### Hypergeometric integrals, hook formulas, and Whittaker vectors

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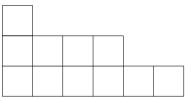
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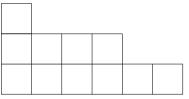
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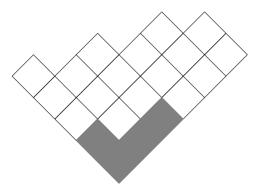
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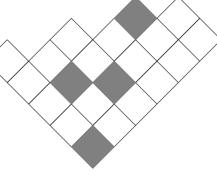


#### Definition

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







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

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• It will be convenient to define the rational numbers  $g^{\lambda/\mu} = f^{\lambda/\mu}/N!$ . Then  $g^{\lambda/\lambda} = 1$  and since  $E(\lambda/\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$  we recover the classical hook length formula

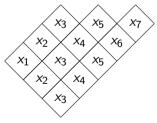
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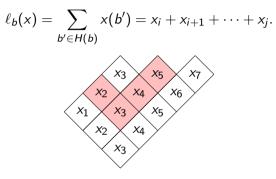
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where  $k_i$  is the number of boxes in  $\lambda \setminus \mu$  labeled by  $x_i$ .

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

#### Example

 $\lambda \equiv$ 

(2,1), 
$$\mu = \emptyset$$
.  

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

#### Reformulation: Pieri-type recurrence relation

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

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$$g^{\lambda/\lambda}(x) = 1$$

- 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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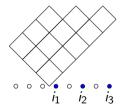
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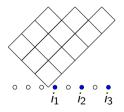
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 It follows from results of Kostant that Wh(M'<sub>t-ρ</sub> ⊗ U<sub>r</sub>) has dimension dim(U<sub>r</sub>) = (<sup>n</sup><sub>r</sub>). How does the centre Z act?

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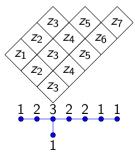
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 Sketch of proof The condition for β to be a Whittaker vector with an infinitesimal character can be translated into the Pieri-type recurrence relation for g<sup>λ/μ</sup>(x)

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