

Structure constants: complexity and asymptotics

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Plethysm: Compositions of GL -representations.

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


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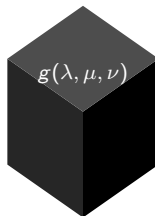
Combinatorial formulas for $g(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$, when:

- μ and ν are hooks (, [Remmel, 1989]
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- $\nu = (n - k, k)$, $\lambda = (n - r, r)$ [Remmel–Whitehead, 1994; Blasiak–Mulmuley–Sohoni, 2013]
- $\nu = (n - k, 1^k)$ (, [Blasiak 2012, Blasiak-Liu 2014]
- Other special cases [Colmenarejo-Rosas, Ikenmeyer-Mulmuley-Walter, Pak-Panova, Mishna-Rosas-Sundaram].

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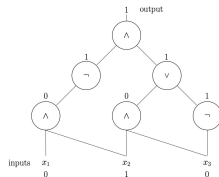
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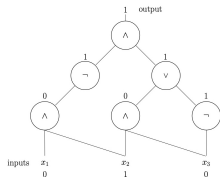
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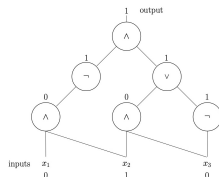
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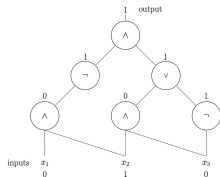
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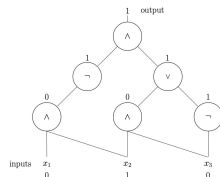
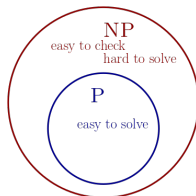
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[Ikenmeyer-Mulmuley-Walter]: KRONPOS is [strongly] NP-hard.

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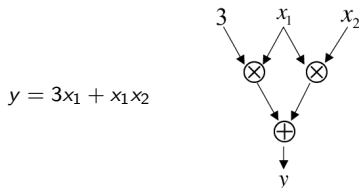
[Ikenmeyer-P,'16]:

$g((N - ab, a^b), (N - ab, a^b), (N - |\gamma|, \gamma)) > 0$ for large N and almost all γ, a, b (with some restrictions), related to Geometric Complexity Theory.

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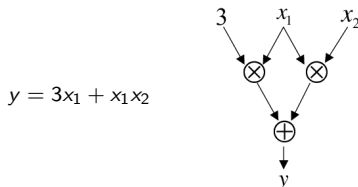
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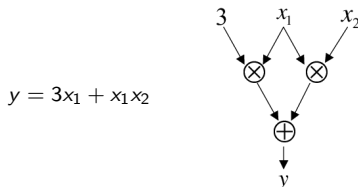
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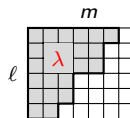
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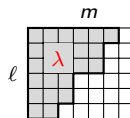
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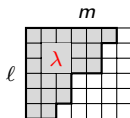
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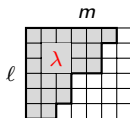
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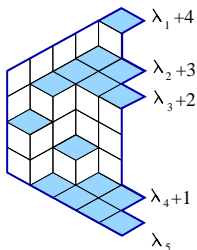
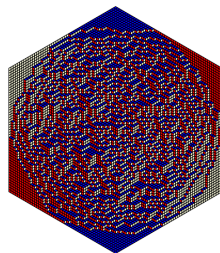
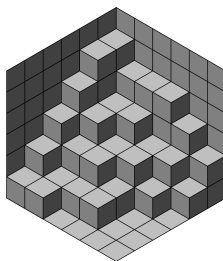
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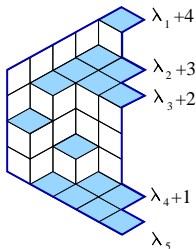
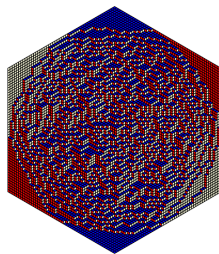
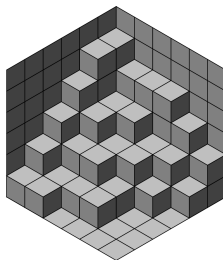
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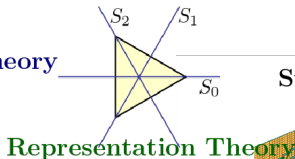
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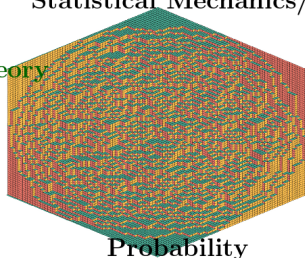
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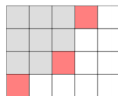
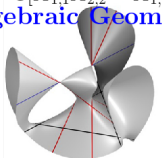
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