

Combinatorial aspects of $\nabla(s_\lambda)$

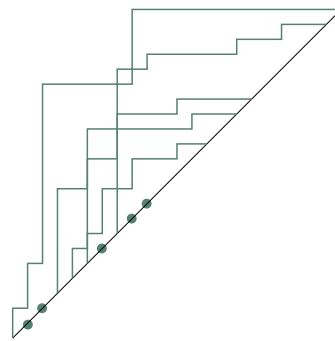
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Outline

- Big example
- Symmetry
- Proof of $\nabla(s_\lambda)$ formula*

* when $q = 1$

The ∇ operator

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However,

$$\nabla(e_n) \leftrightarrow \text{“Labeled Dyck paths”}$$

$$\nabla(p_n) \leftrightarrow \text{“Labeled square paths”}$$

Main Result

Conjecture (NL,GW). For any partition λ ,

$$\nabla(s_\lambda) = \text{sgn}(\lambda) \sum_{(\Pi,R) \in LNDP_\lambda} t^{\text{area}(\Pi,R)} q^{\text{dinv}(\Pi,R)} x_R,$$

where

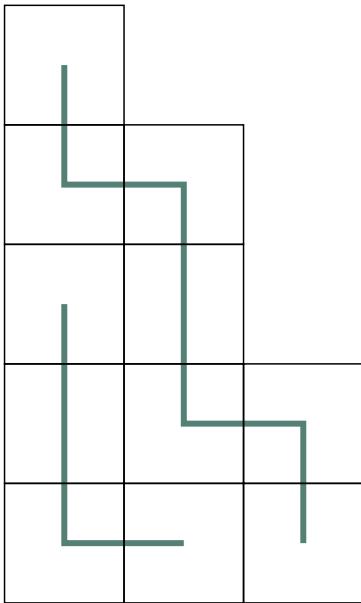
- $\Pi = (\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{\ell(\lambda')-1})$ is a tuple of **Nested Dyck Paths**
- $R = (r_0, \dots, r_{\ell(\lambda')-1})$ is a tuple of **Labels**.

Conjectural Expansions of $\nabla(s_\lambda)$

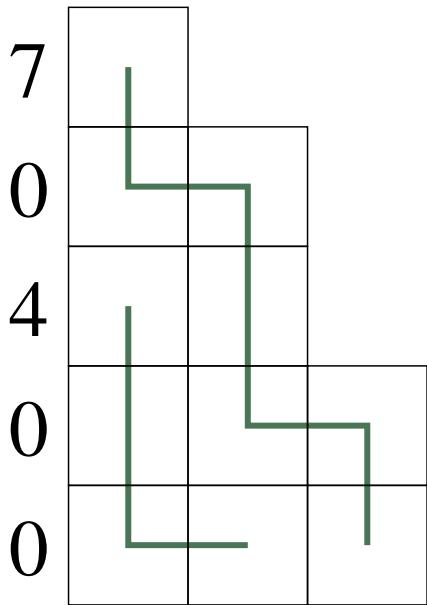
$$\nabla(s_\lambda) = \sum_{\mu} \boxed{\text{labeled, nested Dyck paths}} m_\mu$$

$$\nabla(s_\lambda) = \boxed{\text{nested Dyck paths}} s_{1^n} + \sum_{\mu \neq 1^n} \boxed{?} s_\mu$$

One term of $\nabla(s_{542})|_{m_1=1}$

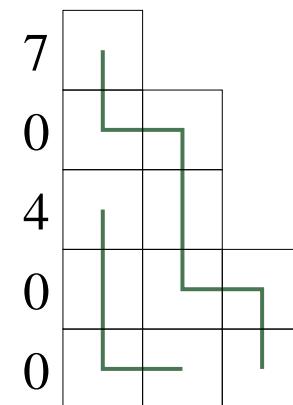
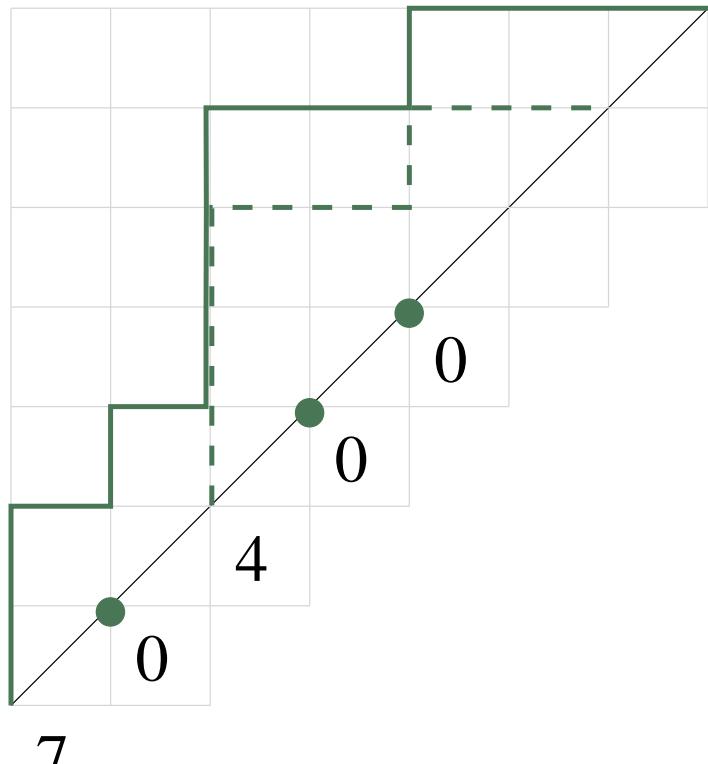


One term of $\nabla(s_{542})|_{m_111}$



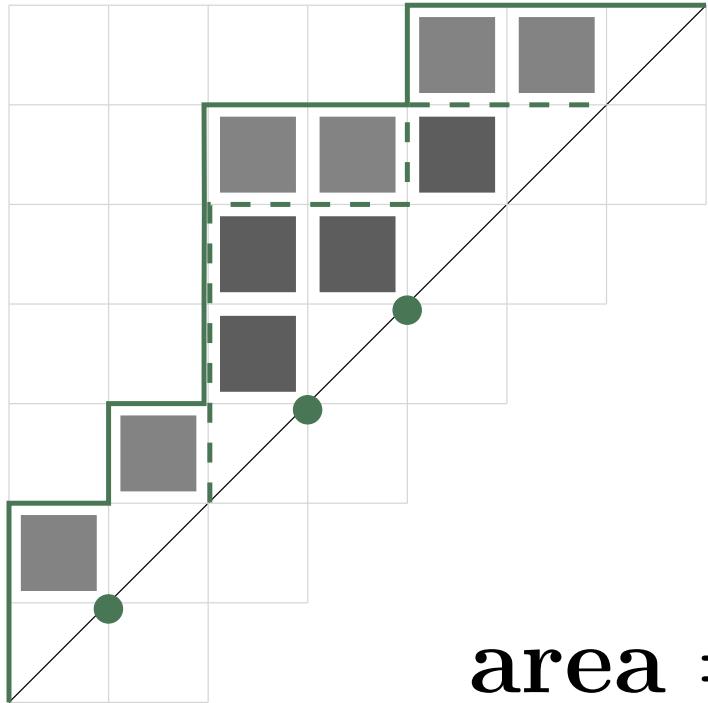
Terms in $\nabla(s_{542})|_{m_111}$ will have positive sign.

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$$(-1)^6 t \boxed{} q \boxed{} \boxed{}$$

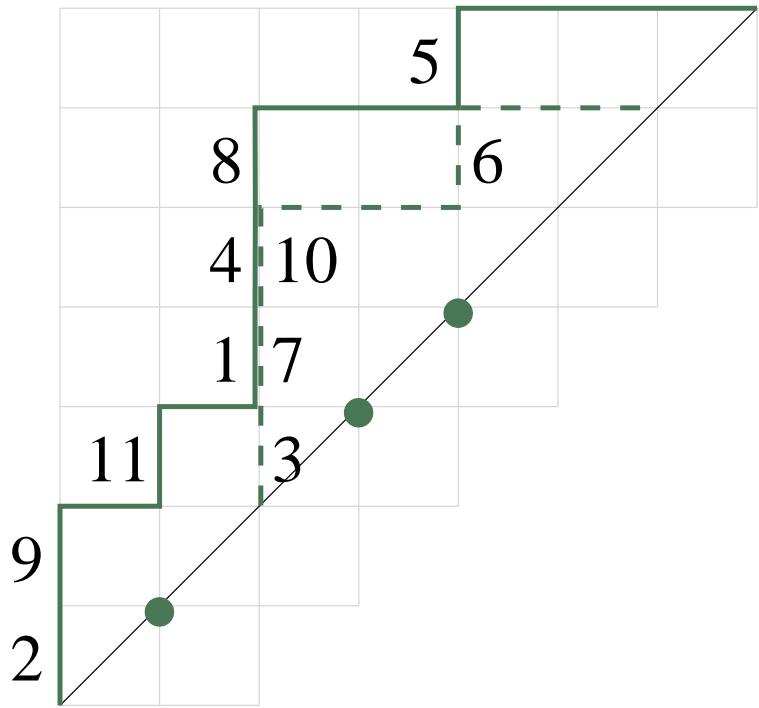
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$$\text{area} = 6 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 2$$

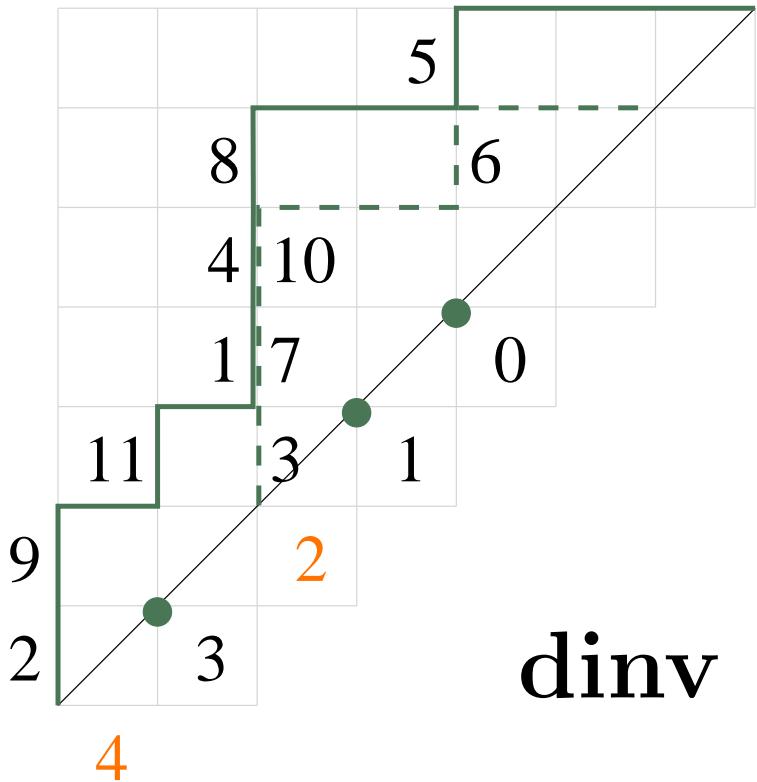
$$(-1)^6 t^{14} q^{\boxed{}} \boxed{}$$

One term of $\nabla(s_{542})|_{m_1=1}$



$$(-1)^6 t^{14} q^{\square} x_1 x_2 \cdots x_{11}$$

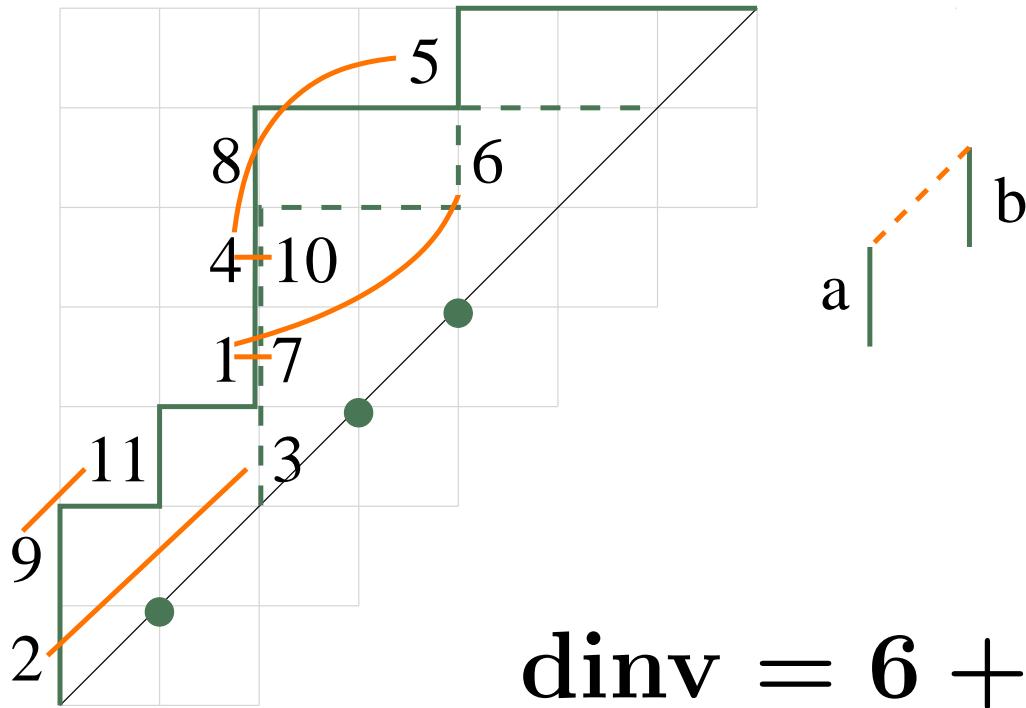
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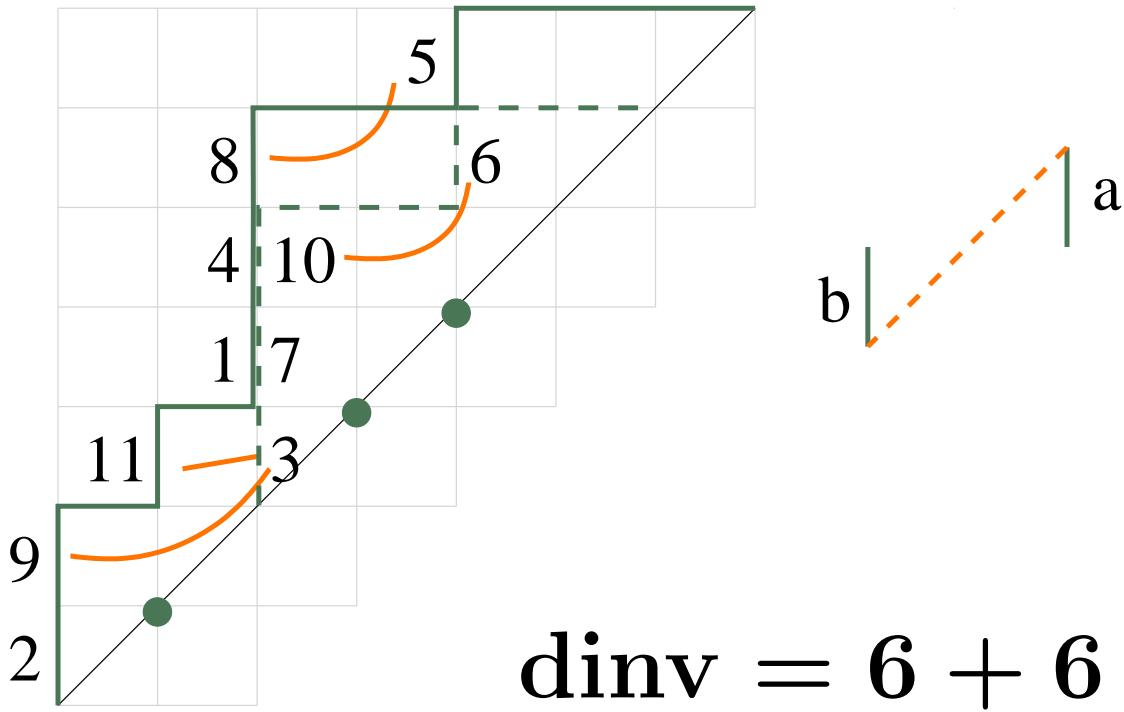
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$$(-1)^6 t^{14} q^{16} x_1 x_2 \cdots x_{11}$$

$LNDP_{\lambda}$

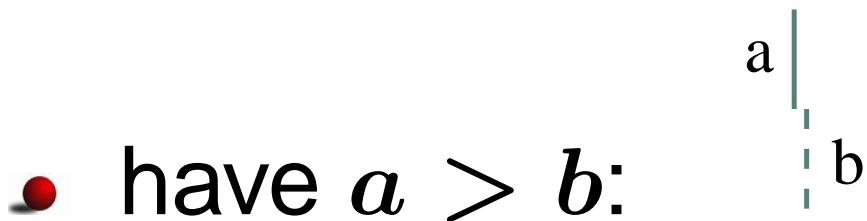
$LNDP_{\lambda} = \{(\Pi, R)\}$ as before such that

- The i -th path in Π starts at (i, i) and has length equal to that of the i -th hook from the top.
- The entries in i -th label vector in R strictly increase up columns of corresponding path.

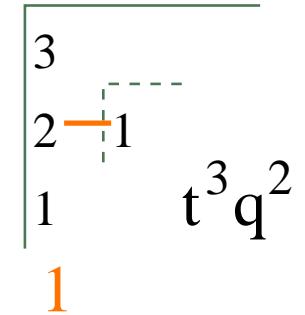
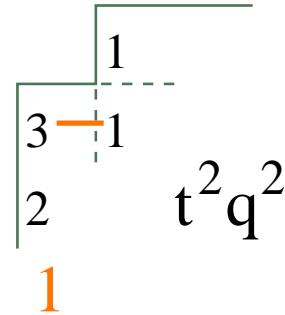
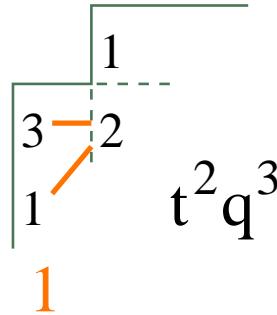
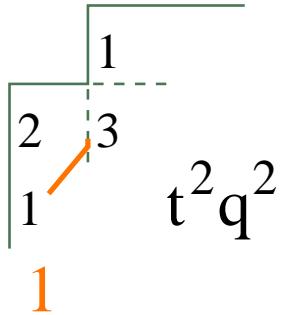
And furthermore...

Paths can't

- cross
- share east edges
- pass through another's start



Coefficient of m_{211} in $\nabla(s_{22})$

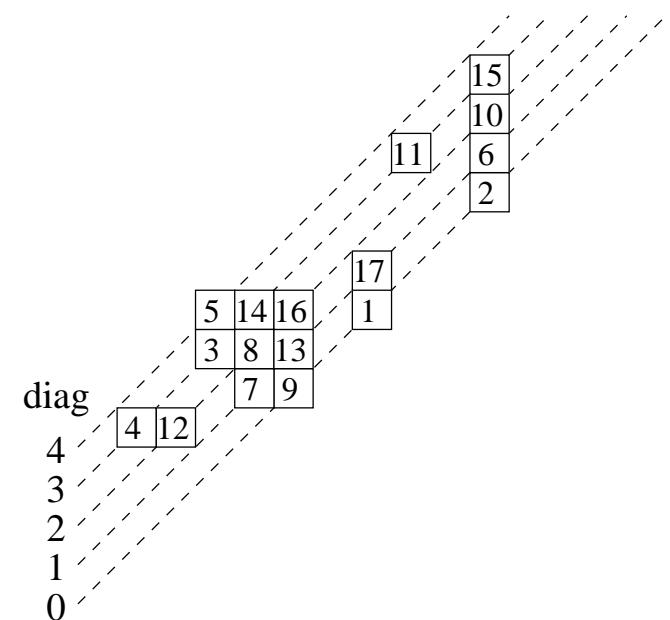
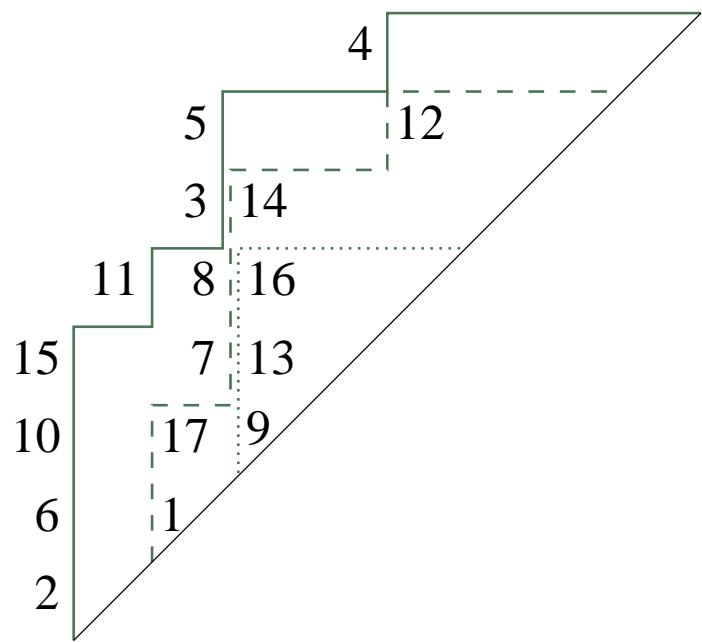


$$\nabla(s_{22}) = -t^2q^2m_{31} - t^2q^2m_{22}$$

$$-t^2q^2(2 + t + q)m_{211}$$

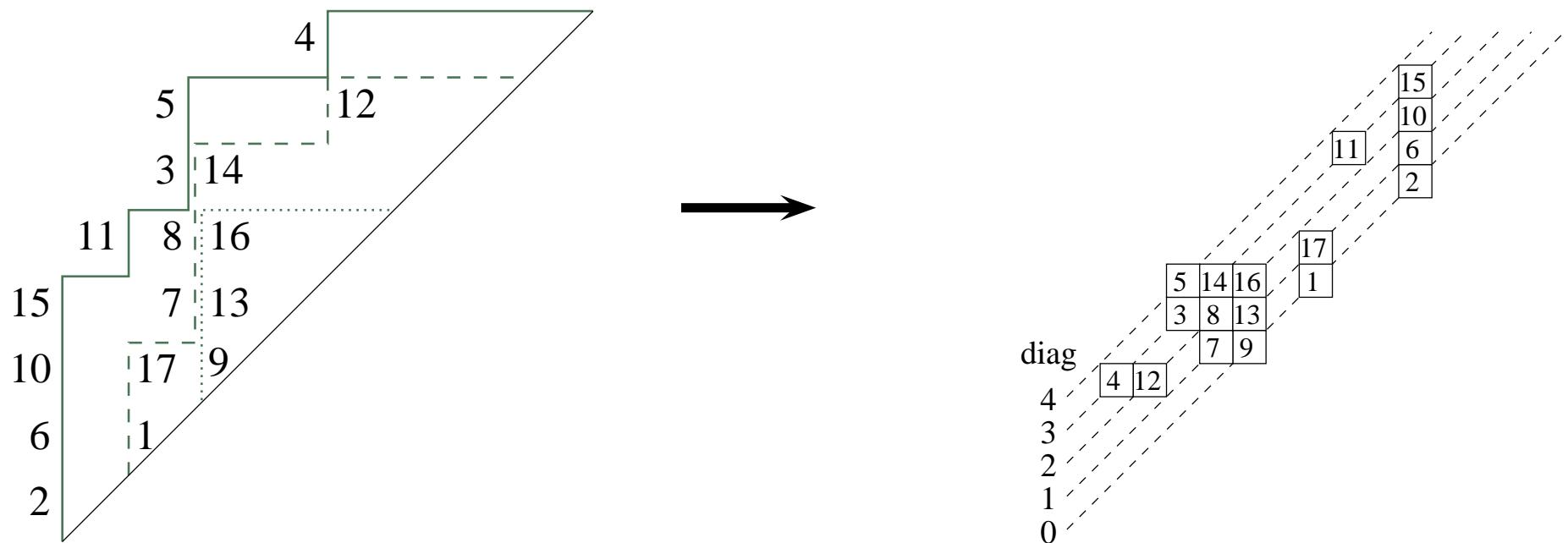
$$-t^2q^2(3t + 3q + 3 + tq)m_{1^4}$$

LLT Polynomials



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$$\sum_{R: (\Pi, R) \in LNDP_\lambda} q^{\text{dinv}(\Pi, R)} x_R = q^{\text{adj}(\lambda) + n(\Gamma(\Pi))} \sum_{T \in SSYT_{\Gamma(\Pi)}} q^{\text{dinv}(T)} x_T$$



Proof when $q = 1$

1. $\nabla_{q=1}$ (i.e., $\tilde{\nabla}$) is a ring homomorphism.
2. (G-H)

$$\nabla_{q=1}(e_n) = \sum_{\pi \in DP_n} t^{\text{area}(\pi)} e_{\alpha(\pi)},$$

where $\alpha(\pi) = (\alpha_1(\pi), \alpha_2(\pi), \dots)$ gives lengths of columns formed by consecutive north steps.

Proof when $q = 1$

3. By linearity, $\nabla_{q=1}(e_\mu)$ equals

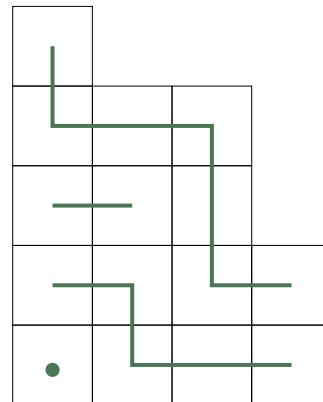
$$\sum_{(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots) \in DP_\mu} t^{\sum(\text{area}(\pi_i))} \prod_i e_{\alpha(\pi_i)}.$$

4. $s_\lambda = \sum_\mu K_{\mu, \lambda'}^{-1} e_\mu.$

(R-E) Rim hook tabloids

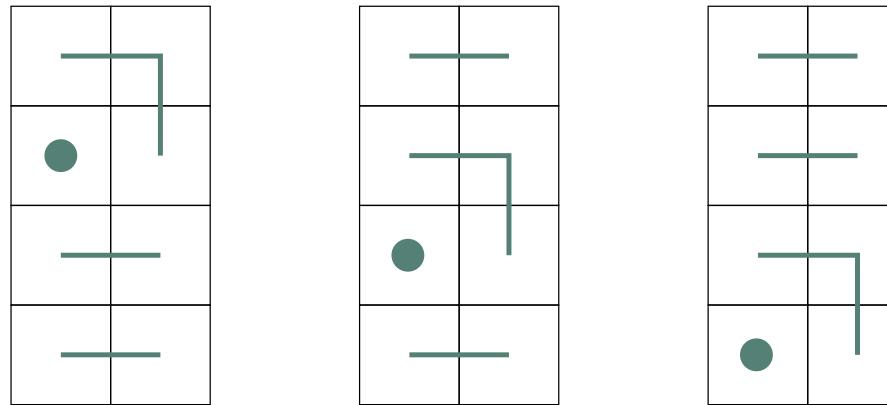
$$K_{\mu, \lambda'}^{-1} = \sum_T \text{sgn}(T)$$

where the sum is over all *special rim hook tabloids* T of shape λ' and content μ .



Inverse Kostka matrix

$$s_\lambda = \sum_{\mu} K_{\mu, \lambda'}^{-1} e_\mu$$

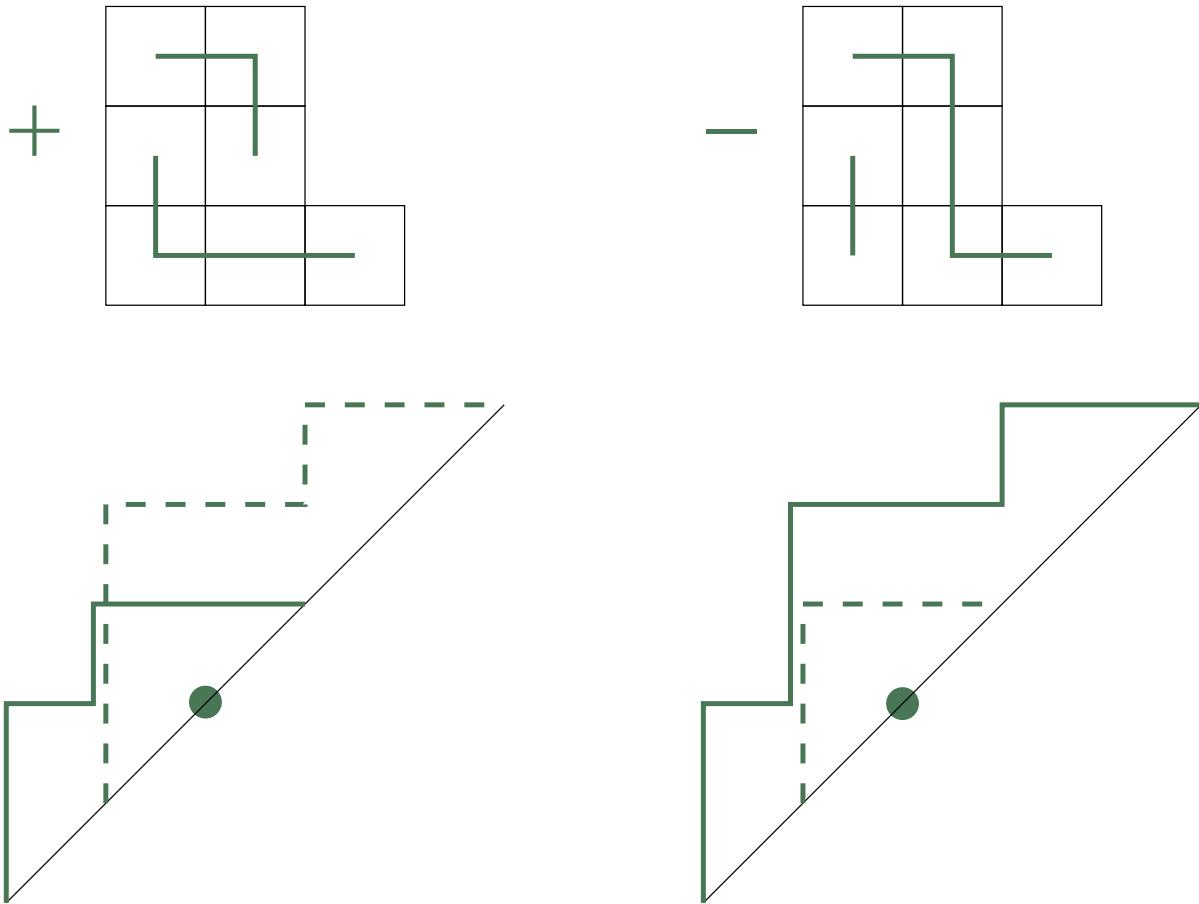


$$s_{44} = \cdots + -3e_{3221} + \cdots$$

Proof when $q = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{q=1}(s_\lambda) &= \sum_{\mu} K_{\mu, \lambda'}^{-1} \nabla_{q=1}(e_\mu) \\ &= \sum_{\mu} K_{\mu, \lambda'}^{-1} \sum_{(\pi_i) \in DP_\mu} t^{\sum \text{area}(\pi_i)} \prod_i e_{\alpha(\pi_i)} \\ &= \sum_{\mu} \sum_T \text{sgn}(T) \sum_{(\pi_i) \in LDP_\mu} t^{\sum \text{area}(\pi_i)}.\end{aligned}$$

Cancellation



$LNDP_\lambda$ conditions

- If $g_{i+1}^{(j)} = g_i^{(j)} + 1$, then $r_i^{(j)} < r_{i+1}^{(j)}$.
- The value $g_i^{(j)}$ is undefined or greater than zero for all $j < i \leq l - 1$.
- For all a and all $j < k$, either one of $g_a^{(j)}$ or $g_{a-1}^{(k)}$ is undefined, or $g_a^{(j)} > g_{a-1}^{(k)}$.
- If $g_a^{(j)}$ and $g_{a-1}^{(k)}$ are defined with $g_a^{(j)} = g_{a-1}^{(k)} + 1$, then $r_a^{(j)} \leq r_{a-1}^{(k)}$.

Dinv statistic

$$\text{dinv}(G, R) = \text{adj}(\lambda)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{u,v \\ a \leq b}} \chi(g_a^{(u)} - g_b^{(v)} = 1) \chi(r_a^{(u)} > r_b^{(v)}) \chi(a \leq b) \\ + \sum_{\substack{u,v,a,b \\ a < b \text{ or } (a=b \text{ and } u < v)}} \chi(g_a^{(u)} - g_b^{(v)} = 0) \chi(r_a^{(u)} < r_b^{(v)}).$$