# Springer Fibers for $SL_n(\mathbb{C})$

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## Recap: representation theory of finite groups

Restrict to **complex** representations, we have a nice theory:

- Any representation can be written as a direct sum of irreducible representation;
- We can extract information of irreducible representations from the character table:

$$\#\{\text{irreducible representations}\} = \#\{\text{conjugation classes}\}$$
 
$$\sum_{\chi:\text{irr}} (\dim \chi)^2 = \#G$$

However, in general,

- NO standard way finding an explicit construction of all irreducible representations;
- NO one-to-one correspondence between irreducible representations and conjugation classes.



In this talk, we use two methods to understand representations of  $S_n$ , and find connections/analogs between them.

methods	objects
combinatorial	Young diagram, Young tableau
geometrical	Springer fiber of $SL_n(\mathbb{C})$ , irreducible components

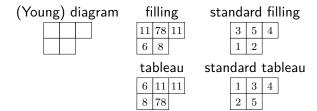
## Goal of the Part I

- Explicitly construct irreducible representations of  $S_n$  by Young diagram;
- Compute the character table;
  - $\dim \chi_i$  by recursion / Hook length formula
  - character by Frobenius formula
- Compute other representations.
  - e.g.  $\otimes$ , Sym<sup>m</sup>,  $\Lambda^m$ ;
  - $\bullet$  e.g.  $M_{\lambda}$ .
  - restriction and induced representation
  - representation ring

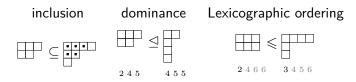


## **Notation**

#### For boxes:



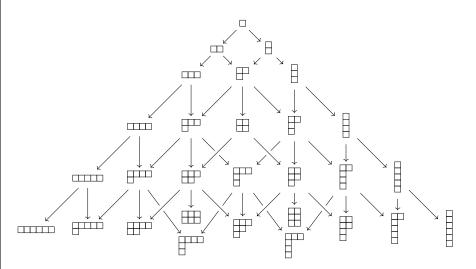
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# tree of Young diagram

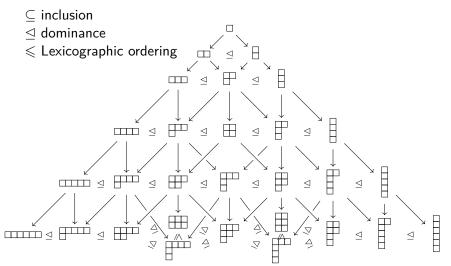
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# $S_n$ & Young diagram

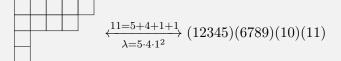
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We have the one-to-one correspondence

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{Young diagram} \\ \textit{of } n \textit{ boxes} \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow[\lambda = \lambda_1^{v_1} \cdots \lambda_k^{v_k}]{\textit{partition of } n} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{Conjugation class} \\ \textit{of } S_n \end{array} \right\}$$

## Example

$$n = 11.$$



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#### Remark

Reduced to: for each Young diagram  $\lambda$ , construct an irreducible representation  $S^{\lambda}$ , and prove  $S^{\lambda} = S^{\lambda'} \Rightarrow \lambda = \lambda'$ .

## Tabloid: equivalence class of standard filling

$$\begin{cases} \text{Standard filling} \\ \text{of shape } \lambda \end{cases} \Rightarrow T = \frac{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 1}{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 2}$$

$$T^{\lambda} := \begin{cases} \text{Young tabloid} \\ \text{of shape } \lambda \end{cases} \Rightarrow T^{\frac{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2}} = \frac{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{3 \cdot 3}{1 \cdot 2$$

$$\mathcal{T}^{\lambda}:=\{\text{Young tabloid of shape }\lambda\}$$
 
$$M^{\lambda}:=\left\langle \{T\}\in\mathcal{T}^{\lambda}\right\rangle _{\mathbb{C}}$$

Choose a standard filling T of shape  $\lambda$ ,

$$C(T) := \{ \sigma \in S_n | \sigma \text{ preserves numbers in each column} \}$$
$$v_T := \sum \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) \{ \sigma \cdot T \} \in M^{\lambda}$$

$$\sigma \in C(T)$$

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# $$\begin{split} &\operatorname{Example} \left(\lambda = 3 \cdot 2\right) \\ &\mathcal{T}^{\lambda} = \begin{cases} \{123/45\}, \{124/35\}, \{125/34\}, \{134/25\}, \{135/24\}, \\ \{145/23\}, \{234/15\}, \{235/14\}, \{245/13\}, \{345/12\} \end{cases} \\ &M^{\lambda} = \left\langle \begin{cases} \{123/45\}, \{124/35\}, \{125/34\}, \{134/25\}, \{135/24\}, \\ \{145/23\}, \{234/15\}, \{235/14\}, \{245/13\}, \{345/12\} \right\rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} v_T := & \sum_{\sigma \in C(T)} \mathrm{sgn}(\sigma) \{\sigma \cdot T\} \in M^\lambda & \sigma v_T = v_{\sigma T} \\ S^\lambda := & \mathbb{C}[S_n] \cdot v_T \subseteq M^\lambda & \text{invariant subspace of } M^\lambda \end{split}$$

## Example ( $\lambda = 3 \cdot 2$ )

$$T = \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}$$

$$C(T) = \{ \text{Id}, (23), (15), (23)(15) \}$$

$$v_T = \left\{ \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 1} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{2 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{3 \cdot 1} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{3 \cdot 1 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 5} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4}{3 \cdot 5} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ 345/12 \right\} - \left\{ 245/13 \right\} - \left\{ 134/25 \right\} + \left\{ 124/35 \right\} \in M^{\lambda}$$

$$S^{\lambda} = \langle v_T \rangle_{\mathbb{C}[S_T]} = \langle v_{T'} | T' : \textit{standard filling} \rangle_{\mathbb{C}}$$

## Main theorem of $S^{\lambda}$

#### **Theorem**

Fix the Young diagram  $\lambda$ , the corresponding representation  $S^{\lambda}$  has the following properties:

- the linear space  $S^{\lambda}$  has a **basis**  $\{v_{T'}|T': standard\ tableau\}$ , especially,  $\dim S^{\lambda} = \#\{standard\ tableau\}$ ;
- ② the representation  $S^{\lambda}$  is **irreducible**;
- **1** for the Young diagram  $\lambda'$ ,  $S^{\lambda'} \cong S^{\lambda} \Rightarrow \lambda' = \lambda$ .

## Proof: basis

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### Idea of the proof

•  $S^{\lambda}$  is generated by  $\{v_{T'}|T': \text{standard filling}\}$ , It's not an easy task to represent  $v_{T'}$  by linear combinations.

e.g. 
$$V_{\frac{315}{41}} = \frac{\text{column}}{\frac{315}{41}} = V_{\frac{315}{41}} = V_{\frac{315}{41}} = V_{\frac{315}{41}} = V_{\frac{315}{41}}$$

 $\bullet$   $\{v_{T'}|T': \text{standard tableau}\}$  are linear independent.

e.g. 
$$x$$
,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}} + x_2$ ,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}} + x_3$ ,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}} + x_4$ ,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}} + x_5$ ,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{12}} = 0$   $x \in \mathbb{C}$   

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## linear ordering

We use a linear ordering of standard fillings by

In the proof, we knock out the biggest one.

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We have to introduce element  $\underline{b_T}$  in  $\mathbb{C}[S_n]$  by  $\quad$  fix T of shape  $\lambda$ 

$$b_T := \sum_{q \in C(T)} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) \sigma$$

one can get

$$b_T S^{\lambda} = \mathbb{C} v_T \neq 0, \qquad b_T S^{\lambda'} = 0 \quad \text{ for } \lambda' > \lambda.$$

The results follow from these equations.

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#### then

$$v_T = b_T \cdot \{T\};$$

• 
$$\tau(b_T) = \operatorname{sgn}(\tau)b_T$$

for any 
$$\tau \in C(T)$$
;

$$\bullet \ b_T \cdot b_T = \#C(T) \cdot b_T;$$

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\*To show  $S^\lambda$  is irreducible: only need to show indecomposablility. If  $S^\lambda=V\oplus W$  as  $\mathbb{C}[S_n]$ -module, then

$$\mathbb{C}v_T = b_T S^{\lambda} = b_T V \oplus b_T W$$

$$\Rightarrow b_T V = \mathbb{C}v_T \qquad (\text{or } b_T W = \mathbb{C}v_T)$$

$$\Rightarrow S^{\lambda} = \mathbb{C}[S_n] \cdot v_T = \mathbb{C}[S_n] \cdot \mathbb{C}v_T = \mathbb{C}[S_n] \cdot b_T V \subseteq V$$

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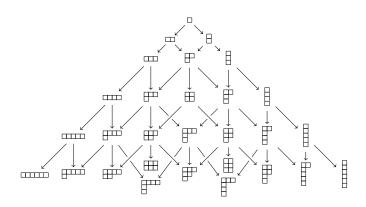
\*To show  $S^{\lambda'}\cong S^{\lambda}\Rightarrow \lambda'=\lambda$ : If not w.l.o.g. suppose  $\lambda'>\lambda$ . Then

$$b_T S^{\lambda'} = b_T S^{\lambda} \Longrightarrow \mathbb{C} v_T \cong 0,$$

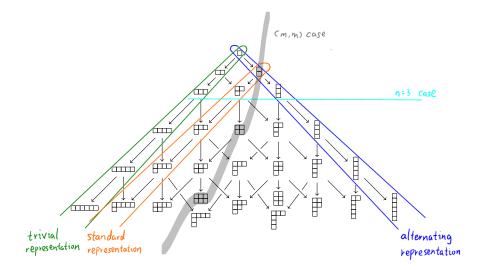
contradiction!



# Example



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## Example: trivial representation

$$\lambda = \square \square = 3^{1}$$

$$M^{\lambda} = \langle \{123\} \rangle = \mathbb{C}$$

$$T = \boxed{1 2 3}$$

$$C(T) = \text{Id}$$

$$v_{T} = \{123\}$$

$$S^{\lambda} = \mathbb{C}[S_{3}] \cdot v_{T} = \mathbb{C}v_{T}$$

## Example: alternating representation

$$\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2/3 \}, \{1/3/2 \}, \{2/1/3 \}, \{2/3/1 \}, \{3/1/2 \}, \{3/2/1 \} \rangle_{\mathbb{C}} \\ T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ C(T) = S_3 \\ v_T = \{1/2/3 \} - \{1/3/2 \} - \{2/1/3 \} \\ + \{2/3/1 \} + \{3/1/2 \} - \{3/2/1 \} \\ S^{\lambda} = \mathbb{C}[S_3] \cdot v_T = \mathbb{C}v_T \\ (23)v_T = \{1/3/2 \} - \{1/2/3 \} - \{3/1/2 \} \\ + \{3/2/1 \} + \{2/1/3 \} - \{2/3/1 \} = -v_T \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example: standard representation

$$\lambda = \boxed{} = 2 \cdot 1$$

$$M^{\lambda} = \langle \{12/3\}, \{13/2\}, \{23/1\} \rangle_{\mathbb{C}}$$

$$T = \boxed{} \boxed{} \boxed{} \boxed{} \boxed{}$$

$$C(T) = \{ \text{Id}, (13) \}$$

$$v_T = \{12/3\} - \{23/1\}$$

$$S^{\lambda} = \mathbb{C}[S_3] \cdot v_T \cong \mathbb{C}^2$$

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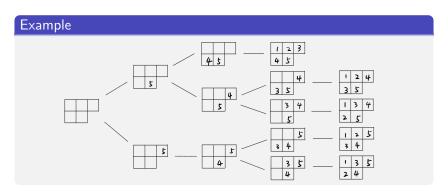
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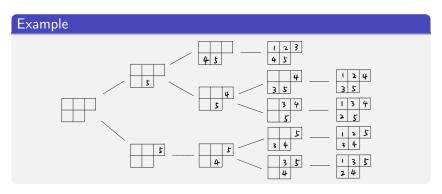
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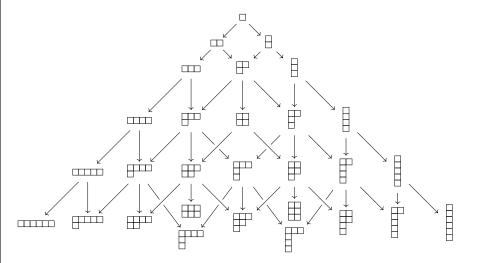


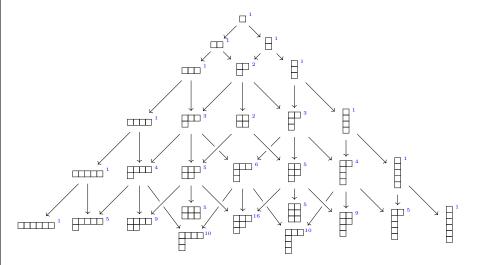
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$$\dim S^{\lambda} = \sum_{\substack{\lambda' \subseteq \lambda \\ |\lambda'| = n - 1}} \dim S^{\lambda'}$$

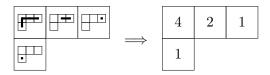
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## Hook length formula

It helps us compute the dimension of  $S^{\lambda}$  without induction. Step 1: count the length of hook.



Step 2: 
$$\dim S^{\lambda} = \frac{n!}{\prod (\mathsf{hook\ lengths})}$$

## Special case: (m, l)

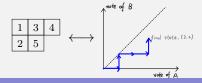
#### Ballot problem

In an election where candidate A receives m votes and candidate B receives l votes with  $m\geqslant l$ , what is the probability that A will be (non-strictly) ahead of B throughout the count?

## Proposition

Each process of the count corresponds to each standard tableau of form (m, l).

## Example



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## Corollary

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#### Definition

$$\widehat{g} \subseteq g \times \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\varepsilon = \mathcal{F}(n)} \qquad \qquad \widehat{\mathcal{N}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \mathcal{M}_{r \times 8} \qquad \qquad \downarrow \mathcal{M}_{r \times 8} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{N} \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \mathcal{N} \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \mathcal{N} \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \mathcal{N} \qquad \mathcal{N} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{N} \qquad \mathcal{$$

Let  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$  be a nilpotent element. The Springer fiber  $B_X$  over X is defined as

$$B_X := \mu^{-1}(X)$$

$$= \{B \in \mathfrak{B} \mid X \in B\}$$

$$= \{0 \subseteq V_1 \subseteq V_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq V_n = \mathbb{C}^n | XV_i \subseteq V_{i-1}\} \operatorname{dim} V_i = i$$

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By the Jordan normal form, we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Nilpotent element} \\ \text{in } \mathfrak{gl}_n(\mathbb{C}) \end{array} \right\}_{\text{conj}} \longleftrightarrow \qquad \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Young diagram} \\ \text{of } n \text{ boxes} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$X_{\lambda} = \operatorname{diag}(\underbrace{J_{\lambda_1}, \dots, J_{\lambda_1}}_{v_1}, J_{\lambda_2}, \dots, J_{\lambda_k}) \longleftrightarrow \lambda = \lambda_1^{v_1} \cdots \lambda_k^{v_k}$$

Denote 
$$B_{\lambda} := B_{X_{\lambda}}$$
.  $B_X \cong B_{gXg^{-1}}$  for any  $g \in G$ 

### Theorem (we will not give the proof.)

As  $S_n$ -representation,  $S^{\lambda} \cong H_{ton}(B_{\lambda})$ .

#### Corollary

 $\#\{irreducible\ component\ of\ B_{\lambda}\}=\dim S^{\lambda}$ 

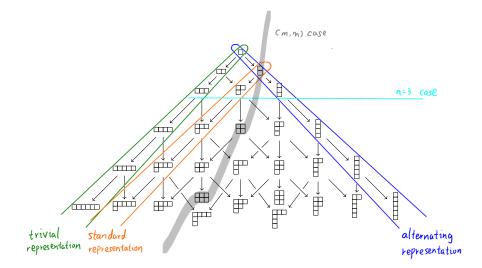


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# tree of Young diagram





Example: 
$$\lambda = 3$$

$$X_{\lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 1 \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_{\lambda} = \left\{ 0 \subseteq \langle ? \rangle \subseteq \langle ? , ? \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{3} \right\} \land X_{\lambda} = \{*\}$$

In general,  $B_{\lambda} = \{*\}$  when  $\lambda$  has only one row.

Example: 
$$\lambda = (1, 1, 1)$$

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In general,  $B_{\lambda} = \mathcal{F}\ell(n)$  when  $\lambda = 1^n$ .

# Properties of $B_{\lambda} = \mathcal{F}\ell(n)$

- irreducible:
- $\dim B_{\lambda} =$
- CW complex:
- cohomology group:
- smooth:
- explicit description:
- Weyl group action on  $H_{\text{top}}(B_{\lambda}) \cong \mathbb{C}$ :

Example: 
$$\lambda = (2,1)$$



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$$B_{\lambda} = \underbrace{\mathbb{P}^1 \vee \cdots \vee \mathbb{P}^1}_{n-1}$$
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Properties of 
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# Tool: stratification/cellular fibration/affine paving

#### Remark

In general, we don't understand the ring structure of the cohomology group.

For  $\lambda=1^3$ ,  $B_\lambda\cong \mathcal{F}\ell(3)$  can be viewed as  $\mathcal{F}\ell(2)$ -bundle over  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .

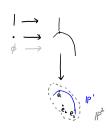
$$\mathcal{F}\ell(2) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}\ell(3)$$

$$\downarrow^{\pi}_{\mathbb{P}^2}$$

$$\pi^{-1}([v]) = \left\{ 0 \subseteq \langle v \rangle \subseteq \langle v, ? \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{C}^3 \right\} \cong \mathcal{F}\ell(2)$$

For  $\lambda=(2,1)$ ,  $B_\lambda\cong\mathbb{P}^1\vee\mathbb{P}^1$ :

$$\begin{cases}
\mathbb{P}' = B_{n} & \longrightarrow \\
\mathbb{P}' = B_{n} & \longrightarrow \\
\emptyset & \longrightarrow \\
\downarrow \pi
\end{cases}$$



$$\pi^{-1}([e_1]) = \left\{ 0 \subseteq \langle e_1 \rangle \subseteq \langle ?, ? \rangle \subseteq \mathbb{C}^3 \right\} \land \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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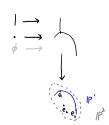
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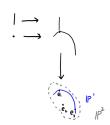
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B_{n,n} & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
P^1 &= \begin{bmatrix} * * \end{bmatrix} & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
[e_1] & [e_1 + e_2]
\end{bmatrix}$$



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Example: 
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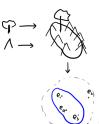


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$$\varphi(3) = \beta_{1}, A_{1} \longrightarrow \beta_{2}, A_{1} \longrightarrow \beta_{3}, A_{2} \longrightarrow \beta_{3}, A_{2$$

Example: 
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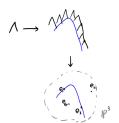


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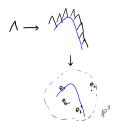


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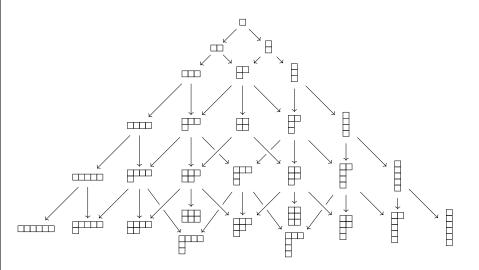
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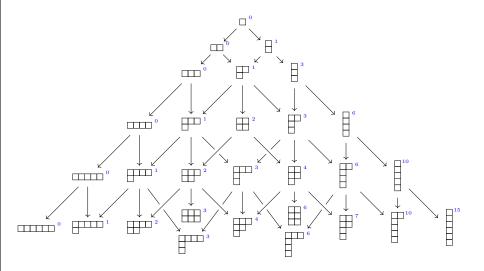
### Using the same technique, we can get

- $B_{\lambda}$  has an affine paving  $\rightsquigarrow$  cohomology;
- Each irreducible component in  $B_{\lambda}$  has same dimension;
- It's easy to compute the dimension and the number of irreducible component.

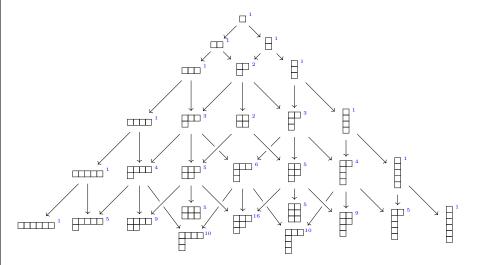
## Game: compute!



## Answer: dimension



# Answer: the number of irreducible component



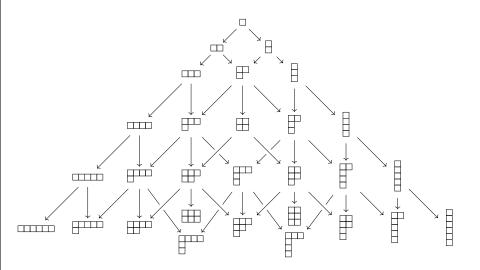
## Smooth problem

#### Results

- Not all the the irreducible components of  $B_{\lambda}$  are smooth; For example, one component of  $B_{2,2,1,1}$  is not smooth.
- All the components of  $B_{\lambda}$  are nonsingular iff

$$\lambda \in \{(\lambda_1, 1, 1, \ldots), (\lambda_1, \lambda_2), (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, 1), (2, 2, 2)\}$$

# tree of Young diagram



## (m,m) case

We have an explicit description in the 2-row case when we forget the variety structure. Use this description, we can get the cohomology group structure.

#### Definition and Theorem

Let  $\alpha$  be a crossingless matching, define

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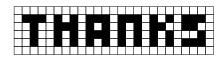
### Example (m=2)

$$\alpha = \{(1,2),(3,4)\} \qquad \tilde{B}_{\alpha;2,2} = \left\{ (x_1, x_1, x_2, x_2) \in (\mathbb{P}^1)^4 \right\} \cong (\mathbb{P}^1)^2$$

$$\beta = \{(1,4),(2,3)\} \qquad \tilde{B}_{\beta;2,2} = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_2, x_1) \in (\mathbb{P}^1)^4 \right\} \cong (\mathbb{P}^1)^2$$

$$B_{2,2} \cong \tilde{B}_{2,2} \cong (\mathbb{P}^1)^2 \bigvee_{\mathbb{P}^1} (\mathbb{P}^1)^2$$

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