

Representations from matrix varieties, and filtered RSK

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Theorem (Doubilet-Rota-Stein '74)

Each coordinate ring $\mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{X}_k]$ is a **GL**-representation with irreducible decomposition

$$\mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{X}_k] \cong_{\mathbf{GL}} \bigoplus_{\ell(\lambda) \leq k} (V_\lambda(m) \boxtimes V_\lambda(n)).$$

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If T is an SSYT with content \mathbf{a} (meaning a_1 1's, a_2 2's, etc.), then for any $\mathbf{t} \in T_n \subseteq GL_n$ we have $\mathbf{t} \cdot T = \mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{a}} T$. Thus

$$V_\lambda(n) \cong_{T_n} \bigoplus_{\mathbf{a}} V_{\mathbf{a}}^{\oplus c_{\mathbf{a}}^\lambda},$$

where $c_{\mathbf{a}}^\lambda$ is the number of SSYT of shape λ and content \mathbf{a} .

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Main takeaway: we can compute the equivariant Hilbert series from the multigraded one combinatorially! This is important when computing via *degenerations* that don't preserve the GL_n -action.

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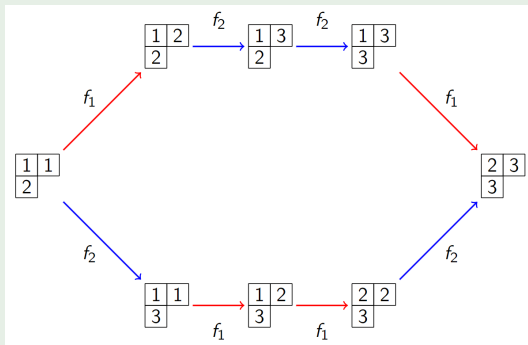
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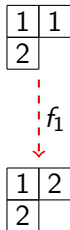
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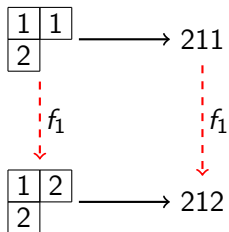
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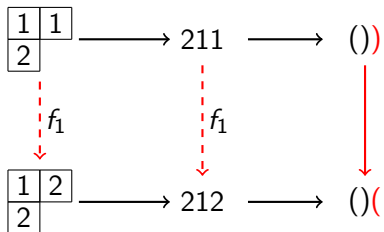
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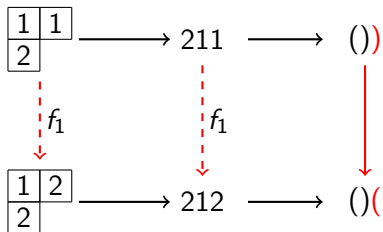
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We will repeatedly apply this strategy, building up to a map $\text{filterRSK}_{\mathbf{I}|\mathbf{J}}$ decomposing $\mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{X}_w]$ as a $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{I}|\mathbf{J}}$ -representation.

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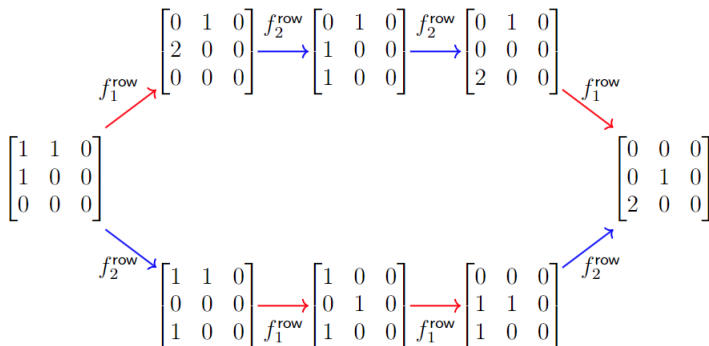
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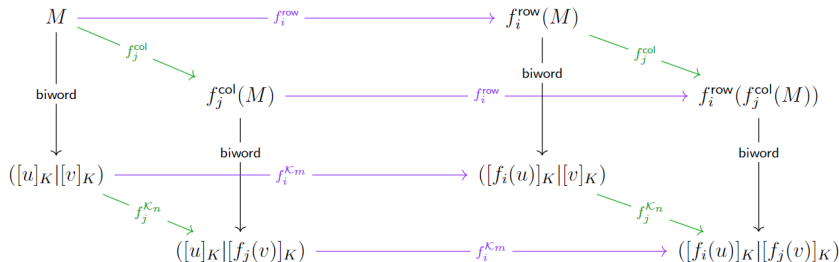
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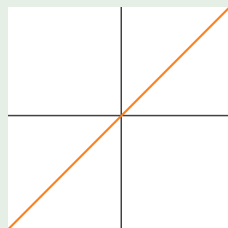
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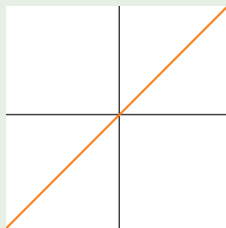


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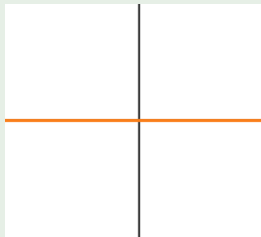
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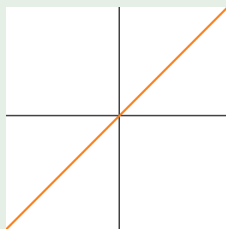


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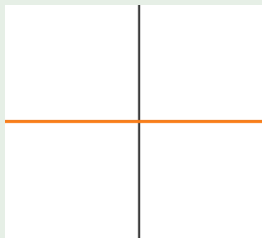
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Thank you!