

# Enumeration of barely set-valued tableaux and plane partitions

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# Section 1

## Tableaux and plane partitions

# Standard Young tableaux

The **Young diagram** of a partition  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$  is left-justified array of boxes with  $\lambda_i$  boxes in  $i$ th row:

$$(4, 3, 1) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & \\ \hline \square & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

We will care most about the **rectangle shape**  $a \times b := \overbrace{(b, b, \dots, b)}^{a \text{ times}}$ .

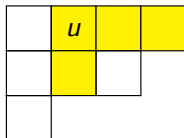
A **standard Young tableau** of shape  $\lambda$  is a filling of the Young diagram with numbers  $1, 2, \dots, n := |\lambda|$ , each appearing once, which is increasing along rows and down columns.

Let  $\mathcal{SYT}(\lambda) := \{\text{SYTs of shape } \lambda\}$ .

$$\mathcal{SYT}(2 \times 2) = \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \right\}$$

# The Hook Length Formula

The **hook** of box  $u$  of a Young diagram is all boxes weakly left or below  $u$ :



**Hook length**  $h(u) :=$  number of boxes in hook.

**Theorem (Hook Length Formula; Frame–Robinson–Thrall, 1954)**

$$\#\mathcal{SYT}(\lambda) = \frac{n!}{\prod_{u \in \lambda} h(u)}$$

For example,  $\#\mathcal{SYT}(2 \times 2) = \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 2$ .

# Set-valued tableaux

A **standard set-valued tableau** of shape  $\lambda$  is a filling of Young diagram with numbers  $1, 2, \dots, n+k$  for some  $k \geq 0$ , each appearing once, but where multiple numbers can be in the same box.

*(Each box must get at least one number, and still needs to be increasing.)*

Let  $\mathcal{SYT}^{+k}(\lambda)$  be the set of these tableaux. So  $\mathcal{SYT}^{+0}(\lambda) = \mathcal{SYT}(\lambda)$ .

Our focus is on **barely set-valued tableaux**  $\mathcal{SYT}^{+1}(\lambda)$ .

For example, there are 10 tableaux in  $\mathcal{SYT}^{+1}(2 \times 2)$ :

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3	4, 5

1	3
2	4, 5

1	2
3, 4	5

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# Aside: Schur & Grothendieck polynomials

## The **Schur** function

$$s_{\lambda}(x_1, x_2, \dots) = \sum_{\substack{\text{SSYT } T, \\ \text{shape}(T)=\lambda}} \mathbf{x}^{\text{content}(T)}$$

is the generating function for **semistandard tableaux** (I won't define).  
Schur functions have many algebraic/geometric guises; one is that they represent Schubert cycles in the cohomology of the Grassmannian.

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Similarly, the **(stable) Grothendieck polynomials**

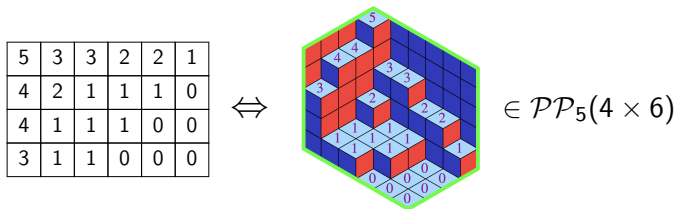
$$G_{\lambda}(x_1, x_2, \dots) = \sum_{\substack{\text{set-valued SSYT } T, \\ \text{shape}(T)=\lambda}} (-1)^{|T|-|\lambda|} \mathbf{x}^{\text{content}(T)}$$

represent Schubert cycles in K-theory of the Grassmannian (Buch, 2002).

# Plane partitions

An **plane partition** of shape  $\lambda$  is filling of the Young diagram with nonnegative integers, weakly decreasing in rows and columns.

Let  $\mathcal{PP}_m(\lambda) :=$  plane partitions of shape  $\lambda$  with entries in  $\{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ . There is a beautiful 3D representation of plane partitions:



Theorem (MacMahon, c. 1915)

$$\#\mathcal{PP}_m(a \times b) = \prod_{i=1}^a \prod_{j=1}^b \frac{m+i+j-1}{i+j-1}$$

## Section 2

### Motivation from algebraic geometry



# Brill–Noether theory

Let  $C$  be a “general” curve of genus  $g$ . The **Brill–Noether space**  $\mathcal{G}_d^r(C)$  is moduli space of maps from  $C$  to  $r$ -dim'l projective space  $\mathbb{P}^r$  of degree  $d$ :

$$\mathcal{G}_d^r(C) = \{ \text{8-shaped torus} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^r \}$$

Define the **Brill–Noether number**  $\rho = \rho(g, d, r)$  as

$$\rho := g - (r + 1)(g - d + r)$$

**Theorem (Brill–Noether Theorem; Griffiths–Harris, 1980)**

$\mathcal{G}_d^r(C)$  is nonempty iff  $\rho \geq 0$ , and in that case  $\dim(\mathcal{G}_d^r(C)) = \rho$ .

# Finer invariants of moduli spaces

We could ask for finer information about  $\mathcal{G}_d^r(C)$  than just its dimension.

For example, when  $\rho = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_d^r(C)$  is a finite set of points, and the number of points is known to be

$$\#\mathcal{G}_d^r(C) = g! \cdot \prod_{i=0}^r \frac{i!}{(g - d + r + i)!}$$

Or when  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_d^r(C)$  is itself a smooth curve, and the genus of this curve is known to be

$$\text{genus}(\mathcal{G}_d^r(C)) = 1 + \frac{(r+1)(g-d+r)}{g-d+2r+1} \cdot g! \cdot \prod_{i=0}^r \frac{i!}{(g-d+r+i)!}$$

Interesting product formulas...

# Euler characteristics via tableaux

Comparing to the Hook Length Formula we see that when  $\rho = 0$ ,

$$\#\mathcal{G}_d^r(C) = \#\text{SYT}((r+1) \times (g-d+r))$$

Chan–López-Martín–Pflueger–Teixidor i Bigas (2018) showed when  $\rho = 1$ ,

$$\text{genus}(\mathcal{G}_d^r(C)) = 1 + \#\text{SYT}^{+1}((r+1) \times (g-d+r))$$

Corollary (Chan–López-Martín–Pflueger–Teixidor i Bigas, 2018)

$$\#\text{SYT}^{+1}(a \times b) = (ab + 1) \cdot \frac{ab}{a+b} \cdot \#\text{SYT}(a \times b)$$

For example,  $\#\text{SYT}^{+1}(2 \times 2) = 5 \cdot \frac{4}{4} \cdot \#\text{SYT}(2 \times 2) = 5 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 = 10$ .

Chan–Pflueger (2021) showed more generally that for any  $\rho \geq 0$ , the Euler characteristic of  $\mathcal{G}_d^r(C)$  is  $(-1)^\rho$  times  $\#\text{SYT}^{+\rho}((r+1) \times (g-d+r))$ . But apparently no product formulas for  $\rho > 1$ !

## Section 3

### Down-degree expectations

# Decomposing barely set-valued tableaux

A barely set-valued tableau  $T' \in \mathcal{SYT}^{+1}(\lambda)$  has a rather simple structure: one special box has two numbers, while all others have a single number.

This leads to a decomposition of  $T'$  into a triple  $(T, i, u)$  where:

- $T \in \mathcal{SYT}(\lambda)$  is a usual standard tableau;
- $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  is some number;
- $u$  is a **removable box** of the **subshape**  $T^{-1}(\{1, 2, \dots, i\})$ .

(A **subshape** of  $\lambda$  is a Young diagram  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma \subseteq \lambda$ . A **removable box** of a subshape  $\sigma \subseteq \lambda$  is a box whose removal gives another subshape.)

$$T' = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 4, 7 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 8 \\ \hline 6 & 9 & 10 \\ \hline \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & \textcircled{4} \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 7 \\ \hline 6 & 8 & 9 \\ \hline \end{array} = T$$

$i = 6$ ,  $u = \text{circled box}$ ,  
 $T^{-1}(\{1 \dots, i\}) = \text{yellow}$







# Distributions on subshapes

The decomposition of barely set-valued tableaux  $T'$  motivates us to consider the following probability distribution on subshapes of  $\lambda$ :

- choose  $T \in \mathcal{SYT}(\lambda)$  uniformly at random;
- choose  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  uniformly at random;
- select the subshape  $T^{-1}(\{1, 2, \dots, i\})$ .

Call this distribution on subshapes  $\mu_{\text{SYT}}$ . Also, denote the number of removable boxes of a subshape  $\sigma$  by  $\text{ddeg}(\sigma)$ , the **down-degree** of  $\sigma$ .

For example, with  $\lambda = 2 \times 2$ :

$\sigma$						
$\mu_{\text{SYT}}(\sigma)$	1/5	1/5	1/10	1/10	1/5	1/5
$\text{ddeg}(\sigma)$	0	1	1	1	2	1

# Down-degree expectations

The decomposition of barely set-valued  $T'$  can be restated in terms of **expected down-degrees** as follows:

## Proposition

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mu_{\text{SYT}}}(\text{ddeg}) = \frac{\#\mathcal{SYT}^{+1}(\lambda)}{(n+1) \cdot \#\mathcal{SYT}(\lambda)}$$

For example, with  $\lambda = 2 \times 2$ :

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mu_{\text{SYT}}}(\text{ddeg}) = (0 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{5}) = 1 = \frac{10}{5 \cdot 2}.$$

“Expected down-degrees” terminology due to Reiner–Tenner–Yong (2018).

# Barely set-valued plane partitions

For any  $m \geq 1$ , we can define distribution  $\mu_{\mathcal{PP}_m}$  on subshapes by:

- choose  $\pi \in \mathcal{PP}_m(\lambda)$  uniformly at random;
- choose  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$  uniformly at random;
- select the subshape  $\pi^{-1}(\{0, 1, \dots, i\})$ .

**Note:**  $\mu_{\text{SYT}} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{\mathcal{PP}_m}$  and  $\mu_{\mathcal{PP}_1} = \mathbf{uniform}$  distribution.

## Proposition

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mu_{\mathcal{PP}_m}}(\text{dddeg}) = \frac{\#\mathcal{PP}_m^{+1}(\lambda)}{m \cdot \#\mathcal{PP}_m(\lambda)}$$

Here  $\mathcal{PP}_m^{+1}(\lambda)$  is the set of “**barely set-valued plane partitions**” which look like what you’d expect:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 2 & 2, 0 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \in \mathcal{PP}_2^{+1}(2 \times 3).$$



## Section 4

# Toggles, toggle-symmetry, and rooks

# Toggling subshapes

Let  $u \in \lambda$  be a box &  $\sigma \subseteq \lambda$  a subshape. Define the **toggle**  $\tau_u(\sigma)$  to be

$$\tau_u(\sigma) := \begin{cases} \sigma \setminus u & \text{if } u \text{ is a removable from } \sigma; \\ \sigma \cup u & \text{if } u \text{ is addable to } \sigma; \\ \sigma & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(Here  $u$  being **addable** means we can add  $u$  to  $\sigma$  and get a subshape.)

For example,

$$\tau_{(1,2)} \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \text{yellow} & \text{white} \\ \hline \text{white} & \text{white} \\ \hline \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \text{yellow} & \text{yellow} \\ \hline \text{white} & \text{white} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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# Toggle-symmetric distributions

For box  $u \in \lambda$ , define toggleability statistics  $\mathcal{T}_u^+, \mathcal{T}_u^-, \mathcal{T}_u$  on subshapes by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}_u^+(\sigma) &:= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u \text{ is addable to } \sigma; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ \mathcal{T}_u^-(\sigma) &:= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u \text{ is removable from } \sigma; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ \mathcal{T}_u(\sigma) &:= \mathcal{T}_u^+(\sigma) - \mathcal{T}_u^-(\sigma).\end{aligned}$$

## Definition

A probability distribution  $\mu$  on subshapes is called **toggle-symmetric** if we have  $\mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{T}_u) = 0$  for all boxes  $u \in \lambda$ .

In other words, we are as likely to be able to toggle  $u$  in as toggle it out.

# SYT & plane partition distributions are toggle-symmetric

Lemma (Chan–Haddadan–H.–Moci, 2017)

- The distribution  $\mu_{\text{SYT}}$  is toggle-symmetric.
- For any  $m \geq 1$ , the distribution  $\mu_{\text{PP}_m}$  is toggle-symmetric.

Proof sketch: For  $\mu_{\text{SYT}}$ : use  $\mu_{\text{SYT}} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{\text{PP}_m}$ .

For  $\mu_{\text{PP}_m}$ : for any  $\pi \in \mathcal{PP}_m(\lambda)$ , the contribution of  $\pi$  to  $\mathbb{E}_{\mu_{\text{PP}_m}}(\mathcal{T}_u)$  is negative the contribution of  $\tau_u(\pi)$ , where the **(piecewise-linear) plane partition toggle** is defined by the formula

$$\pi = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & b & \\ \hline a & u & d \\ \hline & c & \\ \hline \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & b & \\ \hline a & u' & d \\ \hline & c & \\ \hline \end{array} = \tau_u(\pi)$$

with  $u' := \min(a, b) + \max(c, d) - u$ .  $\square$

# Down-degree as sum of toggleability statistics

What's the point? We can sometimes write down-degree in a clever way...

## Theorem (Chan–Haddadan–H.–Moci, 2017)

*For the rectangle  $\lambda = a \times b$ , there are coefficients  $c_u \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $u \in \lambda$  for which*

$$\text{ddeg} = \frac{ab}{a+b} + \sum_{u \in \lambda} c_u \mathcal{T}_u$$

By linearity of expectation we obtain enumerative corollaries:

## Corollary

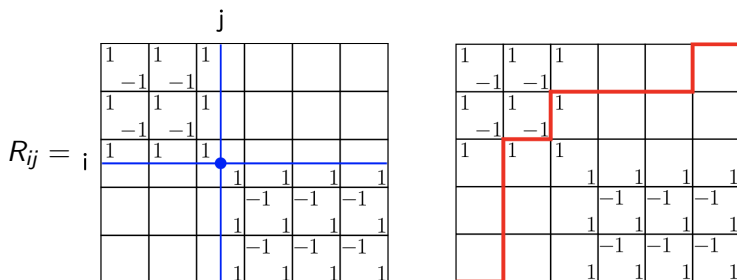
$$\frac{\#\mathcal{SYT}^{+1}(a \times b)}{(n+1) \cdot \#\mathcal{SYT}(a \times b)} = \mathbb{E}_{\mu_{\text{SYT}}}(\text{ddeg}) = \frac{ab}{a+b}$$

$$\frac{\#\mathcal{PP}_m^{+1}(a \times b)}{m \cdot \#\mathcal{PP}_m(a \times b)} = \mathbb{E}_{\mu_{\text{PP}_m}}(\text{ddeg}) = \frac{ab}{a+b}$$

# Key technical tool: “rooks”

How to write down-degree as a sum of the  $\mathcal{T}_u$ ? Note  $\text{ddeg} = \sum_{u \in \lambda} \mathcal{T}_u^-$ . So the key is to find relations among the toggleability statistics.

The “building block” of toggleability statistics relations is the **rook**  $R_{ij}$ :



## Lemma

We have  $R_{ij}(\sigma) = 1$  for any subshape  $\sigma \subseteq a \times b$ .

## Section 5

### q-analogs

# Comajor index for SYTs

Let  $T \in \mathcal{SYT}(\lambda)$  be a standard tableau. A **descent**<sup>\*</sup> of  $T$  is an entry  $i$  such that  $i + 1$  is in a higher row than  $i$ . Denote set of descents by  $D(T)$ . The **comajor index** of  $T$  is  $\text{comaj}(T) := \sum_{i \in D(T)} (n - i)$ .

Theorem (q-Hook-Length-Theorem; Stanley, c. 1970?)

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{SYT}(\lambda)} q^{\text{comaj}(T)} = \frac{[n]_q \cdot [n-1]_q \cdots [2]_q \cdot [1]_q}{\prod_{u \in \lambda} [h(u)]_q}$$

We use standard  $q$ -notation  $[n]_q := 1 + q + \cdots + q^{n-1} = (1 - q^n)/(1 - q)$ .

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$D(T)$	$\emptyset$	$\{2\}$								
$\text{comaj}(T)$	0	2								

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{SYT}(2 \times 2)} q^{\text{comaj}(T)} &= q^2 + 1 \\ &= \frac{[4]_q [3]_q [2]_q [1]_q}{[3]_q [2]_q [2]_q [1]_q} \end{aligned}$$



# Comajor index for barely set-valued SYTs

Let  $T \in \mathcal{SYT}^{+1}(\lambda)$  be a barely set-valued tableau. Let  $i_*(T)$  denote the bigger number in the special box that has two numbers. A **descent** of  $T$  is an entry  $i$  such that  $i + 1$  is in a higher row than  $i$ , except that:

- $i_*(T) - 1$  is never a descent;
- $i_*(T)$  is always a descent.

Denote set of descents by  $D(T)$ . Let  $\text{comaj}(T) := \sum_{i \in D(T)} (n + 1 - i)$ .

Theorem (H.–Lazar–Linusson, 2021)

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{SYT}^{+1}(\lambda)} q^{\text{comaj}(T)} = [ab + 1]_q \cdot \frac{[a]_q [b]_q}{[a + b]_q} \cdot \sum_{T \in \mathcal{SYT}(\lambda)} q^{\text{comaj}(T)}$$

## Comajor index generating functions: example

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{T \in \mathcal{SYT}^{+1}(2 \times 2)} q^{\text{comaj}(T)} &= q^5 + 2q^4 + 2q^3 + 2q^2 + 2q + 1 \\
 &= [5]_q \cdot \frac{[2]_q [2]_q}{[4]_q} \cdot (q^2 + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Size generating functions for plane partitions

The **size**  $|\pi|$  of a plane partition  $\pi \in \mathcal{PP}_m(\lambda)$  is the sum of its entries.

Theorem (MacMahon, c. 1915)

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{PP}_m(a \times b)} q^{|\pi|} = \prod_{i=1}^a \prod_{j=1}^b \frac{[m+i+j-1]_q}{[i+j-1]_q}$$

Define size for barely set-valued plane partitions similarly.

Theorem (H.–Lazar–Linusson, 2021)

$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{PP}_m^{+1}(a \times b)} q^{|\pi|-1} = [m]_q \cdot \frac{[a]_q [b]_q}{[a+b]_q} \cdot \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{PP}_m(a \times b)} q^{|\pi|}$$

## Size generating functions: example

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$$\sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{PP}_1^{+1}(2 \times 2)} q^{|\pi|-1} = q^3 + 2q^2 + 2q + 1 = [1]_q \cdot \frac{[2]_q [2]_q}{[4]_q} \cdot (q^4 + q^3 + 2q^2 + q + 1)$$

# Proofs of $q$ -analogs: $q$ -toggle-symmetry

The basic outline of proofs for  $q$ -analogs is same as in case  $q = 1$ .

For a box  $u$  of  $\lambda$ , set  $\mathcal{T}_u^q := \mathcal{T}_u^+ - q\mathcal{T}_u^-$ . Call a probability distribution  $\mu$  on subshapes  **$q$ -toggle-symmetric** if  $\mathbb{E}_\mu(\mathcal{T}_u^q) = 0$  for all  $u \in \lambda$ .

We define appropriate  $q$ -analogs of distributions  $\mu_{\text{SYT}}^q$  and  $\mu_{\text{PP}_m}^q$  and show:

**Lemma (H.–Lazar–Linusson, 2021)**

*The distributions  $\mu_{\text{SYT}}^q$  and  $\mu_{\text{PP}_m}^q$  are  $q$ -toggle-symmetric.*

The other ingredient of the proof is:

**Theorem (Defant–H.–Poznanović–Propp, 2021)**

*For  $\lambda = a \times b$ , there are coefficients  $c_u(q) \in \mathbb{Q}(q)$ ,  $u \in \lambda$  for which*

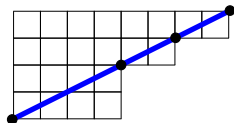
$$\text{ddeg} = \frac{[a]_q [b]_q}{[a+b]_q} + \sum_{u \in \lambda} c_u(q) \mathcal{T}_u^q$$

## Section 6

### Concluding remarks

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- Not all shapes  $\lambda$  have product formulas for  $\#\mathcal{SYT}^{+1}(\lambda)$ , but the rook technique does work for a broader class of **“balanced”** shapes:



- Can also look at **shifted shapes** (see Kim–Schlosser–Yoo (2021)), other posets, etc. In fact the  $q$ -analogs hold for all **minuscule posets**.
- There are interesting toggle-symmetric distributions not coming from tableaux/plane partitions. For instance, some come from **dynamics** on subshapes. Related to study of **homomesy** for these dynamics.

# Thank you!

these slides are available on my website  
and papers are on the arXiv:

- Chan, Haddadan, Hopkins, and Moci. “The expected jaggedness of order ideals.” arXiv:1507.00249
- Reiner, Tenner, and Yong. “Poset edge densities, nearly reduced words, and barely set-valued tableaux.” arXiv:1603.09589.
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