Hypergeometric integrals, hook formulas, and Whittaker vectors

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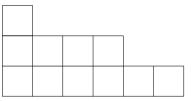
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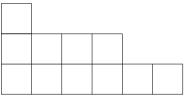
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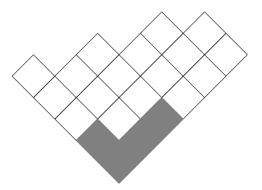
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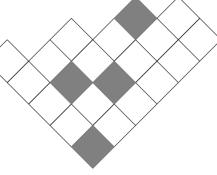


Definition

(Kreiman 2005, Ikeda, Naruse 2009) An excited diagram of the skew diagram λ/μ is a subset of λ obtained from μ by a sequence of elementary excitations.







The skew diagram $\lambda/\mu = (6,6,5,3,1)/(3,1)$

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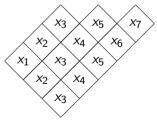
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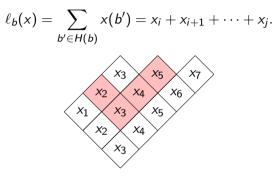
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where k_i is the number of boxes in $\lambda \setminus \mu$ labeled by x_i .

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The summation on the left is over standard Young tableaux of shape λ/μ , i.e., paths from μ to λ such that $|\mu_i - \mu_{i-1}| = 1$

Example

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(2,1),
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$$\frac{1}{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)(x_1 + x_3)x_3} + \frac{1}{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)(x_1 + x_3)x_1} = \frac{1}{x_1(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)x_3}.$$

Reformulation: Pieri-type recurrence relation

We can reformulate this theorem by saying that the right-hand side of

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- Equivariant Schubert calculus. This is the context where the formulae were discovered.
- Whittaker vectors in tensor products of dual Verma modules with fundamental modules.
- Multidimensional hypergeometric functions and 3D mirror symmetry.

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- This generalizes to generalized flag manifolds G/P and to equivariant K-theory and their quantum version.

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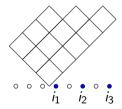
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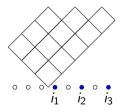
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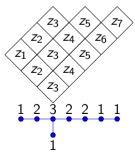
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 Sketch of proof The condition for β to be a Whittaker vector with an infinitesimal character can be translated into the Pieri-type recurrence relation for g^{λ/μ}(x)

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