

Crystals for stable Grothendieck polynomials

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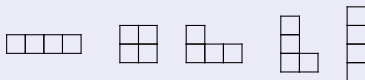
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Outline

- 1 Motivation
- 2 Crystal for Stanley symmetric functions
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- 4 Properties and results

Littlewood-Richardson coefficients $c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu$

Indexed by partitions:



- Tensor product multiplicities

$$V(\lambda) \otimes V(\mu) = \bigoplus_{\nu} c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} V(\nu)$$

- Symmetric function coefficients

$$s_{\lambda} s_{\mu} = \sum_{\nu} c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} s_{\nu}$$

$$s_{\nu/\mu} = \sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} s_{\lambda}$$

- Intersections in the Grassmannian

$$c_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} = X_{\lambda} \cap X_{\mu} \cap X_{\nu^{\vee}}$$

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Gordon James (1987) on the Littlewood–Richardson rule:

“Unfortunately the Littlewood–Richardson rule is much harder to prove than was at first suspected. The author was once told that the Littlewood–Richardson rule helped to get men on the moon but was not proved until after they got there.”

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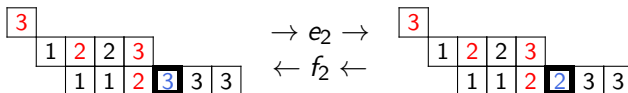
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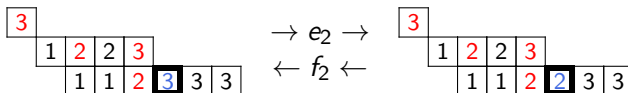
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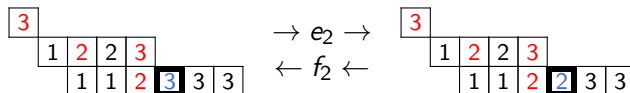
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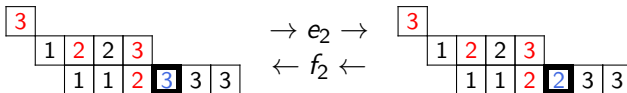
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Mechanism to get Schur expansion

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$$S_n = \langle s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} \rangle \quad s_i s_j = s_j s_i \quad s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1} \quad s_i^2 = id$$

$$(3, 2, 1, 4) = s_1 s_2 s_1 = s_2 s_1 s_2 = s_3 s_3 s_1 s_2 s_1$$

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$$(s_1)(s_3) \longrightarrow x_1 x_2$$

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$$F_{(2,1,4,3)} = 2 x_1 x_2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

Crystal operators on factorizations – residue map

Recall e_i pairing and action:



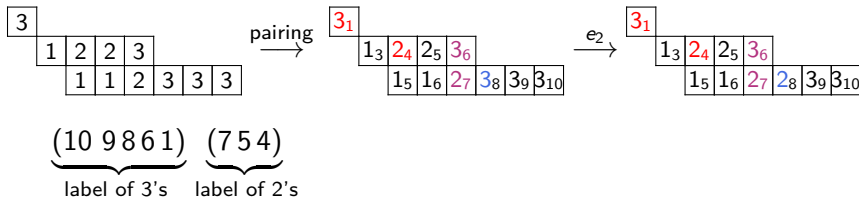
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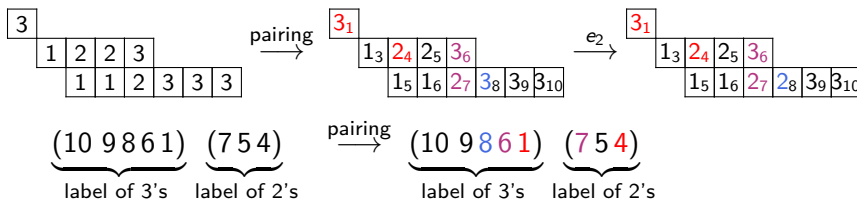
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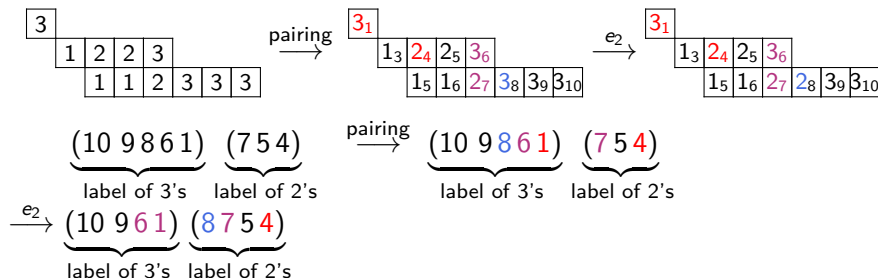
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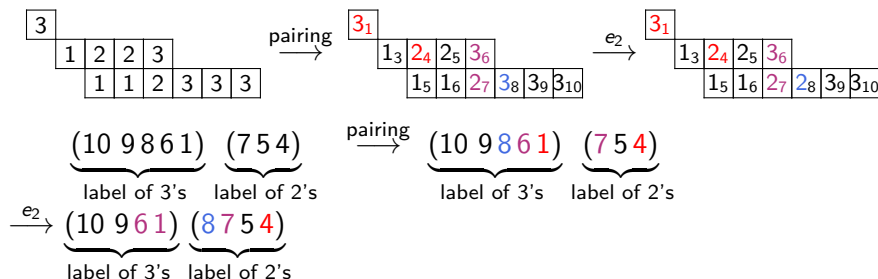
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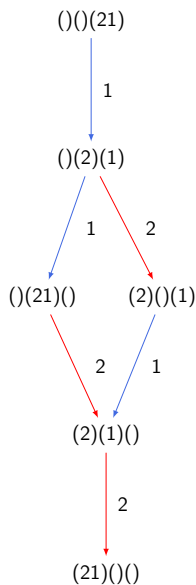
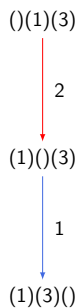
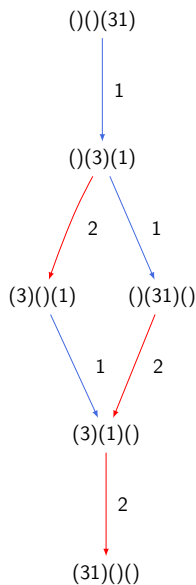
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Checking **Stembridge** local axioms

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In S_5 :

$$\begin{array}{c}
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 \downarrow 1 \\
 (4)(2) \\
 \downarrow 1 \\
 (42)()
 \end{array}
 \quad (2)(4) \implies F_{s_2 s_4} = s_2 + s_{11}$$

Edelman-Greene insertion

Theorem (with Morse; 2016)

For any permutation $w \in S_n$, the *crystal isomorphism*

$$B(w) \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda} B(\lambda)^{\oplus a_{w\lambda}}$$

is explicitly given by the *Edelman-Greene* insertion $\varphi_{\text{EG}}^Q(v^\ell \cdots v^1) = Q$:

$$\varphi_{\text{EG}}^Q \circ e_i = e_i \circ \varphi_{\text{EG}}^Q$$

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(Monical & Pechenik & Scrimshaw 2018)

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Decreasing factorizations for $132 \in \mathcal{H}_0(3)$ of length 5 with 3 factors:

$$(31)(31)(2) \quad (31)(32)(2) \quad (31)(1)(32)$$

$$(31)(3)(32) \quad (1)(31)(32) \quad (3)(31)(32)$$

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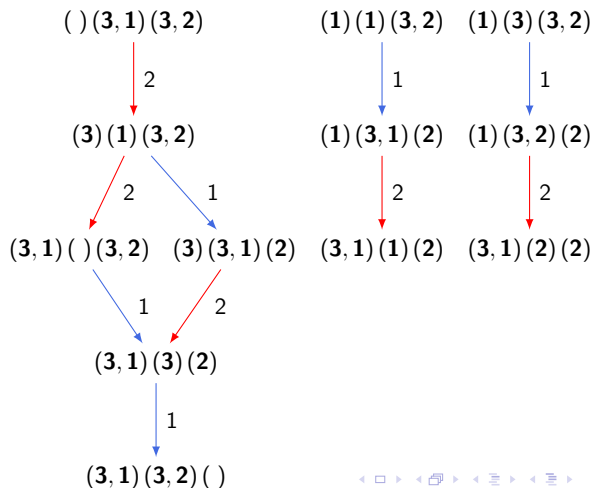
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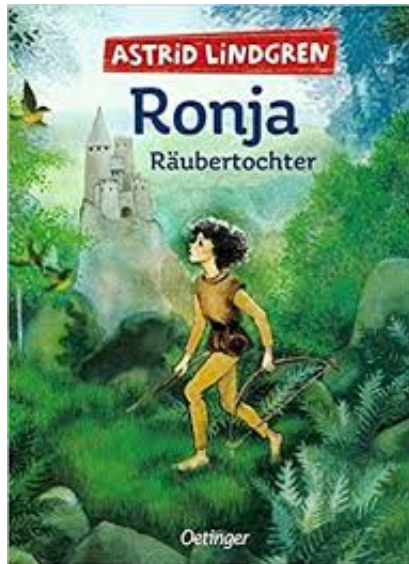
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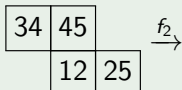
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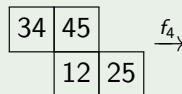
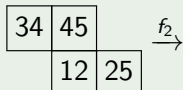
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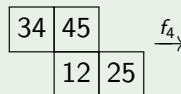
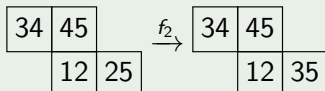
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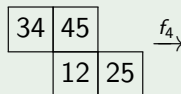
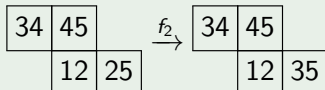
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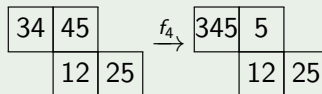
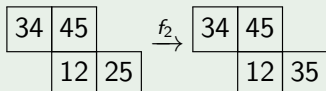
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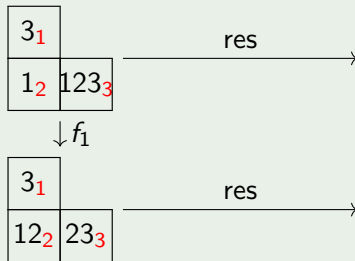
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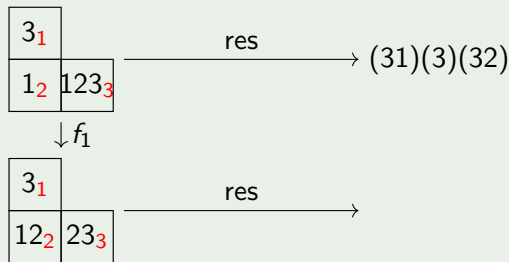
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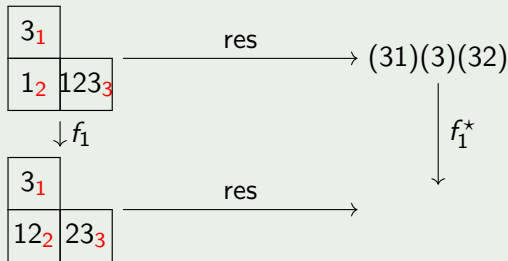
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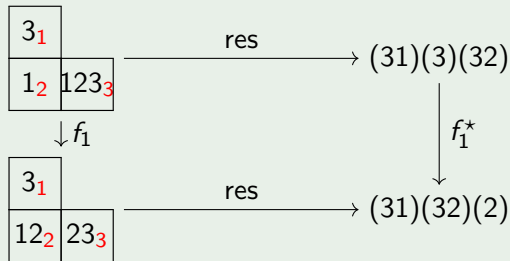
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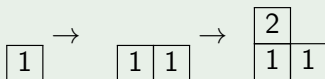
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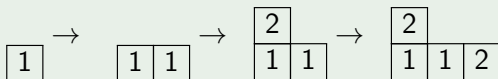
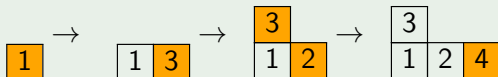
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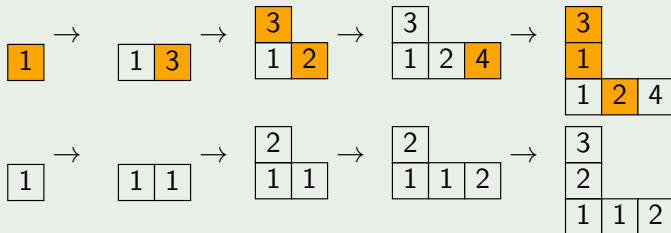
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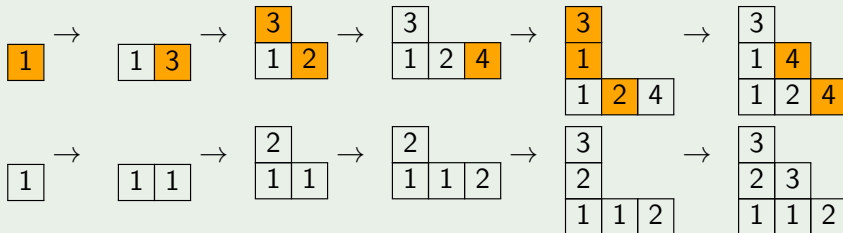
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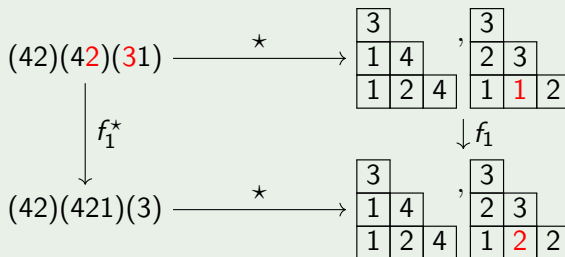
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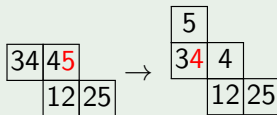
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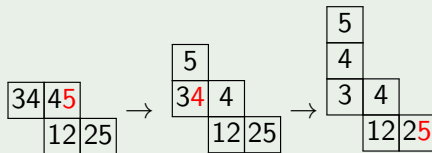


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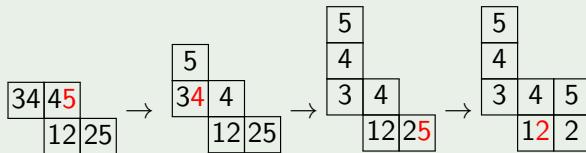


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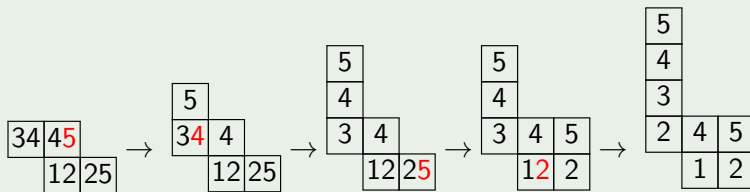


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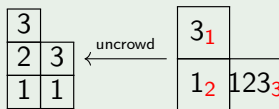
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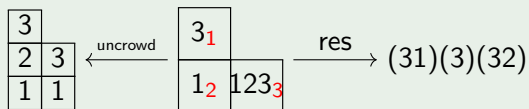


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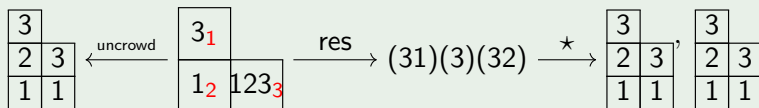


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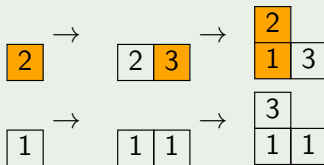
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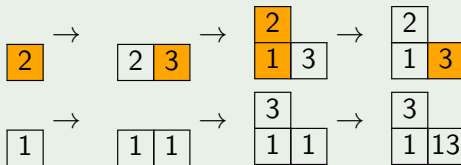
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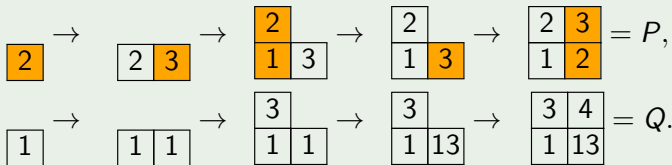
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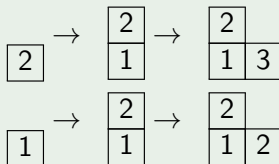
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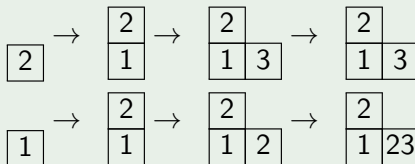
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