e \nmid r+1$ . Then,

$$\nu_{e,p}(h_{n-e+1, 1}^\lambda) = \nu_{e,p}(h_{n-e, 2}^\lambda + r+1) = -1,$$

giving  $S^{(n+r, n)'}$  reducible.

Note that  $\nu$  acquires at least two values since  $e$  is a hook length. Now, suppose that

$$0 \leq \nu_{e,p}(h_{ab}^\lambda) < \nu_{e,p}(h_{a'b'}^\lambda)$$

and  $S^{(n+r, n)'}$  is irreducible. If  $a = a'$  then we have reducibility, so assume  $a \neq a'$ . Further, if  $b = b'$ , then we may replace  $b$  with the other column; hence we may assume WLOG that  $b \neq b'$  as well.

Note that  $p$ -adic valuation is monotonic, so  $h_{ab}^\lambda < h_{a'b'}^\lambda$ . If  $b < b'$ , then  $\nu_p(h_{ab}) = \nu_p(h_{ab'}) < \nu(h_{a'b'})$  while  $h_{ab'} > h_{a'b'}$ , a contradiction. If  $b > b'$ , then  $\nu_p(h_{ab}) = \nu_p(h_{ab'})$  and  $h_{ab} < h_{ab'}$ , so there is some  $c < b$  with  $\nu_{e,p}(h_{ab}) = \nu_{e,p}(h_{ac})$ ; we may replace  $b$  with  $c$ , and repeat until  $b = b'$  to reach contradiction.

Finally, assume  $e \mid r+1$  and  $\nu_{e,p}$  acquires two values over the top  $n$  rows. Since  $e \mid r+1$ ,  $e \mid h_{a1}^\lambda$  iff  $e \mid h_{a2}$ ; since  $\nu_{e,p}$  acquires only two values, this proves that  $\nu_{e,p}(h_{a1}) = \nu_{e,p}(h_{a2})$  across these rows, giving the lemma.  $\square$

This is complicated and annoying, and the second amounts to a condition on  $p$ . We will illustrate that irreducibility interpolates between  $p = 2$  and  $p$  large:

**Corollary 2.4.** *Assume  $2 < e \leq n$ .*

- (i) *Suppose  $p > n + r + 1$ . Then,  $S^{(n+r,n)'} is irreducible iff  $e|r + 1$ .$*
- (ii) *Suppose  $p = 2$ . Then,  $S^{(n+r,n)'} is not irreducible.$*

*Proof.* (i) is clear. (ii) is given by noting that  $e + r + 1 \geq 2e$ ; then,  $h_{n-e+1,1} - h_{n-e+1,2} \geq 1$ , giving reducibility.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** *Suppose that  $e, n, r$  satisfy criterion (i) of Proposition 2.3. Let  $\lambda$  be a partition of  $2n + r$ .*

- (i) *Suppose  $r > 0$ . If  $D^\lambda$  has the composition series*

$$(6) \quad 0 \subset D^{(n+r-1,n)'} \subset \text{Res } D^\lambda$$

*with factor  $\text{Res } D^\lambda / D^{(n+r-1,n)'} \simeq D^{(n+r,n)'}$ , then  $\lambda = (n+r, n)'$ .*

- (ii) *Suppose  $r = 0$  and  $D^{(n,n-1)'} \simeq \text{Res } D^\lambda$ . Then  $\lambda = (n, n)'$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\varpi := (n+r-1, n, 1)$ , let  $\varsigma := (n+r-1, n+1)'$ , and let  $\mu := (n+r, n)'$ . Since  $D^{(n+r-1,n)'} \subset \text{Res } D^\lambda$ , we have  $(n+r-1, n)' \rightarrow \lambda$ , implying  $\lambda = \varpi, \varsigma, \mu$ .

We will show that  $\varpi, \varsigma$  do not have socle compatible with (6); then, we will have  $\lambda = \mu$ .

First, we focus on  $\varpi$ ; Suppose  $r > 1$  and  $e \mid n+1$ ; then,  $\beta_\varpi(2, 3) = n+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{e}$ , so 3 is not normal and  $D^{(n+r-1,n)'}$  is not in the socle of  $D^\varpi$ , giving  $\lambda \neq \varpi$ .

Now suppose  $r > 1$  and  $e \nmid n+1$ . Then  $S^{(n+r-2,n,1)'} \simeq D^{(n+r-2,n,1)'}$ . Then, we have  $D^{(n+r-2,n,1)'} \simeq S^{(n+r-2,n,1)'} \subset \text{Res } D^\varpi$  since 1 is normal; this is not a composition factor in (6), so  $\lambda \neq \varpi$ .

Similarly, assume  $r = 1$ ; then, by the same logic,  $D^{(n+r-1,n)'} \not\subset \text{Res } D^\varpi$  or  $D^{(n,n-1,1)} \subset \text{Res } D^\varpi$ , also implying  $\lambda \neq \varpi$ .

Now, focus on  $\varsigma$ ; if  $r < 2$ , then  $\varsigma$  is not a partition. If  $r = 2$ , then  $\text{Res } D^\varsigma \simeq D^{(n+1,n)'}$  is irreducible, contradicting (6). If  $r > 2$ , then  $D^{(n+r-2,n+1)'}$  is irreducible, so  $D^{(n+r-2,n+1)'} \simeq S^{(n+r-2,n+1)'} \subset D^\varsigma$ , contradicting (6).

(ii) This result is fundamentally similar to the previous result; since the socle of  $D^\lambda$  is irreducible, we require that 1 is the only normal number, which pins  $\lambda$ .  $\square$

### 3. CROSSINGLESS MATCHINGS AND SPECHT MODULES

#### 3.1. Preliminaries on Crossingless Matchings.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Every basis vector in  $W_{2n+r}^r$  is cyclic.*

*Proof.* We have already proven this in the  $r = 0$  case, so suppose that  $r > 0$ .

Note that, between anchors  $a < a'$  having no arc  $b$  with  $a < b < a'$ , the  $W_{a'-a}^0$  case allows us to generate the vector with all length-2 arcs between  $a, a'$  and identical arcs/anchors outside of this sub-matching.<sup>1</sup>

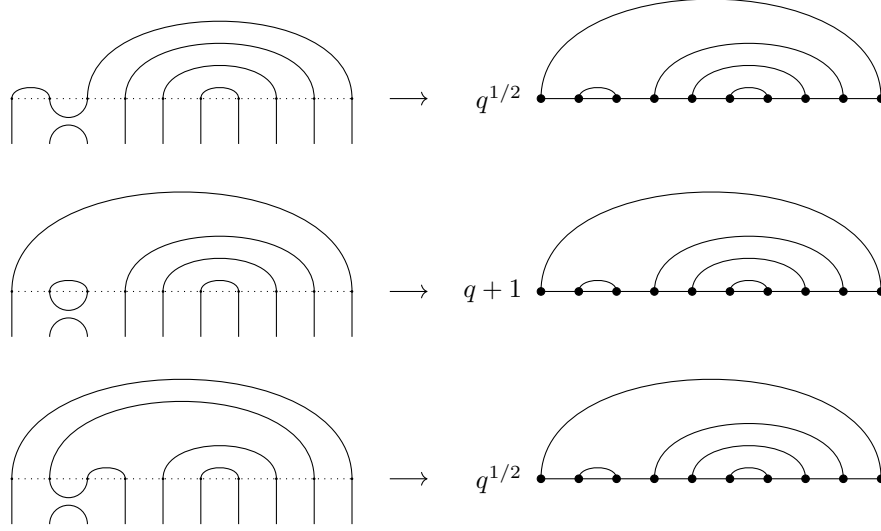
Applying this between each arc gives us a vector with length-2 arcs and anchors, and we may use the appropriate  $(1 + T_i)$  to move anchors to any positions, and the reverse process from above to generate the correct matchings between arcs and generate any other basis vector.  $\square$

Let  $K := \bigcap_{i=1}^{2n+r-1} \ker(1 + T_i) = \ker \bigoplus_{i=1}^{2n+r-1} (1 + T_i)$ . This will be a large technical tool in our proof of irreducibility.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $w_j$  be the basis vector with anchors  $1, \dots, r$  and all arcs of maximal length. Suppose  $w \in K \setminus \{0\}$ . Then,  $w_j$  is represented in  $w$ .*

*Proof.* We will show this in steps; first, we show that, given that a vector is represented with anchors  $1, \dots, s$ , there must be a vector represented in  $w$  with  $(s+1)$ st anchor, including when  $s = 0$ ; this implies that a vector is represented with anchors  $1, \dots, r$ . Then, we will show that, given a vector is represented with anchors  $1, \dots, r$  and first  $s$  arc-lengths  $n, n-2, \dots, n-2s$ , there is a vector represented with these and the  $(s+1)$ st arc-length  $n-2s-2$ . This implies that  $w_j$  is represented.

<sup>1</sup>At the ends, we apply the  $W_a^0$  case or the  $W_{2n+r-a}^0$  case in the same way for the first  $a$  or last  $2n+r-a$  indices.



**Figure 3.** Illustrated is the row constructed for transposition  $(1 + T_2)$ ; clearly these are the only basis elements mapping to multiples of the desired element, and they relate to each other. replacing the outermost and/or innermost arc with an anchor typifies the rows constructed with three nonzero coefficients.

*Step 1.* Suppose that  $s < r$  is the maximal number such that a vector with anchors  $1, \dots, s$  is represented. Take the vector  $w_i$  which, among vectors represented in  $w$  with anchors  $1, \dots, s$ , has  $(s + 1)$ st anchor at minimal index  $t > s + 1$ . Then,  $q^{-1/2}(1 + T_{t-1})w_i$  has anchors  $1, \dots, s$  and a earlier index than  $t$ , so it was not represented before; further, for any other basis vector  $w_l \neq w_i$  to map onto  $q^{-1/2}(1 + T_{t-1})w_i$ , we would require that  $w_l$  has anchors  $1, \dots, s$  and some other anchor at index  $t' < t$ , so it is not represented. Hence  $w_i$  is unique among the vectors represented mapping onto  $q^{-1/2}(1 + T_{t-1})w_i$ , and  $(1 + T_{t-1})w$  represents this vector, giving  $w \notin \ker(1 + T_{t-1})$ .

When  $s = 0$ , this is similar, and we simply perform this logic on the 1st anchor. Each lead to contradiction, so we must have  $s = r$ .

*Step 2.* This step is similar; suppose that  $s < n$  is the maximal number such that a vector with anchors  $1, \dots, r$  and first  $s$  arc-lengths  $n, \dots, n - 2s$  is represented. Take the vector  $w_i$  which, among vectors represented in  $w$  with anchors  $1, \dots, r$  and first  $s$  arc-lengths  $n, \dots, n - 2s$ , has maximal length  $t$  of the arc beginning at index  $r + s + 1$ . Then,  $q^{1/2}(1 + T_{r+s+t})w_i$  is mapped to only by  $w_i$  and vectors having anchors  $1, \dots, r$  and first  $s + 1$  arc-lengths  $n, \dots, n - 2s, t'$  with  $t' > t$ , which are not represented in  $w$ ; hence  $q^{-1/2}(1 + T_{r+s+t})w_i$  is represented in  $(1 + T_{r+s+t})w$ , giving  $w \notin \ker(1 + T_{r+s+t})$ . The  $s = 0$  case is similar, and implies that  $s = n$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** Suppose  $e \nmid n + r + 1$ . Then,  $K = 0$ .

*Proof.* Consider the matrix  $A = \bigoplus (1 + T_i)$  having kernel  $K$ . It is sufficient by lemma 3.2 to show that  $A$  includes a row  $[0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$  with a nonzero entry only on the column  $j$ .

Now, we may characterize the rows of  $A$  as follows; if the row corresponding to  $(1 + T_i)$  and mapping onto the element  $w_l \in W$  is nonzero, then it is of the form  $[a_1, \dots, a_{|W|}]$  where  $a_l = 1 + q$ ,  $a_m = q^{1/2}$  whenever  $(1 + T_i)w_m = q^{1/2}w_l$ , and  $a_m = 0$  otherwise.

Seeing this, the row corresponding to  $(1 + T_{n+r})$  and  $w_j$  has nonzero entries  $q^{1/2}$  at  $w_j$  and  $(1 + q)$  at the vector  $w$  agreeing with  $w_j$  at all indices except having arcs at  $(n + r - 1, n + r)$  and  $(n + r + 1, n + r + 2)$ . Similar justification leads the row corresponding to  $(1 + T_{n+r-1})$  at  $w$  to have nonzero entries  $q^{1/2}$  at  $w$  and  $(1 + q)$  at  $w_j$  and the vector with anchors  $1, \dots, r$ , arc  $(n + r - 3, n + r - 2)$ , and all other arcs maximum length.

We may iterate this process as illustrated in Figure 3, eventually ending at a row with two nonzero entries, either an arc  $(1, 2)$  or an arc  $(2, 3)$ , and all anchors otherwise left-aligned and arcs of maximum length. These rows together form an  $(n+r) \times |W_{2n+r}^r|$  submatrix of  $A$  which has a nonzero column in the row corresponding to  $j$ , and has (by removing zero columns) the same column space as the following square matrix:

$$(7) \quad B_{n+r} := \begin{bmatrix} q+1 & q^{1/2} & & & & & \\ q^{1/2} & q+1 & q^{1/2} & & & & \\ & q^{1/2} & q+1 & q^{1/2} & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & q^{1/2} & q+1 & q^{1/2} \\ & 0 & & & q^{1/2} & q+1 & q^{1/2} \\ & & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We will show that this matrix is invertible; then, a sequence of elementary row operations will yield the identity, and in particular, when applied to  $A$ , will yield a row with a nonzero entry only on column  $j$ , giving  $K = 0$ .

We may prove invertibility of this matrix by proving that  $\det B_{n+r} = [n+r+1]_q$  inductively on  $n+r$ . This is satisfied for our base case  $n+r = 1$ , so suppose that it is true for each  $m < n+r$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \det B_{n+r} &= (q+1) \det B_{n+r-1} - q \det B_{n+r-2} \\ &= (q+1)(1 + \dots + q^{n+r-1}) - (q + \dots + q^{n+r-1}) \\ &= 1 + \dots + q^{n+r} \\ &= [n+r+1]_q. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\det B_{n+r} \neq 0$ , and  $K = 0$ . □

### 3.2. Correspondence.

**Proposition 3.4.** *The representation  $W_{2n+r}^r$  is irreducible when  $e > n+r+1$ .*

*Proof.* We proceed by induction on  $2n+r$ . Note that, by identification with the trivial and sign representations, the base case  $2n+r = 2$  is already prove, so suppose we have proven this for each  $2m+s < 2n+r$ .

Take some  $w \in W$  and some  $(1+T_i)$  not annihilating  $w$ . Note that

$$\text{im}(1+T_i) = \text{Span}\{w_j \mid w_j \text{ contains arc } (i, i+1)\}.$$

Hence, as vector spaces, there is an isomorphism  $\varphi : \text{im}(1+T_i) \rightarrow W_{2(n-1)+r}^r$  “deleting” the arc  $(i, i+1)$ . This sends every basis vector to another basis vector.

We will show that, for every action  $(1+T_j') \in \mathcal{H}(S_{2(n-1)+r})$ , there is some action  $h_j \in W_{2n+r}^r$  such that the following commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{im}(1+T_i) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & W_{2(n-1)+r}^r \\ \downarrow h_j & & \downarrow 1+T_j' \\ \text{im}(1+T_i) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & W_{2(n-1)+r}^r \end{array}$$

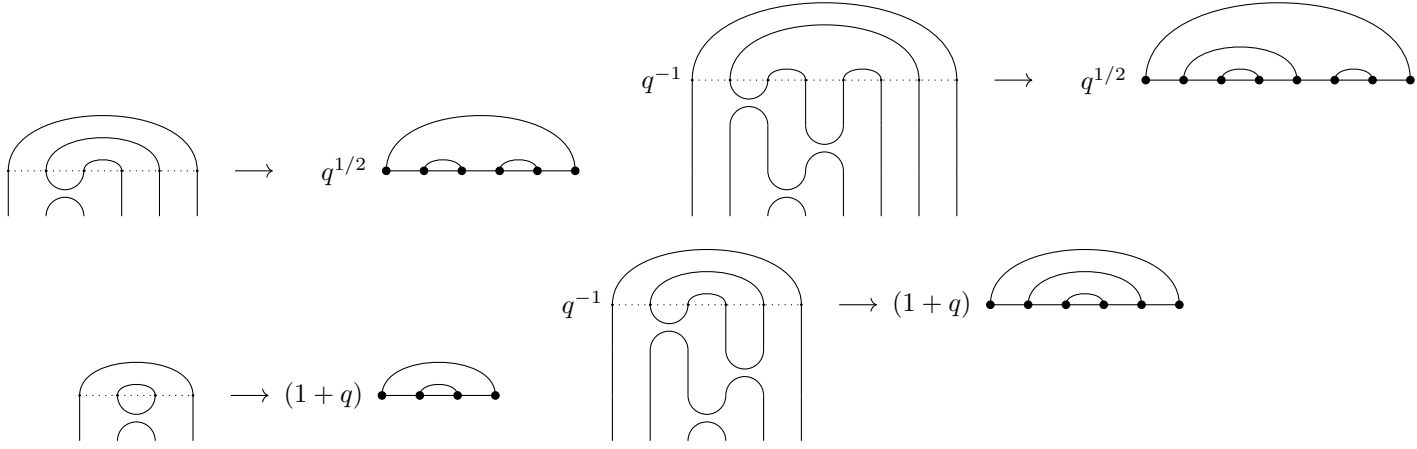
Indeed, when  $i \neq j$  this is given by  $h_j = 1+T_j$ , and we have  $h_i = q^{-1}(1+T_i)(1+T_{i+1})(1+T_{i-1})$ , as given by Figure 4.

Due to the inductive hypothesis, there is some action  $h' \in \mathcal{H}(S_{2(n-1)+r})$  sending  $\varphi((1+T_i)w)$  to a basis vector; then, the action  $\mathcal{H}$  generates the endomorphism  $\varphi^{-1}h'\varphi$  sending  $(1+T_i)w$  to a basis vector, giving  $w$  cyclic and hence  $W_{2n+r}^r$  irreducible. □

**Corollary 3.5.** *Suppose  $n, r > 0$  and  $e > n+1$ . Then, the sequence (4) is a composition series of  $\text{Res } W_{2n+r}^r$ .* □

**Theorem 3.6.** *Suppose  $e > n+r+1$ . Then,  $W_{2n+r}^r \simeq S^{(n+r,n)'}.$*

*Proof.* The case  $n = 0$  is already proven, so suppose  $n > 0$ .



**Figure 4.** The correspondence between the action of  $(1 + T_2)$  on  $w'_5 \in W_6^0$  and the action of  $q^{-1}(1 + T_3)(1 + T_4)(1 + T_2)$  on the corresponding vector in  $W_8^0$  having arc  $(3, 4)$  first, then on  $w'_2 \in W_4^0$ . This demonstrates that the action works with and without creating a loop.

By irreducibility, we know that  $W_{2n+r}^r \simeq D^\lambda$  for some  $e$ -restricted partition  $\lambda$ . We will prove this inductively; by identification with the trivial and sign representations, the  $2n + r = 2$  caseholds, so suppose this is true for  $W_{2m+s}^s$  whenever  $2m + s < 2n + r$  and  $m + s \leq n + r$  (i.e.  $e > m + s + 1$ ).

By the inductive hypothesis and irreducibility, we have a composition series given by

$$(8) \quad 0 \longrightarrow D^{(n+r-1, n)'} \longrightarrow \text{Res } D^\lambda \longrightarrow D^{(n+r, n-1)'} \longrightarrow 0$$

Hence the theorem is given by Proposition 2.5.  $\square$

#### 4. THE FIBONACCI REPRESENTATION AND QUOTIENTS OF SPECHT MODULES

We can start our study of  $V$  by studying low-dimensional cases. First, note that  $V_{*0}^2$  is the sign representation  $D^{(2)}$  and  $V_{*0}^1$  is the trivial representation  $D^{(1)^2}$ .

$V_{00}^2$  is a 2-dimensional representation of a semisimple commutative algebra, and hence decomposes into a direct sum of two subrepresentations. In particular, we can use the basis  $\{(0*0), (000)\}$  and explicitly write the matrix

$$\rho_{T_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & \delta \\ \delta & \varepsilon \end{bmatrix}$$

having characteristic polynomial  $(\gamma - \lambda)(\varepsilon - \lambda) - \delta^2 = \lambda^2 - (\gamma + \varepsilon)\lambda + (\gamma\varepsilon - \delta^2)$ . We may verify that, for  $\lambda = -1$ , this evaluates to

$$-((-1 + q + q^2)(1 + q^3 + q^4 + q^5 + 2q^6 + q^7)) [5]_q = 0$$

and for  $\lambda = q$  this evaluates to

$$-(q^2(-1 + q + q^2)(1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + 2q^4 + q^5)) [5]_q = 0$$

hence  $\rho_{T_1}$  has eigenvalues  $-1$  and  $q$ .

The eigenspaces with eigenvalues  $-1$  and  $q$  are subrepresentations isomorphic to the sign and trivial representation, hence  $V_{00}$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of the trivial and sign representations:  $V_{00}^2 \simeq V_{*0}^2 \oplus V_{**}^2$ .

Now let's prove that  $V_{**}^3$  is irreducible; this has basis  $\{*0*0\}, \{*000\}$ , and the following matrices:

$$\rho_{T_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}; \quad \rho_{T_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & \delta \\ \delta & \varepsilon \end{bmatrix}.$$

A subrepresentation must be one-dimensional, and hence an eigenspace of each of these matrices; since  $\beta \neq \alpha$ , the first has eigenspaces given by the spans of basis elements, and since  $\delta \neq 0$ , these are not eigenspaces of the second. Hence  $V_{**}^3$  is irreducible. Now we may move on to the general case.

**Proposition 4.1.** *The representation  $V_{*0} := V_{*0}^m$  is irreducible.*



*Proof.* We will prove this inductively in  $m$ . We've already proven it for  $V_{*0}^2$  and  $V_{*0}^3$ , so suppose that  $V_{*0}^{m-2}$  is irreducible.

Let  $\{v_i\}$  be the basis for  $V_{*0}$ . Then, each  $v_i$  is cyclic; indeed, we can transform every basis vector into  $(*0 \dots 0)$  by multiplying by the appropriate  $\frac{1}{\delta-\gamma}(T_i - \gamma)$ , and we can transform  $(*0 \dots 0)$  into any basis vector by multiplying by the appropriate  $\frac{1}{\delta-\varepsilon}(T_i - \varepsilon)$ . Hence it is sufficient to show that each  $v \in V_{*0}$  generate some basis element.

Let  $v'$  be the basis element  $(*0*0 \dots 0)$ , which is many copies of  $*0$ , followed by an extra 0 if  $m$  is odd. We will show that each  $v \in F$  generates  $v'$ .

Suppose that no elements beginning  $(*0*0)$  are represented in  $v_i$ ; then, all such elements are represented in  $T_3v$ , so we may assume that at least one is represented in  $v$ .

Note that  $\text{im}(T_2 - \alpha) = \text{Span}\{\text{Basis vectors beginning } (*0*0)\}$  and  $(T_2 - \alpha)v \neq 0$ . Further, note that  $\text{Res}_{\mathcal{H}(S_{m-2})}^{\mathcal{H}(S_m)} \text{im}(T_2 - \alpha) \simeq V_{*0}^{m-2}$  as representations. Hence irreducibility of  $V_{*0}^{m-2}$  implies that  $v'$  is generated by  $(T_2 - \alpha)v$ , and  $V_{*0}^m$  is irreducible.  $\square$

Knowing this, the restriction statements are clear;  $\text{Res}V_{*0}^m \simeq V_{00}^{m-1}$  by considering the last  $m-2$  transpositions, and  $\text{Res}V_{*0}^{m-1} \simeq V_{*0}^{m-1} \oplus V_{**}^{m-1}$  by considering the first  $m-2$ . Similarly,  $\text{Res}V_{**}^m \simeq V_{*0}^{m-1}$  by considering the first  $m-2$  transpositions. This gives that  $V \simeq 3V_{*0} \oplus 2V_{**}$ .

Now we may move on and use Young Tableau to characterize  $V$ . Recall that the socle of  $D^\lambda$  is given by  $\bigoplus_{\mu \xrightarrow{\text{good}} \lambda} D^\mu$ , and that  $D^\lambda$  is semisimple iff every  $\mu \xrightarrow{\text{normal}} \lambda$  is good.

**Theorem 4.2.** *The irreducible components of  $V$  are given by the following isomorphisms:*

$$\begin{aligned} V_{**}^{2n} &\simeq D^{(n,n)'} \\ V_{**}^{2n-1} &\simeq D^{(n+1,n-2)'} \\ V_{*0}^{2n} &\simeq D^{(n+1,n-1)'} \\ V_{*0}^{2n-1} &\simeq D^{(n,n-1)'} \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We will prove this by induction on  $n$ ; we have already proven the base case  $V^2$ , so suppose that we have proven these isomorphisms for  $V^{2n-2}$ . We will prove the isomorphisms for  $V^{2n-1}$  and  $V^{2n}$ .

By irreducibility,  $V_{**}^{2n-1} \simeq D^{\lambda_{**}}$  and  $V_{*0}^{2n-1} \simeq D^{\lambda_{*0}}$  for some diagrams  $\lambda_{**}$  and  $\lambda_{*0}$ . We will show that  $\lambda_{**} = (n+1, n-2)'$  and  $\lambda_{*0} = (n+1, n-1)'$ .

First, note that we have

$$\text{Res } D^{\lambda_{**}} \simeq D^{(n,n-2)'} \simeq \text{Res } D^{(n+1,n-2)'}$$

and

$$\text{Res } D^{\lambda_{*0}} \simeq D^{(n,n-2)} \oplus D^{(n-1,n-1)} \simeq \text{Res } D^{(n,n-1)'}$$

By semisimplicity of  $\text{Res}D^{\lambda_{**}}$  and  $\text{Res}D^{\lambda_{*0}}$ , every normal cell in  $\lambda_{**}$  and  $\lambda_{*0}$  is good. In particular, the only normal number in  $\lambda_{**}$  is 1.

For  $\lambda_{**}$ , the only tableaux which can remove a cell to yield  $D^{(n,n-2)'}$  are  $(n+1, n-2)'$ ,  $(n, n-1)'$ , and  $(n, n-2, 1)'$  as illustrated in Figure 5; we have already seen that  $D^{(n,n-1)'}$  does not have irreducible restriction, so we are left with  $(n+1, n-2)'$  and  $\lambda = (n, n-2, 1)'$ . We may directly check that  $\lambda$  doesn't satisfy this, as we have the following:

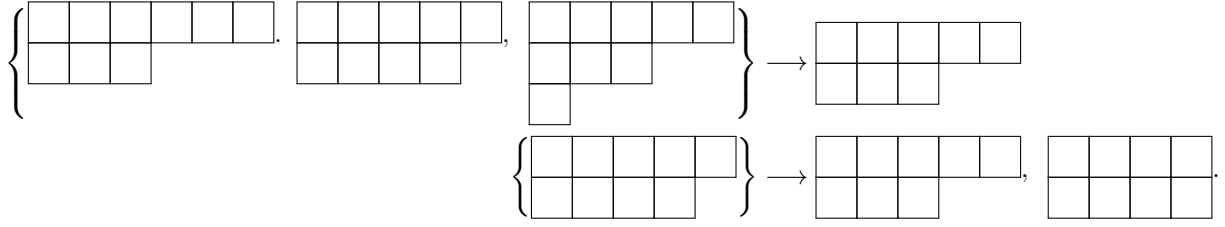
$$\begin{aligned} \beta_\lambda(1, 2) &= 3 - 2 + (n-2) = n-1 \\ \beta_\lambda(1, 3) &= 3 - 1 + n = n+2 \\ \beta_\lambda(2, 3) &= 2 - 1 + 3 = 4. \end{aligned}$$

At least one of  $\beta_\lambda(1, 2)$  and  $\beta_\lambda(1, 3)$  is nonzero, since  $\beta_\lambda(1, 3) - \beta_\lambda(1, 2) = 3 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{e}$ , and hence at least one of  $M_2$  and  $M_3$  is empty. Hence at least one of 2 or 3 is normal in  $(n, n-2, 1)'$ , and  $\lambda_{**} = (n+1, n-2)$ .

For  $\lambda_{*0}$ , we immediately see from Figure 5 that the only option is  $(n, n-1)$ .

We can perform a similar argument for the  $V^{2n}$  case, finding now that

$$\text{Res } D^{\mu_{**}} \simeq D^{(n,n-1)'} \simeq \text{Res } D^{(n,n)'}$$



**Figure 5.** Illustration of the partitions of 9 which can, via row removal, yield  $(n, n-2)'$  alone, or both  $(n, n-2)'$  and  $(n-1, n-1)'$ .

and

$$\text{Res } D^{\mu_{*0}} \simeq D^{(n, n-1)'} \oplus D^{(n+1, n-2)'} \simeq \text{Res } D^{(n+1, n-1)'}$$

Through a similar process, we see that  $\mu_{*0} = (n+1, n-1)'$ . We narrow down  $\mu_{**}$  to one of  $(n, n)'$  or  $\mu := (n, n-1, 1)'$ , and note that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{\mu}(1, 2) &= 3 - 2 + (n-1) = n \\ \beta_{\mu}(1, 3) &= 3 - 1 + n = n+2 \\ \beta_{\mu}(2, 3) &= 2 - 1 + 2 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

and hence at least one of 2 or 3 is normal,  $\text{Res } D^{(n, n-1, 1)'}$  is not irreducible, and  $\mu_{**} = (n, n)'$ , finishing our proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3.** *We have the following isomorphisms of representations:*

$$\begin{aligned} V^{2n} &\simeq 3D^{(n+1, n-1)'} \oplus 2D^{(n, n)'} \\ V^{2n-1} &\simeq 3D^{(n, n-1)'} \oplus 2D^{(n+1, n-2)'} \end{aligned}$$

## 5. CONJECTURE

Recall that  $K_{2n+r}^r := K$  is the direct sum of all copies of the sign representation in  $W$ . Hence the following characterises sign subrepresentations of  $W$  completely:

**Proposition 5.1.**  *$K \subset W_{2n+r}^r$  is trivial when  $e \neq n+r+1$ , and  $\dim K = 1$  when  $e = n+r+1$ .*  $\square$

**Proposition 5.2.** *Suppose  $e < n+r+1$ , and suppose  $n'$  is such that  $e = n' + r + 1$ . Note that  $h := (1 + T_1)(1 + T_3) \dots (1 + T_{n-n'})$  maps  $W_{2n+r}^r$  onto  $W_{2n'+r}^r$ . Then, the preimage  $h^{-1}(K_{2n+r}^r)$  is a subrepresentation of  $W_{2n+r}^r$ , and the series*

$$0 \subset h^{-1}(K_{2n+r}^r) \subset W_{2n+r}^r$$

*is a composition series of  $W_{2n+r}^r$ .*  $\square$

**Proposition 5.3.** *Denote the composition factor  $W_{2n+r}^r/h^{-1}(K_{2n+r}^r)$  by  $U_{2n+r}^r$ . Then, there exist some naturals  $m, s$  satisfying  $2m + s = 2n + r$  and  $m + s > n + r$  such that the following is an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{H}$ -modules*

$$h^{-1}(K_{2n+r}^r) \simeq U_{2m+s}^s$$

.

$\square$

**Proposition 5.4.** *For the same  $m, s$  as above, we have the following composition series of specht modules:*

$$0 \longrightarrow D^{(m+s, m)'} \longrightarrow S^{(n+r, n)'} \longrightarrow D^{(n+r, n)'} \longrightarrow 0.$$

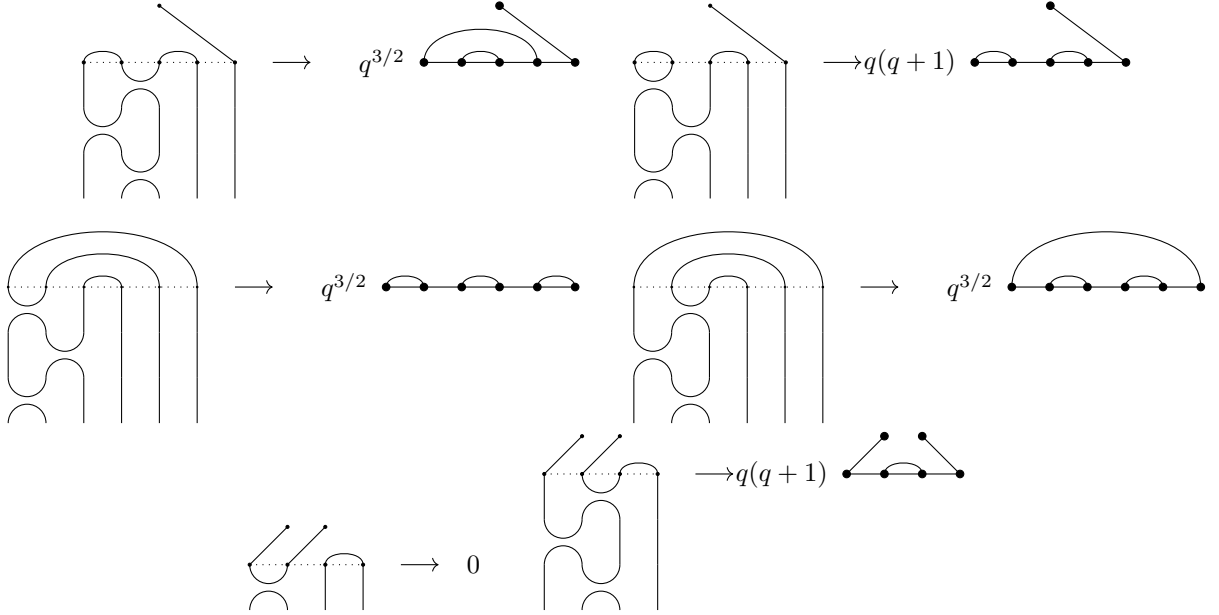
**Proposition 5.5.**  *$W_{2n+r}^r \simeq S^{(n+r, n)'}$  and  $U_{2m+s}^s \simeq D^{(m+s, m)'}$ .*

## 6. EMPIRICAL RESULTS

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**Figure 6.** Here we verify in small cases that  $hw = qT_i$  and  $gw = qT_{i+1}$ . These 6 cases cover the situations that there is an arc among the indices  $i, i+1, i+2$ , that there isn't and there are not two arcs, and that there are two arcs.

#### APPENDIX A. COMPATIBILITY OF REPRESENTATIONS WITH THE RELATIONS

In general, we define representations above for the free algebra on generators  $\{T_i\}$ . Recall that we may give a presentation of  $\mathcal{H}$  having generators  $T_i$  and relations

$$(9) \quad (T_i - q)(T_i + 1) = 0$$

$$(10) \quad T_i T_{i+1} T_i = T_{i+1} T_i T_{i+1}$$

$$(11) \quad T_i T_j = T_j T_i \quad |i - j| > 1.$$

We call (9) the *quadratic relation* and (10), (11) the *braid relations*. It is easily seen that a representation of  $\mathcal{H}$  is equivalent to a representation of the free algebra  $k\langle T_i \rangle$  which acts as 0 on the relations (henceforth referred to as *compatibility* with the relations). We will prove in the following sections that  $V$  and  $W$  are compatible with the Hecke algebra relations.

**A.1. The Crossingless Matchings Representaiton.** Take some basis vector  $w_i$ . We will first check (9) by case work:

- Suppose there is an arc  $(i, i+1)$ . Then,  $(T_i - q)(T_i + 1)w = (1 + q)[(1 + T_i)w - (1 + q)w] = 0$ , giving (9).
- Suppose there is no arc  $(i, i+1)$  and  $i, i+1$  do not both have anchors; then  $(T_i + 1)w = q^{1/2}w''$  for some basis vector  $w'$  having arc  $(i, i+1)$ , and the computation follows as above for (9).
- Suppose  $i, i+1$  are anchors; then  $(T_i + 1)w = 0$ , giving (9).

Now we verify (10). Let  $h := (1 + T_i)(1 + T_{i+1})(1 + T_i)$ , and let  $g := (1 + T_{i+1})(1 + T_i)(1 + T_{i+1})$ . Note the following expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} hw &= 1 + 2T_i + T_i^2 + T_{i+1} + T_i T_{i+1} + T_{i+1} T_i + T_i T_{i+1} T_i \\ &= 1 + (1 + q)T_i + T_{i+1} + T_i T_{i+1} + T_{i+1} T_i + T_i T_{i+1} T_i. \end{aligned}$$

An analogous formula gives an analogous equality in  $g$ . Hence we have

$$(h - g)w = q(T_i - T_{i+1}) + T_i T_{i+1} T_i - T_{i+1} T_i T_{i+1}.$$

Hence we may equivalently check that  $(h - g)w = q(T_i - T_{i+1})$ . This is illustrated in Figure 6.

Lastly, we have the equation

$$(1 + T_i)(1 + T_j) - (1 + T_j)(1 + T_i) = T_i T_j - T_j T_i$$

and hence we simply need to verify that  $(1 + T_i)$  and  $(1 + T_j)$  commute, which the reader may easily check.

**A.2. The Fibonacci Representation.** Similar to before, the reader may verify that (11) follows easily, and the others may be verified on strings of length 3 and 4. By considering the coefficients in order of (1), the quadratic relation (9) gives the following quadratics:

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} (\alpha - q)(\alpha + 1) &= 0 \\ (\beta - q)(\beta + 1) &= 0 \\ \gamma\delta + \delta\varepsilon &= (q - 1)\delta \\ \gamma^2 + \delta^2 &= (q - 1)\gamma + q \\ \varepsilon^2 + \delta^2 &= (q - 1)\varepsilon + q \end{aligned}$$

The first two of these are easily verified for any  $q$ . Since  $\delta \neq 0$ , the third is equivalently given by

$$(q - 1) = \gamma + \varepsilon = t(q\tau - 1 + q - \tau) = (\tau^2 + \tau)(q - 1)$$

or that  $(\tau^2 + \tau - 1)(q - 1) = 0$ . One may verify that

$$\tau^2 + \tau - 1 = q^6 + 2q^5 + q^4 + q^3 + q^2 - 1 = (-1 + q + q^2) [5]_q = 0.$$

The fourth is given by the quadratic

$$\tau^2 [(q\tau - 1)^2 - \tau(q + 1)] = \tau(q - 1)(q\tau - 1) + q$$

or equivalently,

$$(\tau^2 + \tau - 1) [q(qt^2 + 1) + t] = 0$$

which is true for every  $q$ .

The fifth is similarly given by

$$(\tau^2 + \tau - 1) [q(qt + 1) + t^2] = 0$$

which is true for every  $q$ .

We now verify (10). We may order the basis for  $V^4$  as follows:

$$\{(0000), (*00*), (000*), (*000), (*0*0), (0*0*), (00*0), (0*00)\}.$$

Then, in verifying the braid relation (10) in this order, we encounter the following quadratics (with tautologies and repetitions omitted):

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\varepsilon^2 + \beta\delta^2 &= \alpha^2\varepsilon \\ \alpha\delta\varepsilon + \beta\gamma\delta &= \alpha\beta\delta \\ \beta\gamma^2 + \alpha\delta^2 &= \beta^2\gamma \\ \alpha\gamma^2 + \delta^2\varepsilon &= \alpha^2\gamma \\ \delta\varepsilon^2 + \alpha\gamma\delta &= \alpha\delta\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Substituting in  $\tau$  and dividing by  $\delta$  whenever possible, these are equivalent to the vanishing of the following polynomials in  $q$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -q(1 + q)(1 + q^2 + q^3)(2 + q + 3q^2 + 2q^3) [5]_q &= 0 \\ (1 + 2q + q^3 + q^4) [5]_q &= 0 \\ (1 + q)^2(1 + q^2 + q^3)(1 + 3q^3 - q^4 + q^6) [5]_q &= 0 \\ (1 + q)^2(1 + q^2 + q^3)(1 + 5q + 5q^2 + 3q^3 + 3q^4 + 3q^5 + q^6) [5]_q &= 0 \\ (1 + q)(1 + q^2 + q^3)(-1 + 2q + q^2 + q^3 + q^4) [5]_q &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Notably, each of these vanish when  $e = 5$ .

## APPENDIX B. MISCELLANEOUS ALGEBRA FACTS

Throughout the text, for some representation  $V$ , we refer to  $\text{Res}_{\mathcal{H}(S_l)}^{\mathcal{H}(S_m)} V$  without specifying exactly which subalgebra  $\mathcal{H}(S_l)$ .

**Proposition B.1.** *Suppose  $B, B'$  are subalgebras of the  $k$ -algebra  $A$  with  $B = uB'u^{-1}$ , and let  $V$  be a representation of  $A$ . Then, the linear isomorphism  $V \xrightarrow{\phi} V$  given by  $v \mapsto uv$  causes the following to commute for any  $b \in B$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\phi} & V \\ \downarrow b & & \downarrow ubu^{-1} \\ V & \xrightarrow{\phi} & V \end{array}$$

Hence, through the identification of  $B$  and  $B'$  via conjugation, we have  $\text{Res}_B^A V \simeq \text{Res}_{B'}^A V$

*Proof.* This is simply given by  $(ubu^{-1})uv = ubv$ . □

**Corollary B.2.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{H}', \mathcal{H}''$  are two subalgebras of  $\mathcal{H}(S_m)$  generated by  $l$  reflections and  $V$  is a representation of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then,  $\text{Res}_{\mathcal{H}'}^{\mathcal{H}} V \simeq \text{Res}_{\mathcal{H}''}^{\mathcal{H}} V$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{H}'$  and  $\mathcal{H}''$  be the subalgebras of  $\mathcal{H}(S_m)$  generated by the reflections  $\{T_{i_1}, \dots, T_{i_l}\}$  and  $\{T_{i_1}, \dots, T_{i_{j-1}}, T_{i_j+1}, T_{i_{j+1}}, \dots, T_{i_l}\}$  for  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{j-1} < i_j + 1 < i_{j+1} < \dots < i_l \leq n$ . It is sufficient to prove that  $\mathcal{H}'$  and  $\mathcal{H}''$  are conjugate; then transitivity gives conjugacy of any  $S_l \subset S_m$ , and the previous proposition gives isomorphisms of the representations.

In fact, the reader can verify that  $\mathcal{H}'' = T_{i_j} \mathcal{H}' T_{i_j}^{-1}$ . □