



An analogue of the Robinson-Schensted-Knuth Algorithm and its application to standard bases

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Compositions and partitions

composition of a positive integer n

$$(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_k), \quad \text{where} \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i = n$$

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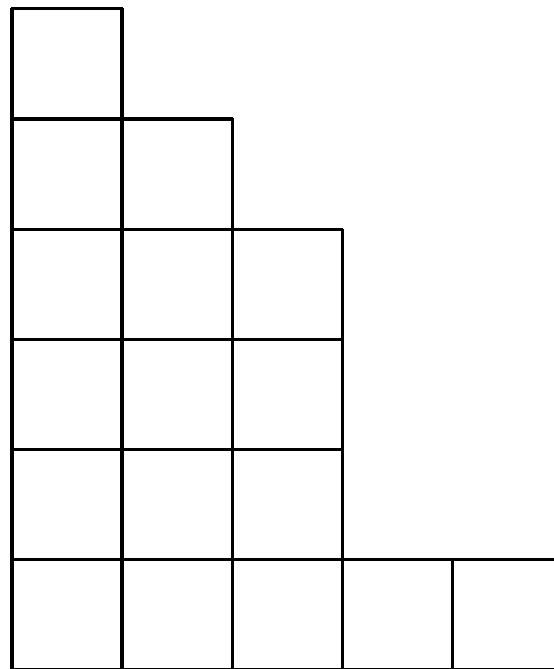
$$\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_2 \geq \dots \geq \gamma_k$$

Ferrers diagram

The **Ferrers diagram** of a partition

$\lambda = \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ consists of rows of cells, where the i^{th} row contains λ_i cells.

Example $\lambda = (5, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1)$



SSYT

A **semi-standard young tableau (SSYT)** is a filling of the cells of a Ferrers diagram with positive integers in such a way that the numbers are **weakly increasing across rows** and **strictly increasing up columns**.

Example: $\lambda = (5, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1)$

$T =$

10				
9	11			
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$$\text{weight}(T) = x^T = x_1 x_2^2 x_3 x_4 x_5^3 x_7 x_8^2 x_9 x_{10}^4 x_{11}$$

The Schur function s_λ

For a partition λ , to get the **Schur function** s_λ , determine all the possible SSYTs of shape λ . Then s_λ equals the sum over all such SSYTs of the weights.

$$s_\lambda = \sum_{T \in SSYT(\lambda)} x^T$$

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

$$s_{(2,1)} = x_1^2 x_2 + x_1^2 x_3 + x_1 x_2^2 + x_1 x_2 x_3 +$$

2	
1	1

3	
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$$x_1 x_2 x_3 + x_1 x_3^2 + x_2^2 x_3 + x_2 x_3^2$$

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Symmetric functions

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The Schur functions form a basis for the algebra of symmetric functions.

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- ▶ RSK algorithm and other combinatorial properties

Rearrangements ($\gamma^+ = \lambda$)

Each partition λ can be considered as a collection of compositions which **rearrange** to λ . **For this talk, we want compositions of n into n parts**, so we allow zeros as well.

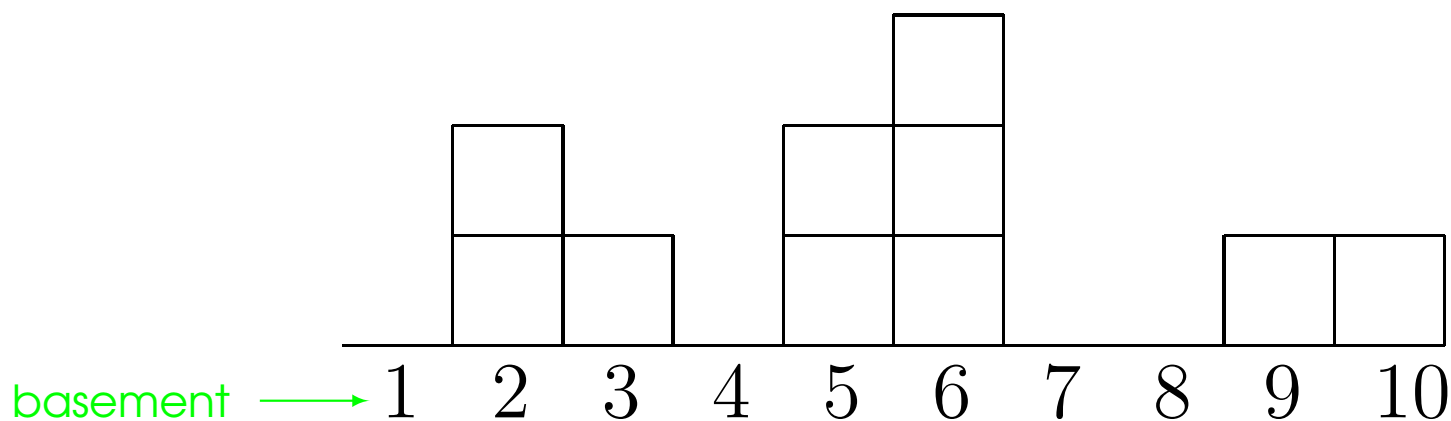
Example *There are six compositions of 3 into 3 parts which rearrange to $(2, 1)$:*

$\{(2, 1, 0), (2, 0, 1), (1, 0, 2), (1, 2, 0), (0, 1, 2), (0, 2, 1)\}$

Composition Diagram

To each composition $\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \dots + \gamma_n$, we associate a **composition diagram**, which consists of n columns of cells, where the i^{th} column contains γ_i cells.

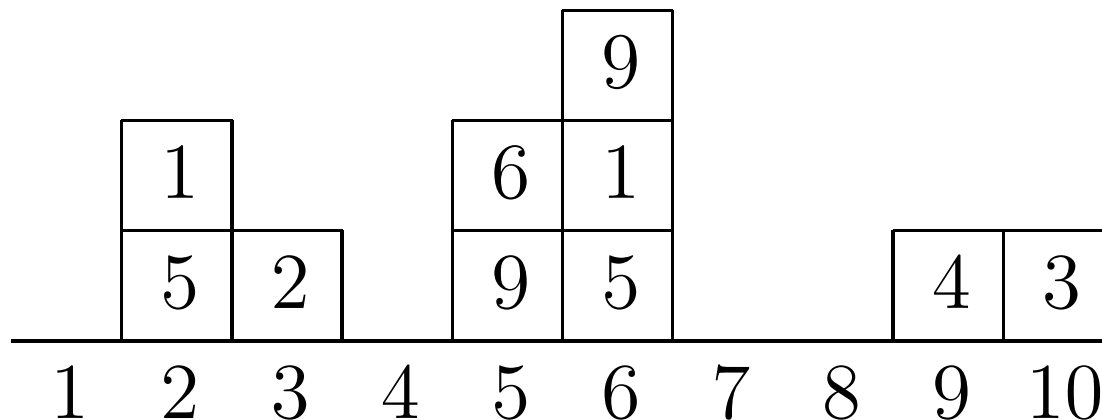
$$\gamma = (0, 2, 1, 0, 2, 3, 0, 0, 1, 1)$$



Fillings

A **filling** of a composition diagram is a filling of the cells with positive integers.

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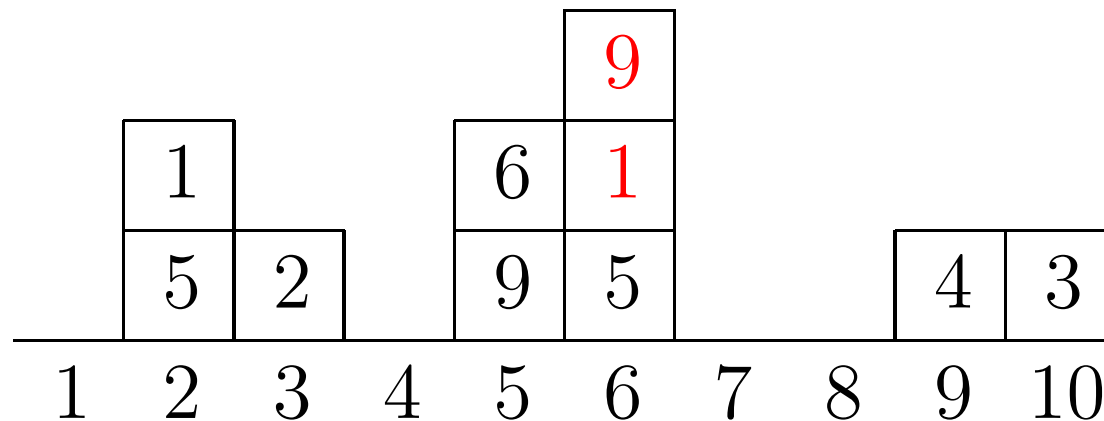


Haglund, Haiman, Loehr

- ▶ generalized **descent** and **inversion** statistics on fillings of diagrams
- ▶ combinatorial description of Macdonald polynomials and **nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials**
- ▶ **nonsymmetric Schur functions** obtained as a special case of the nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials.

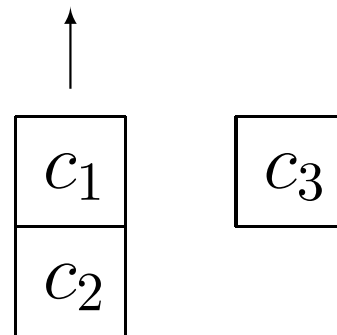
Descent

A **descent** is a pair of cells, c_1 and c_2 , such that c_1 is directly on top of c_2 and $c_1 > c_2$.



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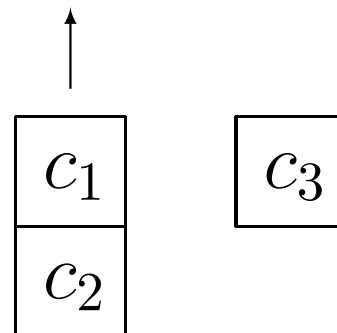
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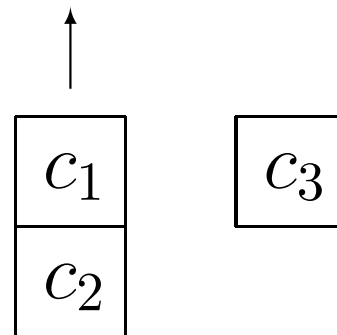
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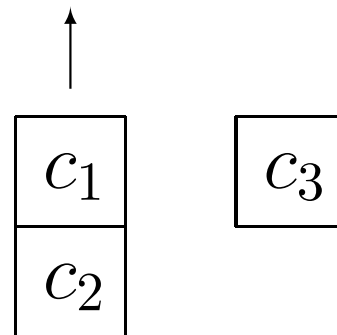
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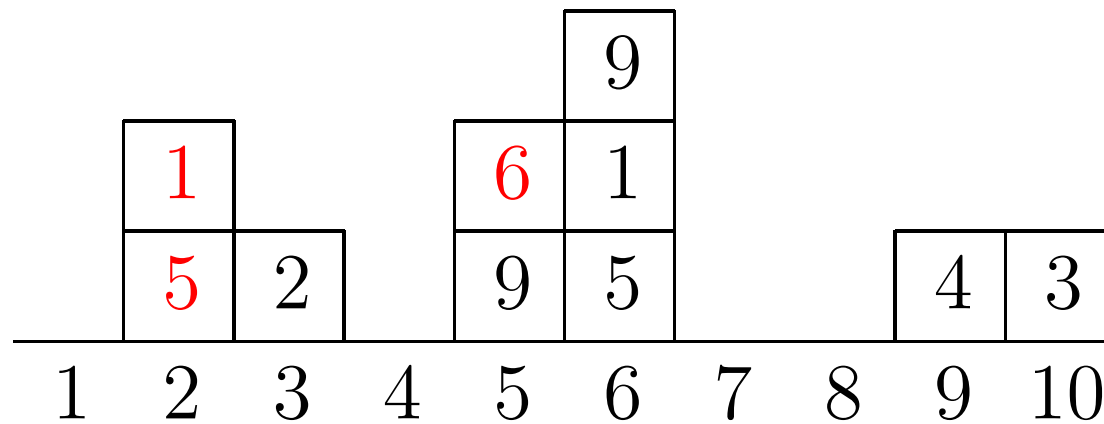
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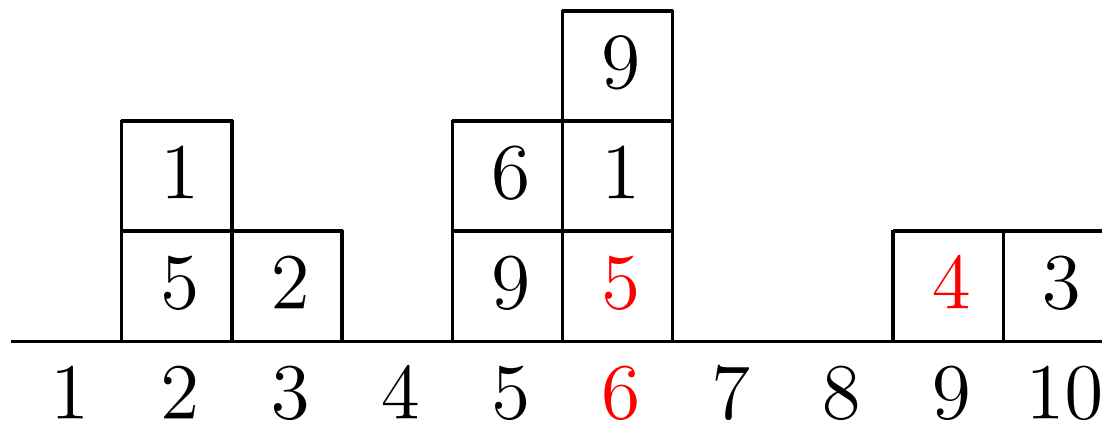


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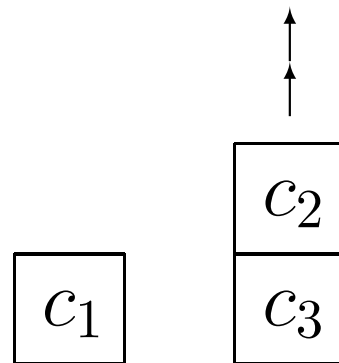
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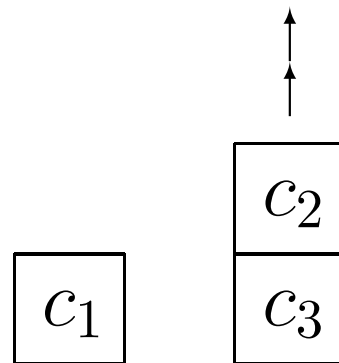
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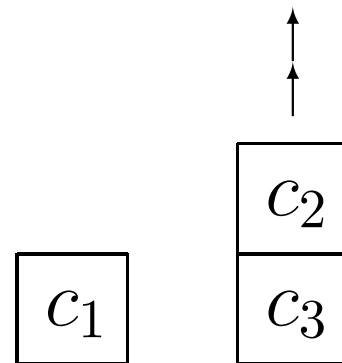
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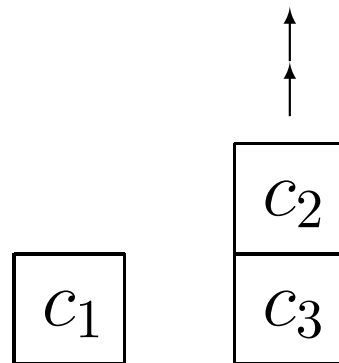
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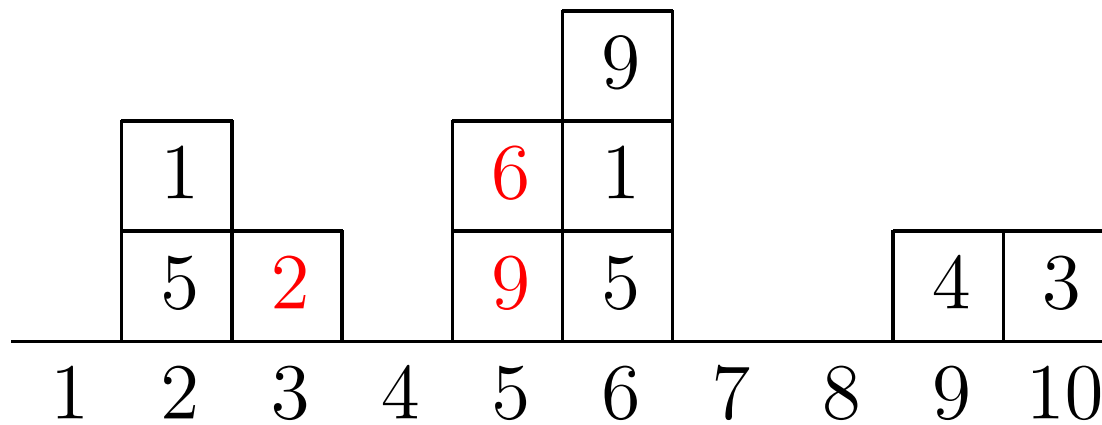
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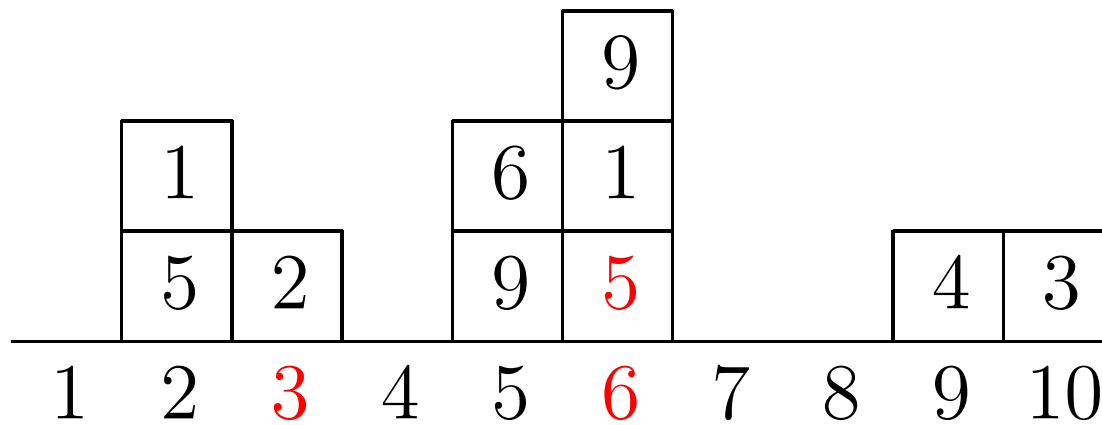


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Skyline augmented fillings

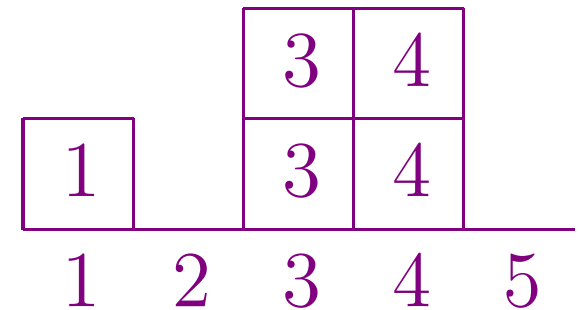
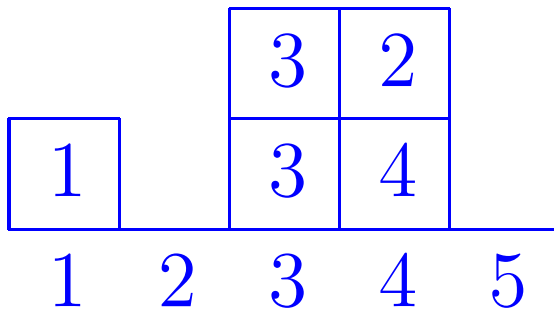
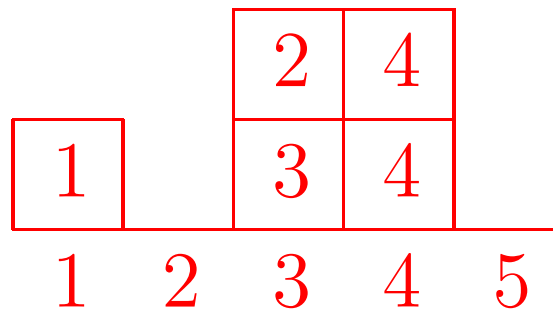
A skyline augmented filling (SAF) satisfies:

- ▶ no descents
- ▶ every triple is an inversion triple

For a composition, γ , the **nonsymmetric Schur function** NS_γ is defined as the sum of the weights of all skyline augmented fillings of γ .

Example: $\gamma = (1, 0, 2, 2, 0)$

$$NS_\gamma = x_1 x_2 x_3^2 x_4 + x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4^2 + x_1 x_3^2 x_4^2$$



Macdonald Polynomials

The nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomial $E_\gamma(X; q, t)$ specializes to the nonsymmetric Schur function $NS_\gamma(X)$.

$$E_\gamma(X; q, t)|_{q=t=0} = NS_\gamma(X)$$

Macdonald Polynomials

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{J}_\mu(X; q, t) = \sum_{\gamma^+ = \mu} E_\gamma(X; q, t) & & \\ \downarrow q = t = 0 & & \downarrow q = t = 0 \\ S_\mu = \sum_{\gamma^+ = \mu} NS_\gamma(X) & & \end{array}$$

The combinatorial formula of Haglund, Haiman, and Loehr for the nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials motivates us to seek a bijective proof.

Theorem (M05)

There exists a weight-preserving bijection between SSYT and SAF which gives a combinatorial interpretation of

$$s_{\mu}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{\gamma^+ = \mu} NS_{\gamma}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

The insertion map ρ

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$Colform(T) =$

10 9 8 4 2 1 · 11 10 7 5 2 · 10 8 5 3 · 5 · 10

$\rho : SSYT \rightarrow SAF$

- ▶ Begin with a semi-standard Young tableau T .
- ▶ Move right to left through the entries in $col\ form(T)$.
- ▶ Insert entry α by bumping the first entry β where $\alpha > \beta$ and β is directly on top of an entry greater than or equal to α .

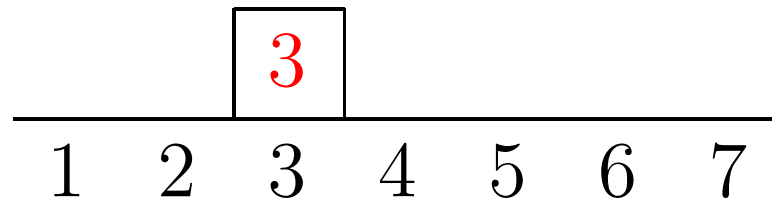
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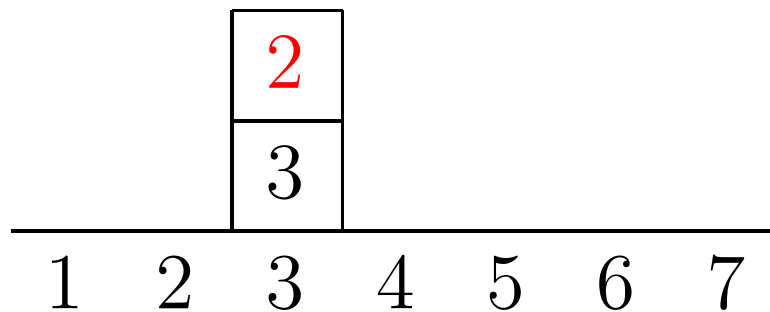
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$$\text{col form}(T) = 5\ 4\ 2\ 1 \cdot 7\ 2 \cdot 3.$$

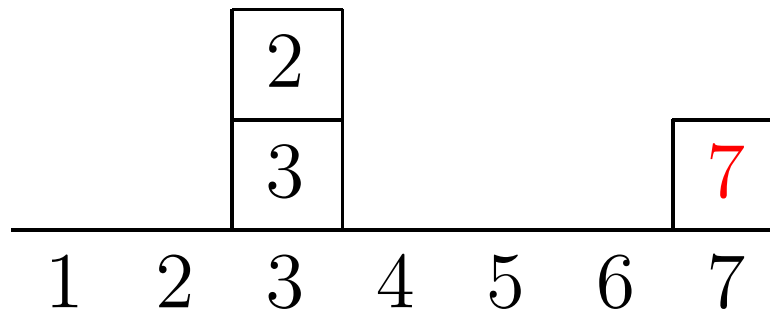
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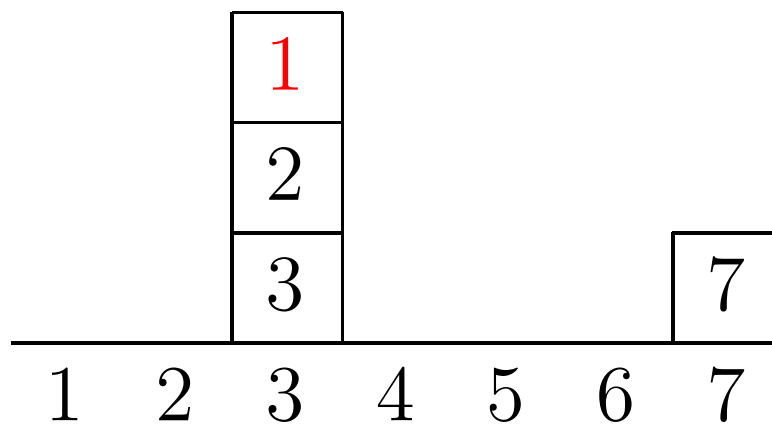
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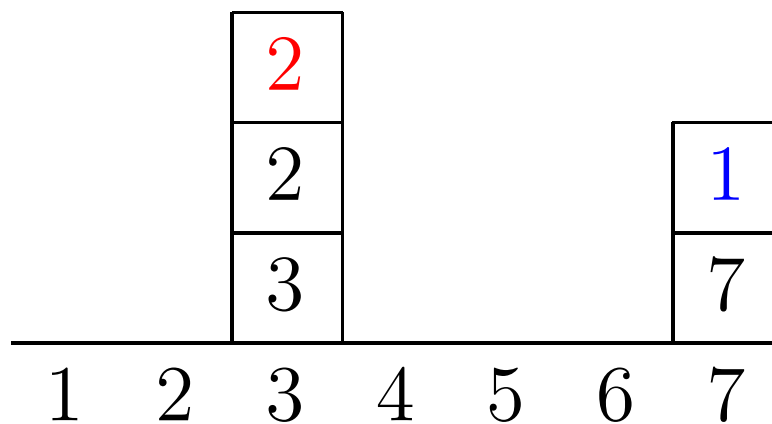
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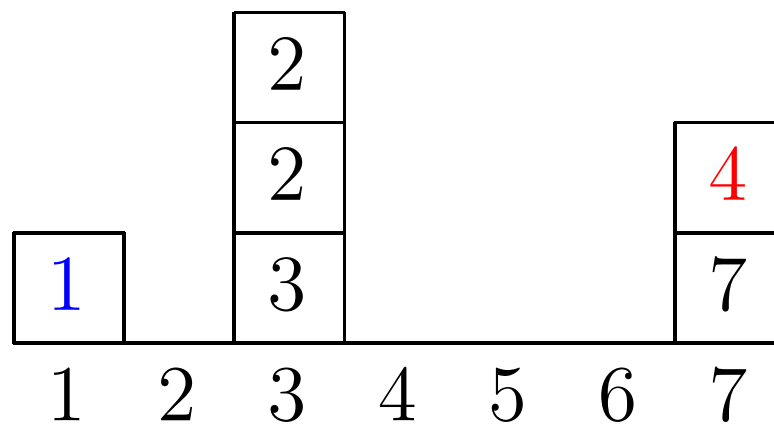
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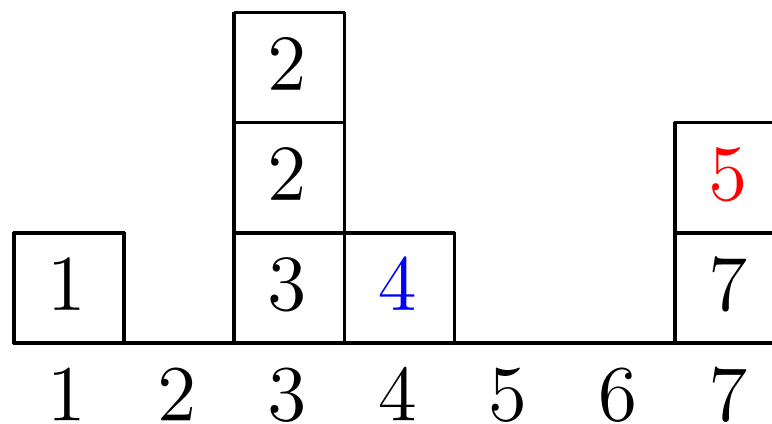
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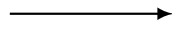


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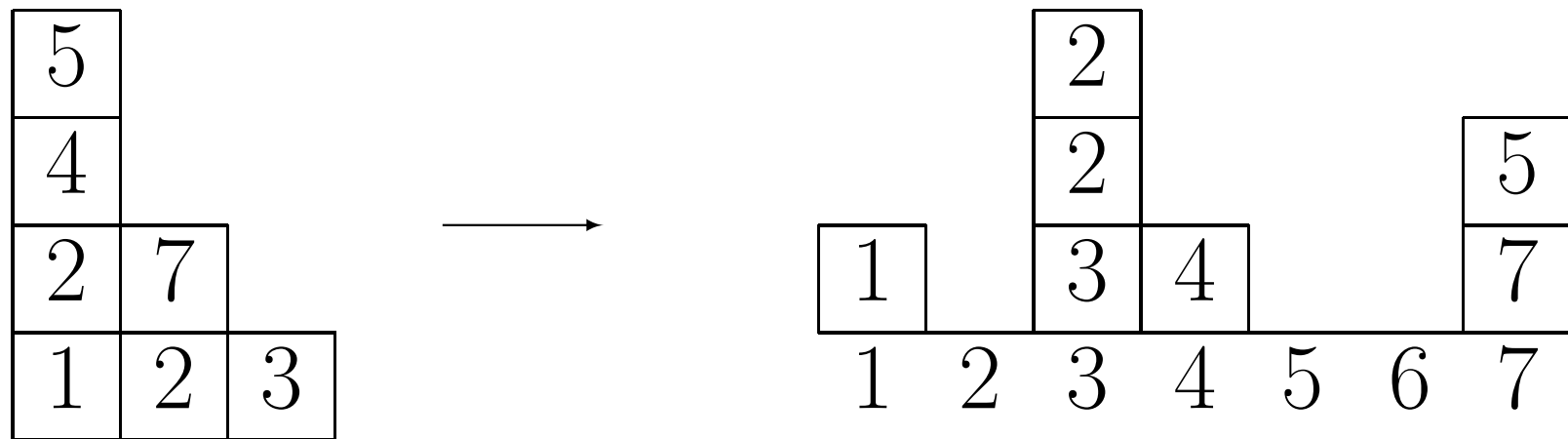
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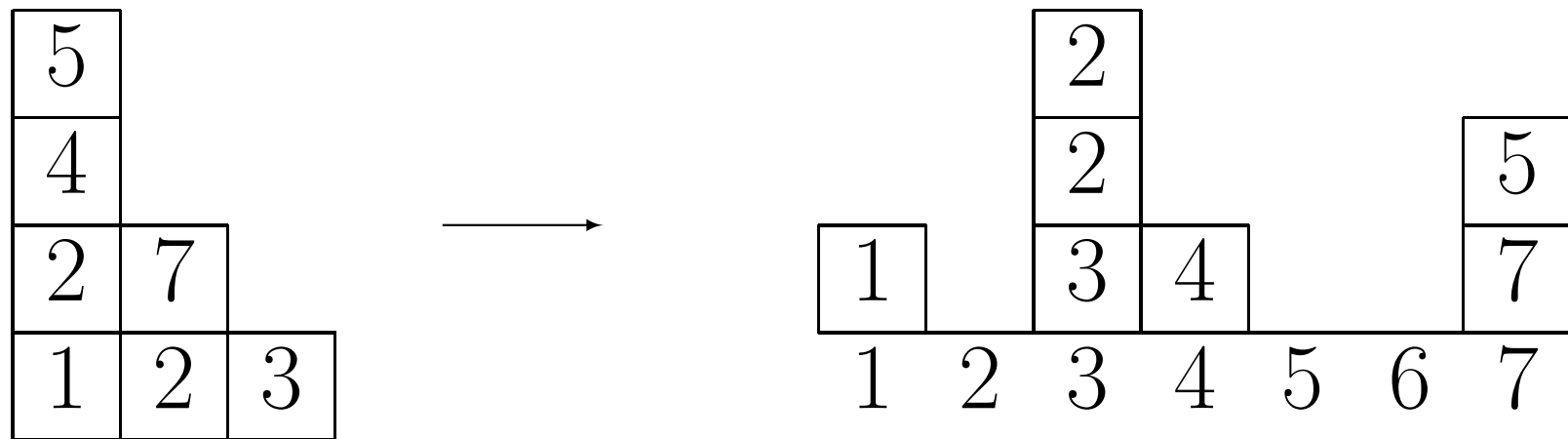
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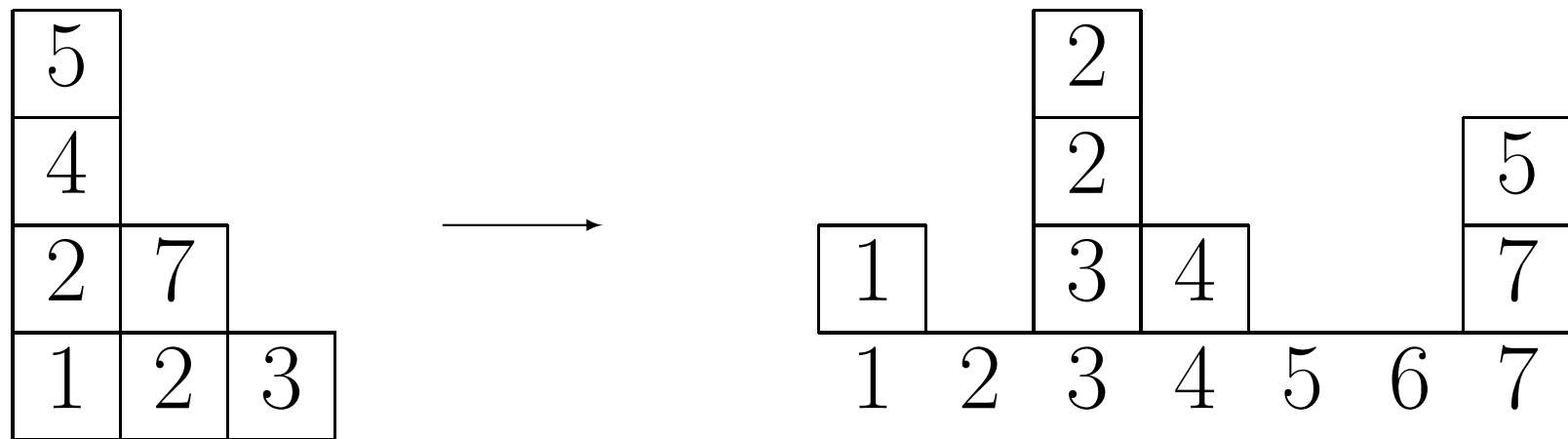
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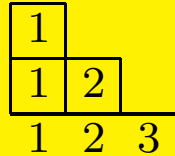
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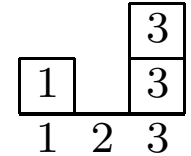
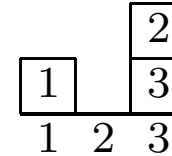
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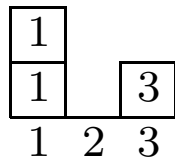
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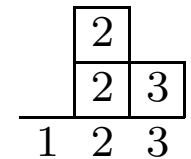
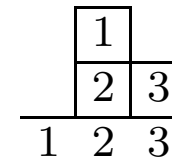
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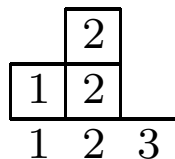
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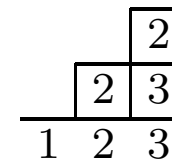
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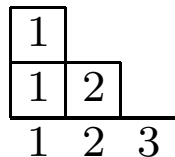
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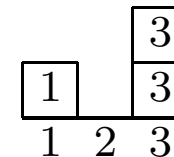
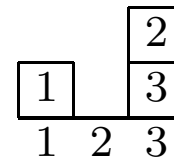
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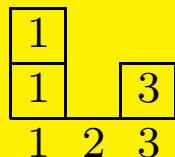
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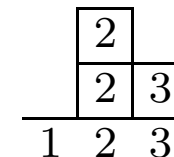
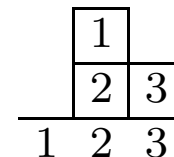
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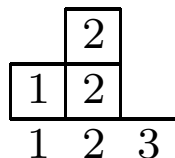
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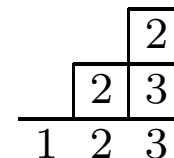
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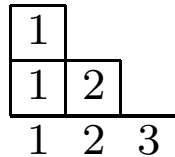
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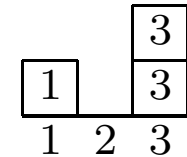
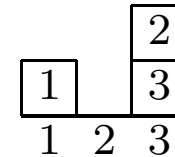
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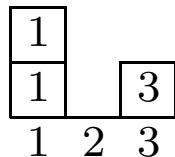
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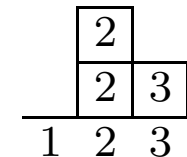
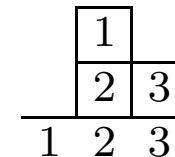
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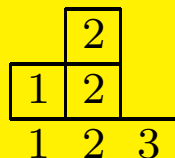
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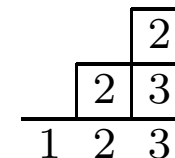
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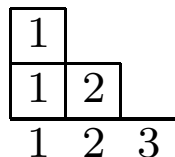
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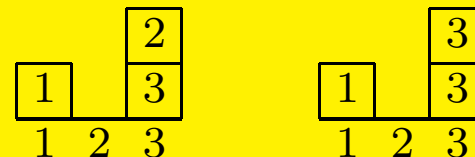
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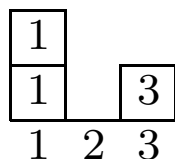
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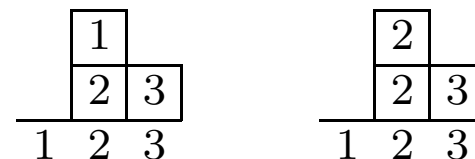
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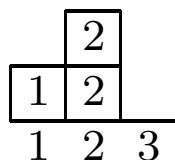
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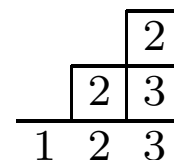
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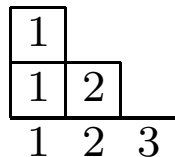
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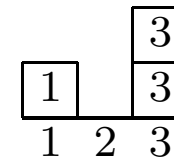
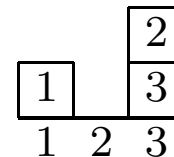
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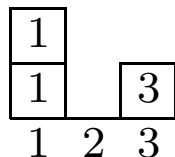
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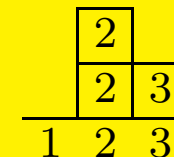
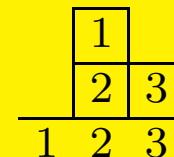
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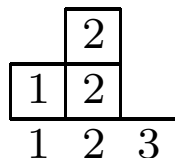
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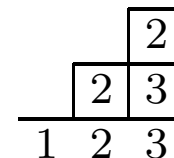
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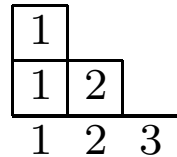
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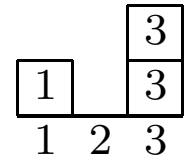
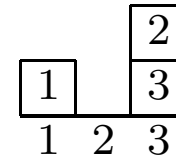
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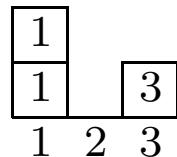
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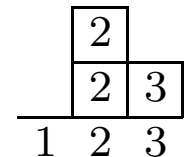
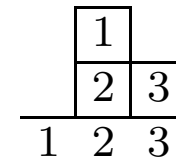
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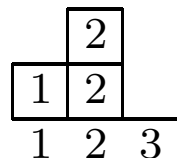
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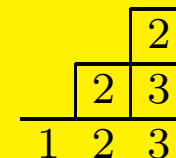
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The RSK Algorithm

The Robinson-Schensted-Knuth (RSK) Algorithm provides a bijection between \mathbb{N} -matrices with finite support and pairs (P, Q) of SSYT of the same shape.

$$\mathbb{N} - \text{matrices} \xleftrightarrow{RSK} (P, Q)$$

$$\text{permutations} \xleftrightarrow{RSK} (S, T),$$

for S and T standard Young tableaux.

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The fundamental operation of this bijection is the insertion process ρ described above.

Example: $A = (a_{ij})$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Corresponding array:

$$A \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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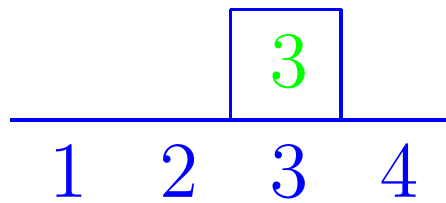
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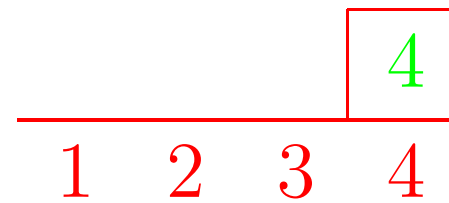
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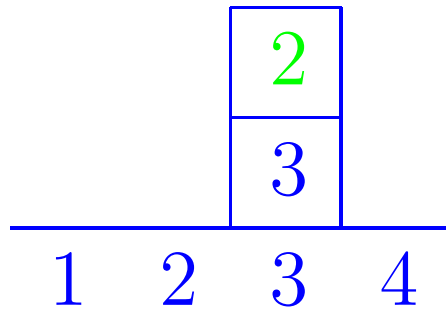
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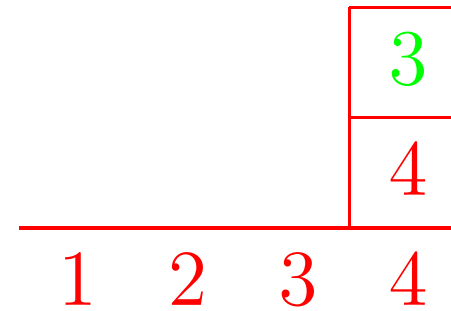
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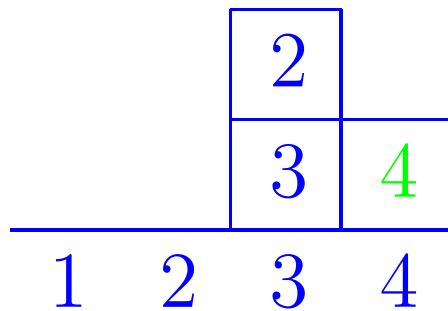
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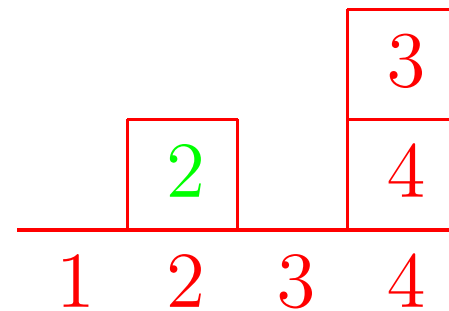
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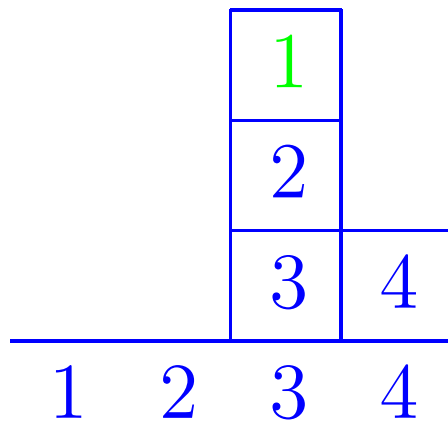
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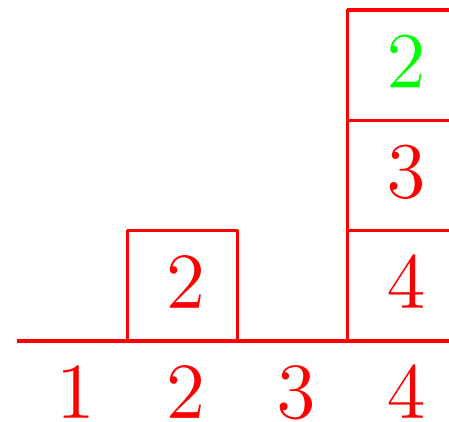
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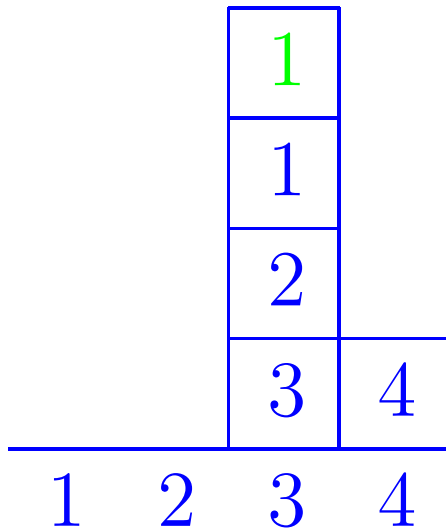
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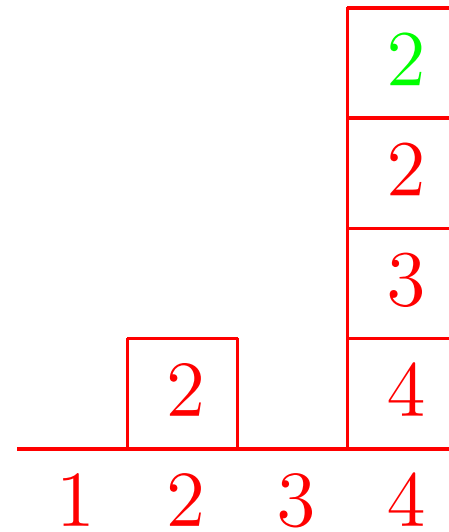
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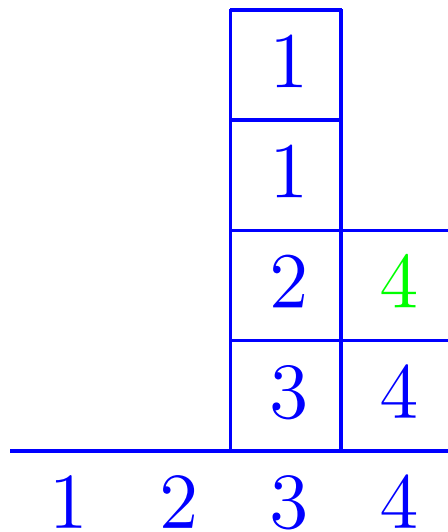
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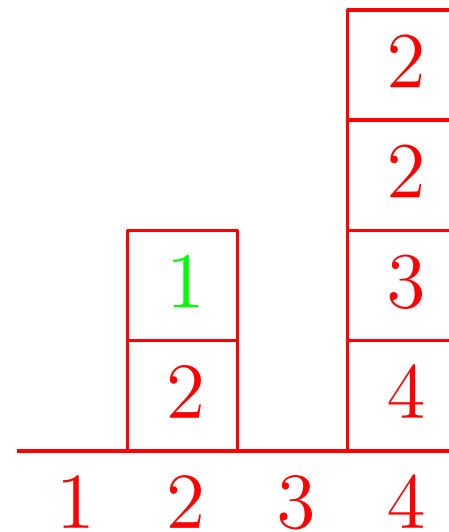
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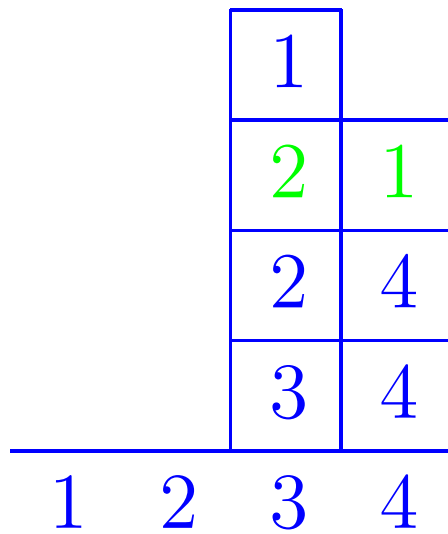
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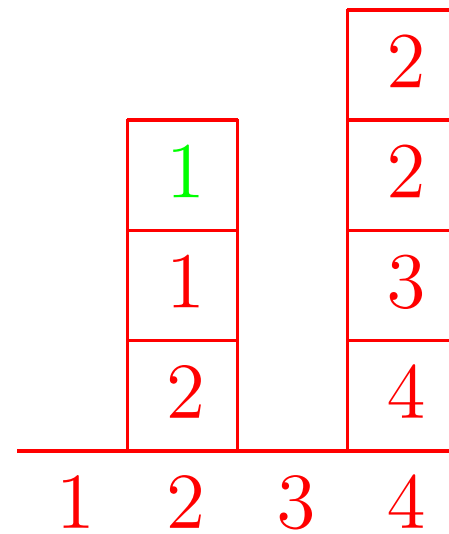
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Schubert polynomials

- ▶ introduced by **Lascoux** and **Schützenberger** in 1982
- ▶ combinatorial tool to approach questions in **algebraic geometry**
- ▶ constructed from standard bases $\mathfrak{U}(\pi, \lambda)$
(π a permutation, λ a partition)

Definition

A **key** is a semi-standard Young tableau such that the entries in the $(j + 1)^{th}$ column are a subset of the entries in the j^{th} column.

Example

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9							
8	9						
7	8	9	9				
4	7	7	7	9	9	9	
2	4	4	4	7	7	7	
1	1	1	1	4	4	4	7

Keys \leftrightarrow compositions

Each key K maps to the composition denoting its **content**, $\gamma(K)$:

$$\gamma(K) = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots),$$

where γ_i is the number of i 's in K .

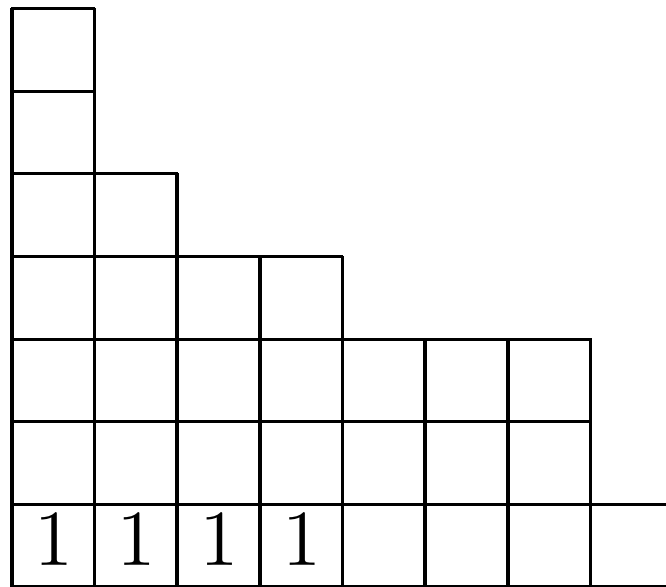
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$$\longrightarrow (4, 1, 0, 7, 0, 0, 8, 2, 7, 0, 1)$$

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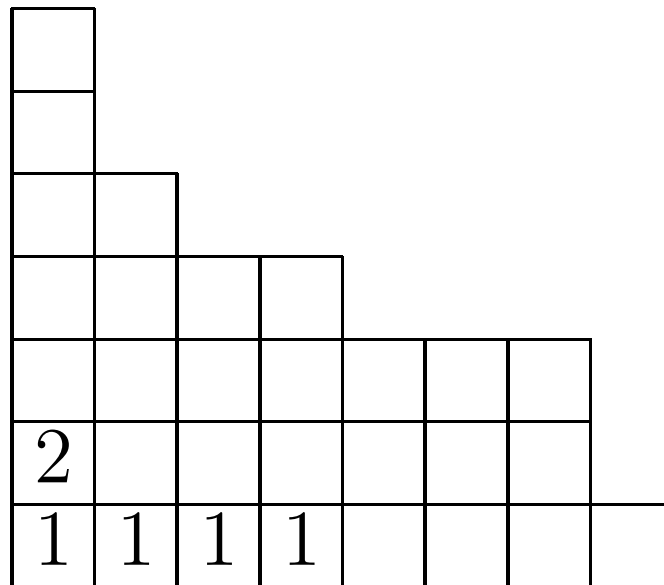
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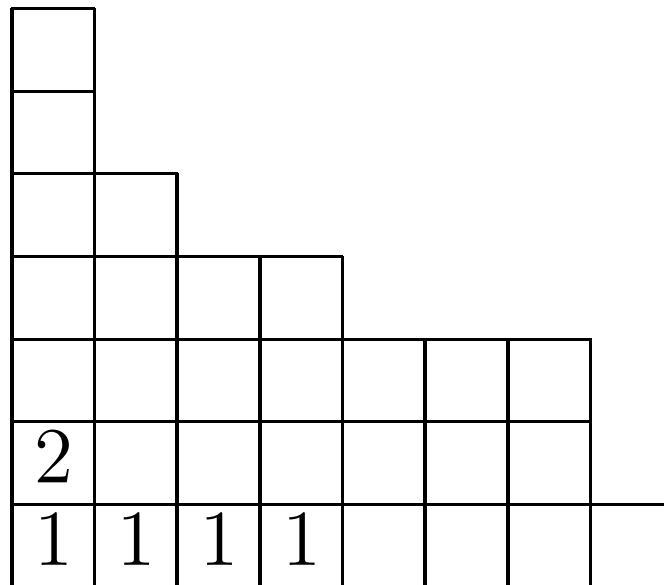
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Right keys

Each semi-standard Young tableau T has an associated **right key** denoted $K_+(T)$

$\star K_+(T)$ is determined by examining words which are Knuth equivalent to T .

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Definition

Given:

- ▶ partition λ
- ▶ permutation π

There exists an associated key $K(\lambda, \pi)$ such that the i^{th} column of $K(\lambda, \pi)$ contains the first λ_j letters of π .

Note: The shape of $K(\lambda, \pi)$ is λ' .

Example

▶ $\lambda = (4, 3, 1)$

▶ $\pi = 61524738$

$K(\lambda, \pi) =$

6		
5	6	
2	5	
1	1	6

Keys and standard bases

The standard basis $\mathfrak{U}(\lambda, \pi)$ is given by the weights of all SSYT with right key $K(\lambda, \pi)$:

$$\mathfrak{U}(\lambda, \pi) = \sum_{K_+(T)=K(\lambda, \pi)} x^T$$

Theorem (M05)

The standard basis corresponding to partition λ and permutation π is equal to the nonsymmetric Schur function corresponding to the composition $\pi(\lambda)$:

$$\mathfrak{U}(\lambda, \pi) = NS_{\pi(\lambda)}$$

Remark

This theorem gives a **non-inductive construction** of the standard basis $\mathfrak{L}(\mu, I)$ given μ and I . The proof also uses the **insertion process** similar to Schensted insertion.

Sketch of proof

Each partition, $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k)$, has an associated *dominant monomial*

$$x^\lambda = (x_1^{\lambda_1} x_2^{\lambda_2} \dots x_k^{\lambda_k})$$

(The monomial x^λ is the weight of the **super tableau** of shape λ .)

Example: $\lambda = (5, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1)$

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$$X^\lambda = x_1^5 x_2^3 x_3^3 x_4^3 x_5^2 x_6$$

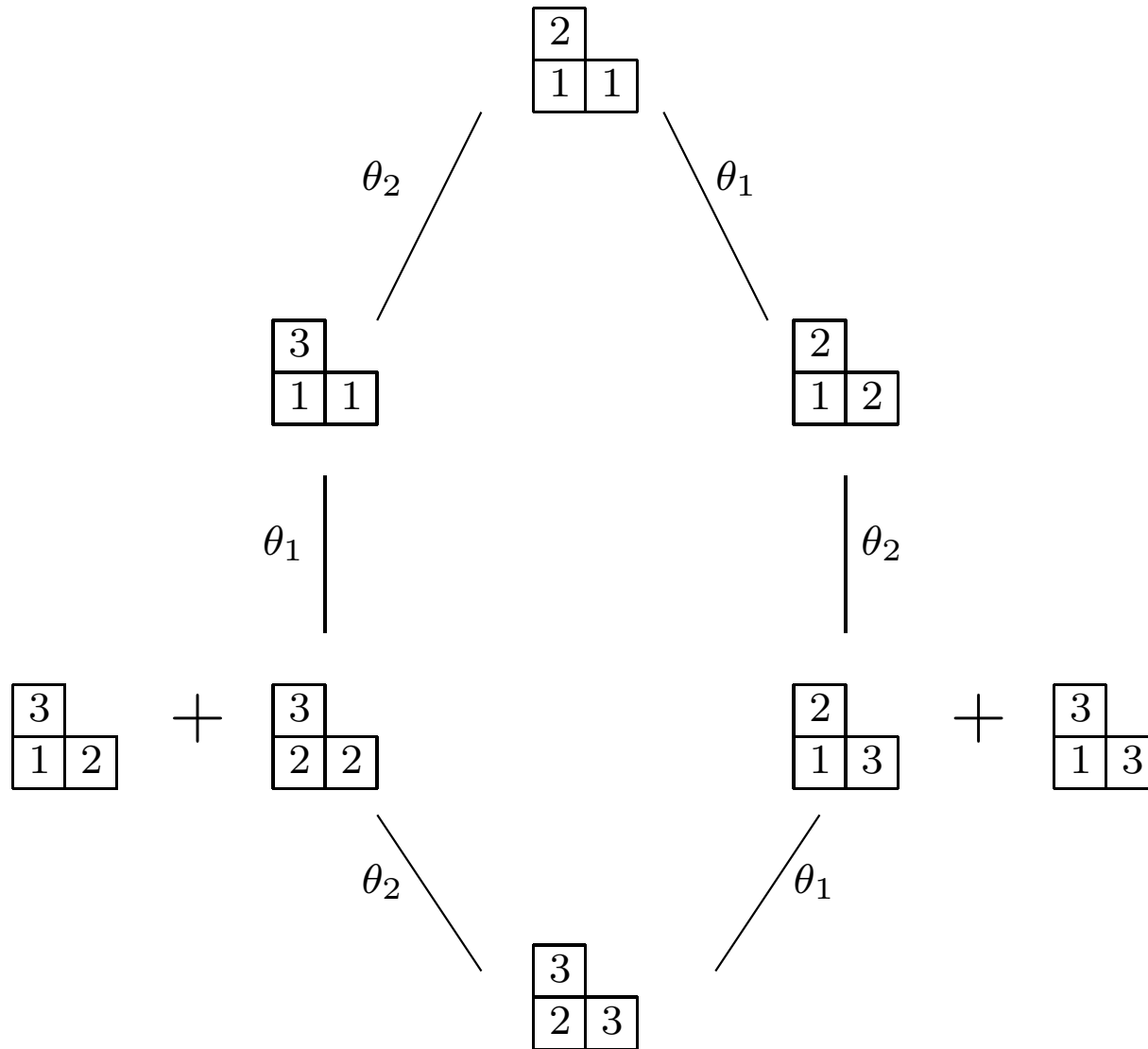
Theorem

(Lascoux, Schützenberger)

Let x^λ be a dominant monomial and $\sigma_i\sigma_j\dots\sigma_k$ be any reduced decomposition of a permutation π . Then $\mathfrak{U}(\mu, \lambda) = x^\lambda\theta_i\theta_j\dots\theta_k$.

(Here θ_i is a certain action on words corresponding to the elementary transposition σ_i .)

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



Corollary

The right key of a semi-standard Young tableau T is the key corresponding to the shape of $\Psi(T)$.

Proof.

- ▶ Each SSYT T maps to an SAF $\Psi(T)$.
- ▶ $\Psi(T) \in NS_\gamma$ for some γ .
- ▶ The key $key(\gamma)$ is the super SAF in NS_γ .

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$$\Psi(T) =$$

			2		
	1		4	3	
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$$sh(\Psi(T)) = (0, 2, 0, 3, 2, 1)$$

Where to find this...

Slides available at:

www.math.upenn.edu/~sarahm2

Pre-print:

[arXiv: math.CO/0604430](https://arxiv.org/abs/math/0604430)