

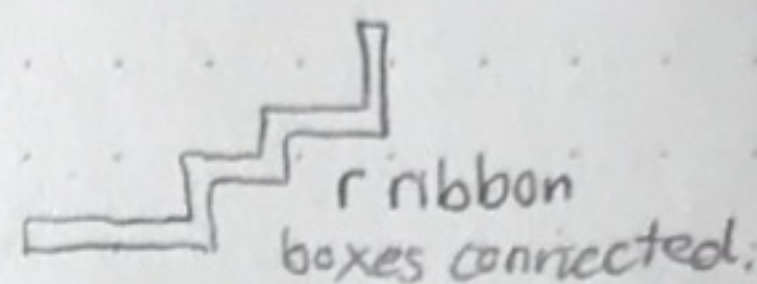
# 18.217 LECTURE 16

## r-Differential Posets

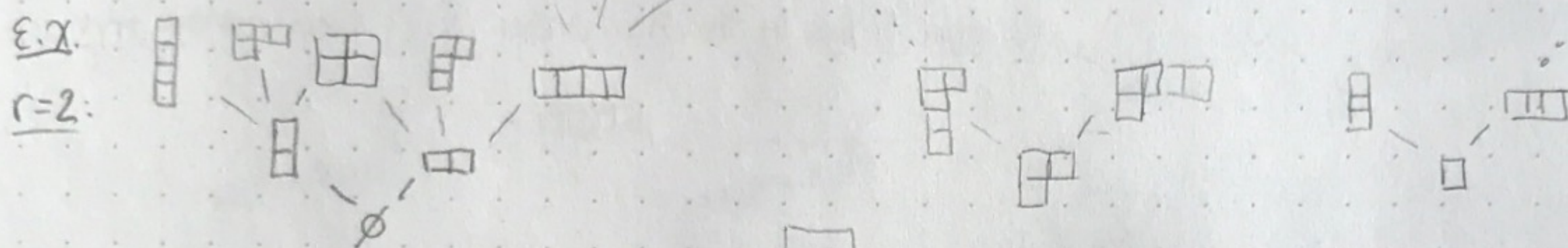
$$[D, U] = rI$$

$$\sum_{\lambda \in P, \text{rk}(\lambda) = n} \# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{saturated chains in } P \\ \text{from } \hat{0} \text{ to } \lambda \end{array} \right\} = r^n \cdot n!$$

def  $\mathcal{Y}^{(r)}$  = all Young diagrams with covering relation  $\lambda <_{(r)} \mu$  if  $\mu/\lambda$  is an r-ribbon



Lemma: Each connected component of  $\mathcal{Y}^{(r)}$  is an r-differential poset



Any is minimal elt. b/c impossible to remove domino.

Proposition: Each connected component of  $\mathcal{Y}^{(2)}$  has unique minimal elt. of staircase shape, and each conn. comp  $\cong \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y}$

Exercise: Prove this

Moreover, similar is true for any r.

Def: Min. elts of  $\mathcal{Y}^{(r)}$  are called r-cores.

Lemma: TFAE

- (1)  $\lambda$  is an r-core
- (2)  $\lambda$  has no hook length  $h(a) = r$
- (3)  $\lambda$  has no hook length divisible by r.

Prop:  $\forall$  r-diff poset  $P$ ,  
 $\# \text{ chains } \lambda^{(0)} \underset{\hat{0}}{\parallel} \lambda^{(1)} \dots \lambda^{(2n)} \underset{\hat{0}}{\parallel}$  s.t.  $\lambda^{(2i+1)} \geq \lambda^{(2i)}$  or  $\lambda^{(2i)} \geq \lambda^{(2i+1)}$   
 equals  $r^n (2n-1)!!$  where  $(2n-1)!! = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n-1)$   
 = # of perfect matchings in  $K_{2n}$

↑  
 Coeff of  $\hat{0}$  in  $(U+D)^n (\hat{0})$

Prop:  $\forall$  r-diff poset  $P$ ,

$\# \text{ chains } \lambda^{(0)} \underset{\hat{0}}{\parallel} \lambda^{(1)} \dots \lambda^{(2n)} \underset{\hat{0}}{\parallel}$  where  $\lambda^{(2i+1)} \geq \lambda^{(2i)}$  or  $= \lambda^{(2i)}$  or  $\lambda^{(2i)} < \lambda^{(2i+1)}$  or  $= \lambda^{(2i+1)}$   
 Go up or stay the same  
 Go down or stay the same

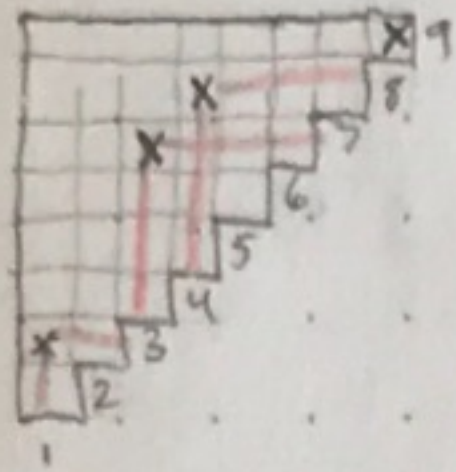
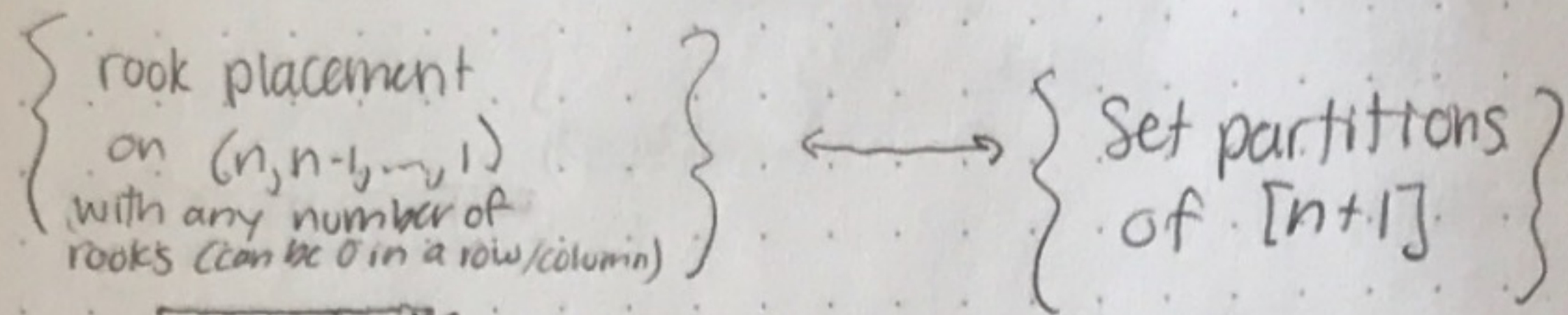
↑  
 Coeff of  $\hat{0}$  in  $((D+1)(U+1))^n \hat{0}$

$$= \sum_{\text{set partition } \pi \text{ of } [n+1]} r^{n+1 - \#(\text{blocks of } \pi)} = r^{n+1} B_{n+1}(r^{-1})$$

Bell polynomial

For  $r=1$ , we get the Bell number  $B_{n+1} := \# \text{ set partitions of } n+1$

# Bijection:



$$\longrightarrow \pi = (137 | 489 | 5 | 6)$$

$$\# \text{ of rooks} = n+1 - \# \text{ of block in } \pi$$

Would be nice if someone presents proving Weyl formula from hook length formula.

## Jacobi-Trudi Formulas:

Skew Schur Functions  $\lambda \supset \mu$   
 $\lambda/\mu$  skew Young diagrams

Ex.  $(4,3,3)/(2,1,0) =$

$$S_{\lambda/\mu} = \sum_{T \text{ SSYT of shape } \lambda/\mu} x^{\text{weight}(T)}$$

## Jacobi-Trudi:

$$(1) S_{\lambda/\mu} = \det (h_{\lambda_i - i - \mu_j + j})_{i,j \in [n]}$$

$$(2) S_{\lambda/\mu} = \det (e_{\lambda_i - i - \mu_j + j})_{i,j \in [m]}$$

$$e_0 = h_0 = 1$$

$$e_k = h_k = 0 \text{ for } k < 0$$

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

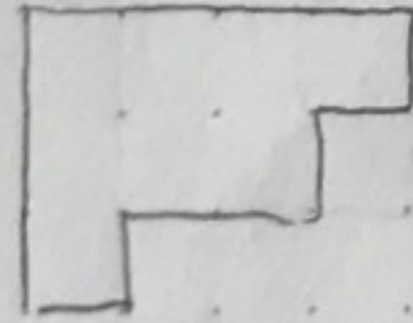
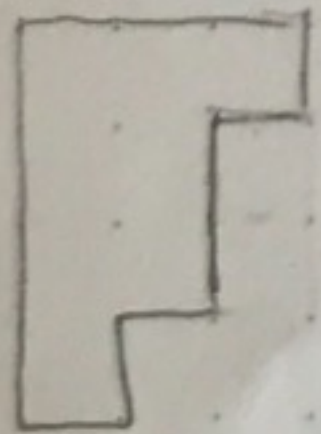
$$\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$$

$n \geq \begin{cases} \# \text{ of parts in } \lambda \\ \# \text{ of parts in } \mu \end{cases}$

$$m \geq \max(\lambda_i, \mu_i)$$

Ex.  $\lambda = (3, 2, 2, 1)$

$\lambda' = (4, 3, 1)$



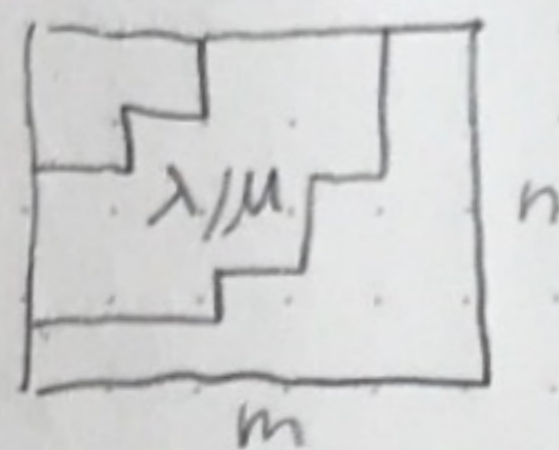
$$S_{(3,2,2,1)} = \begin{vmatrix} h_3 & h_4 & h_5 & h_6 \\ h_1 & h_2 & h_3 & h_4 \\ 1 & h_1 & h_2 & h_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & h_1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} e_4 & e_5 & e_6 \\ e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ 0 & 1 & e_1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Cor!  $w! S_{\lambda/\mu} \longleftrightarrow S_{\lambda'/\mu'}$

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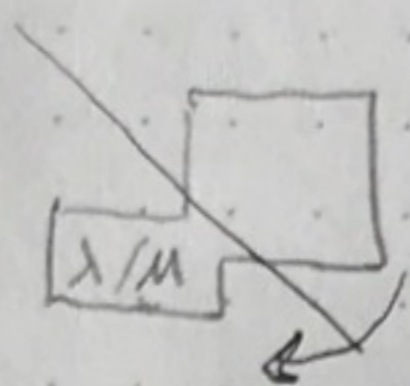
Jacobi-Trudy  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \supset \mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$   
 $n \geq \max(\lambda_i, \mu_i)$



1.)  $S_{\lambda/\mu} = \det((h_{\lambda_i - i - \mu_j + j})_{i,j \in [n]})$

2.)  $S_{\lambda/\mu} = \det((e_{\lambda_i - i - \mu_j + j})_{i,j \in [n]})$

Cor:  $\omega: \lambda \rightarrow \lambda' \quad \omega(S_{\lambda/\mu}) \rightarrow S_{\lambda'/\mu'}$

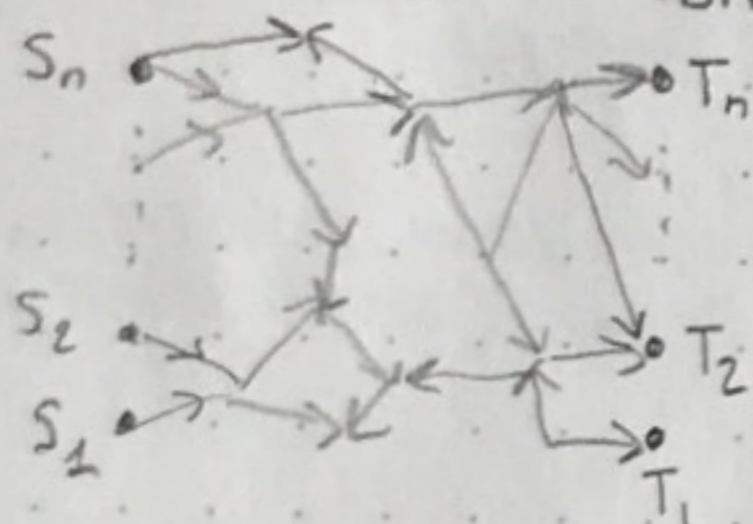


$S_\lambda \cdot S_\mu = \sum C_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} S_\nu \quad C_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} = C_{\lambda'\mu'}^{\nu'}$   
 Littlewood-Richardson coeffs

## Gessel-Viennot Method

Linstrom Lemma:  $G$  weighted planar acyclic directed graph

with "source"  $S_1, \dots, S_n$  on the left sides of the boundary  
 "sinks"  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  on the right side of the boundary



with edge weights  $\chi_e > 0$

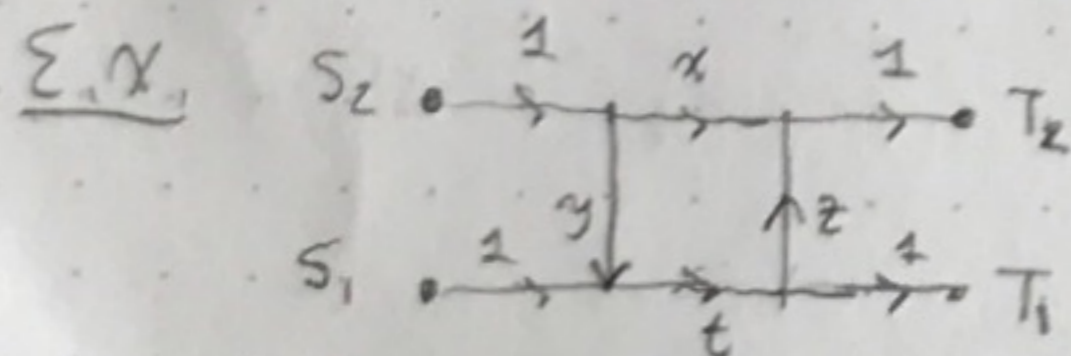
$M = M_G = (M_{ij})$

def  $M_{ij} = \sum_{P: S_i \rightarrow T_j} \text{wt}(P)$   
 directed paths

where  $\text{wt}(P) = \prod_{\text{edge } e \in P} \chi_e$

Lemma:  $\det(M) = \sum_{P: S_i \rightarrow T_i} \prod_{i=1}^n \text{wt}(P_i)$

$P_i: S_i \rightarrow T_i$   
 $n$ -tuple of non-crossing paths  $\leftarrow P_i \& P_j$  have no common vertices  $\forall i, j$



$M_G = \begin{bmatrix} t & tz \\ yt & x+ytz \end{bmatrix}$

$\det M_G = xt$

"planarity"  $\leftrightarrow$  "positivity"

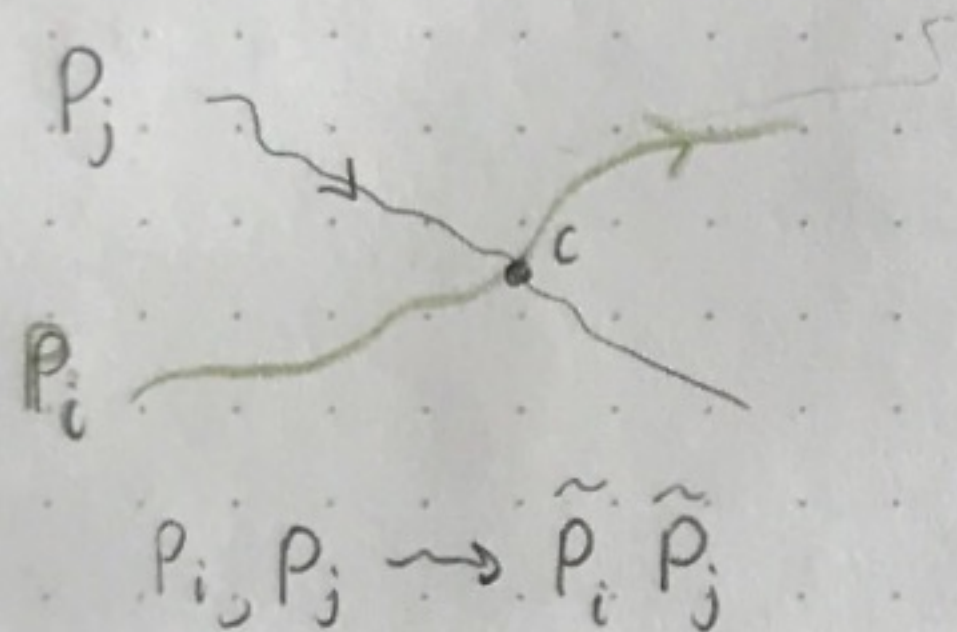


# Proof of Lindström Lemma

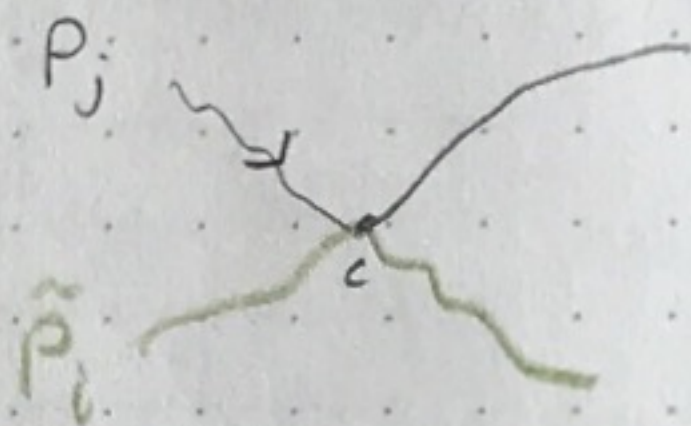
$$\det(M_G) = \sum_{w \in S_n} (-1)^{\ell(w)} \prod_{i=1}^n M_{i, w_i}$$

$$= \sum_{w \in S_n} (-1)^{\ell(w)} \sum_{\substack{P_j: S_1 \rightarrow T_{w_j} \\ \vdots \\ P_n: S_n \rightarrow T_{w_n}}} \prod_i \text{wt}(P_i)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{\substack{\text{noncrossing} \\ n\text{-tuples} \\ (P_1, \dots, P_n)}}$$



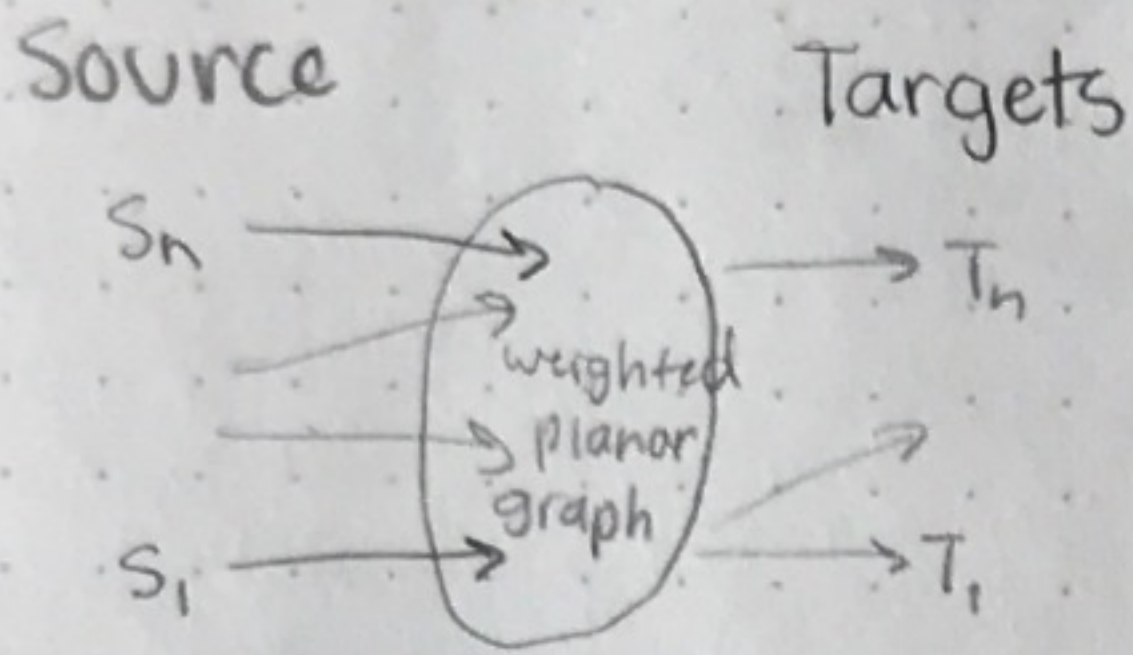
if they cross,  
flip the tails



Has 1 transposition of permutation  $\rightarrow$  sign of  $(-1)^{\ell(w)}$  flips.

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Last Time: Lindstrom Lemma



$M = (M_{ij})$   $n \times n$  matrix

$$M_{ij} = \sum_{P: S_i \rightarrow T_j} \text{wt}(P)$$

$$\det M = \sum_{(P_1, \dots, P_n)} \prod_{i=1}^n \text{wt}(P_i)$$

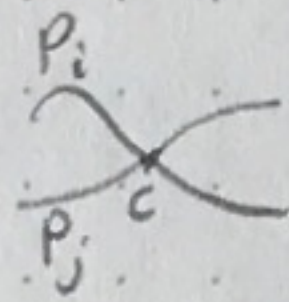
$n$  tuple of noncrossing paths connecting  $S_1, \dots, S_n$  with  $T_1, \dots, T_n$

$$\det(M) = \sum_{(P_1, \dots, P_n)} (-1)^{\ell(w)} \prod \text{wt}(P_i) \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{(P_1, \dots, P_n)} \prod_{i=1}^n \text{wt}(P_i)$$

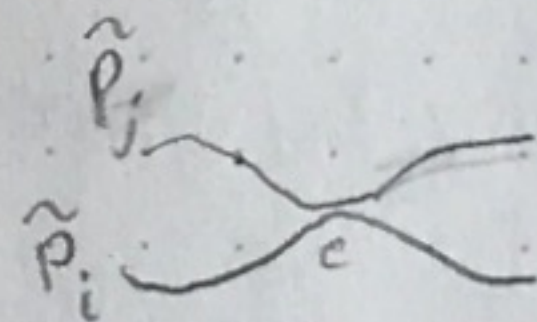
allow crossing  $\rightarrow$  arbitrary  $n$ -tuple of paths connecting sources with targets  $P: S_i \rightarrow T_{w_i}$

non-crossing  $n$ -tuples of paths

Find the "first" crossing path



and replace  $P_i, P_j$  with  $\tilde{P}_i, \tilde{P}_j$



$$\tau: (P_1, \dots, P_n) \mapsto (P_1, \dots, \tilde{P}_i, \dots, \tilde{P}_j, \dots, P_n)$$

$\tau$  is  $\bullet$  sign reversing  $\checkmark$

$\bullet$  weight preserving  $\checkmark$

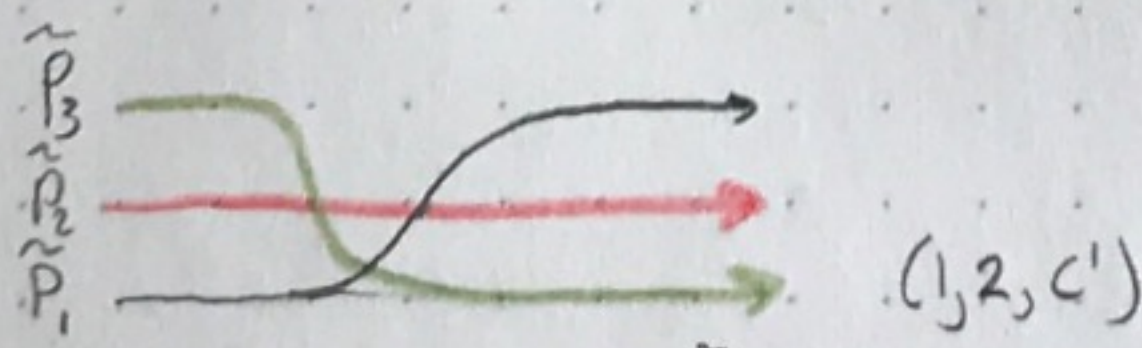
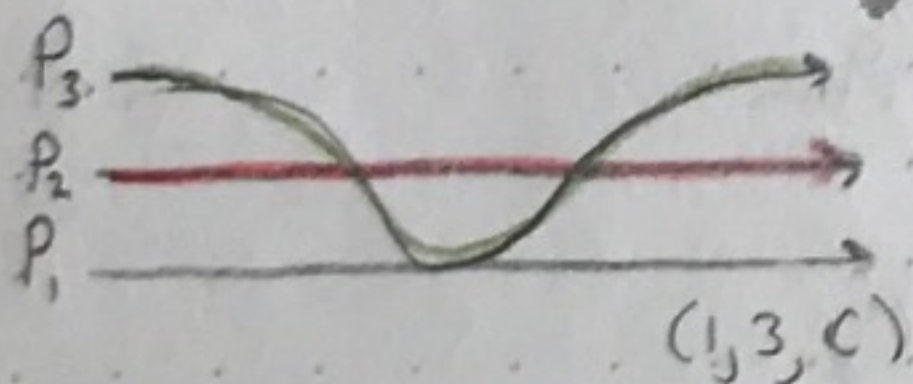
$\bullet$  Involution (need to show)

A "crossing" is a triple  $(i, j, c)$  s.t.  $P_i, P_j$  contain vertex  $c$ .

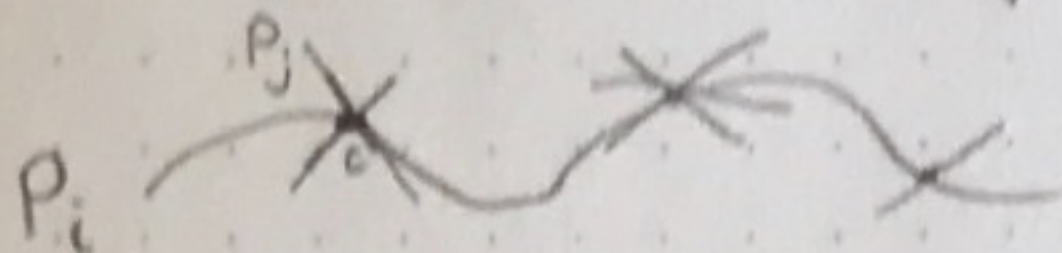
How do we find first crossing?

Guess: Find a crossing with lex min.  $(i, j)$  and  $c$  the first crossing of  $P_i, P_j$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  THIS DOESN'T WORK



- Correct method:
- 1.) Find minimal  $P_i$  s.t.  $P_i$  has a common pt. with another  $P_j$
  - 2.) Find the first vertex  $c \in P_i$  that belongs to another path  $P_j$
  - 3.) Find minimal  $j \neq i$  s.t.  $c \in P_j$



Milan's Method (also correct):

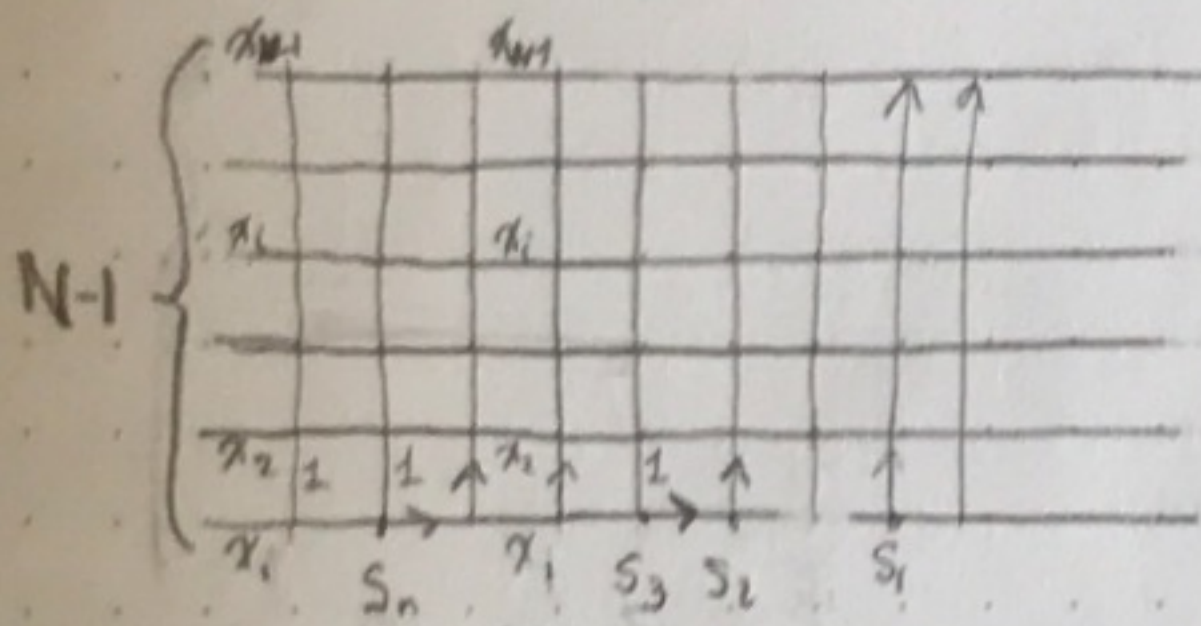
- order all vertices
- Find minimal vertex  $c$  involved in a crossing
- Find lex. min pair  $i \neq j$  s.t.  $P_i, P_j \ni c$

Back to Jacobi-Trudy

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \succ \mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m)$$

$$(1) S_{\lambda/\mu}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \det(h_{\lambda_i - i - \mu_j + j}(x_1, \dots, x_N)) \quad i, j \in [n]$$

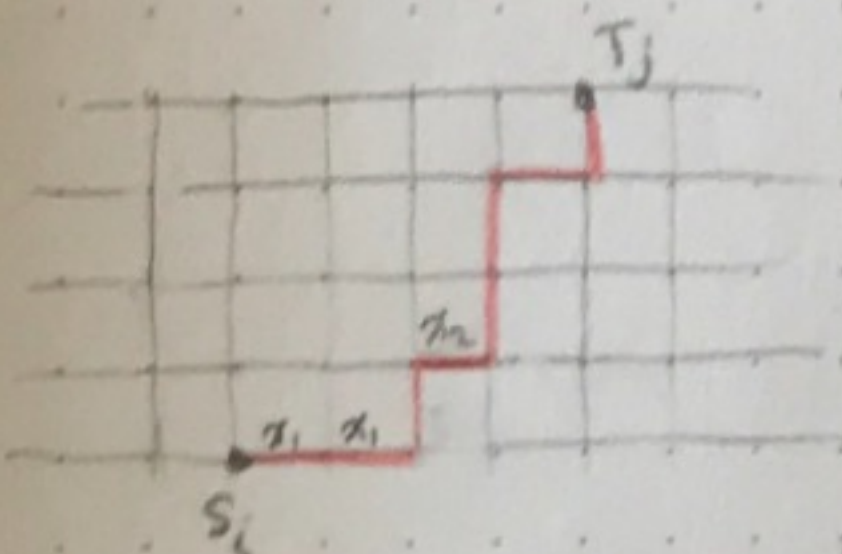
$$(2) S_{\lambda/\mu}(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \det((e_{\lambda_i - i - \mu_j + j}(x_1, \dots, x_N))) \quad i, j \in [m]$$



- edges are directed right & up.
- vert. edges have weight 1
- horizontal edges on lvl.  $i$  have weight  $x_i$

$$S_i = (\mu_i + n - i, 0)$$

$$T_j = (\lambda_j + n - j, N - 1)$$



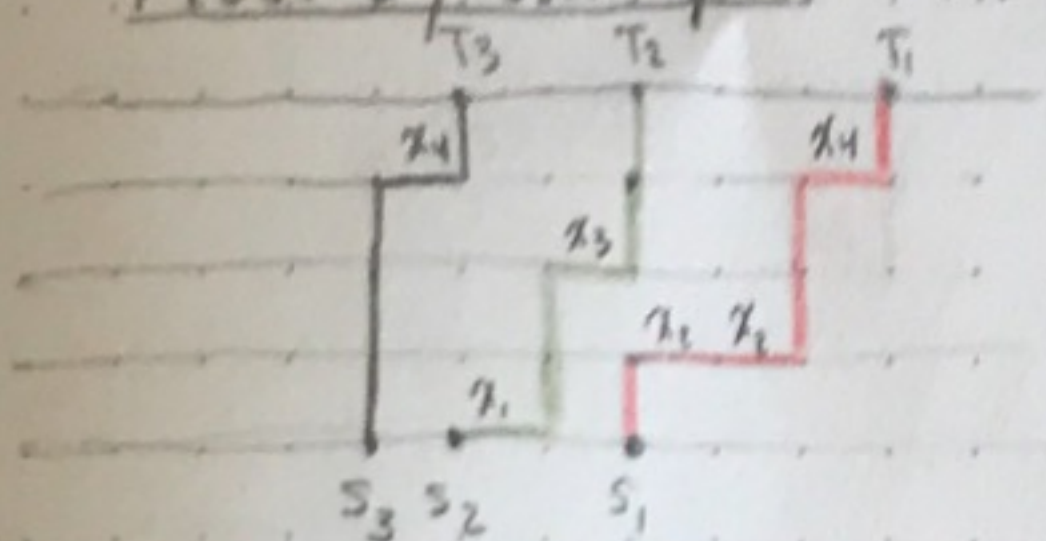
$$M_{ij} = h_k(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

$$k = \lambda_j - j - \mu_i + i$$

$M = \text{transpose of } J\text{-}T \text{ matrix for } S_{\lambda/\mu}(x_1, \dots, x_N)$

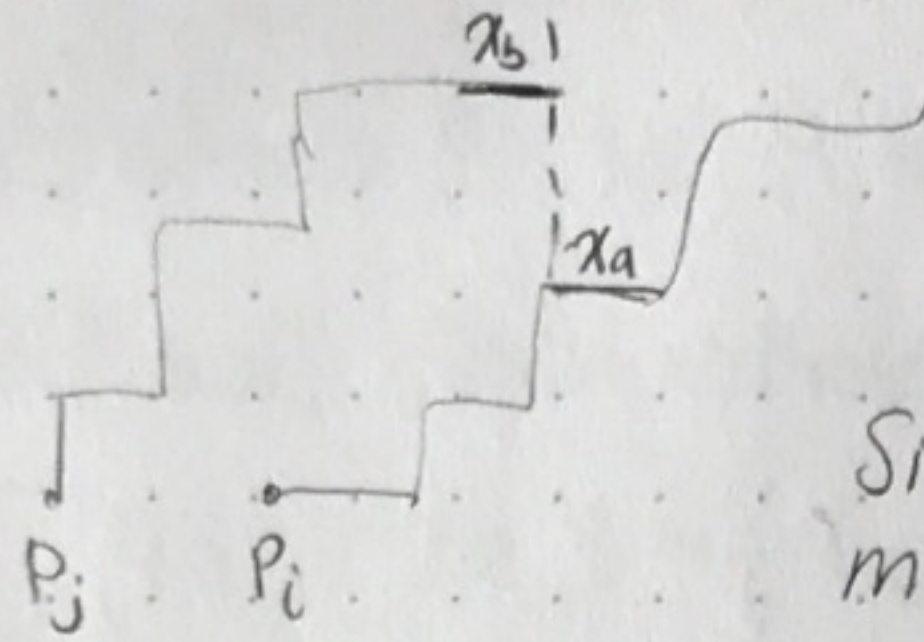
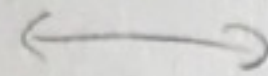
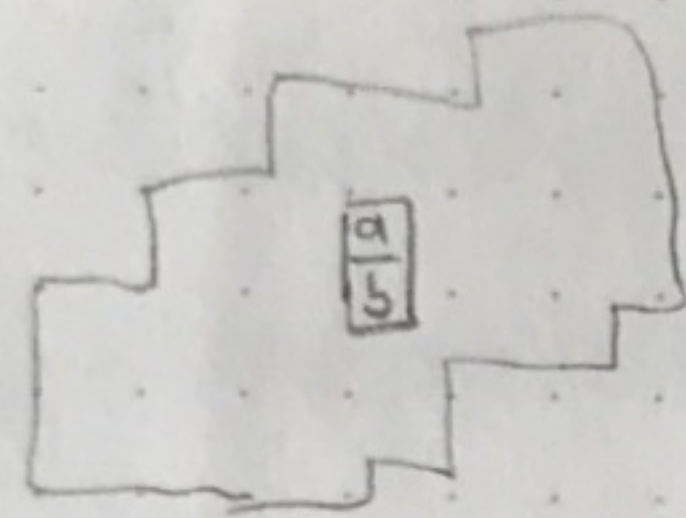
Lemma:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} n\text{-tuples of} \\ \text{noncrossing} \\ \text{paths } (P_1, \dots, P_n) \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{\text{bij}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{SSYT's} \\ \text{of shape} \\ \lambda/\mu \end{array} \right\}$

Proof by example:  $\lambda = (5, 3, 2), \mu = (2, 1, 1), N = 6$



$$\lambda - \mu = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ \hline 1 & 3 & & \\ \hline 4 & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

rows will be weakly increasing  
columns strictly increasing (otherwise paths would collide)



$x_b$  is first edge to hit start column of  $x_a$ .

Since paths are noncrossing, must have  $x_b > x_a$ .

Proof of 2<sup>nd</sup> part of Jacobi-Trudi.

Now look at grid

