

Schur generating functions and the asymptotics of some structural constants from combinatorial representation theory.



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I— Objects of study: Some structural constants appearing in the representation theory of the general linear group.

A representation of the general linear group $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ is a group homomorphism

$$\text{Polynomial} \quad GL(n, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow GL(m, \mathbb{C})$$

A linear action of $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ on the vector space \mathbb{C}^m

$$GL(2, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow GL(3, \mathbb{C})$$

$$x^2 \mapsto (a_{11}x + a_{21}y)^2 = a_{11}^2 x^2 + 2a_{11}a_{21}xy + a_{21}^2 y^2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11}^2 & \cdot & \cdot \\ 2a_{11}a_{21} & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{21}^2 & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$$

II — Background on polynomial representations of the general linear group

$$\rho : GL(n, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow GL(m, \mathbb{C})$$

Irreducible representations of $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$

are indexed by conjugacy classes of $GL(m, \mathbb{C})$

Class representatives: Jordan Canonical Forms

Diagonalizable matrices are dense.

The trace of $\rho(A)$ is a symmetric polynomial in the eigenvalues of A

In the example the trace is $\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_1\alpha_2 + \alpha_2^2$

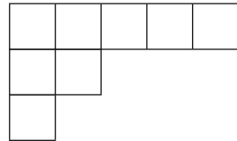
i— Irreducible representations of the general linear group

Irreducible representations W^λ of $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$

$$GL(n, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow GL(W^\lambda)$$

are indexed by partitions of length $\leq n$.

n



(5, 2, 1) a partition of weight 8 of length 3

The traces of the irreducible representations are Schur polynomials.

In the example, the Schur polynomial $s_{(2)} = \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_1\alpha_2 + \alpha_2^2$

ii— Structural constants for the general linear group.
The tensor product

The **Littlewood-Richardson coefficients** are the structure constants for the decomposition into irreducible of the tensor product of two irreducible representations of the general linear group

The Littlewood-Richardson coefficients

$$W^\mu \otimes W^\nu = \bigoplus_{\lambda} c_{\mu,\nu}^{\lambda} W^{\lambda}$$

with $|\mu| + |\nu| = |\lambda|$ three partitions of length $\leq \dim V$.

iii— Structural constants for the general linear group.
The Kronecker product

The **Kronecker coefficients** are the structure constants for the **restriction** of irreducible representations of the general linear group

$$GL(nm)$$

into irreducibles for the subgroup

$$GL(n) \times GL(m)$$

via the tensor product of matrices.

III — Motivation

Stability results for the Kronecker coefficients

i. Murhagham's stability

ii. A recurrent question

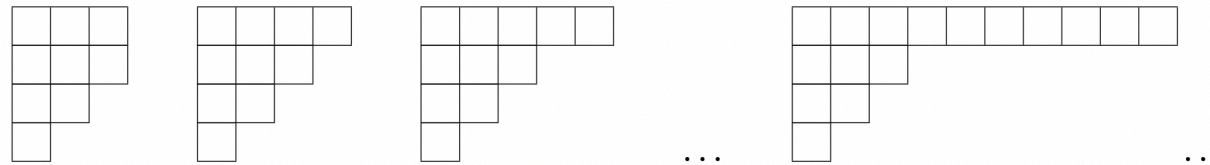
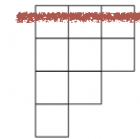
iii. Stembridge Conjecture (proved by Sam-Snowden)

i. Murhagham's stability

Sequences of Kronecker coefficients

Example

$$g_{(3,3,2,1)+(i), (3,3,2,1)+(i)}^{(3,3,2,1)+(i)}$$



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[(s[3+i,3,2,1].itensor(s[3+i,3,2,1])).scalar(s[3+i,3,2,1]) for i in range(0,10) ]
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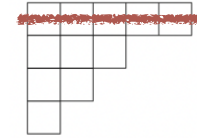
Compare with

$$g_{(i),(i)}^{(i)} = 1 \quad \text{a constant}$$

Reduced Kronecker coefficients

The value of the stable Kronecker coefficients

$$c_{\mu+(i), \nu+(i)}^{\lambda+(i)}$$



$$g_{(3,3,2,1)+(i), (3,3,2,1)+(i)}^{(3,3,2,1)+(i)}$$

(with $i \gg 0$) only depends on the partitions $\bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}, \bar{\lambda}$

A result of Littlewood

$$\text{If } |\bar{\mu}| + |\bar{\nu}| = |\bar{\lambda}|$$

then the stable Kronecker coefficients are

the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients $c_{\bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}}^{\bar{\lambda}}$

ii. The recurrent question

iii. Stembridge's conjecture (proved by Sam-Snowden)

The sequence

$$g(\alpha^0 + k\alpha, \beta^0 + k\beta, \gamma^0 + k\gamma)$$

Stabilizes if and only if

$$g(k\alpha, k\beta, k\gamma) = 1 \quad \text{For all } k \geq 1.$$

the rate of growth of both sequences are equal, up to a constant.

$$g_{(i),(i)}^{(i)} = 1$$

There are further results on this topic due to Briand-R-Orellana, Pak-Panova, Manivel, Vallejo, ...

IV— Our question

Fix a triple of partitions $\omega^0 = (\alpha^0, \beta^0, \gamma^0)$

What can we say about the rate of growth of sequences of the form

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega) \quad ?$$

where m_F is a structural constant for a general linear group.

(Think of the Kronecker or the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients, Indexed by partitions of bounded length.)

i— What is the nature of multiplicity functions

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega)$$

$$Q(k) = g_{(3,3,2,1)+(k), (3,3,2,1)+(k)}^{(3,3,2,1)+(k)}$$

$$m_F(\omega)$$

If ω^0 is zero,
A result of Meinrenken and Sjamaar
implies that the multiplicity function
Is a piecewise quasi-polynomial.

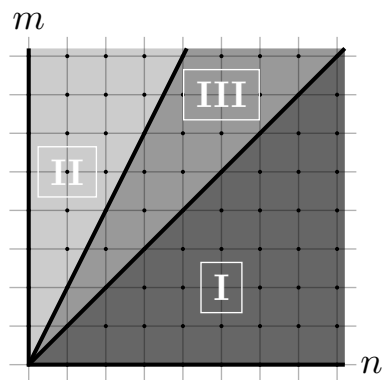
ii— Multiplicity functions $m_F(\omega)$ look like vector partition functions

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

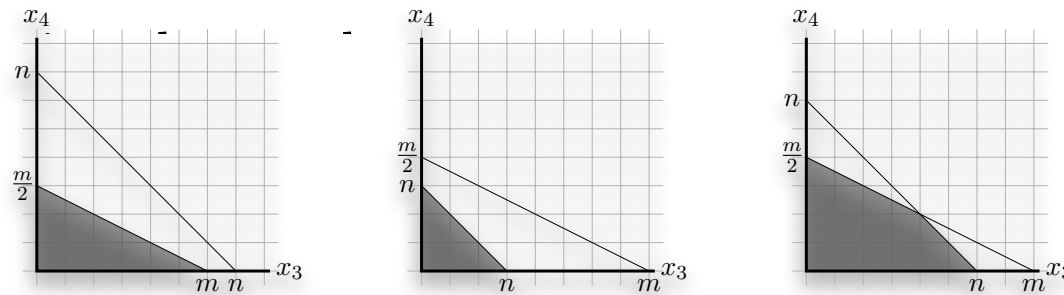
$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}$$

Piecewise quasipolynomial

Fan/Chamber complex



Rational polyhedral cone



Region		$ps(n, m)$
I	$m \leq n$	$\frac{m^2}{4} + m + \frac{7}{8} + \frac{(-1)^m}{8}$
II	$2n \leq m$	$\frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{3n}{2} + 1$
III	$n \leq m \leq 2n$	$nm - \frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{m^2}{4} + \frac{n+m}{2} + \frac{7}{8} + \frac{(-1)^m}{8}$

(Taken from Mishna-R-Sundaram)

iii— An example: The Littlewood-Richardson cone

Cone generated by all nonzero Littlewood-Richardson coefficients.

Rassart : $m_F(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$

is a piecewise polynomial

Knutson and Tao : There are no holes on the Littlewood-Richardson Cone.

Chamber	Generators	Formula for C
κ_1	b, c, d_1, e_2, d_2, e_1	$1 - \lambda_2 - \mu_2 + \nu_1$
κ_2	b, c, d_1, g_1, d_2, g_2	$1 + \nu_2 - \nu_3$
κ_3	b, c, e_2, g_1, e_1, g_2	$1 + \lambda_1 + \mu_1 - \nu_1$
κ_4	b, f, d_1, e_2, d_2, e_1	$1 + \nu_1 - \nu_2$
κ_5	b, f, d_1, g_1, d_2, g_2	$1 + \lambda_2 + \mu_2 - \nu_3$
κ_6	b, f, e_2, g_1, e_1, g_2	$1 - \lambda_3 - \mu_3 + \nu_3$
κ_7	b, c, d_1, g_1, d_2, e_1	$1 + \lambda_3 + \mu_1 - \nu_3$
κ_8	b, c, d_1, e_2, d_2, g_2	$1 + \lambda_1 + \mu_3 - \nu_3$
κ_9	b, c, d_1, e_2, e_1, g_2	$1 + \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$
κ_{10}	b, c, e_2, g_1, d_2, e_1	$1 + \mu_1 - \mu_2$
κ_{11}	b, c, d_1, g_1, e_1, g_2	$1 - \lambda_2 - \mu_3 + \nu_2$
κ_{12}	b, c, e_2, g_1, d_2, g_2	$1 - \lambda_3 - \mu_2 + \nu_2$
κ_{13}	b, f, d_1, g_1, d_2, e_1	$1 - \lambda_1 - \mu_3 + \nu_1$
κ_{14}	b, f, d_1, e_2, d_2, g_2	$1 - \lambda_3 - \mu_1 + \nu_1$
κ_{15}	b, f, d_1, g_1, e_1, g_2	$1 + \mu_2 - \mu_3$
κ_{16}	b, f, e_2, g_1, d_2, g_2	$1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_3$
κ_{17}	b, f, d_1, e_2, e_1, g_2	$1 + \lambda_1 + \mu_2 - \nu_2$
κ_{18}	b, f, e_2, g_1, d_2, e_1	$1 + \lambda_2 + \mu_1 - \nu_2$

lengths bounded by 2,2,3

iv— The Kronecker cone

There are interesting results on the **Kronecker cone and the Kronecker function** due to

Baldoni-Vergnes-Walter,
Briand-R-Orellana,
Christandl-Doran-Walter,
Mishna-R-Sundaram,
Pak-Panova,
Trandafir...

It is a more complicated object.

The **Kronecker cone** contains the **Littlewood-Richardson cone** on one of its walls.

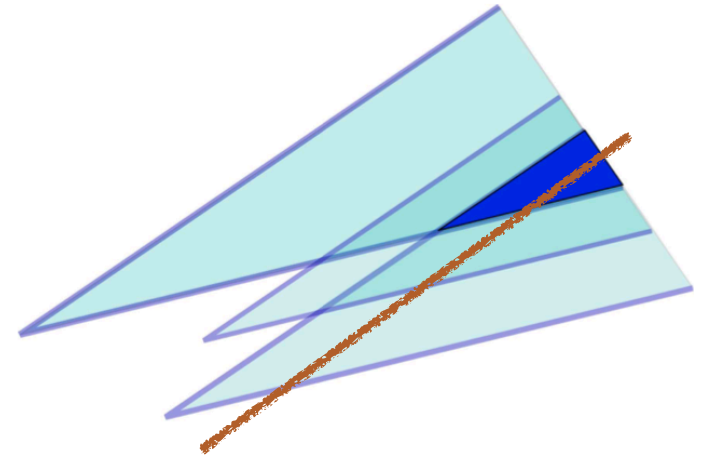
The **Kronecker function** is described by a **piecewise quasi polynomial**.

There are **holes** on the Kronecker cones

On the other hand,

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega)$$

Is NOT a piecewise quasi polynomial.



As we start increasing k on $m_F(\omega_0 + k\omega)$ we hit a translate of the original cone.

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V. Schur polynomials & Schur generating functions.

The generating series for the complete homogeneous

$$\sigma[X] = \prod_{x \in X} \frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n \geq 0} h_n[X]$$

R-S-K correspondence

$$\sigma[XY] = \prod_{x_i, y_j} \frac{1}{1-x_i y_j} = \sum_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}[X] s_{\lambda}[Y]$$

Our main tool.

We will study series of the form

$$\sigma[F(X, Y, Z)] = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} m_f(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) s_\alpha[X] s_\beta[Y] s_\gamma[Z]$$

Positive integers

Where the lengths of α, β, γ are bounded.

Some Schur generating series

The Littlewood-Richardson coefficients

$$\sigma[XZ + YZ] = \sigma[XZ]\sigma[YZ] = \sum_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} c_{\mu, \nu}^{\lambda} s_{\mu}[X] s_{\nu}[Y] s_{\lambda}[Z]$$

The Kronecker coefficients

$$\sigma[XYZ] = \prod_{x_i, y_j, z_k} \frac{1}{1 - x_i y_j z_k} = \sum_{\lambda} g_{\mu, \nu, \lambda} s_{\mu}[X] s_{\nu}[Y] s_{\lambda}[Z]$$

Other examples

$$F(X, Y) = X s_{\mu}[Y]$$

plethysm

$$F(X, Y, Z) = XYZ + XZ + XY + YZ$$

reduced Kronecker

$$F(X, Y, Z) = XYZ + XZ + YZ$$

Heisenberg

VI— GRAND generating series i. Extension of our family of coefficients

Define coefficients $m_F^*(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ indexed by integer vectors

$$m_F^*(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \langle \sigma[F(X, Y, Z)] | s_\alpha[X] s_\beta[Y] s_\gamma[Z] \rangle$$

Schur functions are defined using the Jacobi-Trudi determinant.

Compare with the original identity

$$\sigma[F(X, Y, Z)] = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} m_f(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) s_\alpha[X] s_\beta[Y] s_\gamma[Z]$$

VI— Grand generating series

ii. Definition of the series

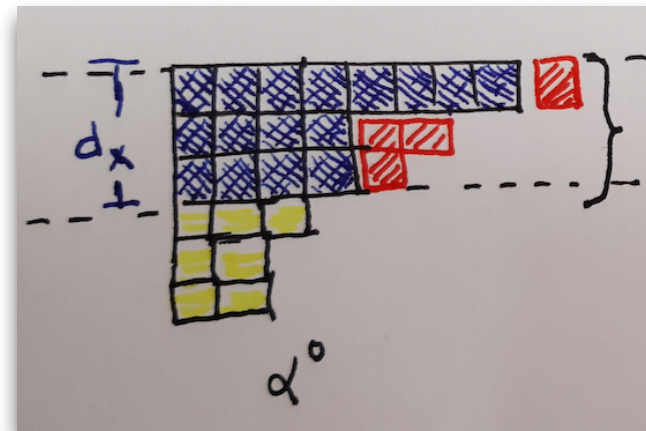
Fix $\omega^0 = (\alpha^0, \beta^0, \gamma^0)$, $d_X, d_Y, d_Z \geq 0$, $v = (v_{i,j})_{i,j}$.

The grand Generating series

$$\Psi_F^{\omega^0} = \sum_{\omega \in \mathbb{Z}^{d_X} \times \mathbb{Z}^{d_Y} \times \mathbb{Z}^{d_Z}} m_f^*(\omega^0 + \omega) v^\omega$$

The grand generating series is always a **Laurent series**.

All partitions appear in this sum
Regardless of ω^0

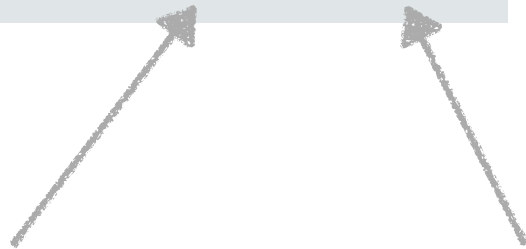


VI— Grand generating series

iii. The factorization lemma

For each fixed $\omega^0 = (\alpha^0, \beta^0, \gamma^0)$ we have a **factorization**:

$$\psi_F^{\omega^0} = P_F^{\omega^0} \psi_F^0$$

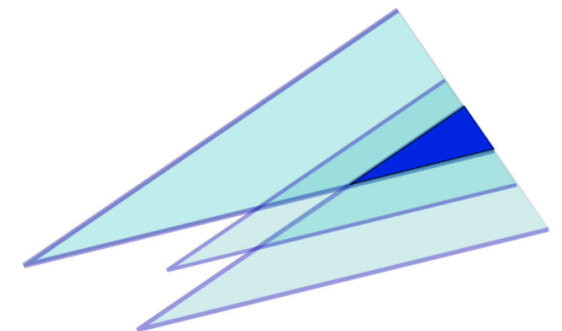
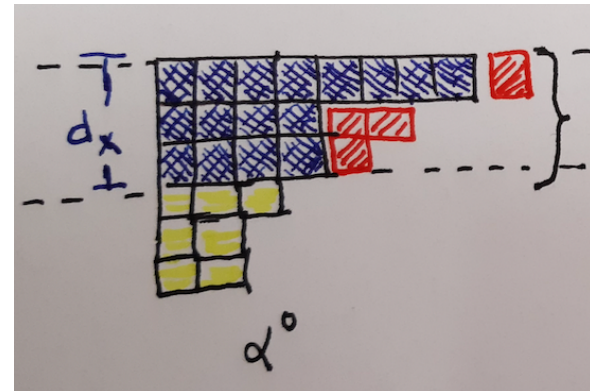


Laurent polynomial

Depends on ω^0

Laurent Series

A piecewise quasipolynomial that only depends on our fixed lengths



How to compute the Laurent series?
Use vertex operators!

When ω^0 is a triple of empty partitions

$$\Psi_F^0 = V(X)V(Y)V(Z) \sigma[F(X, Y, Z)]$$

Vertex operators

$$V(X) = \prod_{j < k} (1 - x_k/x_j)$$

a shifted Vandermonde.

VII— Main Theorem

Fix $\omega^0 = (\alpha^0, \beta^0, \gamma^0)$. and let $\omega = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$. There exist integers k_0 and $A(\omega^0)$ such that (*)

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega) = A(\omega^0) \cdot m_F(k\omega) \leftarrow \text{Its degree in } k$$

For all $k > k_0$

+ a quasipolynomial in k of degree $<$ than d

$A(\omega^0)$ A particular coefficient in a Schur generating series.

$m_F(k\omega)$ A piecewise quasipolynomial on k .

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega) = A(\omega^0) \cdot m_F(k\omega)$$

For all $k > k_0$

+ a quasipolynomial in k of degree $<$ than d

Corollary

When the multiplicities are **always one**

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega) = A(\omega^0) \quad \text{For all } k > k_0$$

where

$$A(\omega^0) = \langle \sigma[F'], s_{\bar{\alpha}}[X] s_{\bar{\beta}}[X] s_{\bar{\gamma}}[X] \rangle$$

$$F' = F(X + 1, Y + 1, Z + 1) - F(1, 1, 1) - X - Y - Z$$

VII— The Littlewood-Richardson coefficients. Increasing first rows.

$$\sigma[XZ + YZ] = \sum_{\lambda, \mu, \nu} c_{\mu, \nu}^{\lambda} s_{\mu}[X] s_{\nu}[Y] s_{\lambda}[Z]$$

$$\psi^0 = \sigma[xz + yz] = \frac{1}{(1-xz)(1-yz)}$$

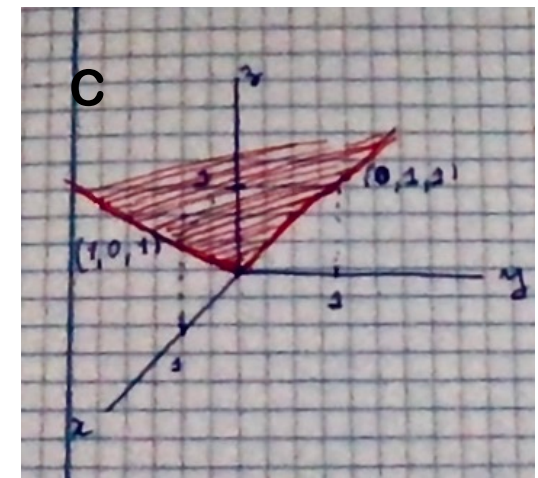
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let **C** be the 2-dim cone generated by $(1,0,1)$ and $(0,1,1)$

The coefficients inside of **C** are one

Outside of **C** are zero

$$c_{(a),(b)}^{(a+b)} = 1$$



Stability cone

$$c_{(a),(b)}^{(a+b)} = 1$$

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[lrcalc.lrccoef([10+3*i,10,5,5],[5+2*i,5,5],[10+i,5]) for i in range(0,15) ]
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[1, 3, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6]
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[1, 3, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6]
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A formula for the stable value?

$$F[x, y, z] = xy + xz$$

$$\sigma[F(X + 1, Y + 1, z + 1) - F(1, 1, 1) - x - y - z]$$

$$= \sigma[xy + yz + z] = \frac{1}{(1 - xy)(1 - yz)(1 - z)}$$

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f(x+1,y+1,z+1)-f(1,1,1)-x-y-z
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x*z + y*z + z
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VIII— The stable Littlewood-Richardson coefficients.

Stable value the coefficient of $s_{\bar{\alpha}}[X]s_{\bar{\beta}}[Y]s_{\bar{\gamma}}[Z]$ is

$$\bar{c}_{\bar{\alpha},\bar{\beta}}^{\bar{\gamma}} = [s_{\bar{\alpha}}[X]s_{\bar{\beta}}[Y]s_{\bar{\gamma}}[Z]] \sigma[XZ + YZ + Z] = \sum_{\lambda} c_{\bar{\alpha},\bar{\beta}}^{\lambda}$$

$$\sigma[xy + yz + z] = \frac{1}{(1 - xy)(1 - yz)(1 - z)}$$

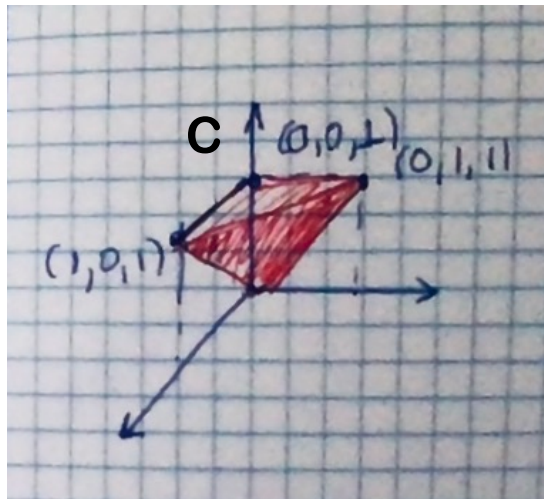
What happens if I iterate this construction?

The stable stable-Littlewood-Richardson coefficients.

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega) = A(\omega^0) \cdot m_F(k\omega) \leftarrow \text{Its degree}$$

+ a quasipolynomial in k of degree $<$ than d

Stable value the stable LR coefficient of $s_{\bar{\alpha}}[X]s_{\bar{\beta}}[Y]s_{\bar{\gamma}}[Z]$ in



$$\sigma[XZ + YZ + Z]$$

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

Let \mathbf{C} be the 3 dim cone generated by $(1,0,1)$, $(0,1,1)$, $(0,0,1)$

They stabilize.

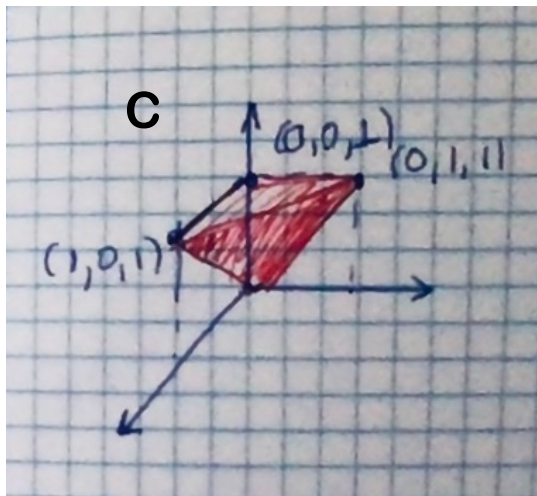
The coefficients inside \mathbf{C} are one
Outside \mathbf{C} are zero.

The Littlewood-Richardson coefficients Increasing the second row.

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega) = A(\omega^0) \cdot m_F(k\omega) \leftarrow \text{Its degree}$$

+ a quasipolynomial in k of degree $<$ than d

Increase the first row of the stable Littlewood-Richardson coefficients the resulting Schur generating series is :



$$\sigma[XZ + YZ + 2Z]$$

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

dim of the nullspace 1

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega)$$

Is a **linear** quasipolynomial

The Littlewood-Richardson coefficients

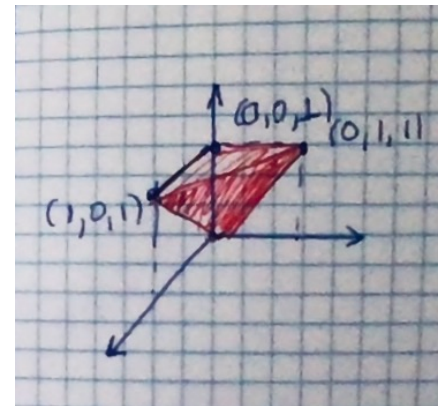
Keep iterating this construction

In the $(k+1)$ -step the Schur series for the asymptotic coefficients is

$$\sigma[XZ + YZ + kZ]$$

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

k times



Same chamber complex

dim of the nullspace $k-1$

The LR grow like a polynomial of degree k when the first $k+1$ rows are really long.

XIX—The Kronecker coefficients

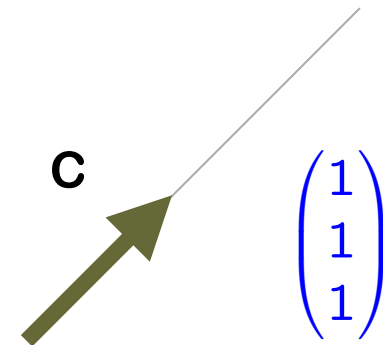
Increasing first rows.

$$\sigma[XYZ] = \sum_{\lambda} g_{\mu,\nu,\lambda} s_{\mu}[X] s_{\nu}[Y] s_{\lambda}[Z]$$

$$\psi^0 = \sigma[xyz] = \frac{1}{(1-xyz)}$$

$$\sigma[XYZ + XY + XZ + YZ]$$

$$\sigma[F(X+1, Y+1, z+1) - F(1, 1, 1) - x - y - z]$$



The cone **C** is generated by $(1,1,1)$. In **C** the coefficients are one, and zero outside.

In this case we recover stability Murnaghan result, and a symmetric version of Michel Brion's formula for the reduced Kronecker coefficients.

The Kronecker coefficients

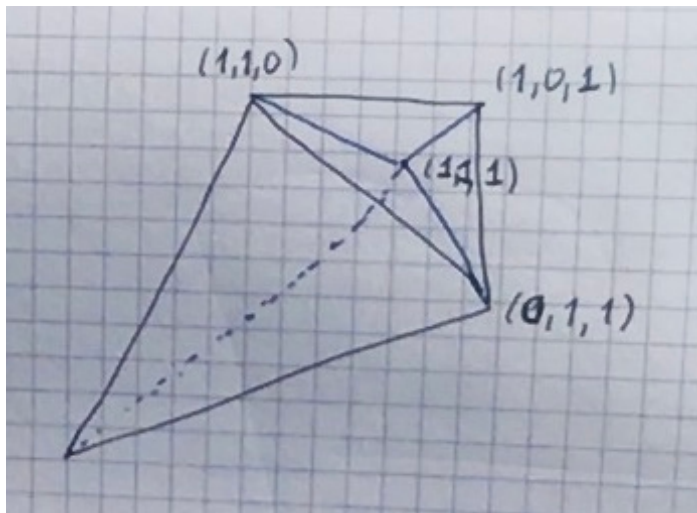
First iteration

Increasing the first rows of the reduced Kronecker coefficients.

$$\sigma[XYZ + XY + XZ + YZ]$$

$$\psi^0 = \sigma[xyz + xy + xz + yz] = \frac{1}{(1-xyz)(1-xy)(1-xz)(1-yz)}$$

Briand-Rattan-R



The vector partition associated to vectors $(1,1,1)$, $(1,1,0)$, $(1,0,1)$, $(0,1,1)$.

$$m_F(\omega^0 + k\omega)$$

= piecewise quasipolynomial
of degree 1

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

The Kronecker coefficients Increasing the 2nd rows of the partitions

The leading term is a linear polynomial

$$A \frac{j+k-i}{2} + \text{a periodic function.}$$

Schur generating series for the constant A is given by

$$\sigma[XYZ + 2(XY + XZ + YZ + X + Y + Z)]$$

(The first two parts of the partitions should be removed)

Kronecker coefficients

Increasing the kth row of the partitions

The n-reduced Kronecker coefficients

$$\sigma[XYZ + n(XY + XZ + YZ) + n(n - 1)(X + Y + Z)]$$

Asymptotically behaves like a quasi-polynomial of degree $3n^2 - 2$

Kronecker coefficients

$$\sigma[xyz]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

corank 0

Reduced Kronecker coefficients

$$\sigma[xyz + xy + xz + yz]$$

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

corank 1

2-Reduced Kronecker coefficients

$$\sigma[xyz + 2(xy + xz + yz) + 2(x + y + z)]$$

corank 10

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

The some plethysm coefficients Increasing first rows.

Fix μ

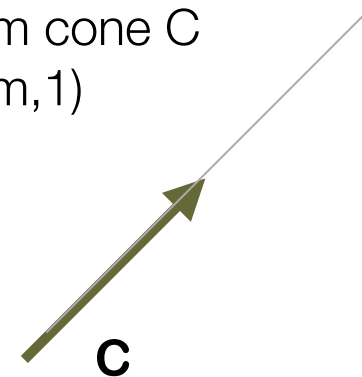
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$$\sigma[Y s_\mu[X]] = \sum_{\lambda, \gamma} a_{\lambda, \mu}^\gamma s_\lambda[X] s_\gamma[Y]$$

We increase **the sizes of the first rows.**

$$\psi^0 = \sigma[yx^m] = \frac{1}{(1-yx^m)}$$

A 1-dim cone C
($m, 1$)



We get a formula the stable value.

$$Y \sum_{n=1}^m s_n[X] + \sum_{n=2}^m s_n[X]$$

$$\sigma[F(X+1, Y+1, z+1) - F(1, 1, 1) - x - y - z]$$

THANKS