

Hook formulas for skew shapes

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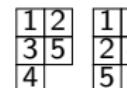
Standard Young Tableaux

Irreducible representations of S_n :

Specht modules \mathbb{S}_λ , for all $\lambda \vdash n$.

Basis for \mathbb{S}_λ : **Standard Young Tableaux** of shape λ :

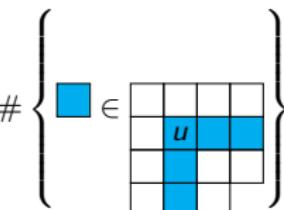
$$\lambda = (2, 2, 1):$$



Hook-length formula [Frame-Robinson-Thrall]:

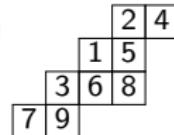
$$\dim \mathbb{S}_\lambda = \#\{\text{SYTs of shape } \lambda\} = f^\lambda = \frac{|\lambda|!}{\prod_{u \in \lambda} h_u} = \frac{5!}{4 * 3 * 2 * 1 * 1}$$

Hook length of box $u = (i, j) \in \lambda$: $h_u = \lambda_i - j + \lambda'_j - i + 1 = \#$



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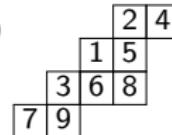


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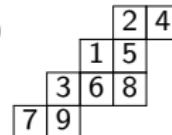
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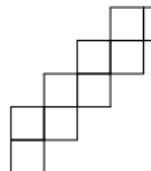
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No product formula, e.g. $\lambda/\mu = \delta_{n+2}/\delta_n$:



$$f^{\delta_{n+2}/\delta_n} = E_{2n+1}:$$

$$1 + E_1 x + E_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + E_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + E_4 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots = \sec(x) + \tan(x).$$

Euler numbers: 2, 5, 16, 61....

Hook-Length formula for skew shapes

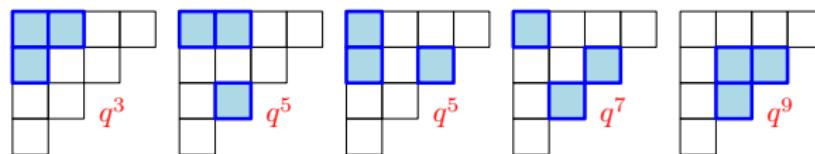
Theorem (Naruse, SLC, September 2014)

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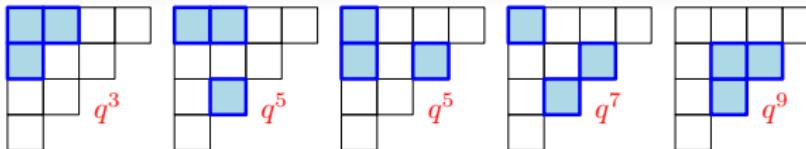
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$$f^{(4321/21)} = 7! \left(\frac{1}{1^4 \cdot 3^3} + \frac{1}{1^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{1^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{1^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2} + \frac{1}{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7} \right) = 61$$

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$$s_{\lambda/\mu}(1, q, q^2, \dots) = \sum_{T \in SSYT(4321/21)} q^{|T|} = \frac{q^3}{(1-q)^4(1-q^3)^3} + 2 \times \frac{q^5}{(1-q)^3(1-q^3)^3(1-q^5)} \\ + \frac{q^7}{(1-q)^2(1-q^3)^3(1-q^5)^2} + \frac{q^9}{(1-q)^2(1-q^3)^2(1-q^5)^2(1-q^7)}$$

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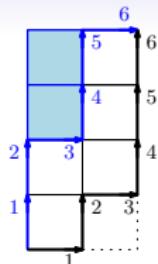
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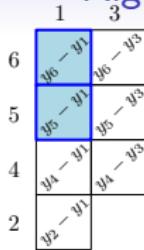
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Other recent proof by [M. Konvalinka]



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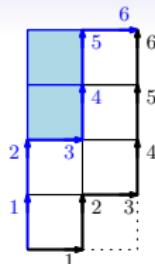


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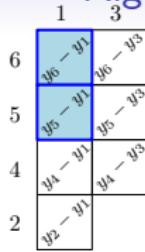
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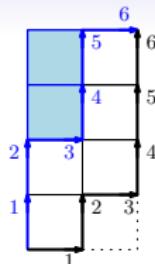
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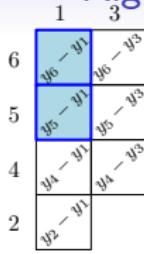
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Evaluation at $y = 1, q, q^2, \dots$, $v(d+1-i) = \lambda_i + d + 1 - i$, $x_i \rightarrow y_{v(i)} = q^{\lambda_i + d + 1 - i}$
 \rightarrow Jacobi-Trudi

$$s_\mu^{(d)}(q^{v(1)}, \dots | 1, q, \dots) = \frac{\det[\prod_{r=1}^{\mu_j+d-j} (q^{\lambda_i+d+1-i} - q^r)]_{i,j=1}^d}{\prod_{i < j} (q^{\lambda_i+d+1-i} - q^{\lambda_j+d+1-j})} = \dots$$

$$\dots [simplifications] \dots = \det[h_{\lambda_i - i - \mu_j + j}(1, q, \dots)] = s_{\lambda/\mu}(1, q, \dots)$$



Combinatorial proofs:

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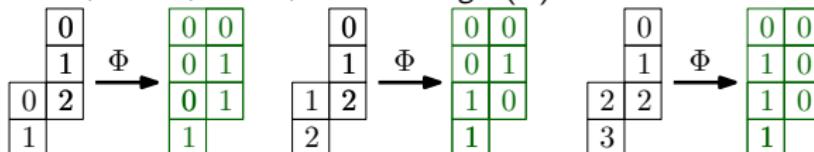
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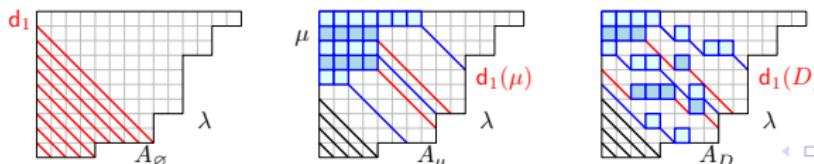
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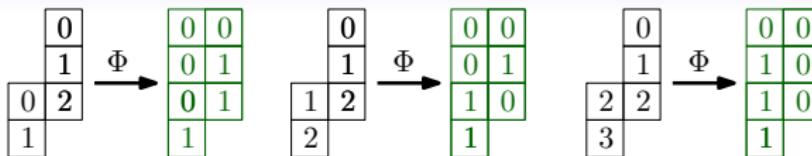


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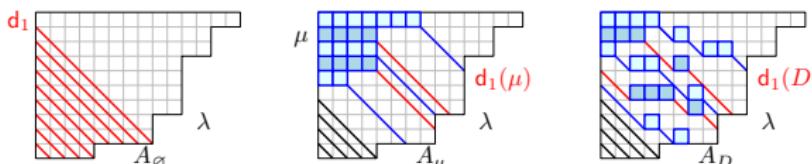


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Proof sketch:

Issue: enforce 0s on μ and strict increase down columns on λ/μ .

Show $\Phi^{-1}(A)$ is column strict in λ/μ + support in λ/μ via properties of RSK
(Integer partition on k th diagonal)

$(\dots, P_{2,2+k}, P_{1,1+k}) = \text{shape}(\text{RSK}(A_k^T))$ is shape of RSK tableau on the corresponding subrectangle of A)

Thus, Φ^{-1} is injective: restricted arrays \rightarrow SSYTs of shape λ/μ .

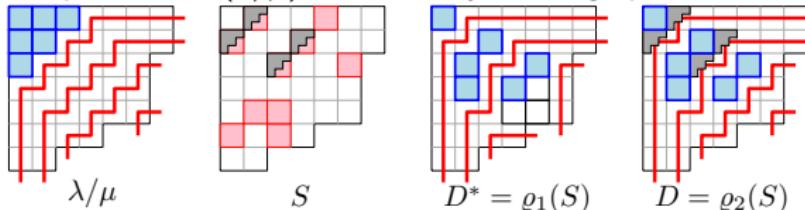
Bijective: use the algebraic identity.

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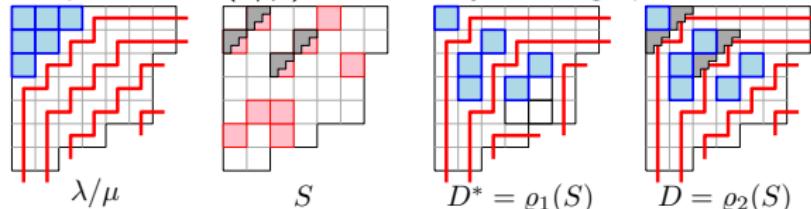


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The HG map is a bijection between skew RPPs of shape λ/μ and arrays with certain nonzero entries (at the “high peaks”):

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With P -partitions/ \lim : combinatorial proof of original Naruse Hook-Length Formula for $f^{\lambda/\mu}$.

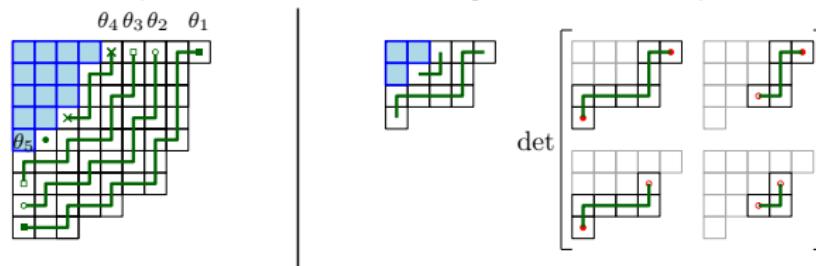
Non-intersecting lattice paths

Theorem[Lascoux-Pragacz, Hamel-Goulden] If $(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$ is a Lascoux–Pragacz decomposition (i.e. maximal outer border strip decomposition) of λ/μ , then

$$s_{\lambda/\mu} = \det [s_{\theta_i \# \theta_j}]_{i,j=1}^k.$$

where $s_\emptyset = 1$ and $s_{\theta_i \# \theta_j} = 0$ if the $\theta_i \# \theta_j$ is undefined.

(Here θ_1 is the border strip following the inner border of λ and θ_i are obtained from the inner border of the remaining partition, until μ is hit, then the border strips are obtained from each connected part etc, and ordered by their corners. The strip $\theta_i \# \theta_j$ is the shape of θ_1 between the diagonals of the endpoints of θ_i and θ_j .)



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Proofs: induction on $|\lambda/\mu|$, or [multivariate] Chevalley formula for factorial Schurs.

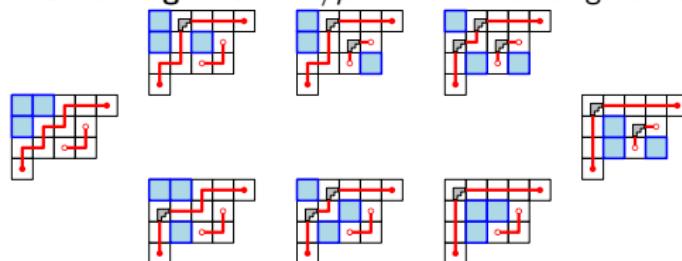
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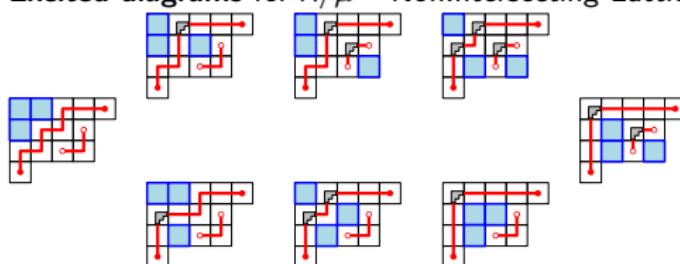
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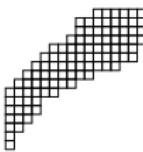
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$$\stackrel{\text{Lindstrom – Gessel – Viennot}}{=} \sum_{NILP: \gamma_1, \dots, u \in \gamma_1 \cup \dots} \prod_{u \in \gamma_1 \cup \dots} \frac{q^{\cdot \cdot}}{1 - q^{h_u}} \stackrel{\mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu) = NILP}{=} \sum_{D \in ED(\lambda/\mu)} \prod_{u \in D} \frac{q^{\cdot \cdot \cdot}}{1 - q^{h_u}}$$

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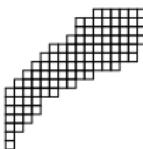
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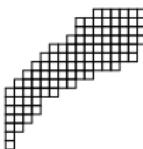
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