

# Limit behavior of tilings via Algebraic Combinatorics

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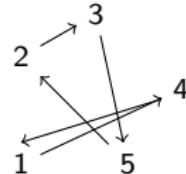
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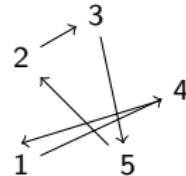


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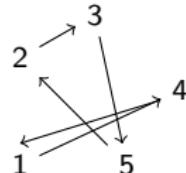
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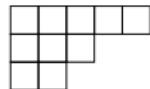
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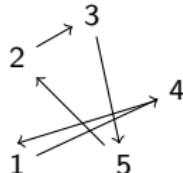


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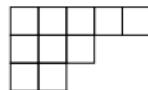
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**Basis for  $\mathbb{S}_\lambda$ :** **Standard Young Tableaux** of shape  $\lambda$ :  $\lambda = (3, 2)$

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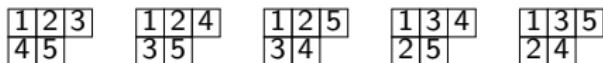
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**Schur functions:** characters of  $V_\lambda$

$$Tr_{V_\lambda}(\text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_N)) = s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

**Weyl's determinantal formula:**

$$s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\det \left[ x_i^{\lambda_j + N - j} \right]_{ij=1}^N}{\prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)}$$

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$$s_{(2,2)}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_1^2 x_3^2 + x_2^2 x_3^2 + x_1^2 x_2 x_3 + x_1 x_2^2 x_3 + x_1 x_2 x_3^2.$$

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# Schur functions in statistical mechanics

## Characters of $U(\infty)$ , boundary of the Gelfand-Tsetlin graph

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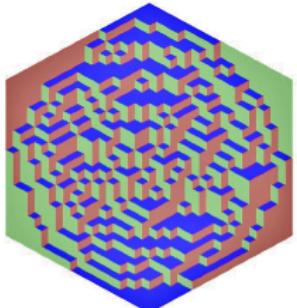
## Alternating Sign Matrices (ASM) / 6-Vertex model:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

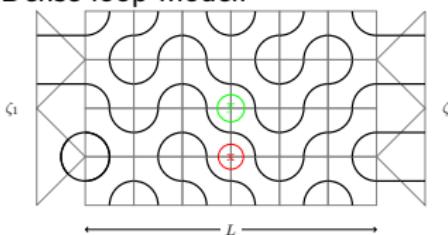
### Normalized Schur functions:

$$S_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_k; N) = \frac{s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_k, 1^{N-k})}{s_\lambda(1^N)}$$

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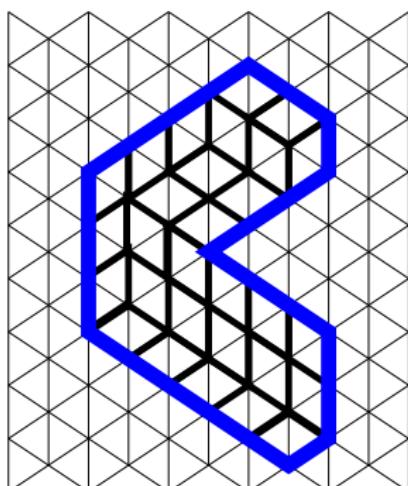
Dense loop model:



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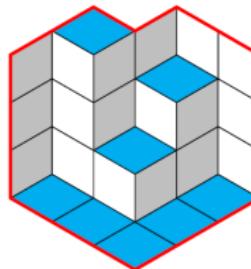
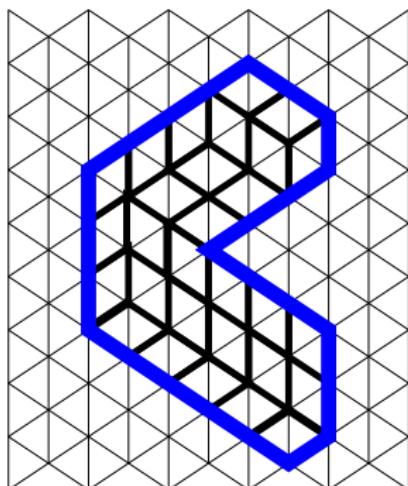
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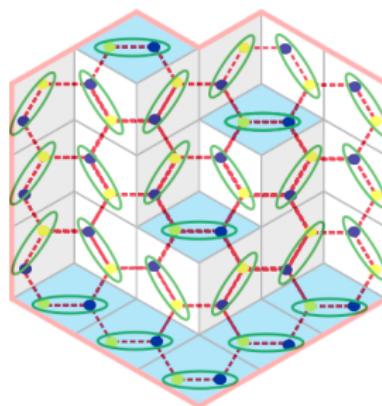
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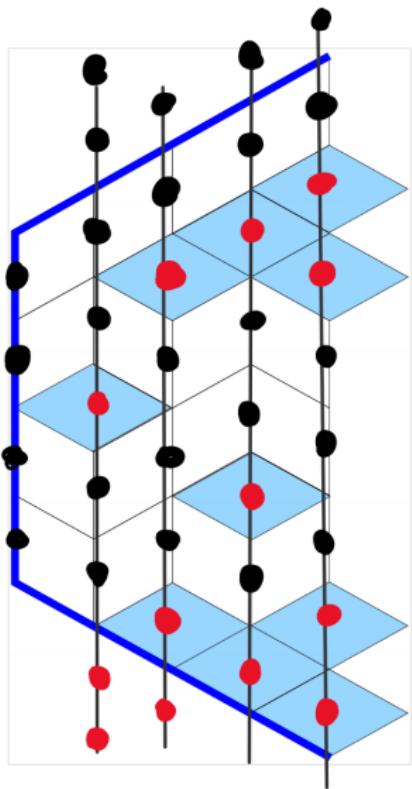
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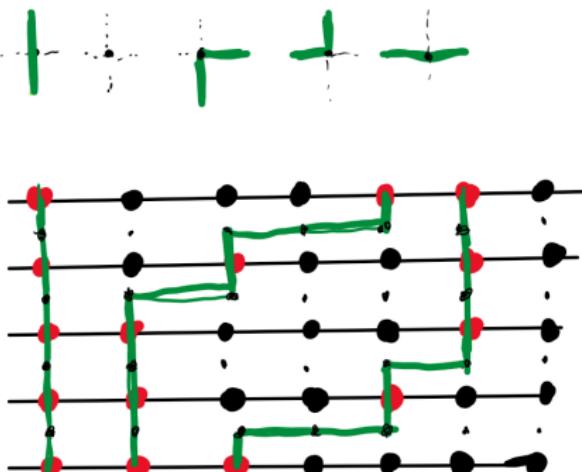
Dimer covers on the hexagonal grid



## Particles and 5 vertex model

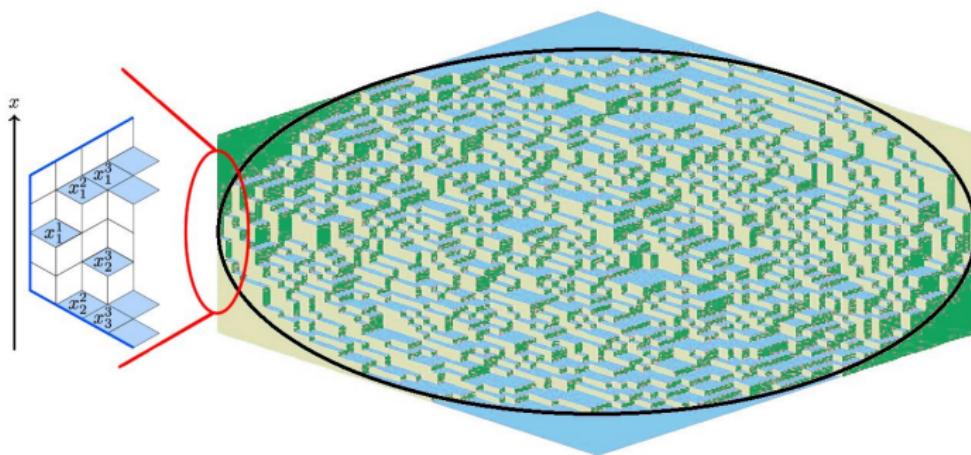


5 vertex model  
<-> non-intersecting lattice paths



## Classical questions: limit behavior

**Question:** Fix  $\Omega$  in the plane and let *grid size*  $\rightarrow 0$ , what are the properties of uniformly random tilings of  $\Omega$ ?



Frozen regions (polygonal domains), “limit shapes” of the surface of the height function (plane partition).

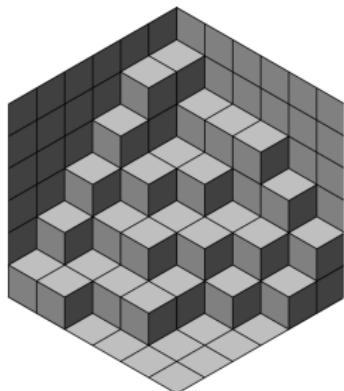
([Cohn–Larsen–Propp, 1998], [Kenyon–Okounkov, 2005], [Cohn–Kenyon–Propp, 2001; Kenyon–Okounkov–Sheffield, 2006] )

Behavior near boundary: Gaussian Unitary Ensemble eigenvalues, conjectured by [Okounkov–Reshetikhin, 2006], proofs – hexagon [Johansson–Nordenstam, 2006], [Gorin–Panova, 2013]

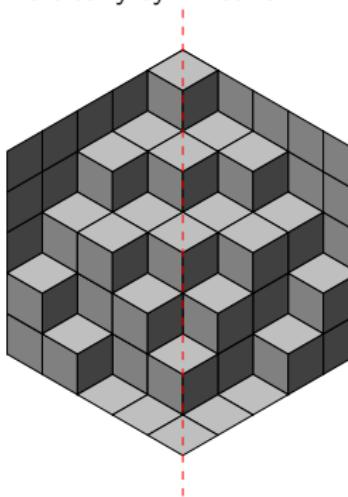
## Unrestricted (uniform) vs symmetric

Tilings of the hexagon  $a \times b \times c \times a \times b \times c$ , s.t.

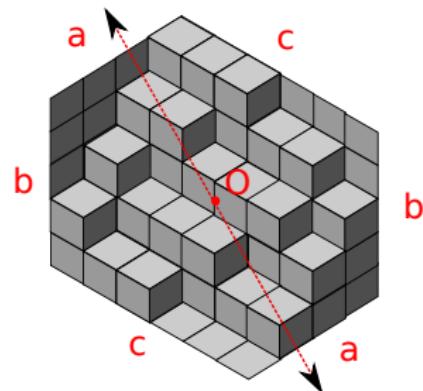
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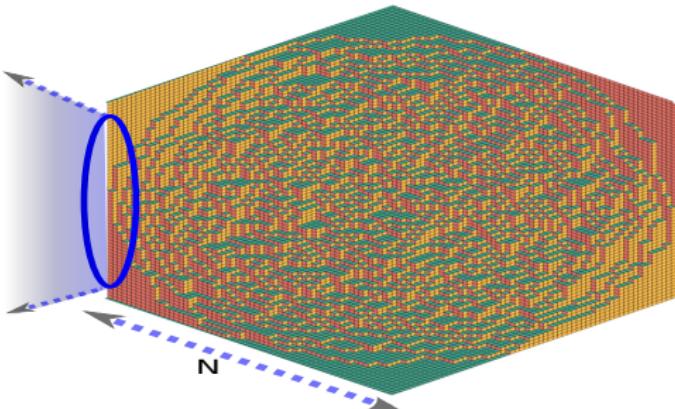
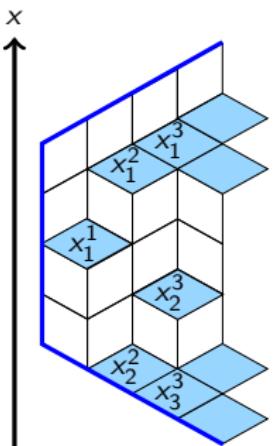


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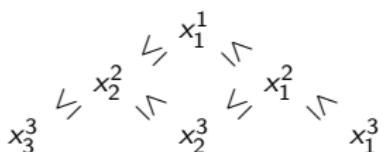


Limit behavior: fluctuations near the boundary, limit surface, CLT?

## Behavior near the flat boundary:



Horizontal lozenges near a flat boundary:



**Question:** Joint distribution of  $\{x_j^i\}_{i=1}^k$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  (rescaled)?

**Conjecture** [Okounkov–Reshetikhin, 2006]:

Fixed boundary: The joint distribution converges to a *GUE-corners* (aka *GUE-minors*) process: eigenvalues of GUE matrices.

Proofs: hexagonal domain [Johansson-Nordenstam, 2006], more general domains [Gorin-P, 2012], [Novak, 2014], unbounded [Mkrtchyan, 2013], symmetric tilings [P, 2014, 2015]

## Behavior near the flat boundary: GUE

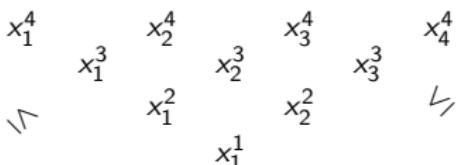
**GUE:** matrices  $A = [A_{ij}]_{i,j}$ :  $A = \overline{A^T}$

$\operatorname{Re} A_{ij}, \operatorname{Im} A_{ij}$  – i.i.d.  $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/2)$ ,  $i \neq j$

$A_{ii}$  – i.i.d.  $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|cc|cc|cc} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & A_{14} & & \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & A_{24} & & \\ \hline A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & A_{34} & & \\ \hline A_{41} & A_{42} & A_{43} & A_{44} & & \end{array} \right) \quad (x_1^k \leq x_2^k \leq \cdots \leq x_k^k) - \text{eigenvalues of } [A_{i,j}]_{i,j=1}^k$$

*Interlacing condition:*  $x_{i-1}^j \leq x_{i-1}^{j-1} \leq x_i^j$



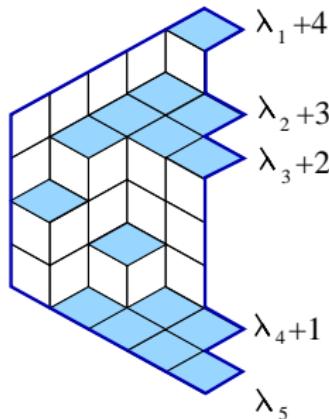
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**GUE-corners** (also, **GUE-minors**) process,  $=: \text{GUE}_k$ .

## Tilings setup

Domain  $\Omega_{\lambda(N)}$ :

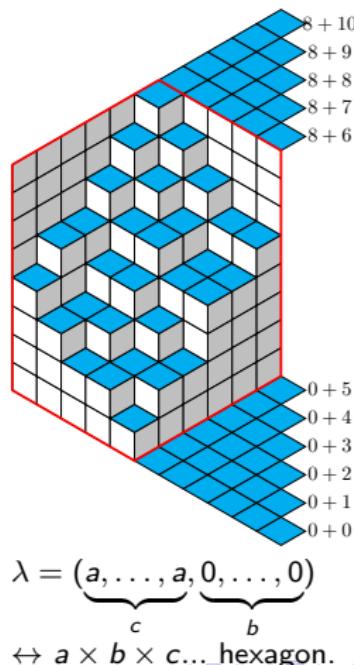
positions of the  $N$  horizontal lozenges on right boundary are:

$$\lambda(N)_1 + N - 1 > \lambda(N)_2 + N - 2 > \cdots > \lambda(N)_N$$

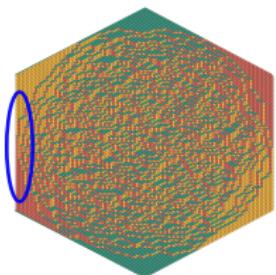
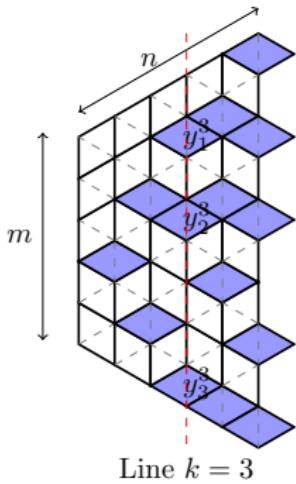


$$\lambda(5) = (4, 3, 3, 0, 0)$$

$(\frac{1}{N}\Omega_{\lambda(N)})$  is *not necessarily a finite polygon as  $N \rightarrow \infty$* , e.g.  
 $\lambda(N) = (N, N-1, \dots, 2, 1))$



## Behavior near the flat left boundary



### Theorem

Let  $Y_n^k = (y_1^k, \dots, y_k^k)$  – horizontal lozenges on  $k$ th line of a uniformly random tiling  $T \in \mathcal{T}_n$ . As  $n \rightarrow \infty$  the collection

$$\left\{ \frac{Y_n^j - \mu_n}{\sqrt{n}\sigma_n} \right\}_{j=1}^k \rightarrow \text{GUE}_k$$

weakly as RVs, where

- $\mathcal{T}_n$  – all tilings of a hexagon [Johansson-Nordenstam].
- $\mathcal{T}_n = \Omega_{\lambda(n)} - \mu_n = E(f)$ ,  $\sigma_n = S(f)$ , " $f(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda(n)_{nt}}{n}$ " [Gorin-P, 2013].
- $\mathcal{T}_n$  – vertically symmetric lozenge tilings of a  $n \times m \times n..$  hexagon,  $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m/n$ ,  $\mu_n = m/2$ ,  $\sigma_n = \frac{a^2+2a}{8}$  [P, 2014].
- $\mathcal{T}_n$  – centrally-symmetric tilings of a  $a \times b \times c\dots$  hexagon with  $a = 2qn$ ,  $b = 2pn$ ,  $c = 2(1-q)n$ :  $\mu_n = 2pqn$  and  $\sigma_n = 2pq(1-q)(1+p)$  [P, 2015+].

## Limit shape (surface)

### Theorem (P)

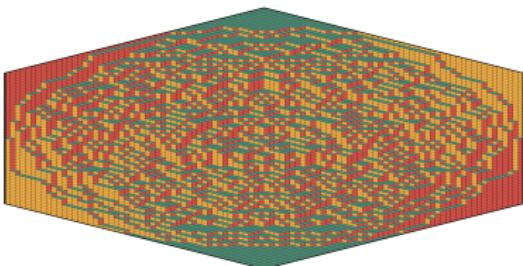
Let  $H_n(u, v)$  – height function of a uniformly random tiling from a set  $\mathcal{T}_n$ , i.e.

$$H_n(u, v) = \frac{1}{n} y_{[nv]}^{\lfloor nu \rfloor} - v,$$

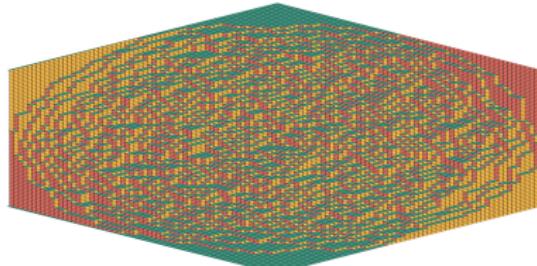
where  $y_i^k$  is the vertical height of the  $i$ th horizontal lozenge on the  $k$ th vertical line (left to right). For all  $1 \geq u \geq v \geq 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have that  $H_n(u, v)$  converges uniformly in probability to a deterministic function  $L(u, v)$  ("the limit shape"), which can be computed explicitly... when  $\mathcal{T}_n$  is

- $\mathcal{T}_n$  – polygonal domain [Cohn, Kenyon, Larsen, Propp, Okounkov]
- $\mathcal{T}_n = \Omega_{\lambda(n)}$  for "nice" family  $\lambda(n)$  [Bufetov-Gorin].
- $\mathcal{T}_n$  – symmetric tilings [P, 2014].
- $\mathcal{T}_n$  – centrally symmetric tilings [P, 2015+].

Symmetric:



General:



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Lozenge tilings with right boundary  $\lambda(N)$

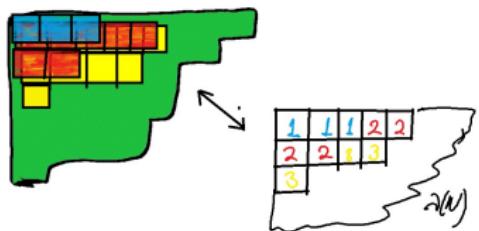
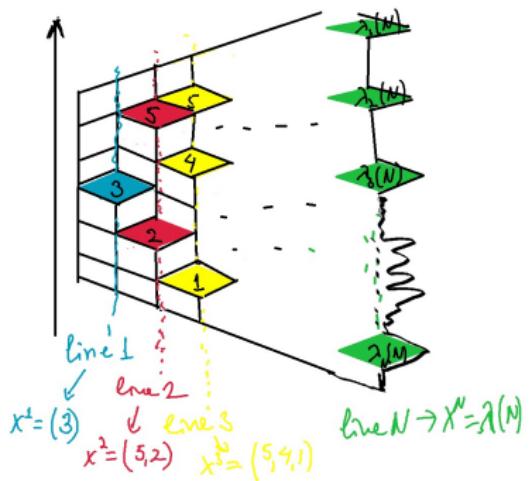
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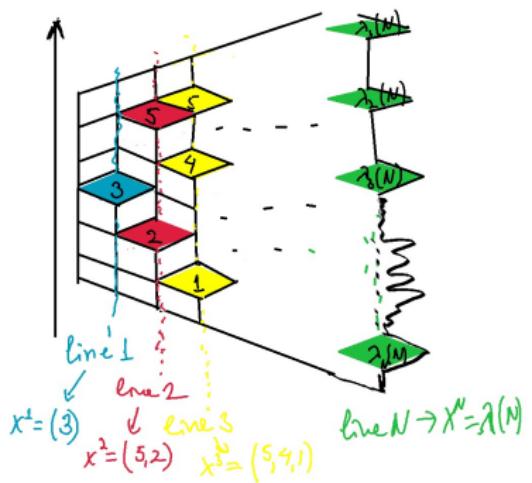
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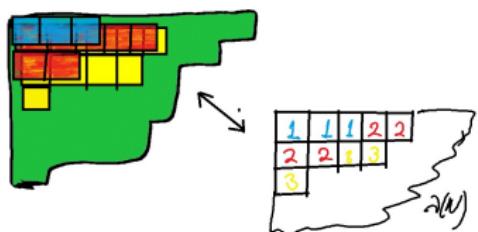
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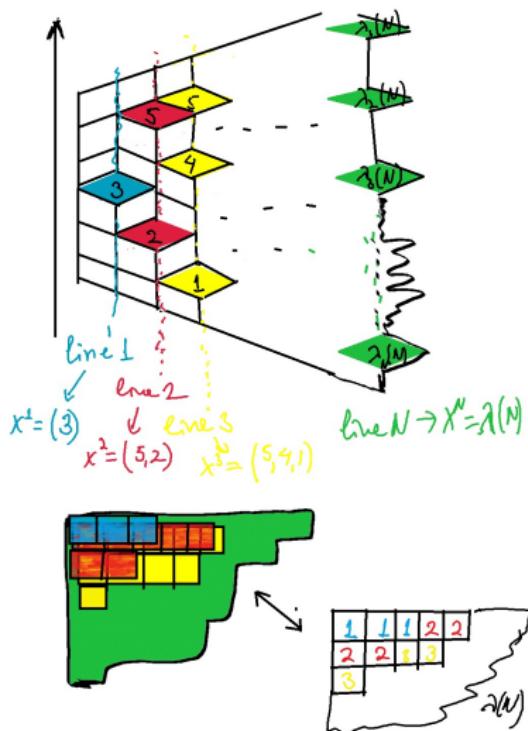
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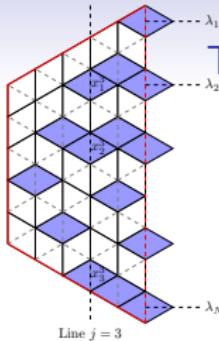
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**Proposition** [Gorin-P] For any variables  $y_1, \dots, y_k$ , the **Schur Generating Function** of  $x^k$  is

$$\mathbb{E} \left( \frac{s_{x^k}(y_1, \dots, y_k)}{s_{x^k}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_k)} \right) = \frac{s_\lambda(y_1, \dots, y_k, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{N-k})}{s_\lambda(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_N)} =: S_\lambda(y_1, \dots, y_k).$$



## The explicit Schur Generating Functions<sup>1</sup>

$\mathcal{T}_n$  – set of tilings,  $x^j(T)$  – horizontal lozenge positions on line  $j$  of  $T \in \mathcal{T}_n$

MGF:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{s_{x^k}(T)(y_1, \dots, y_k)}{s_{x^k}(T) \underbrace{(1, \dots, 1)}_k} \mid T \sim \text{Unif}(\mathcal{T}_n) \right] = \sum_{\nu} \frac{s_{\nu}(y_1, \dots, y_k)}{s_{\nu}(1^k)} \Pr(x^k(T) = \nu) = \dots$$

- $= S_{\lambda(n)}(y_1, \dots, y_k) = \frac{s_{\lambda(n)}(y_1, \dots, y_k, 1^{n-k})}{s_{\lambda(n)}(1^n)}$  for  $\mathcal{T}_n = \Omega_{\lambda(n)}$ .
- $= \prod_i y_i^{m/2} \cdot \frac{s_{\sigma}(\frac{m}{2})^n(y_1, \dots, y_k, 1^{n-k})}{s_{\sigma}(\frac{m}{2})^n(1^n)}$  for  $\mathcal{T}_n$  – symmetric tilings of  $n \times m \times n \dots$
- $= S_{(\frac{b}{2})^a/2}(y_1, \dots, y_k)^2$  for  $\mathcal{T}_n$  – centrally symmetric tilings of  $a \times b \times c \dots$  hexagon.

<sup>1</sup>from [Gorin-Panova, *Ann. Prob.*], [Panova, *Comm. Math. Phys.*], [Panova, in prep]

## Tilings probability III: MGF asymptotics

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$$S_\lambda(y_1, \dots, y_k) = \mathbb{E}_{\text{tiling}} \left( \frac{s_{x^k}(y_1, \dots, y_k)}{s_{x^k}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_k)} \right)$$

**Proposition (Gorin-P)**

For any  $k$  real numbers  $h_1, \dots, h_k$  and  $\lambda(N)/N \rightarrow f$  we have:

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## Tilings probability III: MGF asymptotics

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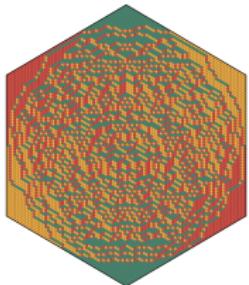
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Our cases: MGF = normalized Schur  $S_{\lambda(n)}$ , SO characters, etc.

**Asymptotics** using [Gorin-P, 2013] for fixed  $r$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln S_{\lambda(n)}(u_1, \dots, u_r) = \sum_{i=1}^r \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln S_{\lambda(n)}(u_i) = \sum_{i=1}^r \Phi(u_i)$$

# Limit surface for symmetric tilings



## Theorem (P, 2014)

Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $m/n \rightarrow a$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $a \in (0, +\infty)$ . Let  $H_n(u, v)$  – height function of a symmetric tiling of  $n \times m \times n \dots$  hexagon, i.e.

$$H_n(u, v) = \frac{1}{n} y_{\lfloor nv \rfloor}^{\lfloor nu \rfloor} - v.$$

For all  $1 \geq u \geq v \geq 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ :  
 $H_n(u, v)$  converges unif. in prob. to a deterministic function  $L(u, v)$  ("the limit surface").

For any fixed  $u \in (0, 1)$ ,  $L(u, v)$  is the distribution function of the measure  $\mathbf{m}$ , given by its moments:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} t^r \mathbf{m}(dt) = \sum_{\ell=0}^r \binom{r}{\ell} \frac{1}{(\ell+1)!} u^{-r+\ell} \left. \frac{\partial^\ell}{\partial z^\ell} z^p \Phi'_a(z)^{p-\ell} \right|_{z=1},$$

where  $\Phi_a(e^y) = y^{\frac{a}{2}} + 2\phi(y; a) - 2$  and...

$$\begin{aligned} h(y) &= \frac{1}{4} \left( (e^y + 1) + \sqrt{(e^y + 1)^2 + 4(a^2 + a)(e^y - 1)^2} \right) \\ \phi(y; a) &= \left( \frac{a}{2} + 1 \right) \ln \left( h(y) - \left( \frac{a}{2} + 1 \right)(e^y - 1) \right) - \left( \frac{a}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( h(y) - \left( \frac{a}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)(e^y - 1) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{a}{2} \ln \left( h(y) + \frac{a}{2}(e^y - 1) \right) - \left( \frac{a}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left( h(y) + \left( \frac{a}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right)(e^y - 1) \right) \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem (P, 2015+)

The scaled height function  $H_n(u, v)$  of a centrally symmetric tiling of an  $a \times b \times c \dots$  hexagon converges uniformly in probability to a deterministic function  $L(u, v)$  – the limit surface, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $n = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$  and  $a/n, b/n$  – approx constant.

The limit surface coincides with the limit surface for the uniformly random tilings of the hexagon (without symmetry constraints).

# Behind the scene: asymptotics of symmetric functions

$$S_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k) := \frac{s_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{N-k})}{s_{\lambda(N)}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_N)} \quad (\text{similarly, other characters})$$

**Theorem [Gorin-P]** For any partition  $\lambda$  and any  $x \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  we have

$$S_\lambda(x; N, 1) = \frac{(N-1)!}{(x-1)^{N-1}} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{x^z}{\prod_{i=1}^N (z - (\lambda_i + N - i))} dz,$$

**Theorem [Gorin-P]** If  $\frac{\lambda(N)}{N} \rightarrow f(\frac{i}{N})$  [under certain convergence conditions], for all fixed  $y \neq 0$ :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \ln S_{\lambda(N)}(e^y; N, 1) = yw_0 - \mathcal{F}(w_0) - 1 - \ln(e^y - 1),$$

where  $\mathcal{F}(w; f) = \int_0^1 \ln(w - f(t) - 1 + t) dt$ ,  $w_0$  – root of  $\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \mathcal{F}(w; f) = y$ . If  $\frac{\lambda(N)}{N} \rightarrow f(\frac{i}{N})$  ["other" conv. cond.], for any fixed  $h \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$S_{\lambda(N)}(e^{h/\sqrt{N}}; N, 1) = \exp \left( \sqrt{N} E(f) h + \frac{1}{2} S(f) h^2 + o(1) \right),$$

$$\text{where } E(f) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt, \quad S(f) = \int_0^1 (f(t) - t + 1/2)^2 dt - 1/6 - E(f)^2.$$

**Multivariate:** [Gorin-P] Let  $D_{i,1} = x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $\Delta$  – Vandermonde det, then

$$S_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_k; N) = \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{(N-i)!}{(N-1)!(x_i-1)^{N-k}} \times \frac{\det[D_{i,1}^{j-1}]_{i,j=1}^k}{\Delta(x_1, \dots, x_k)} \prod_{j=1}^k S_\lambda(x_j; N, 1) (x_j - 1)^{N-1}.$$

**Corollary [Gorin-P]**

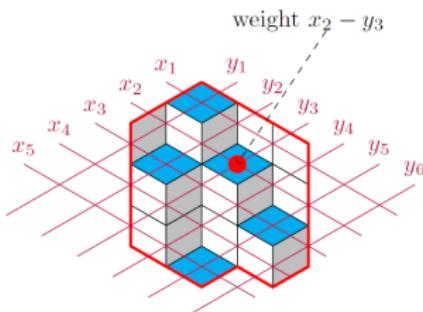
$$\text{If } \frac{\ln(S_{\lambda(N)}(x; N, 1))}{N} \rightarrow \Psi(x) \text{ unif. on a compact } M \subset \mathbb{C}. \text{ Then for any } k$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(S_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k; N, 1))}{N} = \Psi(x_1) + \dots + \Psi(x_k)$$

uniformly on  $M^k$ . More informally, under various regimes of convergence for  $\lambda(N)$  we have

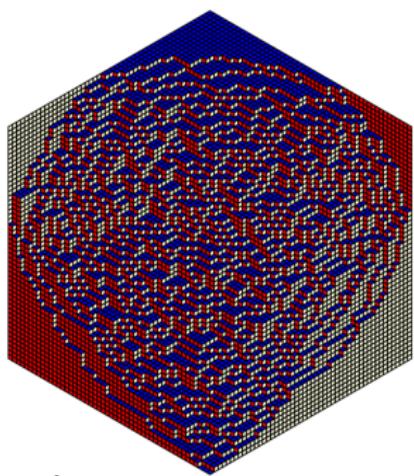
$$S_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \sim S_{\lambda(N)}(x_1) \cdots S_{\lambda(N)}(x_k).$$

## Multivariate local weights

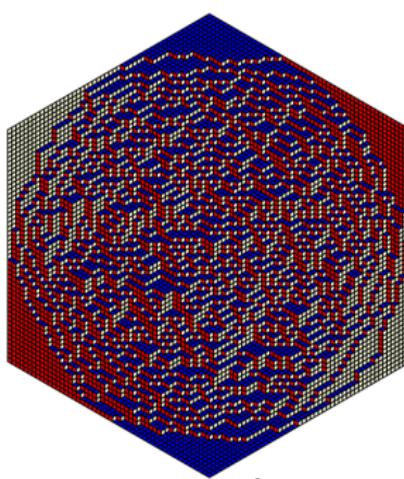


$$\text{Total weight} = \prod_{\substack{\text{at } (i,j)}} (x_i - y_j)$$

$$(x_1 - y_1)(x_2 - y_3)(x_3 - y_5)(x_3 - y_2)(x_5 - y_5).$$



at  $(i,j) = 2N - (i+j)$



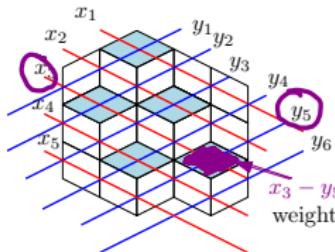
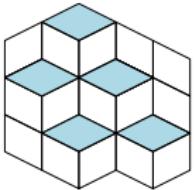
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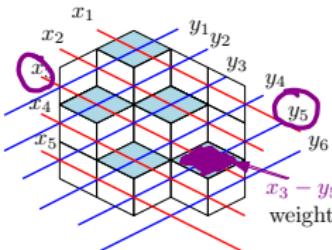
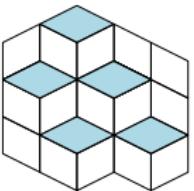
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where

$$A_{i,j}(\mu, d) := \begin{cases} \frac{(x_i - y_1) \cdots (x_i - y_{d+\ell(\mu)-j})}{(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_{d+\ell(\mu)})}, & \text{when } j = \ell(\mu) + 1, \dots, \ell(\mu) + d, \\ \frac{(x_i - y_1) \cdots (x_i - y_{\mu_j+d})}{(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_{d+j})}, & \text{when } j = i - d, \dots, \ell(\mu), \\ 0, & \text{when } j < i - d. \end{cases}$$

## Corollary (Krattenthaler, Stanley etc)

Consider the set  $PP(\mu, d)$  of plane partitions of base  $\mu$  and entries less than or equal to  $d$ . Then their volume generating function is given by the following determinantal formula

$$\sum_{P \in PP(\mu, d)} q^{|P|} = q^{\sum_r r\mu_r} \det[C_{i,j}]_{i,j=1}^{\ell+d},$$

where

$$C_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{d+\ell-i} q^{(d-i)(d+\ell-j) - \frac{(d-i+\ell)(d-i-\ell-1)}{2}}}{(q;q)_{d+\ell-i}}, & \text{when } j = \ell + 1, \dots, \ell + d, \\ \frac{(-1)^{d+j-i} q^{(d-i)(\mu_j+d) - \frac{(d+j-i)(d-i-j-1)}{2}}}{(q;q)_{d+j-i}}, & \text{when } j = i - d, \dots, \ell, \\ 0, & \text{when } j < i - d, \end{cases}$$

where  $(q; q)_m = (1 - q) \cdots (1 - q^m)$  is the  $q$ -Pochhammer symbol.

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## Theorem (Morales-Pak-P)

Consider tilings of the  $a \times b \times c \times a \times b \times c$  (base  $a \times b$ , height  $c$ ) hexagon with horizontal lozenges having weights  $x_i - y_j$ , i.e. tilings  $\Omega_{a,b,c}$  with rectangular base  $\mu = a \times b$  and height  $c$ . The partition function is given by

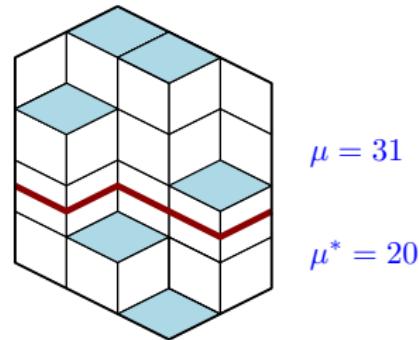
$$Z(a, b, c) := \sum_{T \in \Omega_{a,b,c}} \prod_{(i,j) \in T} (x_i - y_j) = \det \left[ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{(x_j - y_1) \cdots (x_j - y_{c+a-j})}{(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_{c+a})} & \text{if } j > a \\ \frac{(x_j - y_1) \cdots (x_j - y_{b+c})}{(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_{c+j})} & \text{if } j = i - c, \dots, a \\ 0, & \text{if } j < i - c \end{array} \right]_{i,j=1}^{a+c}$$

Consider a path  $P(d_1, \dots)$  consisting of vertical lozenges (i.e. not the horizontal lozenges) passing through the points  $(i, d_i)$  ( $i$ th vertical line, distance of the midpoint  $d_i + 1/2$  from the top axes) (necessarily  $|d_i - d_{i+1}| \leq 1$ ,  $d_i \leq d_{i+1}$  if  $i \leq b$  and  $d_i \geq d_{i+1}$  if  $i > b$ , and  $d_1 = d_{a+b}$ ).

The probability that such path exists is given by

$$\text{Prob(path)} = \frac{\det[A_{i,j}(\mu, d)] \det[\bar{A}_{i,j}(\bar{\mu}, c-d-1)]}{\gamma}$$

where  $d := d_1$ ,  $\ell(\mu) = b$ ,  $\mu_1 = a$  and  $\mu$  is given by its diagonals  $-(d_1 - d, d_2 - d, \dots)$ , and  $\bar{\mu}$  is the complement of  $\mu$  in  $a \times b$ . The matrix  $\bar{A}$  is defined as in previous Theorem with the substitution of  $x_i$  by  $x_{a+c+1-i}$  and  $y_j$  by  $y_{b+c+1-j}$ .



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e.g. for  $\lambda = (5, 4, 4, 2)$ ,  $\mu = (2, 2, 1)$ :

|    |   |    |
|----|---|----|
| 2  | 3 | 6  |
| 7  | 8 |    |
| 1  | 5 | 10 |
| 4  | 9 |    |
| 11 |   |    |

When  $\mu = \emptyset$  – straight shape SYTs:

|   |   |   |   |
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| 6 |   |   |   |

**Hook-length formula** [Frame-Robinson-Thrall]:

$$\dim \mathbb{S}_\lambda = \#\{\text{SYTs of shape } \lambda\} = f^\lambda = \frac{|\lambda|!}{\prod_{u \in \lambda} h_u} = \frac{8!}{6 * 4 * 3 * 1 * 4 * 2 * 1 * 1}$$

Hook length of box  $u = (i, j) \in \lambda$ :  $h_u = \lambda_i - j + \lambda'_j - i + 1 = \# \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{blue square} \\ \in \begin{matrix} & & & \\ & & u & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \right\}$

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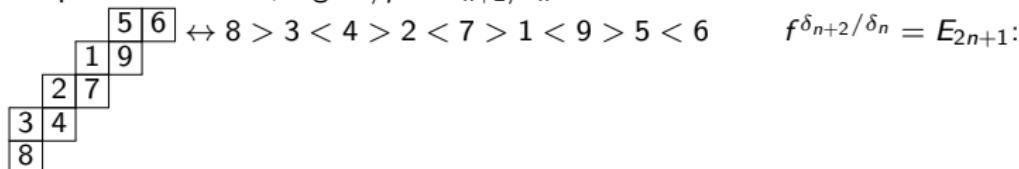
Jacobi-Trudi[Feit 1953]:

$$f^{\lambda/\mu} = |\lambda/\mu|! \cdot \det \left[ \frac{1}{(\lambda_i - \mu_j - i + j)!} \right]_{i,j=1}^{\ell(\lambda)}.$$

Littlewood-Richardson:

$$f^{\lambda/\mu} = \sum_{\nu} c_{\mu,\nu}^{\lambda} f^{\nu}$$

No product formula, e.g.  $\lambda/\mu = \delta_{n+2}/\delta_n$ :



$$f^{\delta_{n+2}/\delta_n} = E_{2n+1}:$$

$$1 + E_1 x + E_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + E_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + E_4 \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots = \sec(x) + \tan(x).$$

Euler numbers: 2, 5, 16, 61....

## Hook-Length formula for skew shapes

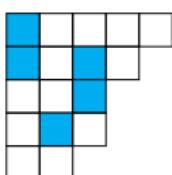
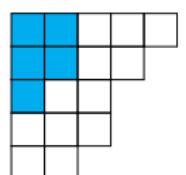
Theorem (Naruse, SLC, September 2014)

$$f^{\lambda/\mu} = |\lambda/\mu|! \sum_{D \in \mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu)} \prod_{u \in [\lambda] \setminus D} \frac{1}{h(u)},$$

where  $\mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu)$  is the set of excited diagrams of  $\lambda/\mu$ .

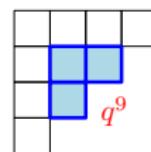
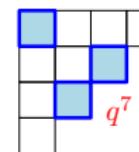
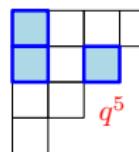
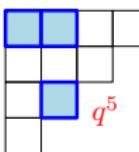
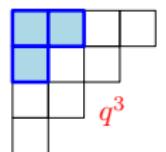
**Excited diagrams:**

$$\mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu) = \{D \subset \lambda : \text{obtained from } \mu \text{ via } \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram} \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram} \end{array}\}$$



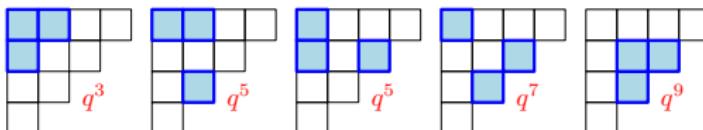
Hook lengths inside  $\lambda$ :

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 |   | 1 |   |
| 5 | 4 |   |   |
| 4 |   | 1 |   |
| 2 | 1 |   |   |



$$f^{(4321/21)} = 7! \left( \frac{1}{1^4 \cdot 3^3} + \frac{1}{1^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{1^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{1^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2} + \frac{1}{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7} \right) = 61$$

## Hook-Length formula for skew shapes



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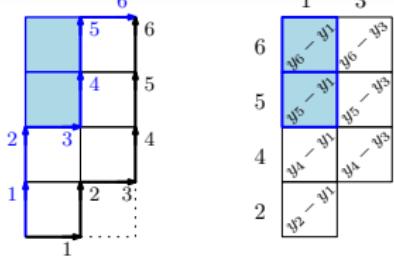
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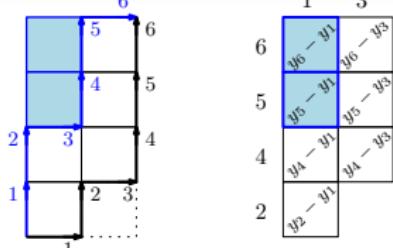
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[Ikeda-Naruse, Kreiman]:

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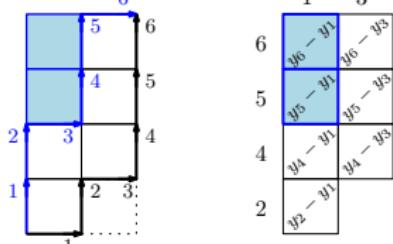
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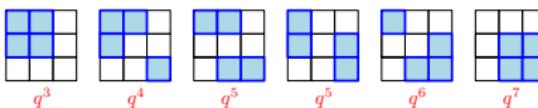
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## Factorial Schur functions, multivariate lozenge tilings

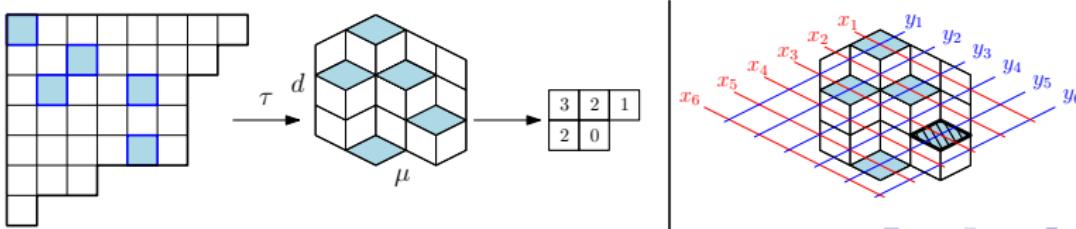


Theorem (Ikeda-Naruse Multivariate “Hook-Length Formula”)

Let  $\mu \subset \lambda \subset d \times (n-d)$ . Let  $v(n-d+1-i) = \lambda_i + (n-d+1-i)$  and  $v(j) = d+j-\lambda'_i$ . Then

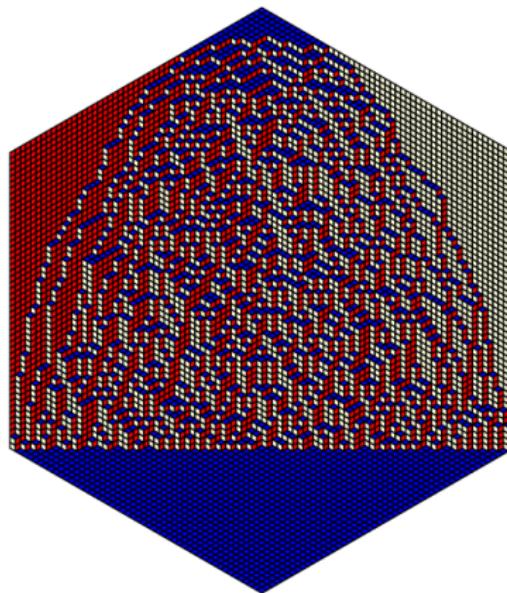
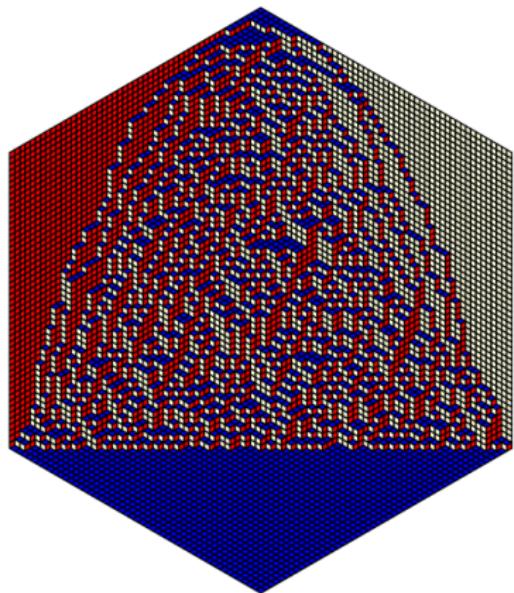
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## Simulation 2: base = $\delta_n$

Weights: "hook" weights ( $4n - i - j$ ) versus uniform (i.e. 1).



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