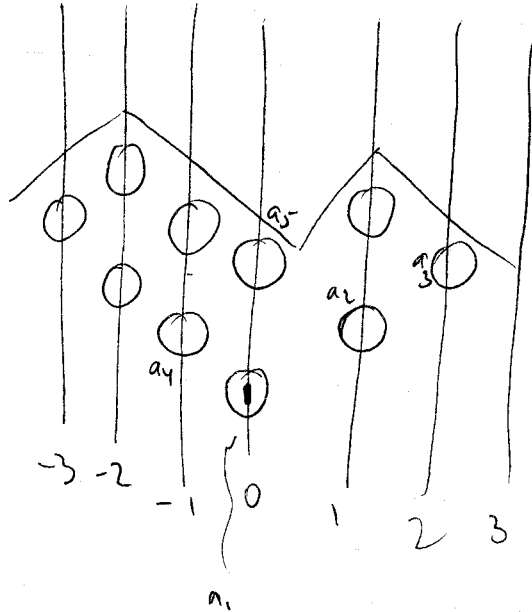


$$\alpha = (\dots a_{i+1} a_{i+2} \dots) \text{ . By prop 2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \overbrace{S_i S_{i+1} S_i}^{-U_\alpha} V_\alpha = -U_\alpha \\ & \overbrace{S_{i+1} S_i S_{i+1}}^{U_\alpha} V_\alpha = U_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

so  $U_\alpha = -U_\alpha \iff$  since it is a basis vector.

follows that  $a_i$ 's are integers.



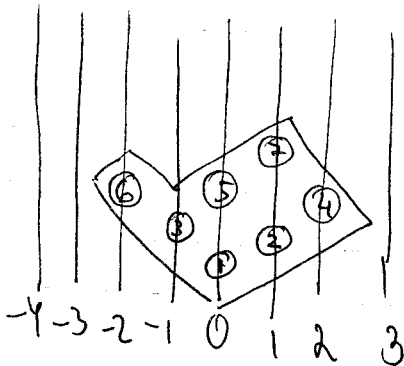
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$$\text{Spec}(n) \subseteq \text{Cont}(n)$$

$n$  content vectors  $(a_1, \dots, a_m)$

Ex.  $\alpha = (0, 1, -1, 2, 0, -2, 1)$

strings labeled by all integers



Young tableau (filled w/ numbers)

$\rightarrow$  rotate it 2 get: and reflection

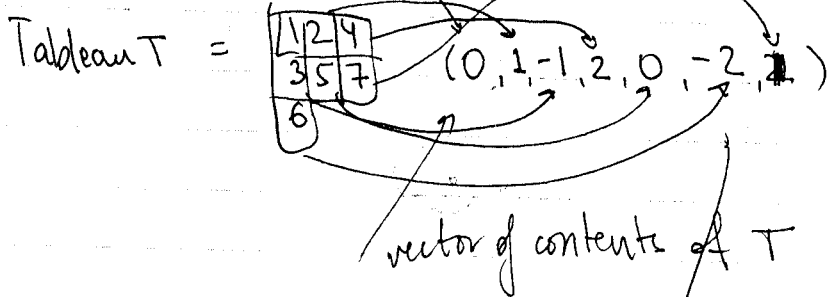
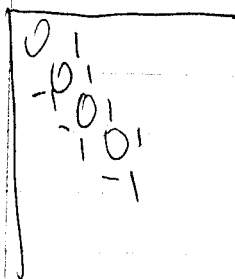
1	2	4
3	5	7
6		

one cannot pass through the other

can see by induction that the shape we get is Young diagram

along places  $\leftrightarrow$  corners of diagram where we can add  $z$  still get a Y.D.

Def. content of a box  $x=(i,j)$  in Y.D. is  $c(x) = j-i$



Claim.  $\text{Cont}(h)$  is in bijection with set of content vectors of tableaux.  $\checkmark$

Admissible transpositions :  $(0, 1, -1, 2, 0, -2, 1)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 correspond to switches of boxes  
 labeled  $i$  and  $i+1$  provided they are not adjacent digits  
 (their contents of their boxes differ  $\geq 1$ ) in

We never change  $sh(T)$  by this. Basically we can switch if result is a valid tableau.

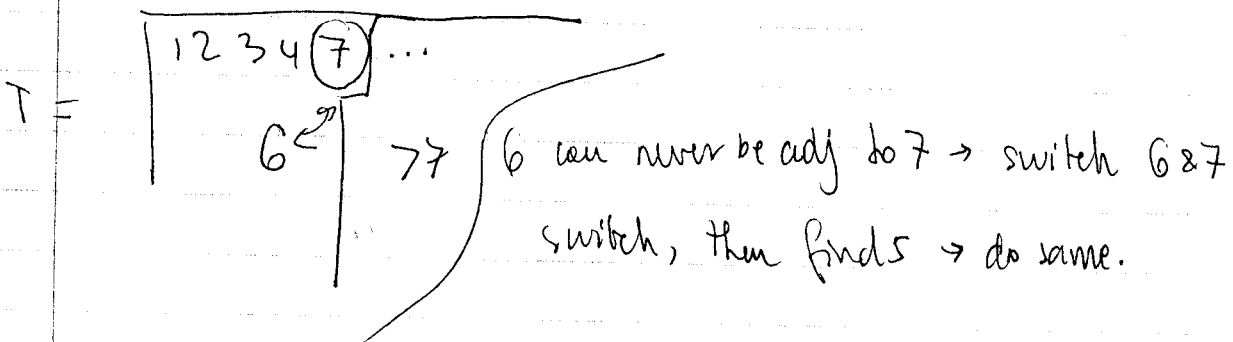
Lemma. Any two SYT of same shape can be obtained from each other by these admissible transpositions.

Proof. Try to transform any  $T$  into the form  $T_0 =$ 

1	2	3	...	$l$
$k+1$	...	$l$		
$(k+1)$	...			

#0's - size of 0th dia  
 #1's - 1st dia  
 #-1's - ...  
 $\downarrow$   
 get shape of corresp. tableau!

Given  $T$ , find first box where  $T$  differs from  $T_0$ .



and so on... proceed by induction.

~~Spec~~  $\text{Spec}(n), \sim$  equiv relation

$\text{Cont}(n), \approx$  :  $\alpha \approx \beta$  if  $\alpha$  can be obtained from  $\beta$  by admissible transpositions

So far we proved (1)  $\text{Spec}(n) \subseteq \text{Cont}(n)$

(2)  $\forall \alpha \in \text{Spec}(n), \beta \in \text{Cont}(n)$  s.t.  $\beta \approx \alpha$  then  $\beta \in \text{Spec}(n)$  and  $\alpha \sim \beta$ .

These two facts  $\Rightarrow \text{Spec}(n)/\sim \subseteq \text{Cont}(n)/\approx$

We know  $|\text{Spec}(n)/\sim| = \# \text{ irreps} = \# \text{ conj. classes} = |S_n^\vee| = \# \text{ partitions of } n$

$\downarrow$   
2 vectors are  $\sim$  if they are in same irrep

$|\text{Cont}(n)/\approx| = \# \text{ diag.} = \# \text{ partitions of } n$

$|\text{Spec}(n)/\sim| = |\text{Cont}(n)/\approx|$

$\Rightarrow \text{Spec}(n) = \text{Cont}(n) \quad \& \quad \sim = \approx$

Theorem.  $\text{Cont}(n) = \text{Spec}(n), \quad \sim = \approx$ .  
 $\sim$  equivalence classes

or.  $S_n^\vee \rightsquigarrow$  Young diagrams

GT-basis  $\rightsquigarrow$  SYT of shape  $\lambda$   
 $\notin V_\lambda$

Cor.  $\alpha \sim \beta \Leftrightarrow \alpha, \beta$  equal as multisets

(1), (2)  $\Rightarrow$  each  $\sim$ -equiv. class is a union of some  $\approx$ -equiv classes.

On the other hand  $|\text{Spec}(n)/\sim| = |\text{Cont}(n)/\approx| \Rightarrow$

$$\text{Spec}(n)/\sim = \text{Cont}(n)/\approx$$

Branching rule.

$\lambda \in S_n^v, \mu \in S_{n-1}^v$  ~~then  $\mu \prec \lambda$~~

$\text{Res}_{S_{n-1}}^{S_n} V_\lambda$  contains  $V_\mu$  iff  $\mu$  is obtained from  $\lambda$  by removing a corner.

~~every~~ Proof. Suppose  $v_\alpha \in \text{GT-basis}$  of  $V_\lambda$ , then if take  $\text{Res}_{S_{n-1}}^{S_n} V_\lambda$ , then

just remove last entry of a toset  $\alpha$ ,  $v_\alpha \in \text{GT-basis}$  ~~of  $V_\mu$~~    
 n.r.t.  $S_{n-1}$

in terms of tableau, dropping last entry of  $\alpha \rightarrow$  deleting  $n$  from  $T$

$v_\alpha \in V_\mu$  where  $\mu$  is obtained from  $\lambda$  by removing a corner.

$$f^\lambda = \# \text{SYT}(\lambda)$$

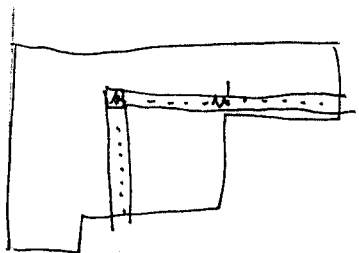
Hook-length formula: 
$$f^\lambda = \frac{n!}{\prod_{x \in \lambda} h(x)}$$

$$H(\lambda) = \prod_{x \in \lambda} h(x).$$

$f^\lambda = \sum_{\mu \prec \lambda} f^\mu$ . Can try proving by induction.

Need some recurrence for  $\frac{n!}{H(\lambda)}$

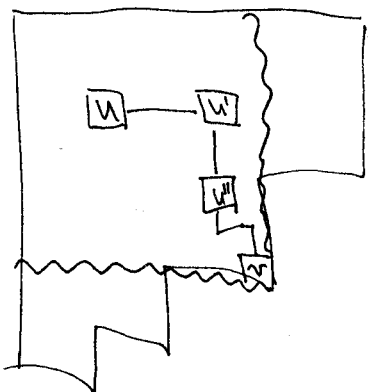
"Hook walk proof" due to Green, Nijenhuis, Wilf.  
 Zeilberger: "most beautiful proof in mathematics"



probability of going from  $u$  to  $u'$  :

$$Pr(u, u') = \frac{1}{h(u)-1}$$

So we just jump around while we get to some corner.

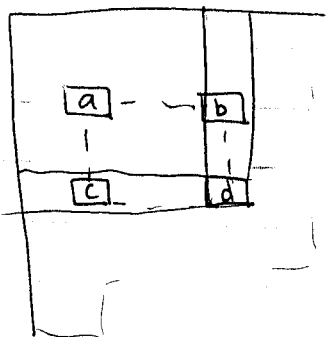


$P(u, v)$  = prob that walk starts at  $u$ , ends at  $v$   
 (any number of jumps)  
 particular box      particular corner

$$P(u, v) = \sum_{\text{paths from } u \text{ to } v} \frac{1}{(h(u)-1)(h(u')-1)(h(u'')-1)\dots}$$

weights of vertices  $wt(u)$

Observation. If you fix corner  $v$  everything happens in rectangle  $uv$



$$h(a) + h(d) = h(b) + h(c)$$

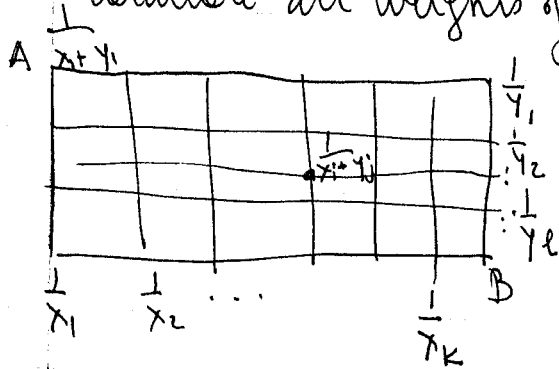
Now, if  $d$  is a corner :

$$h(a)-1 + h(d)-1 = h(b)-1 + h(c)-1$$

$$wt(a) := \frac{1}{h(a)-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } wt(b) = \frac{1}{x}, wt(c) = \frac{1}{y} \Rightarrow wt(a) = \frac{1}{x+y}$$

If we know all weights of boxes above & to left of  $d \rightarrow$  can calculate all weights of all boxes in rectangle by above formula

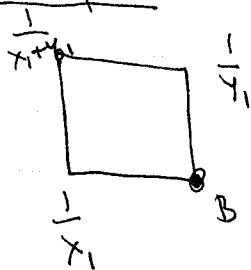


Lemma.  $\sum_{\text{lattice paths } P: A \rightarrow B} wt(P) = \frac{1}{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k y_1 \dots y_e}$

product of wt's

$\binom{k+1}{l}$

Example  $k=1$



$$\frac{1}{x_1+y_1} \cdot \frac{1}{y_1} + \frac{1}{x_1+y_1} \cdot \frac{1}{x_1} = \frac{1}{x_1 y_1}$$

Proof. By induction.

A 2 choices.

$$\Sigma = (\Sigma' + \Sigma'')$$

$$\Sigma' = \frac{1}{x_2 x_3 \dots x_k y_1 \dots y_l}$$

$$\Sigma'' = \frac{1}{x_1 \dots x_k y_2 \dots y_l}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Sigma' = \frac{1}{x_2 x_3 \dots x_k y_1 \dots y_l} \\ \Sigma'' = \frac{1}{x_1 \dots x_k y_2 \dots y_l} \end{array} \right\} \Sigma = \frac{1}{x_1+y_1} (\Sigma' + \Sigma'')$$

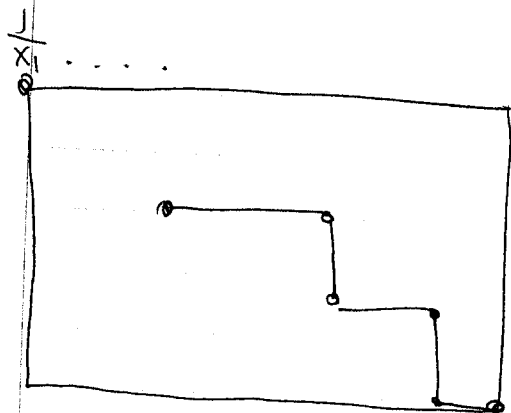
$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \frac{1}{x_1 \dots x_k y_1 \dots y_l}$$

Lemma 2.

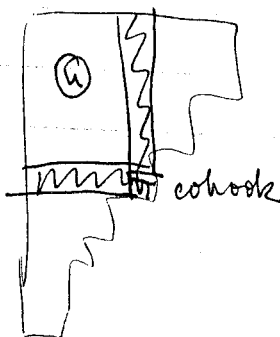
$$\sum_{\text{hook walk paths } P} \text{wt}(P) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x_1}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{x_k}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{y_1}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{y_l}\right)$$

(in same rectangle)

because, open up parenthesis ...



Back to hooks: Fix corner  $v \in \lambda$



$$\sum_{\substack{n \\ \text{in rectangle}}} P(n, v) = \prod_{t \in \text{hook}(v)} \left(1 + \frac{1}{h(t)-1}\right) = \prod_{t \in \text{hook}(v)} \frac{h(t)}{h(t)-1} = \frac{H(\lambda)}{H(\lambda/v)}$$

hook length polynomial

↙ fixed  $n$

$$\sum_{v \text{ corners}} P(u, v) = 1$$

$$\sum_u \left( \sum_{v \text{ corners}} P(u, v) \right) = n \quad \text{as there are } n \text{ choices for } u$$

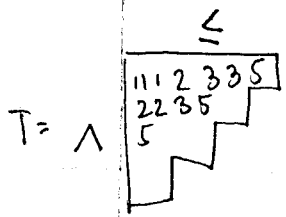
$$= \sum_{v \text{ corners}} \frac{H(\lambda)}{H(\lambda/v)}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{n!}{H(\lambda)} = \sum_v \frac{(n-1)!}{H(\lambda/v)}, \quad \text{which is exactly the recurrence relation we need.}$$

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Schur functions

Combinatorial definition, based on semi-standard Young tableaux (SSYT)



$$\text{sh}(T) = \lambda$$

$$\text{weight}(T) = \beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots) \quad \beta_i = \# \text{ i's in } T$$

Kostka number

$$K_{\lambda\beta} = \# \text{ tableaux (SSYT) of shape } \lambda \text{ and weight } \beta$$

Schur functions

$$s_{\lambda} = \sum_{T \text{ SSYT}(\lambda)} x^{\text{weight}(T)} = x_1^{\beta_1} x_2^{\beta_2} \dots$$

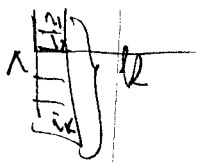
$$= \sum_{\beta} K_{\lambda, \beta} x^{\beta}$$

Example  $s_{(1)} = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots$  ← not poly, since  $\infty$  many variables.

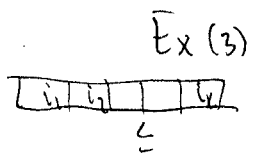
Schur polynomials  $s_{\lambda}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{T \text{ SSYT}(\lambda)} x^{\text{weight}(T)}$

↑  
has entries  $\leq n$ .

It will be more convenient to use infinitely many variables



Ex. (2)  $S_{(1^k)} = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_k}$   $\leftarrow$   $k$ -th elementary symmetric facts

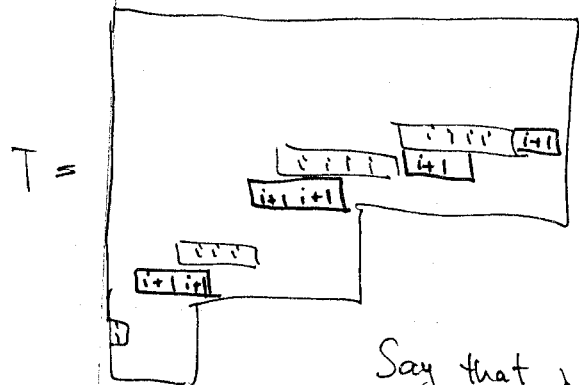


Ex (3)  $S_{(k)} = \sum_{i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_k} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_k}$   $\leftarrow$   $k$ -th complete homogeneous symmet

Lemma.  $S_\lambda$  is a symmetric fact (w.r.t. all possible perm of variables  $x_i$ ) that is,  $K_{\lambda, \beta}$  are the same for all possible permutation of

Proof. Enough to prove ~~that~~ that  $S_\lambda(\dots x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots) = S_\lambda(\dots x_{i+1}, x_i, \dots)$ , equivalently  $K_{\lambda, (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_i, \beta_{i+1}, \dots)} = K_{\lambda, (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{i+1}, \beta_i, \dots)}$ .

Want bijection:  $T \mapsto \tilde{T}$  s.t.  $sh(T) = sh(\tilde{T})$ ,  $weight(T) = (\dots \beta_i \beta_{i+1} \dots)$ ,  $weight(\tilde{T}) = (\dots \beta_{i+1} \beta_i \dots)$

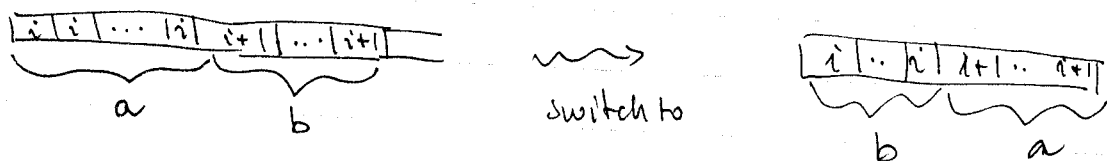


boxes of  $T$  filled w/  $i$ 's form a horizontal strip.

Say that pairs of boxes like  $\begin{matrix} i \\ i+1 \end{matrix}$  are blocked.

# blocked  $i$ 's = # blocked  $(i+1)$ 's

Unblocked  $i$ 's and  $(i+1)$ 's form several components like



This is the needed map  $T \rightarrow \tilde{T}$ . Inverse is easy  $\rightarrow$  just repeat procedure.  $\rightarrow$  so it is a BIJECTION  $\smile$

Exercise. Let  $\tilde{s}_i : T \rightarrow \tilde{T}$ . Clearly  $\tilde{s}_i^2 = 1$ ,  $\tilde{s}_i \cdot \tilde{s}_j = \tilde{s}_j \cdot \tilde{s}_i$  ( $|i-j| > 1$ )  
 In general:  $\tilde{s}_{i+1} \tilde{s}_i \tilde{s}_{i+1} \neq \tilde{s}_i \tilde{s}_{i+1} \tilde{s}_i$   
 they don't extend to action of symmetric group on tableaux in obvious way



Problem 9\*: Find operations on T that transform weights as needed (here) and satisfy Coxeter relations.

Cauchy identity  $\sum_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}(x_1, x_2, \dots) s_{\lambda}(y_1, y_2, \dots) = \prod_{i,j \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - x_i y_j}$   
 all partitions of all possible sizes, including  $\emptyset$

$s_{\emptyset}(x, \dots) = 1.$

Robinson-Schensted-Knuth (RSK) correspondence

Forbenius identity:  $\sum_{\lambda \vdash n} (f^{\lambda})^2 = n!$  (up-down ops / repr. theory)

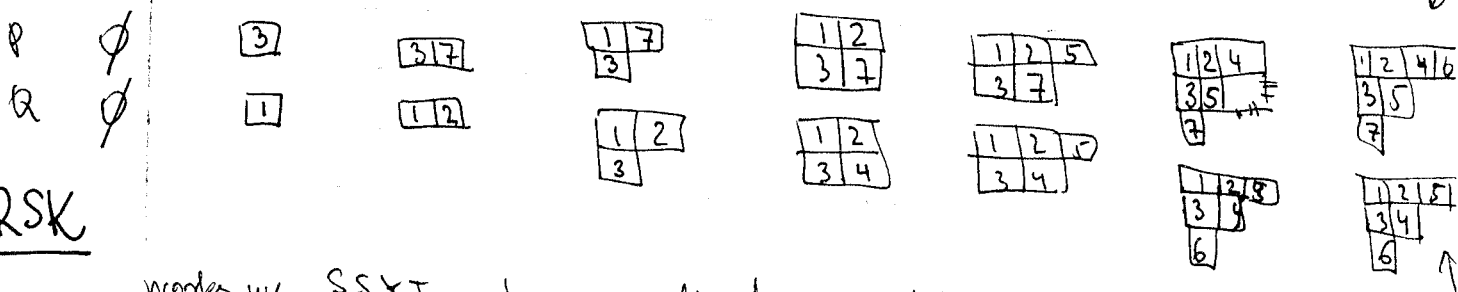
We would like a bijective proof.

Schensted correspondence:  $w \in S_n \longleftrightarrow \{(P, Q) : \text{two SYT of shape } \lambda \}$

P - insertion tableau

Q - recording tableau

Take  $w = 3712546$



RSK

works w/ SSYT and generalized permutations

$A = (a_{ij})_{i,j \geq 1}$   $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$   $\infty \times \infty$  matrix w/ finitely many nonzero entries

generalized permutation:  $w_A = \begin{pmatrix} i_1 & \dots & i_m \\ j_1 & \dots & j_m \end{pmatrix}$  s.t. (1)  $i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_m$

(2)  $i_k = i_{k+1} \Rightarrow j_k \leq j_{k+1}$  (3) for each pair  $(i, j)$  there are exactly  $a_{ij}$  columns  $\begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \end{pmatrix}$  in  $w_A$ .

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

$$w_A = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3) \\ (1 \ 3 \ 3 \ 2 \ 2 \ 1 \ 2)$$

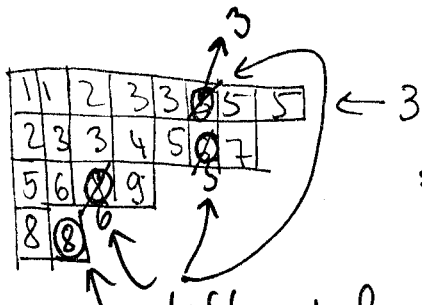
RSK maps  $w_A$  to  $(P, Q)$ , two SSYT,  $P$  filled w/  $j_1, \dots, j_n$   
 $Q = i_1, \dots, i_n$

Row insertion  $P$ -SSYT,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ ,  $P \leftarrow k$  result of insertion

Denote by  $P_i = i$ -th row of  $P$ : (0) set  $k_1 = k$   
 (1) if  $k_1 \geq$  all entries in  $P_i$ , then just a new box  $\boxed{k_1}$  at end of  $P_i$ .

(2) otherwise, let  $k_2 =$  first entry in  $P_i > k_1$ , then  $k_1$  "bumps"  $k_2$  into second row  $P_2$ . Need to replace  $k_2$  w/  $k_1$  and try insert  $k_2$  into  $P_2$ , and continue until nothing bumps but is added at end of some row.

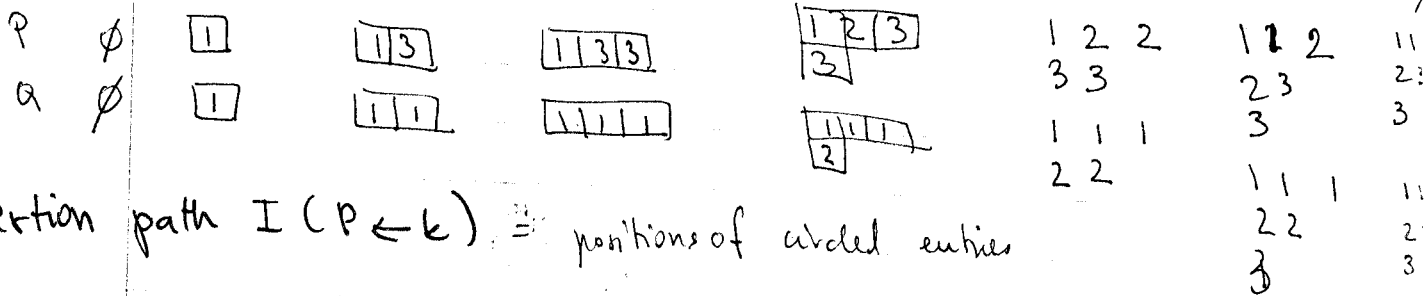
Example



insertion path:  $I(P \leftarrow k) = \{(1,6), (2,6), (4,2)\}$

different from starting tableau

$$\text{RSK } w_A = \begin{pmatrix} 111 & 22 & 33 \\ 133 & 22 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

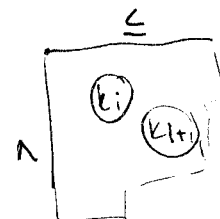


Insertion path  $I(P \leftarrow k) =$  positions of circled entries

Lemma (1)  $I(P \leftarrow k)$  has form  $\{(1, a_1), (2, a_2), \dots, (r, a_r)\}$ ,  $a_1 > a_2 > \dots > a_r$   
 (2)  $k \leq l$   $I(P \leftarrow k) = \{(1, a_1), \dots, (r, a_r)\}$ ,  $I(P \leftarrow l) = \{(1, b_1), \dots, (s, b_s)\}$

Then  $s \leq r$  and  $b_1 > a_1, b_2 > a_2, \dots, b_s > a_s$ . In particular  $b_s$  is always to the right of  $a_r$ .

Proof. (1) Need to show that we cannot have



$k_{i+1}$  = first entry in  $P_{i+1}$  s.t.  $k_{i+1} > k_i$ . But the entry below  $k_i$  is already  $>$

(2) Let  $k_1, k_2, \dots$  be the bumped entries  $P \leftarrow k$  and  $l_1, l_2, \dots$  for  $(P \leftarrow k) \leftarrow l$

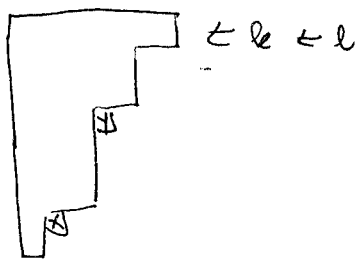
$$k_1 < k_2 < \dots$$

$$l_1 < l_2 < \dots$$

in  $P$   $l_2$  is located strictly to the right of  $k_2$ .

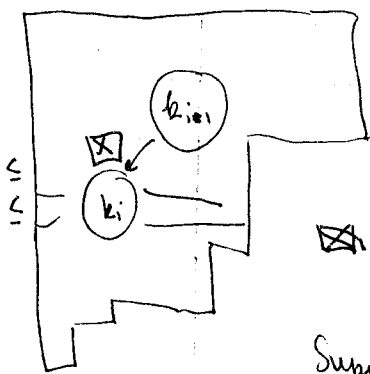
so  $a_1 < b_1, l_2 \geq k_2$ . The rest by induction.

RSK Lemma



if  $k \leq l$  then  $\square$  is located to the right of  $\square$  10/05/06

Lemma. If  $P$  is a SSYT then  $P \leftarrow k$  is also a SSYT.

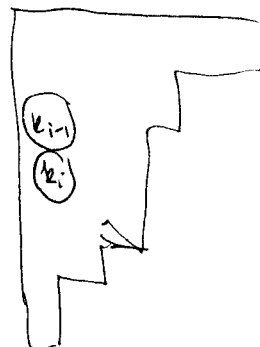


$k_i$  is the first entry in  $i$ th row which is  $> k_{i-1}$

$\square$  - only problematic place, right above  $k_i$

Suppose  $x \geq k_{i-1} \Rightarrow$  we have

clear by analysis of possibilities



Corollary.  $w_A \xrightarrow{RSK} (P, Q)$  then both  $P, Q$  are SSYT.

For  $P$  is clear  $\rightarrow$  just proved it.

Suppose we have  $w_A ( \dots i i \dots i i \dots )$   
 $\dots j_i \leq j_{i+1} \leq \dots \leq j_n$

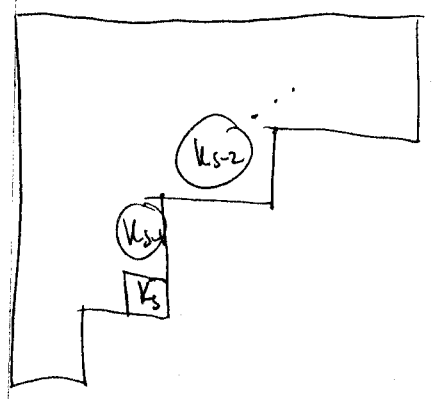
$\Rightarrow Q$  is SSYT.

cannot.  
 cannot bec insertion path is always to the rig

Theorem. RSK is a bijection between matrices  $A$  and pairs  $(P, Q)$  of Young tableaux of same shape. Moreover, ~~each process~~ weight  $(P) = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots)$  where  $\beta_i = \sum_j a_{ij}$  (i-th row sum),  $\beta_j = \sum_i a_{ij}$  (j-th column sum).  
 weight  $(Q) = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots)$  where  $\gamma_i = \sum_j a_{ij}$  (i-th row sum)

Proof.

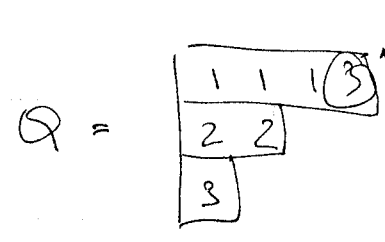
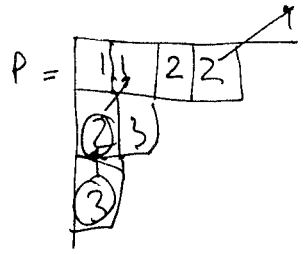
Moreover part is clear from construction. Just need to check this RSK is bijection only need to check that RSK is invertible.



For SSYT,  $P$  with a marked corner  $k_i$  we can reconstruct the insertion path.

$k_{i-1}$  = the last entry in  $(i-1)$ st row  
 $k_{i-1} < k_i$ .

Inverse RSK



last inserted, since rightmost 3, which is max # in row

$$W_A = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ & & & \dots & & \\ & & & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ & & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Cauchy identity

$$A \xrightarrow{RSK} (P, Q)$$

$$\sum_A \left( \prod_{j \geq 1} x_j^{\sum_i a_{ij}} \right) \left( \prod_{i \geq 1} y_i^{\sum_j a_{ij}} \right) = \sum_{\lambda} \sum_{P, Q \text{ of shape } \lambda} x^{\text{wt}(P)} y^{\text{wt}(Q)} = \sum_{\lambda} S_{\lambda}(x_1, x_2, \dots) S_{\lambda}(y_1, y_2, \dots)$$

$$\sum_A \prod_{i, j} (y_i x_j)^{a_{ij}} = \prod_{i, j} \left( \sum_{a_{ij} \geq 0} (x_j y_i)^{a_{ij}} \right) = \prod_{i, j} \frac{1}{1 - x_j y_i}$$

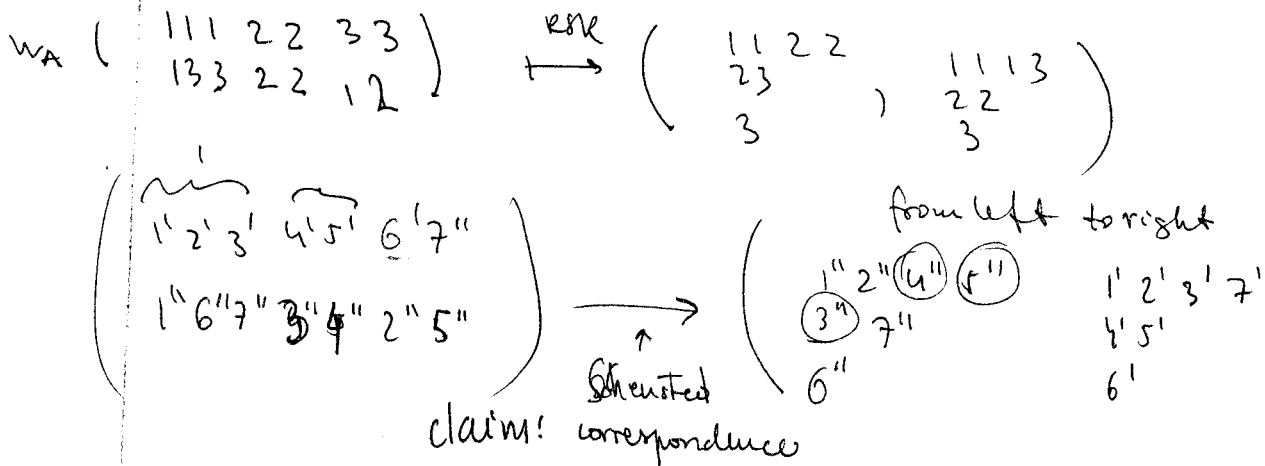
↑ all matrices

# Properties of RSK,

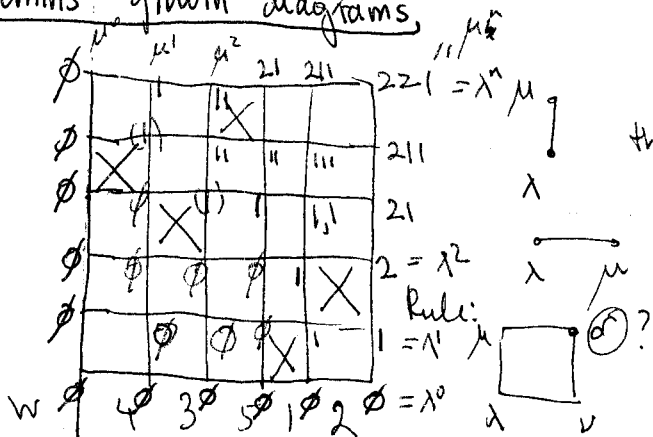
Theorem. If  $A \xrightarrow{RSK} (P, Q)$  then  $A^T \xrightarrow{RSK} (Q, P)$ . In particular, for Schensted correspondence  $w \mapsto (P, Q)$   $(P, Q \text{ SYT}) \Rightarrow w^{-1} \mapsto (Q, P)$ .

Lemma. Enough to prove "in particular" case.

Proof. RSK can be obtained from Schensted as follows:



## Fomin's growth diagrams



then  $\lambda = \mu$  or  $\lambda \rightarrow \mu$ .

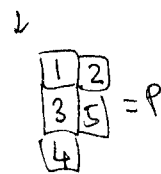
Local rules If there is no "X" in box the

- (1) if  $\lambda = \nu = \mu \Rightarrow \delta = \lambda$
- (2)  $\lambda \rightarrow \mu = \nu \Rightarrow \delta$  is obtained by adding 1 to  $\lambda_i$  then  $\delta$  is obtained from  $\mu$  by adding 1 into  $\mu_{i+1}$ .

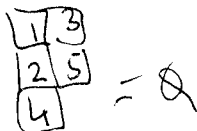
- If there is an "X" in the box then  $\lambda \rightarrow \nu$
- (3)  $\mu \neq \nu$  then  $\delta = \mu \cup \nu$
  - (4) we'll see  $\lambda = \nu = \mu$  and  $\delta = (\lambda_1 + 1, \lambda_2, \dots)$

$$(\lambda^{(0)} \subset \lambda^{(1)} \subset \dots \subset \lambda^{(n)}) \rightsquigarrow P \quad (\emptyset, 1, 2, 21, 211, 221)$$

$$(\mu^{(0)} \subset \mu^{(1)} \subset \dots \subset \mu^{(n)}) \rightsquigarrow Q$$

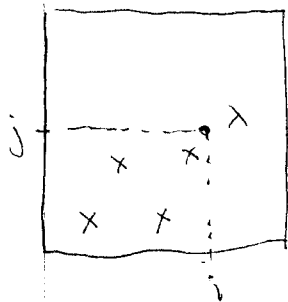


$$(\emptyset, 1, 11, 21, 211, 221) \rightarrow$$



Theorem. (1) Fillings of growth diagrams is well defined.

(2)  $w \mapsto (P, Q)$  is the Schensted correspondence.



$w(i, j) =$  subsequence of ~~words~~  $w_1, \dots, w_i$  formed by elts  $\leq j$

Define the partition  $\lambda(w(i, j)) = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$

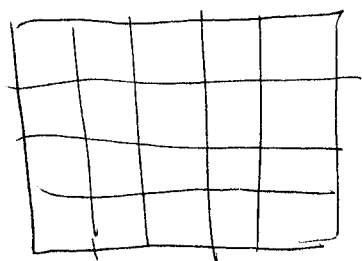
$\lambda_1 =$  length of a longest increasing subsequence in  $w(i, j)$ .

$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 =$  max # of elts that can be covered by 2 increasing subsequences of  $w(i, j)$

$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \dots + \lambda_k = \dots$   $k$  increasing subseq...

etc.

For diagram we had above  $w(5, 4) = (4, 3, 1, 2)$



$$\lambda_1 = 2$$

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

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 3$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 4$$

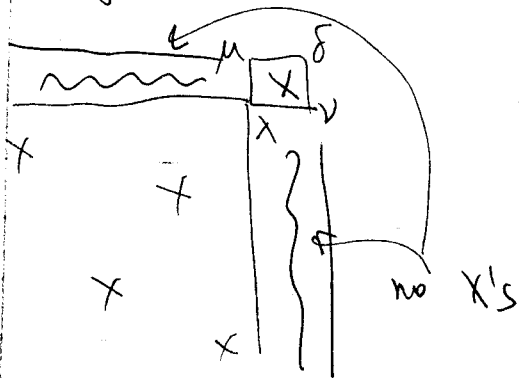
Lemma.

The collection of partitions

$\lambda(w(i,j))$  satisfy the local rules.

→ just need to check.

Case (4):



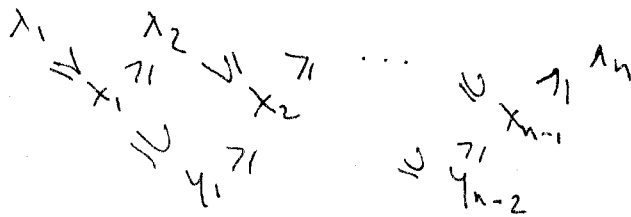
⇒  $\lambda = \nu = \mu$  since words will be exact

while for  $\delta$  we have another  $X$  in the rectangle  $\bar{w}$  & in right upper cone

⇒ just increases length of longest increasing subseq. →

just add 1 to  $\lambda_1$  to get  $\delta$ .

Exercise



Gelfand-Tsetlin patterns.

$GT(\lambda) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\binom{n}{2}} \leftarrow \# \text{variables}$

↑ polytope defined by these eqn. Calculate volume of this polyt

