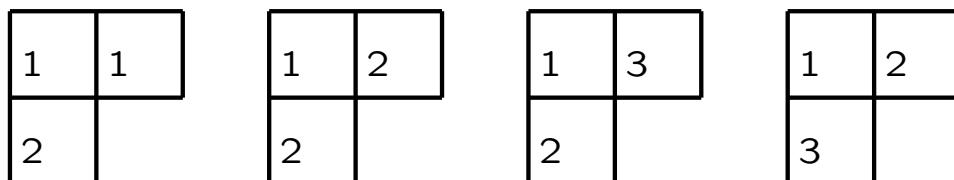


# Beyond Cell Transfer

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**Schur functions**  $s_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq 0)$ .



$$s_{(2,1)} = \sum_{i < j} (x_i^2 x_j + x_i x_j^2) + 2 \sum_{i < j < k} x_i x_j x_k.$$

$$s_\lambda s_\mu = \sum_\nu c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu s_\nu, \quad c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu \geq 0.$$

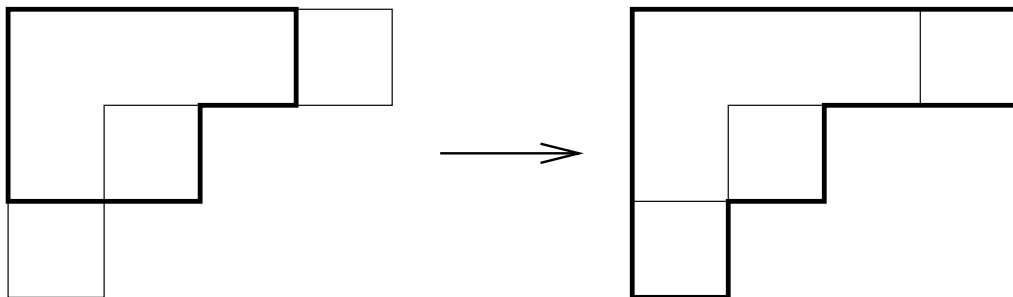
$$f \geq_s g \text{ means } f - g = \sum c_\lambda s_\lambda, \quad c_\lambda \geq 0.$$

$$\lambda \vee \mu := (\max(\lambda_1, \mu_1), \max(\lambda_2, \mu_2), \dots),$$

$$\lambda \wedge \mu := (\min(\lambda_1, \mu_1), \min(\lambda_2, \mu_2), \dots).$$

$$(\lambda/\mu) \vee (\nu/\rho) := \lambda \vee \nu/\mu \vee \rho,$$

$$(\lambda/\mu) \wedge (\nu/\rho) := \lambda \wedge \nu/\mu \wedge \rho.$$



$$(3, 2) \vee (4, 1, 1) = (4, 2, 1),$$

$$(3, 2) \wedge (4, 1, 1) = (3, 1).$$

**Theorem 1. (Cell transfer)[LPP]**

$$s_{\lambda/\mu} s_{\nu/\rho} \leq_s s_{(\lambda/\mu) \vee (\nu/\rho)} s_{(\lambda/\mu) \wedge (\nu/\rho)}.$$

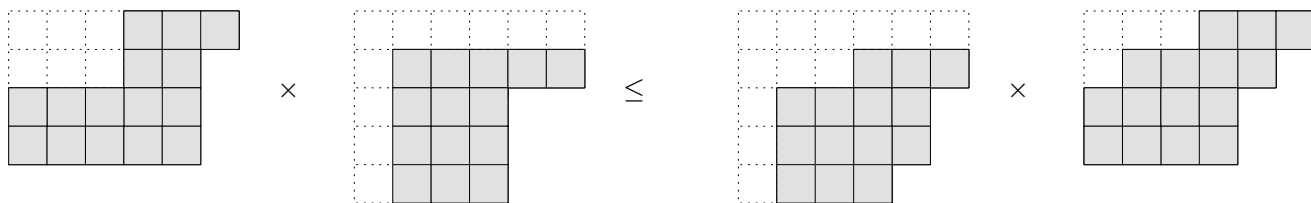
**Example 2.**

$$\lambda/\mu = (6, 5, 5, 5)/(3, 3),$$

$$\nu/\rho = (6, 6, 4, 4, 4)/(6, 1, 1, 1, 1),$$

$$(\lambda/\mu) \vee (\nu/\rho) = (6, 6, 5, 5, 4)/(6, 3, 1, 1, 1),$$

$$(\lambda/\mu) \wedge (\nu/\rho) = (6, 5, 4, 4)/(3, 1).$$



Consequences:

- Okounkov's conjecture ('97)
- Fomin-Fulton-Li-Poon conjecture ('05)
- $q = 1$  case of Lascoux-Leclerc-Thibon conjecture ('97)

Example: FFLP conjecture.

$\lambda \cup \mu = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3, \dots)$  - weakly decreasing re-arrangement of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

$\text{sort}_1(\lambda, \mu) := (\nu_1, \nu_3, \nu_5, \dots)$

$\text{sort}_2(\lambda, \mu) := (\nu_2, \nu_4, \nu_6, \dots)$ .

**Conjecture 3.** (*Fomin-Fulton-Li-Poon*)

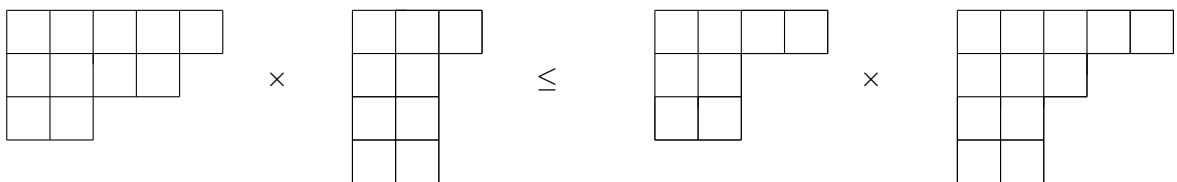
$$s_\lambda s_\mu \leq_s s_{\text{sort}_1(\lambda, \mu)} s_{\text{sort}_2(\lambda, \mu)}.$$

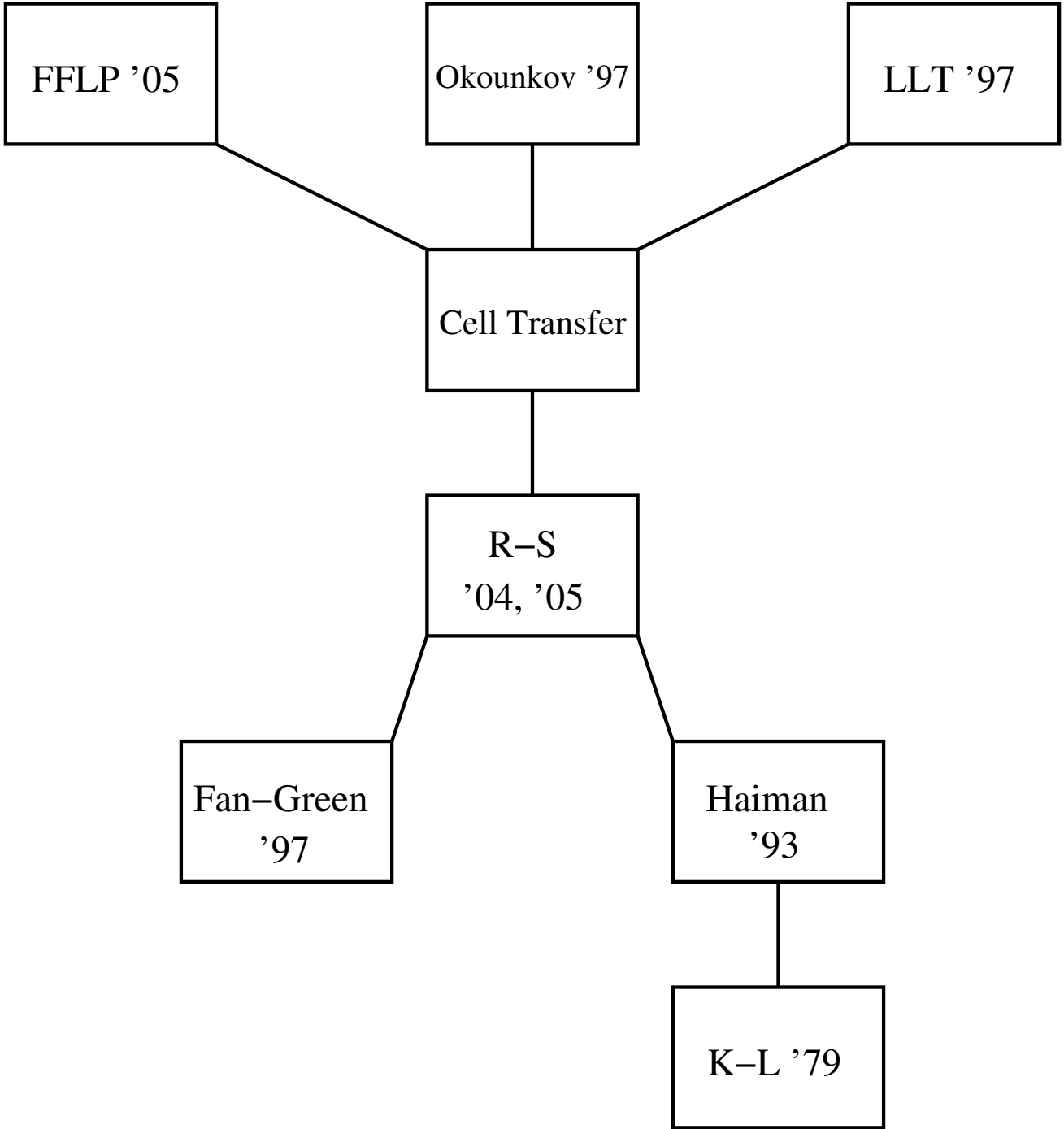
$$\lambda = (5, 4, 2), \nu = (3, 2, 2, 2).$$

$$\lambda \cup \nu = (5, 4, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2).$$

$$\text{sort}_1(\lambda, \nu) = (5, 3, 2, 2),$$

$$\text{sort}_2(\lambda, \nu) = (4, 2, 2).$$







Proof using Rhoades-Skandera work:

**Generalized Jacobi-Trudi matrix:**

$(h_{\mu_i - \nu_j})_{i,j=1}^n$ , for partitions

$$\mu = (\mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \cdots \geq \mu_n \geq 0),$$

$$\nu = (\nu_1 \geq \nu_2 \cdots \geq \nu_n \geq 0).$$

For matrix  $X = (x_{ij})$  **Temperley-Lieb immanant**

$$\text{Imm}_w^{\text{TL}}(X) := \sum_{v \in S_n} f_w(v) x_{1,v(1)} \cdots x_{n,v(n)}.$$

$w$  - non-crossing matching on  $2n$  vertices.

$f_w(v)$  - some function.

**Theorem 4** (Rhoades-Skandera). *Temperley-Lieb immanants of generalised Jacobi-Trudi matrices are Schur-nonnegative.*

$I, J \subset [n]$ ,  $|I| = |J|$ ,  $\Delta_{I,J}(X)$ : minor of  $X$ .

**Theorem 5** (Rhoades-Skandera).

$$\Delta_{I,J}(X) \cdot \Delta_{\bar{I},\bar{J}}(X) = \sum_{w \in \Theta(S)} \text{Imm}_w^{\text{TL}}(X).$$

Monomial Cell Transfer theorem.

$P$ -poset,  $I$  - order ideal.

$K_I$  - associated generating function of labellings.

**Theorem 6.** [LP]  $K_{I \wedge J} K_{I \vee J} - K_I K_J$  is monomial non-negative.

**Strange phenomenon:**  $K$ -non-negative!

0-Hecke algebra: generators  $T_i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$   
and relations

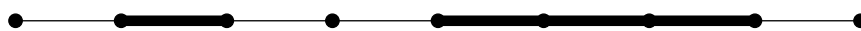
$$T_i^2 = T_i;$$

$$T_i T_{i+1} T_i = T_{i+1} T_i T_{i+1};$$

$$T_i T_j = T_j T_i, |i - j| > 1.$$

Characters: fundamental quasisymmetric functions

$$L_\alpha = \sum_{i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_n; i_j < i_{j+1}, j \in S_\alpha} x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_n}.$$

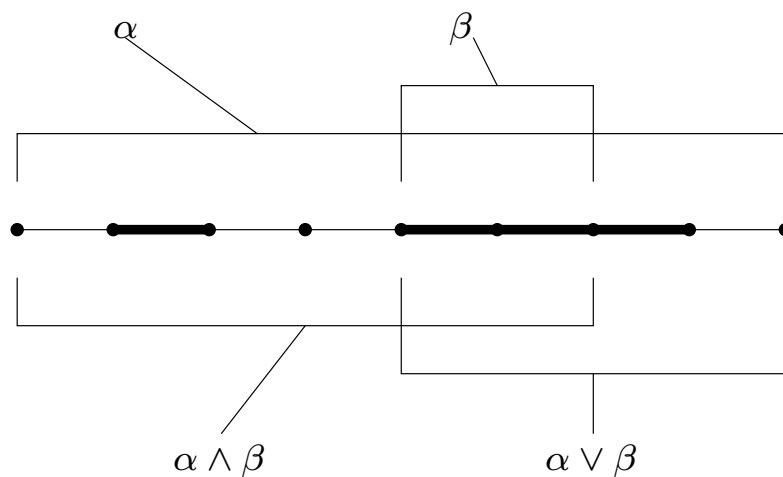


Here  $\alpha = (1, 2, 1, 4, 1)$ ,  $S_\alpha = \{1, 3, 4, 8\}$ .

Cell Transfer for chains:

**Corollary 7.**  $L_{\alpha \vee \beta} L_{\alpha \wedge \beta} - L_{\alpha} L_{\beta}$  is monomial non-negative.

Example:

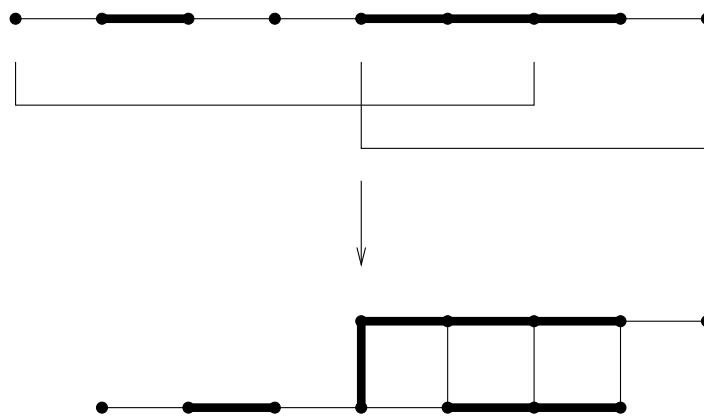


Thus,  $L_{(1,2,1,3)} L_{(4,1)} - L_{(1,2,1,4,1)} L_{(3)} \geq_M 0$ .

In fact:

**Theorem 8.**  $L_{\alpha \vee \beta} L_{\alpha \wedge \beta} - L_{\alpha} L_{\beta}$  is  $L$ -non-negative.

Form *oriented poset*  $P$ :

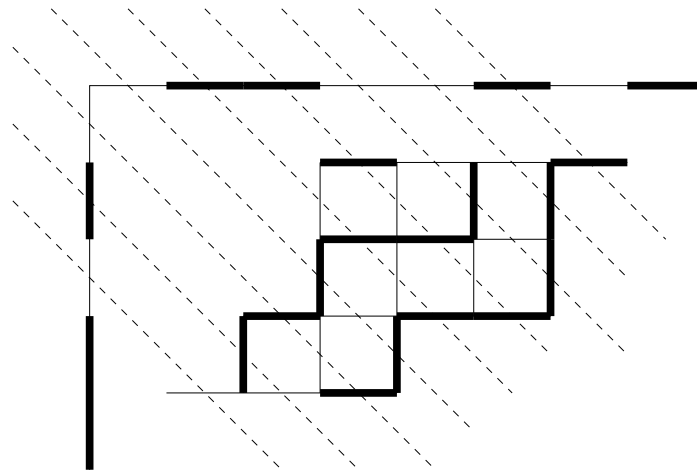


$K_P$  - quasisymmetric function associated with  $P$ .

**Proposition 9.**

$$K_P = \begin{vmatrix} L_{\alpha \vee \beta} & L_{\alpha} \\ L_{\beta} & L_{\alpha \wedge \beta} \end{vmatrix}.$$

Diagonal-alternating labelled grid:



Jacobi-Trudi like formula:  $K_P =$

$$\begin{vmatrix} L(2,1,2) & L(3,1,2) & L(2,3,1,2) & L(1,1,2,3,1,2) \\ L(2,1) & L(3,1) & L(2,3,1) & L(1,1,2,3,1) \\ L(2) & L(2,1) & L(2,3) & L(1,1,2,3) \\ 0 & 1 & L(2) & L(1,1,2) \end{vmatrix}.$$

$\lambda$  - strict partition.

**Marked Shifted Tableaux** of shape  $\lambda$ : filled with

$$1' < 1 < 2' < 2 < \dots$$

so that

- labels in rows and columns weakly increase,
- each row contains at most one  $k'$ ,
- each column contains at most one  $k$ .

1'	1	1	3'	3
	2'	2	3'	
		3	4	

Example: MST of shape  $(5, 3, 2)$  and weight  $(3, 2, 4, 1)$ .



**Schur Q-function:** generating function

$$Q_\lambda = \sum_T x^{wt(T)}$$

over all MST of shape  $\lambda$ .

Example:

$$Q_{(2,1)} = 4 \sum_{i < j} (x_i^2 x_j + x_i x_j^2) + 8 \sum_{i < j < k} x_i x_j x_k.$$

Multiply non-negatively:

$$Q_\lambda Q_\mu = \sum_\nu d_{\lambda,\mu}^\nu Q_\nu,$$

where  $d_{\lambda,\mu}^\nu \geq 0$ .

Cell transfer for strict partitions:

$$\lambda \vee \mu := (\max(\lambda_1, \mu_1), \max(\lambda_2, \mu_2), \dots),$$

$$\lambda \wedge \mu := (\min(\lambda_1, \mu_1), \min(\lambda_2, \mu_2), \dots).$$

**Corollary 10.**  $Q_{\lambda \vee \mu} Q_{\lambda \wedge \mu} - Q_{\lambda} Q_{\mu}$  is monomial non-negative.

**Conjecture 11.**  $Q_{\lambda \vee \mu} Q_{\lambda \wedge \mu} - Q_{\lambda} Q_{\mu}$  is  $Q$ -non-negative.

Example:

$$Q[4, 2]Q[3, 1] - Q[4, 1]Q[3, 2] = \\ 4Q[6, 4] + 2Q[6, 3, 1] + 2Q[5, 4, 1] + 2Q[5, 3, 2].$$

In fact:

$$HL[4, 2]HL[3, 1] - HL[4, 1]HL[3, 2] = \\ (1 - t)(HL[5, 3, 2]t^2 + HL[6, 4]t^2 - \\ HL[5, 5]t - HL[5, 3, 1, 1]t - tHL[4, 4, 2] - \\ HL[6, 4]t - tHL[6, 3, 1] + HL[4, 4, 1, 1] + \\ HL[5, 4, 1] + HL[5, 5]).$$

**Pfaffian** (definition by example):

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 0 & x_{12} & x_{13} & x_{14} \\
 -x_{12} & 0 & x_{23} & x_{24} \\
 -x_{13} & -x_{23} & 0 & x_{34} \\
 -x_{14} & -x_{24} & -x_{34} & 0
 \end{array}$$

$$Pf = x_{12}x_{34} - x_{13}x_{24} + x_{14}x_{23}$$

**Pfaffian formula for  $Q$ -s:** if we form matrix

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 0 & Q_{2,1} & Q_{3,1} & Q_{4,1} \\
 -Q_{2,1} & 0 & Q_{3,2} & Q_{4,2} \\
 -Q_{3,1} & -Q_{3,2} & 0 & Q_{4,3} \\
 -Q_{4,1} & -Q_{4,2} & -Q_{4,3} & 0
 \end{array}$$

then  $Pf = Q[4, 3, 2, 1]$ .

**Pfaffinants?** Case  $n = 4$ .

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & x_{12} & x_{13} & x_{14} \\ -x_{12} & 0 & x_{23} & x_{24} \\ -x_{13} & -x_{23} & 0 & x_{34} \\ -x_{14} & -x_{24} & -x_{34} & 0 \end{array}$$

$$P_a = x_{13}x_{24} - x_{12}x_{34}$$

$$P_b = x_{13}x_{24} - x_{14}x_{23}$$

$$P_c = x_{12}x_{34} - x_{13}x_{24} + x_{14}x_{23}$$

$$Pf_{12}Pf_{34} = x_{12}x_{34} = P_c + P_b$$

$$Pf_{14}Pf_{23} = x_{14}x_{23} = P_c + P_a$$

$$Pf_{13}Pf_{24} = x_{13}x_{24} = P_c + P_b + P_a$$

When applied to:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & Q_{2,1} & Q_{3,1} & Q_{4,1} \\ -Q_{2,1} & 0 & Q_{3,2} & Q_{4,2} \\ -Q_{3,1} & -Q_{3,2} & 0 & Q_{4,3} \\ -Q_{4,1} & -Q_{4,2} & -Q_{4,3} & 0 \end{array}$$

$$P_a = 4Q[7, 3] + 2Q[7, 2, 1] + 4Q[6, 4] + 6Q[6, 3, 1] + 4Q[5, 4, 1] + 4Q[5, 3, 2]$$

$$P_b = 4Q[6, 4] + 2Q[6, 3, 1] + 2Q[5, 4, 1] + 2Q[5, 3, 2]$$

$$P_c = Q[4, 3, 2, 1]$$