

Rational Shuffle Conjecture

When $n = 3$ or $m = 3$

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The Ring of Diagonal Harmonics

Let $\mathbf{X} = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ and $\mathbf{Y} = y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ be two sets of n variables. The ring of **Diagonal harmonics** consists of those polynomials in $\mathbb{Q}[\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}]$ which satisfy the following system of differential equations

$$\partial_{x_1}^a \partial_{y_1}^b f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \partial_{x_2}^a \partial_{y_2}^b f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) + \dots + \partial_{x_n}^a \partial_{y_n}^b f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0,$$

for each pair of integers a and b , such that $a + b > 0$.

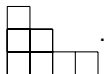
Haiman proved that the ring of diagonal harmonics has **dimension** $(n + 1)^{n-1}$.

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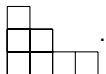
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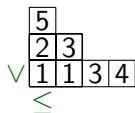
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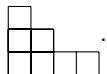
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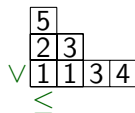
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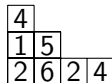


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$$F_S = \sum_{i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_n, i_j < i_{j+1} \text{ if } j \in S} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_n}$$

is the **fundamental quasi-symmetric function** associated with a set $S \subset [n - 1]$.

Arm and Leg of a Cell

Given any partition $\mu \vdash n$, we can draw the Ferrers diagram (in French notation) of μ as shown in Figure 1.

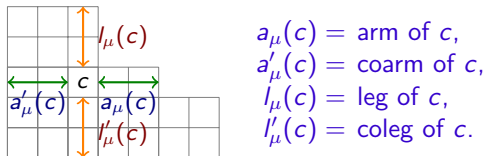


Figure 1: The Young tableau of the partition $(7, 7, 5, 3, 3)$

Then for each cell $c \in \mu$, we have the **arm** $a_\mu(c)$, the **coarm** $a'_\mu(c)$, the **leg** $l_\mu(c)$, and the **coleg** $l'_\mu(c)$ of c .

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- ▶ The symmetric function operator **nabla** ∇ is the **eigenoperator on Macdonald polynomials** defined by Bergeron and Garsia where

$$\nabla \tilde{H}_\mu(X; q, t) = T_\mu \tilde{H}_\mu(X; q, t).$$

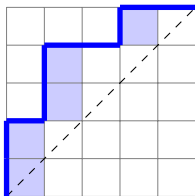
Here $T_\mu = \prod_{c \in \mu} q^{a'_\mu(c)} t^{l'_\mu(c)}$.

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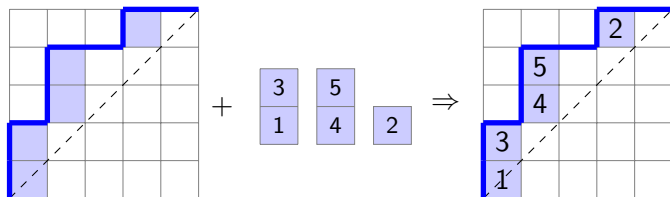


Figure 2: The construction of a parking function

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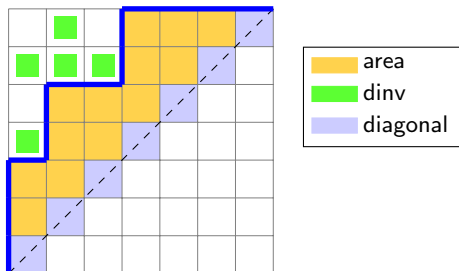


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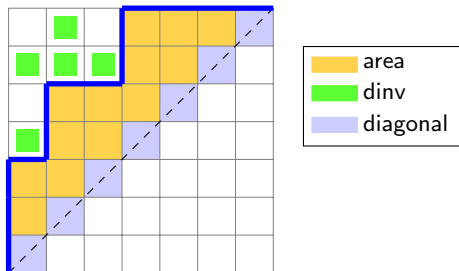
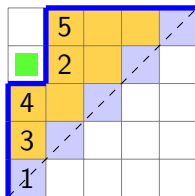


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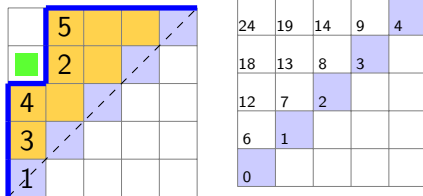


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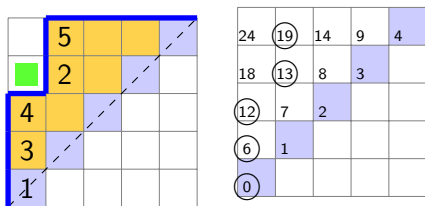


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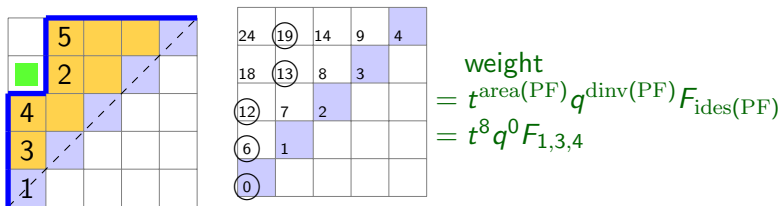


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Classical Shuffle Conjecture

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The **classical shuffle conjecture** of Haglund, Haiman, Loehr, Remmel, and Ulyanov(2005) gives a well-studied combinatorial expression for the bigraded Frobenius characteristic of the ring of diagonal harmonics:

Conjecture (Haglund-Haiman-Loehr-Remmel-Ulyanov)

For all $n \geq 0$,

$$\nabla e_n = \sum_{PF \in \mathcal{PF}_n} t^{\text{area}(PF)} q^{\text{dinv}(PF)} F_{\text{idcs}(PF)}.$$

Symmetric Function Side Extension — $Q_{m,n}$ Operators

Gorsky and Negut introduced operator $Q_{m,n}$ and extended the shuffle conjecture from ∇e_n to $Q_{m,n}(-1)^n$.

The main actors on the symmetric function side of the Gorsky-Negut conjecture are the operators D_k for each integer k , which were introduced in Garsia et al.(1999). The action of D_k on a symmetric function $F[X]$ is defined as

$$D_k F[X] = F \left[X + \frac{M}{z} \right] \sum_{i \geq 0} (-z)^i e_i[X] \Big|_{z^k},$$

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$$\text{Split}(m, n) = (a, b) + (c, d).$$

Then let

$$Q_{m,n} = \frac{1}{M} [Q_{c,d}, Q_{a,b}] = \frac{1}{M} (Q_{c,d} Q_{a,b} - Q_{a,b} Q_{c,d}).$$

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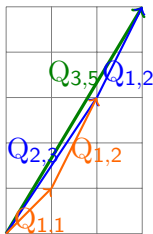


Figure 5: The geometry of $\text{Split}(3, 5)$

$\text{Split}(3, 5) = (2, 3) + (1, 2)$ so that $Q_{3,5} = \frac{1}{M}[Q_{1,2}, Q_{2,3}]$.

The same procedure gives $Q_{2,3} = \frac{1}{M}[Q_{1,2}, Q_{1,1}]$. Therefore

$$Q_{3,5} = \frac{1}{M^2}[D_2, [D_2, D_1]] = \frac{1}{M^2}(D_2 D_2 D_1 - 2D_2 D_1 D_2 + D_1 D_2 D_2).$$

Combinatorial Side Extension – Rational Dyck Paths

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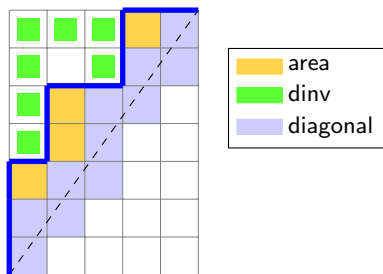


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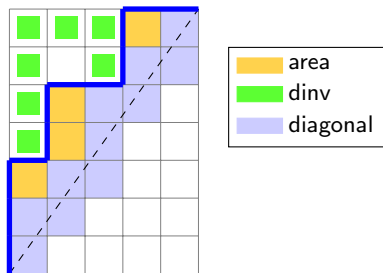


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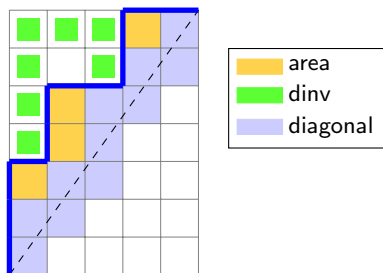
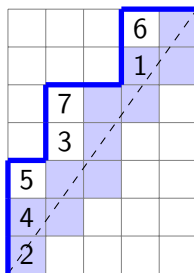


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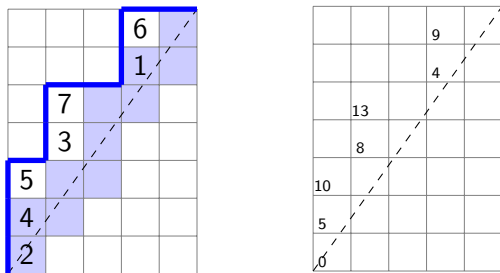


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In Figure 10, the pairs of cars contributing to tdinv are (1, 3), (1, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (4, 6), (5, 7) and (6, 7).

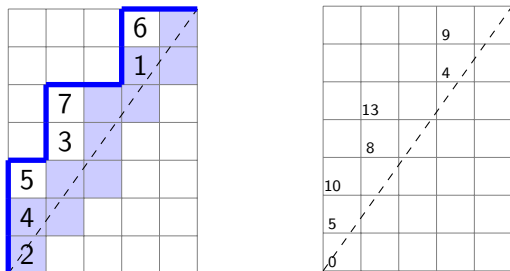


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Leven and Hicks gave a simplified formula for the **dinv** of a PF.
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Definition (dinvcorr)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dinvcorr}(\Pi) = & \sum_{c \in \lambda(\Pi)} \chi \left(\frac{\text{arm}(c) + 1}{\text{leg}(c) + 1} \leq \frac{m}{n} < \frac{\text{arm}(c)}{\text{leg}(c)} \right) \\ & - \sum_{c \in \lambda(\Pi)} \chi \left(\frac{\text{arm}(c)}{\text{leg}(c)} \leq \frac{m}{n} < \frac{\text{arm}(c) + 1}{\text{leg}(c) + 1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Definition (dinv(PF))

Let PF be any (m, n) -parking function with underlying Dyck path Π , then

$$\text{dinv}(\text{PF}) = \text{tdinv}(\text{PF}) + \text{dinvcorr}(\Pi).$$

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- ▶ If $n > m$ then

$$\text{dinv}(\text{PF}) = \text{tdinv}(\text{PF}) - \sum_{c \in \lambda(\Pi)} \chi \left(\frac{\text{arm}(c)}{\text{leg}(c)} \leq \frac{m}{n} < \frac{\text{arm}(c) + 1}{\text{leg}(c) + 1} \right).$$

- ▶ If $n = m$ then $\text{dinv}(\text{PF}) = \text{tdinv}(\text{PF})$.

- ▶ Finally, if $n < m$ then

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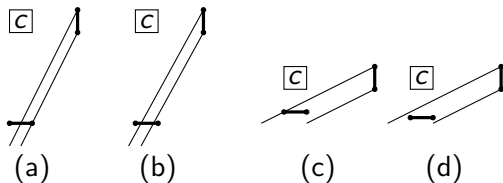


Figure 8: Types of cells that contribute to dinvcorr

Rational Parking Functions

Definition (*ret*)

The *ret* of a (km, kn) -parking function PF is the **smallest** positive i such that the supporting path of PF goes through the point (im, in) .

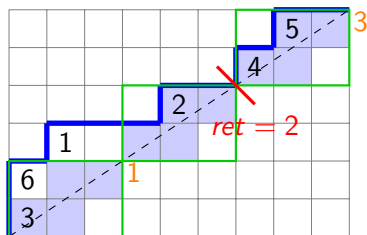


Figure 9: The *ret* of a $(9, 6)$ -parking function

Extension of Shuffle Conjecture

In 2012, [Hikita](#) defined the [Hikita polynomial](#) to extend the combinatorial side of the shuffle conjecture to rational parking functions:

$$H_{m,n}[X; q, t] = \sum_{PF \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,n}} t^{\text{area}(PF)} q^{\text{dinv}(PF)} F_{\text{idcs}(PF)}[X].$$

Then the classical shuffle conjecture of HHLRU can be restated as follows.

[Conjecture \(Haglund-Haiman-Loehr-Remmel-Ulyanov\)](#)

For all $n \geq 0$,

$$\nabla e_n = H_{n+1,n}[X; q, t].$$

Rational Shuffle Conjecture

In 2013, [Gorsky](#) and [Negut](#) introduced the operator $Q_{m,n}$ and give a symmetric function expression for each coprime pair (m, n) which conjecturally coincides with $H_{m,n}[X; q, t]$.

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For all pairs of coprime positive integers (m, n) and any positive integer k , we have

$$Q_{km, kn}(-1)^{kn} = \sum_{PF \in \mathcal{PF}_{km, kn}} [ret(PF)]_{\frac{1}{t}} t^{\text{area}(PF)} q^{\text{dinv}(PF)} F_{\text{idcs}(PF)}[X],$$

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Similarly, we want to find the Schur function expansion of $Q_{n,m}(-1)^n$.

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$[n]_{q,t}$ is the q, t -analogue of an integer that

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In 2014, Leven worked out the Schur basis Expansion for both sides of the [rational shuffle conjecture](#) when $n = 2$ and $m = 2$ that

Theorem

For any $k \geq 0$,

$$Q_{2k+1,2} \mathbf{1} = H_{2k+1,2}[X; q, t] = [k]_{q,t} s_2 + [k+1]_{q,t} s_{1,1}$$

and

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Coefficients of s_λ in $Q_{3k+1,3}(-1)$

$Q_{3k+1,3}(-1) \backslash s_\lambda$	s_3	s_{21}	s_{1^3}
$Q_{1,3}(-1)$	0	0	$[1]_{q,t}$
$Q_{4,3}(-1)$	$[1]_{q,t}$	$[2]_{q,t} + [3]_{q,t}$	$[1]_{q,t}$ $+qt[4]_{q,t}$
$Q_{7,3}(-1)$	$[4]_{q,t}$ $+qt[1]_{q,t}$	$[5]_{q,t} + [6]_{q,t}$ $+qt([2]_{q,t} + [3]_{q,t})$	$[7]_{q,t}$ $+qt[4]_{q,t}$ $+(qt)^2[1]_{q,t}$
$Q_{10,3}(-1)$	$[7]_{q,t}$ $+qt[4]_{q,t}$ $+(qt)^2[1]_{q,t}$	$[8]_{q,t} + [9]_{q,t}$ $+qt([5]_{q,t} + [6]_{q,t})$ $+(qt)^2([2]_{q,t} + [3]_{q,t})$	$[10]_{q,t}$ $+qt[7]_{q,t}$ $+(qt)^2[4]_{q,t}$ $+(qt)^3[1]_{q,t}$
$Q_{13,3}(-1)$	$[10]_{q,t}$ $+qt[7]_{q,t}$ $+(qt)^2[4]_{q,t}$ $+(qt)^3[1]_{q,t}$	$[11]_{q,t} + [12]_{q,t}$ $+qt([8]_{q,t} + [9]_{q,t})$ $+(qt)^2([5]_{q,t} + [6]_{q,t})$ $+(qt)^3([2]_{q,t} + [3]_{q,t})$	$[13]_{q,t}$ $+qt[10]_{q,t}$ $+(qt)^2[7]_{q,t}$ $+(qt)^3[4]_{q,t}$ $+(qt)^4[1]_{q,t}$

Main Result

Formula for the Coefficients of Schur function expansion when $n = 3$.

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Let $[s_\lambda]_{m,n}$ be the *coefficient of Schur basis s_λ in the polynomial $Q_{m,n}(-1)$ and the polynomial $H_{m,n}[X; q, t]$, then*

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$$[s_3]_{3k+1,3} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (qt)^{k-1-i} [3i+1]_{q,t},$$

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(3)

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$$\begin{aligned} [s_{21}]_{3k,3} &= (qt)^{k+1} ([3]_{q,t} + 2[2]_{q,t} + [1]_{q,t}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (qt)^{k-1-i} ([3i]_{q,t} + 2[3i+1]_{q,t} \\ &\quad \quad \quad + 2[3i+2]_{q,t} + [3i+3]_{q,t}), \end{aligned}$$

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Example: Formula for $[s_3]_{3k+1,3}$

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$$Q_{3(k+1)+1,3}(-1)^n = \nabla Q_{3k+1,3} \nabla^{-1}(-1)^n = \nabla Q_{3k+1,3}(-1)^n.$$

Algebraic Proof

We first apply the operator ∇ to the Schur basis s_3 , s_{21} and s_{1^3} :

$$\nabla s_3 = (qt)^2 s_{21} + (qt)^2 [2]_{q,t} s_{1^3},$$

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Then we can apply ∇ to the polynomial $Q_{3k+1,3}(-1)$.

$$\begin{aligned}& \nabla Q_{3k+1,3}(-1) \\ &= \nabla ([s_3]_{3k+1,3} s_3 + [s_{21}]_{3k+1,3} s_{21} + [s_{1^3}]_{3k+1,3} s_{1^3}) \\ &= [s_3]_{3k+1,3} \nabla s_3 + [s_{21}]_{3k+1,3} \nabla s_{21} + [s_{1^3}]_{3k+1,3} \nabla s_{1^3} \\ &= [s_{1^3}]_{3k+1,3} s_3 \\ &\quad + [(qt)^2 [s_3]_{3k+1,3} - qt [2]_{q,t} [s_{21}]_{3k+1,3} + ([2]_{q,t} + [3]_{q,t}) [s_{1^3}]_{3k+1,3}] \\ &\quad + [(qt)^2 [2]_{q,t} [s_3]_{3k+1,3} - qt [3]_{q,t} [s_{21}]_{3k+1,3} + (qt + [4]_{q,t}) [s_{1^3}]_{3k+1,3}] \\ &= [s_3]_{3k+4,3} s_3 + [s_{21}]_{3k+4,3} s_{21} + [s_{1^3}]_{3k+4,3} s_{1^3},\end{aligned}$$

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Theorem (Garsia and Remmel)

Suppose that $P(X)$ is a symmetric function which is homogeneous of degree n and $P(X) = \sum_{\alpha \vdash n} a_\alpha F_\alpha(X)$, Then

$$P(X) = \sum_{\alpha \vdash n} a_\alpha s_{\tilde{\alpha}}(X).$$

Here $\tilde{\alpha}$ is the composition set of α , and $s_\alpha(X) = \frac{\Delta_\alpha(X)}{\Delta(X)}$.

This allows us to transform $H_{m,n}[X; q, t]$ into Schur function expansion.

From F_α to s_λ — Straightening

- ▶ Let $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$ be a composition of n . Suppose that for some i , $\alpha_i < \alpha_{i+1}$ (i.e. α is not a partition). Then $s_\alpha = -s_{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{i+1}-1, \alpha_i+1, \dots, \alpha_k)}$. This action is called **straightening**.

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- ▶ Repeatedly applying this procedure will eventually yield a partition or a composition α' such that $\alpha'_j = \alpha'_{j+1} - 1$ for some j . In the latter case, the straightening action yields $s_{\alpha'} = -s_{\alpha'}$, hence $s_{\alpha'} = 0$.
- ▶ Ex. $s_{2,3,1} = -s_{3-1,2+1,1} = -s_{2,3,1} = 0$.
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Notation for the Coeff of s_λ

- ▶ $\mathcal{PF}_{m,n,\text{word } \sigma}$ is the set of parking functions in $\mathcal{PF}_{m,n}$ with a diagonal reading **word** σ , and
- ▶ $\mathcal{PF}_{m,n,\text{pides } \sigma}$ is the set of parking functions in $\mathcal{PF}_{m,n}$ with a **pides** σ .
- ▶ We define

$$h_{m,n,\text{word } \sigma}(q, t) = \sum_{\text{PF} \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,n,\text{word } \sigma}} t^{\text{area}(\text{PF})} q^{\text{dinv}(\text{PF})}$$

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- ▶ Then $h_{m,n,\text{pides } \sigma}(q, t)$ is the **coefficient** of $F_{\text{Set}(\sigma)}[X]$ in $H_{m,n}[X; q, t]$, i.e.

$$H_{m,n}[X; q, t] = \sum_{\sigma \models n} h_{m,n,\text{pides } \sigma}(q, t) F_{\text{Set}(\sigma)}[X].$$

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- ▶ For the coefficients of Schur basis of symmetric function,
- ▶ We denote the set of parking functions in $\mathcal{PF}_{m,n}$ whose pides is **straightened** to $\pm\sigma$ as $\mathcal{PF}_{m,n,s_\sigma}$.
- ▶ We define

$$\begin{aligned} [s_\sigma]_{m,n}(q, t) &= \sum_{\text{PF} \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,n,s_\sigma}} t^{\text{area}(\text{PF})} q^{\text{dinv}(\text{PF})} \frac{s_{\text{pides}(\text{PF})}}{s_\sigma} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \text{ straightened to } \sigma} h_{m,n,\text{pides } \alpha}(q, t) \frac{s_\alpha}{s_\sigma}. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Then naturally $[s_\sigma]_{m,n}(q, t)$ is the **coefficient** of s_σ in $H_{m,n}[X; q, t]$, i.e.

$$H_{m,n}[X; q, t] = \sum_{\sigma \vdash n} [s_\sigma]_{m,n}(q, t) s_\sigma.$$

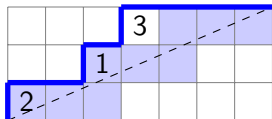
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- ▶ Recall that the combinatorial side is the Hikita polynomial:

$$H_{m,3}[X; q, t] = \sum_{PF \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,3}} t^{\text{area}(PF)} q^{\text{dinv}(PF)} F_{\text{idcs}(PF)}[X].$$

- ▶ By the action **straightening**, we can transform it to

$$H_{m,3}[X; q, t] = \sum_{PF \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,3}} t^{\text{area}(PF)} q^{\text{dinv}(PF)} s_{\text{pides}(PF)}[X].$$



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- ▶ $\text{area}(\text{PF}) = \text{area}(\Pi(\text{PF})) = 4$,
- ▶ **rank** of a cell is $\text{rank}(x, y) = my - nx$,
- ▶ **word** σ : reading cars from highest \rightarrow lowest rank.
 $\sigma(\text{PF}) = 7563412$.
- ▶ $\text{ides}(\sigma) = \{i \in \sigma : i + 1 \leftarrow i\}$, $\text{pides}(\sigma)$ is the composition set of $\text{ides}(\sigma)$. $\text{ides}(\text{PF}) = \{2, 4, 6\}$ and $\text{pides}(\text{PF}) = \{2, 2, 2, 1\}$.

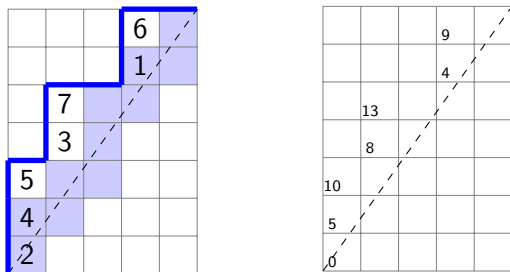


Figure 10: A (5,7)-parking function and the ranks of its cars

Combinatorial Side Proof

Any parking function $\text{PF} \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,3}$ has 3 rows, thus has only 3 cars: 1, 2, 3. So the word $\sigma(\text{PF})$ can be any permutation $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_3$. Table 1 shows the s_{pides} contribution of the 6 permutations in \mathcal{S}_3 .

$\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_3$	s_{pides}
123	s_3
132	s_{21}
213	$s_{12} = 0$
231	s_{21}
312	$s_{12} = 0$
321	s_{1^3}

Table 1: Coefficients of s_λ in $Q_{3k+1,3}(-1)$

Since there are only 3 partitions of 3: $\{3, 21, 1^3\}$, the Hikita polynomial of $(m, 3)$ case is

$$H_{m,3}[X; q, t] = [s_3]_{m,3} s_3 + [s_{21}]_{m,3} s_{21} + [s_{1^3}]_{m,3} s_{1^3}.$$

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From the table we can see that

- ▶ $[s_3]_{m,3} = h_{m,3,\text{word } 123}$,
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- ▶ $[s_{1^3}]_{m,3} = h_{m,3,\text{word } 321}$,

The combinatorics of $[s_3]_{3k+1,3}$

We take $[s_3]_{3k+1,3}$ as an example. We will construct

$$[s_3]_{3k+1,3} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (qt)^{k-1-i} [3i+1]_{q,t}.$$

Since $[s_3]_{m,3} = h_{m,3,\text{word } 123}$, we are looking at the set of parking functions in $\mathcal{PF}_{m,3,\text{word } 123}$.

This set $\mathcal{PF}_{m,3,\text{word } 123}$ of parking functions can be obtained by adding cars **1, 2, 3** in a **rank-decreasing** way to a $m \times 3$ Dyck path, and smaller cars can't be put on top of bigger cars, so we have one $\text{PF} \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,3,\text{word } 123}$ on each $m \times 3$ Dyck path with **no consecutive u, u steps**.

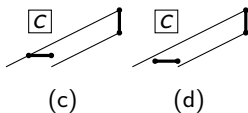
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Recall that tdinv is defined as

$$\text{tdinv}(\text{PF}) = \sum_{\text{cars } i < j} \chi(\text{rank}(i) < \text{rank}(j) < \text{rank}(i) + m).$$

Since the word is 123, we have $\text{rank}(1) > \text{rank}(2) > \text{rank}(3)$, so there will always be **no tdinv** for $\text{PF} \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,3,\text{word}123}$. Since $m = 3k + 1 > n = 3$ for $k \geq 1$, the dinv correction is of the third type. We have

$$\text{dinv}(\text{PF}) = \text{dinvcorr}(\text{PF}) = \sum_{c \in \lambda(\Pi)} \chi\left(\frac{\text{arm}(c) + 1}{\text{leg}(c) + 1} \leq \frac{m}{n} < \frac{\text{arm}(c)}{\text{leg}(c)}\right).$$



The combinatorics of $[s_3]_{3k+1,3}$

The partition $\lambda(\Pi)$ correspond with the Dyck path Π of $\text{PF} \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,3}$ is at most of height 2, so the **leg** of cells in $\lambda(\Pi)$ can be either 0 or 1. Taking Figure 10 for reference, we have

- (a) Cells in $\lambda(\Pi)$ with **leg** = 0 and $1 < \text{arm} < k$ contribute 1 to div correction, marked \circ in Figure 10,
- (b) Cells in $\lambda(\Pi)$ with **leg** = 1 and $k < \text{arm} < 2k - 1$ contribute 1 to div correction, marked \triangle in Figure 10.

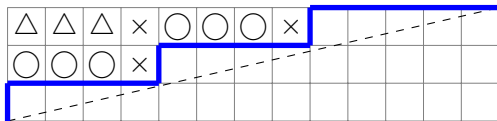


Figure 10: The div correction of a $(3k + 1) \times 3$ Dyck path

The combinatorics of $[s_3]_{3k+1,3}$

We can count dinv correction and area according to the partition $\lambda(\Pi)$ of the path Π . Each path Π corresponds with a partition $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \subseteq \lambda_0 = (2k, k)$. Let $\text{dinvcorr}(\lambda(\Pi)) = \text{dinvcorr}(\Pi)$ and $\text{area}(\lambda(\Pi)) = \text{area}(\Pi)$, then

$$\text{area}(\Pi) = 2k - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2,$$

and we can also write the formula for dinv correction:

$$\text{dinvcorr}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda_1 - 2 & \text{if } \lambda_2 \geq 1, 1 \leq \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \leq k, \text{ and } \lambda_1 \leq k \\ 2\lambda_1 - k - 3 & \text{if } \lambda_2 \geq 1, 1 \leq \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \leq k, \text{ and } \lambda_1 \geq k + 1. \\ 2\lambda_2 + k - 2 & \text{if } \lambda_2 \geq 1 \text{ and } \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \geq k + 1 \end{cases}$$

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Now for $[s_3]_{3k+1,3} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (qt)^{k-1-i} [3i+1]_{q,t}$, we construct each term $(qt)^{k-1-i} [3i+1]_{q,t}$ as a sequence of parking functions.

For each i , we have 3 branches of partitions (or parking functions):

$$\Lambda_1 = \{(k+i+1, k), (k+i, k-1), \dots, (k+1, k-i)\},$$

$$\Lambda_2 = \{(2k, i), (2k-1, i-1), \dots, (2k+1-i, 1)\},$$

$$\Lambda_3 = \{(k+1, i+1), (k, i+1), \dots, (i+2, i+1)\}.$$

- ▶ The branch Λ_1 contains λ 's such that $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = i+1 \leq k$ with $\lambda_2 \geq i+1$,
- ▶ the branch Λ_2 contains all λ 's such that $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 2k - i > k$, and
- ▶ the branch Λ_3 contains λ 's such that $\lambda_2 = i+1$ and $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \leq k - i$.

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$|\Lambda_1| = |\Lambda_2| + 1$, and the last partition of Λ_1 is the same as the first partition in Λ_3 . So as shown in Figure 11, the construction begin with alternatively taking partitions from Λ_1 and Λ_2 , ending with the last partition of Λ_1 . Then continue the chain by taking partitions in Λ_3 and end the chain with the last partition $(k - i + 1, k - i)$ in Λ_3 .

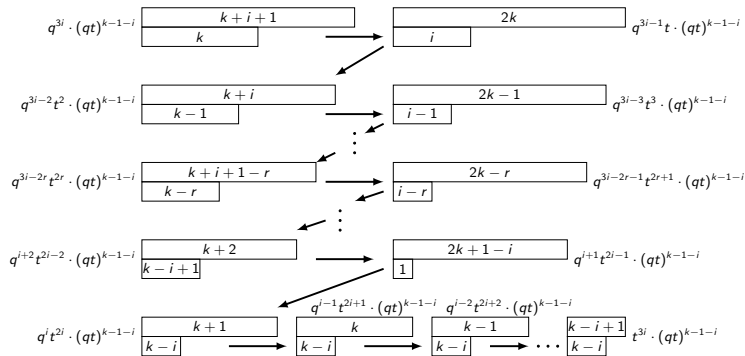


Figure 11: The construction of $(qt)^{k-1-i}[3i+1]_{q,t}$

The combinatorics of $[s_3]_{3k+1,3}$

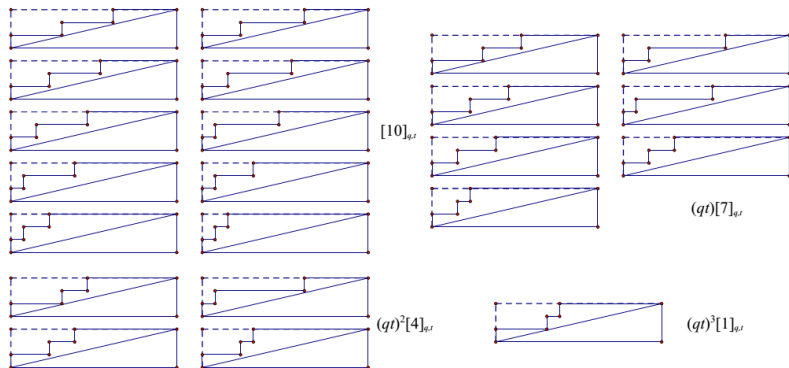
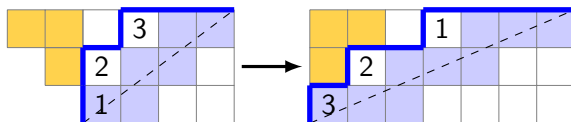


Figure 12: The construction of $[s_3]_{13,3}$

The combinatorics of $[s_{1^3}]_{3k+1,3}$

- ▶ $[s_{1^3}]_{m-3,3} = [s_3]_{m,3}$. Bijection:



- ▶ $[s_{21}]_{m,3}$ is a construction problem similar to $[s_3]_{m,3}$.
- ▶ For the case $m = 3$, we have several results about $[s_\lambda]_{3,n}$. Every equation about $[s_\lambda]_{3,n}$ implies a bijection about parking functions.

Remark about pides in $(3, n)$ Case

Remark

Let $i < j$ be two cars in the parking function. If i appears to the left of j in the diagonal word, then the cars i, j must be in different columns.



Remark

The elements in the pides of a parking function $PF \in \mathcal{PF}_{m,n}$ is at most m .

So in $(3, n)$ case, the λ in $[s_\lambda]_{3,n}$ can only be of form $3^a 2^b 1^c$ with $3a + 2b + c = n$.

Coefficients of s_λ in $Q_{3,3k+1}(-1)^{3k+1}$

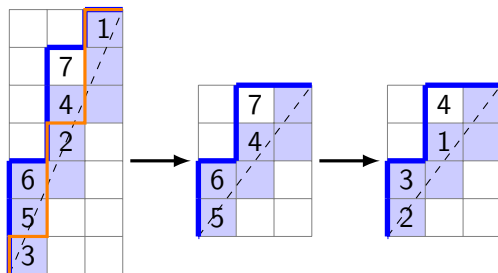
$$Q_{3,4,1} = s_{31} + [2]_{q,t} s_{2^2} + ([3]_{q,t} + [2]_{q,t}) s_{21^2} + ([4]_{q,t} + (qt)[1]_{q,t}) s_{1^4}$$

$$Q_{3,7,-1} =$$

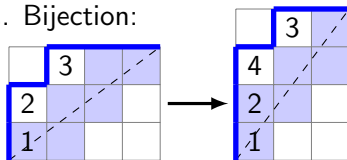
$$\begin{aligned} & s_{3^2 1} + [2]_{q,t} s_{32^2} + ([3]_{q,t} + [2]_{q,t}) s_{321^2} + ([4]_{q,t} + (qt)[1]_{q,t}) s_{31^4} \\ & + ([4]_{q,t} + [3]_{q,t} + (qt)[1]_{q,t}) s_{2^3 1} \\ & + ([5]_{q,t} + [4]_{q,t} + [3]_{q,t} + (qt)[2]_{q,t}) s_{2^2 1^3} \\ & + ([6]_{q,t} + [5]_{q,t} + (qt)([3]_{q,t} + [2]_{q,t})) s_{21^5} \\ & + ([7]_{q,t} + [4]_{q,t} + [1]_{q,t}) s_{1^7} \end{aligned}$$

Combinatorial Results about $[s_\lambda]_{3,n}$

- ▶ $[s_{32^a1^b}]_{3,n} = [s_{2^a1^b}]_{3,n-3}$. Bijection:

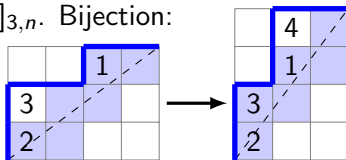


- ▶ $[s_{1^3}]_{n,3} = [s_{1^n}]_{3,n}$. Bijection:



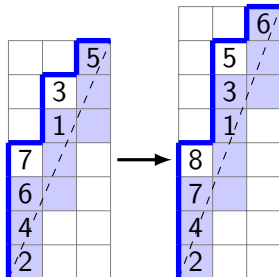
Combinatorial Results about $[s_\lambda]_{3,n}$

- ▶ $[s_{21}]_{n,3} = [s_{21^{n-2}}]_{3,n}$. Bijection:



- ▶ **Straitening** action: $\text{pides}\{\cdots 1, 3 \cdots\} \Rightarrow \text{pides}\{\cdots 2, 2 \cdots\}$ for $\mathcal{PF}_{3,n}$ is clear – an **involution** whose fixed points are the coefficients of $[s_{2^a 1^b}]_{3,n}$.

- ▶ $[s_{2^a 1^b}]_{3,n} = [s_{2^b 1^a}]_{3,3(a+b)-n}$. Bijection:



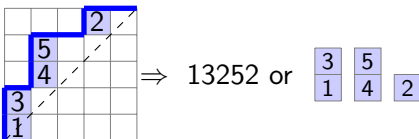
Other Projects

— Pattern Avoidance in Ordered Set Partitions and PF's

▶ Ordered set partition, $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 5 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ of $[5]$.

▶ pattern 132, pattern 123

▶ $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 5 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ and $\overline{1} \ 3 \ 4 \ \underline{5} \ 2$

▶  \Rightarrow 13252 or $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 5 \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$

We have **solved** the generating functions of all patterns ρ of length 3, and also **solved** the enumeration of **number of PF's** avoiding 123.

Thank You!