

# SET-PARTITION TABLEAUX

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## Integer Partition:

		8, <u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
2, <u>3</u>	1, 6, <u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	
<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>		
5, 7, <u>9</u>	15, <u>17</u>		
<u>11</u>			

## Set Partition:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{2, \underline{3}\}, \{\underline{4}\}, \{5, 7, \underline{9}\}, \\ \{1, 6, \underline{10}\}, \{\underline{11}\}, \{\underline{12}\}, \\ \{8, \underline{13}\}, \{\underline{14}\}, \{\underline{16}\}, \\ \{15, \underline{17}\} \end{array} \right\}$$

## Organization:

- I. Origins: Representation Theory of the Symmetric Group
- II. Schur-Weyl Duality: The Partition Algebra and Other Diagram Algebras

### III. Insertion Bijections

May 2016:

[Benkart-H-Harmon] *Dimensions of irreducible modules ...*

[Orellana-Zabrocki] *Symmetric group characters as symmetric functions*

# I. Symmetric Group Tensor Power Representations

# Origins: The Symmetric Group $S_n$

- ▶  $M_n = n$ -dimensional permutation module

$$\cong \mathbf{S}_n^{\square \square \square \square \square} \oplus \mathbf{S}_n^{\begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \square \\ \square \end{array}}$$

- ▶ Basis:  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  with group action:  $\sigma(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(i)}$

- ▶  $\mathbf{S}_n^\lambda =$  irreducible  $\mathbb{C}S_n$ -module,  $\lambda \vdash n$

- ▶  $M_n^{\otimes k} = k$ -fold tensor product module

- ▶ Diagonal action on basis of simple tensors:

$$\sigma(\mathbf{v}_{i_1} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{i_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{v}_{i_k}) = \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(i_1)} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(i_2)} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(i_k)}$$

## Question

Determine the multiplicity  $m_{k,n}^\lambda$  in the decomposition:

$$M_n^{\otimes k} = \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} m_{k,n}^\lambda \mathbf{S}_n^\lambda$$

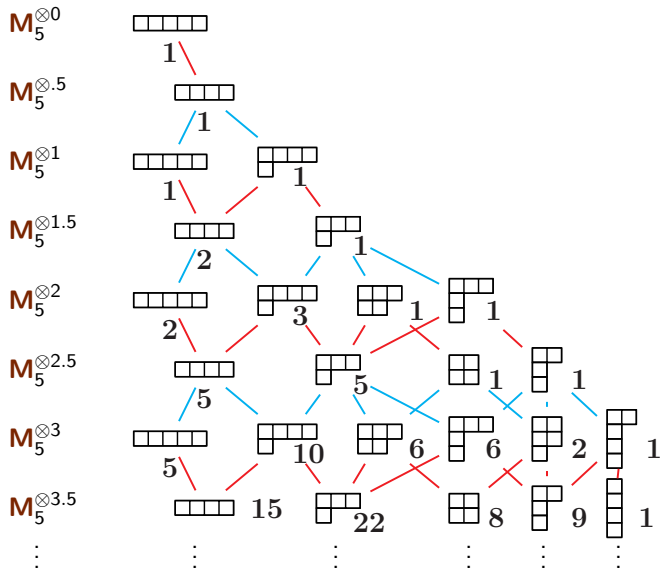
## Method 1: Restriction-Induction

Tensor Identity: tensoring with the permutation module is the same as restriction and induction

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_n^\lambda \otimes \mathbf{M}_n &\cong \mathbf{Ind}_{\mathbf{S}_{n-1}}^{\mathbf{S}_n} \mathbf{Res}_{\mathbf{S}_{n-1}}^{\mathbf{S}_n} (\mathbf{S}_n^\lambda) \\ &\cong \mathbf{Ind}_{\mathbf{S}_{n-1}}^{\mathbf{S}_n} \bigoplus_{\nu=\lambda-\square} \mathbf{S}_{n-1}^\nu \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{\mu=\nu+\square} \bigoplus_{\nu=\lambda-\square} \mathbf{S}_n^\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_n^\lambda \otimes \mathbf{M}_n \cong \bigoplus_{\mu=(\lambda-\square)+\square} \mathbf{S}_n^\mu$$


# Bratteli Diagram: $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{S}_5, \mathbf{S}_4)$ for $\mathbf{M}_5^{\otimes k}$

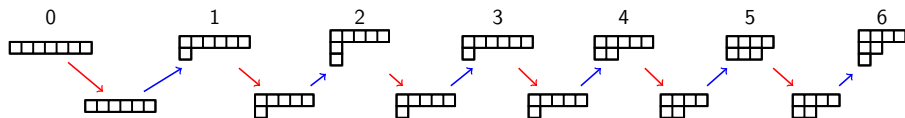


# Vacillating Tableaux

A vacillating tableau of shape  $\lambda \vdash n$  is a sequence of partitions for which

$$\lambda_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = \lambda_i - \square \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_{i+1} = \lambda_{i+\frac{1}{2}} + \square.$$

**Example:** A vacillating tableau of length 6 and shape 



The multiplicity of  $\mathbf{S}_n^\lambda$  in  $\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k}$  is given by

$$m_{k,n}^\lambda = \# \text{ vacillating tableaux of } \underline{\text{length}} \ k \text{ and } \underline{\text{shape}} \ \lambda.$$

## Method 2: Decompose $\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k}$ into Permutation Modules

- ▶ Diagonal Action:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma(\mathbf{v}_a \otimes \mathbf{v}_a \otimes \mathbf{v}_b \otimes \mathbf{v}_a \otimes \mathbf{v}_b \otimes \mathbf{v}_c \otimes \mathbf{v}_d \otimes \mathbf{v}_c) \\ = & \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(a)} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(a)} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(b)} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(a)} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(b)} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(c)} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(d)} \otimes \mathbf{v}_{\sigma(c)} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Partition tensor positions:  $P = \{1, 2, 4 \mid 3, 5 \mid 6, 8 \mid 7\}$ :  
 $\mathbf{v}_{i_j} = \mathbf{v}_{i_\ell}$  iff  $j \sim \ell$  in  $P$
- ▶ As  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}$  vary over distinct elements of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ , these simple tensors span a *submodule* isomorphic to the permutation module

$$\mathcal{M}^{(n-4, 1, 1, 1, 1)} = \text{Ind}_{S_{n-4} \times S_1 \times S_1 \times S_1 \times S_1}^{S_n}(\mathbf{1}).$$



# Decompose $\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k}$ into Permutation Modules

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k} &\cong \bigoplus_{t=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ t \end{matrix} \right\} \mathcal{M}^{(n-t, 1^t)} \cong \bigoplus_{t=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ t \end{matrix} \right\} \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} \mathbf{K}_{\lambda, (n-t, 1^t)} \mathbf{S}_n^\lambda \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{t=0}^n \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ t \end{matrix} \right\} \mathbf{f}^{\lambda/(n-t)} \mathbf{S}_n^\lambda \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ t \end{matrix} \right\} = \#$  **set partitions** of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  into  $t$  subsets (Stirling 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- ▶  $\mathbf{K}_{\lambda, (n-t, 1^t)} =$  Kostka number =  $\#$  semistandard tableaux of shape  $\lambda$  filled with  $\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-t}, 1, 2, \dots, t$ .

- ▶ Example: 

0	0	0	3	7
1	4	6	8	
2	9			
5				

 has  $\lambda = (5, 4, 2, 1), n = 12, t = 9$ .

- ▶  $\mathbf{K}_{\lambda, (n-t, 1^t)} = \mathbf{f}^{\lambda/(n-t)} = \#$  **standard tableaux** shape  $\lambda/(n-t)$

# Decompose $\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k}$ into Permutation Modules

$$\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} \bigoplus_{t=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ t \end{matrix} \right\} \mathbf{f}^{\lambda/(n-t)} \mathbf{S}_n^\lambda$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{k,n}^\lambda = \sum_{t=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} k \\ t \end{matrix} \right\} \mathbf{f}^{\lambda/(n-t)} = \# \left\{ (P, T) \mid \begin{array}{l} P = \text{partition of } \{1, \dots, k\} \text{ into } t \text{ parts} \\ T = \text{standard tableau of shape } \lambda/(n-t) \end{array} \right\}$$

**Example.** A **standard set-partition tableau** of shape  $\lambda = (5, 4, 2, 1)$

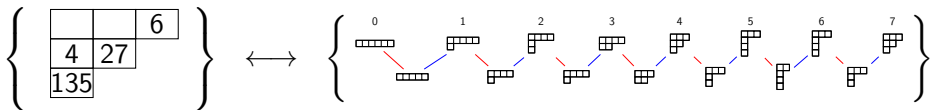
$$P = \{ \underline{1}, \underline{6} | \underline{4}, \underline{7}, \underline{9}, \underline{10} | \underline{2}, \underline{11}, \underline{12} | \underline{8}, \underline{14} | \underline{15}, \underline{16} | \underline{5}, \underline{13}, \underline{18} | \underline{3}, \underline{17}, \underline{19} | \underline{20} \} \quad t = 8.$$

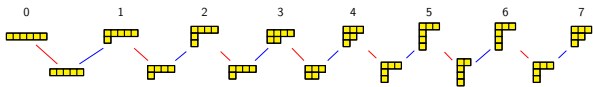
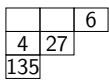
$T =$					3, 17, 19
	1, 6	4, 7, 9, 10	5, 13, 18	20	
	2, 11, 12	8, 14			
	15, 16				

$n = 12$

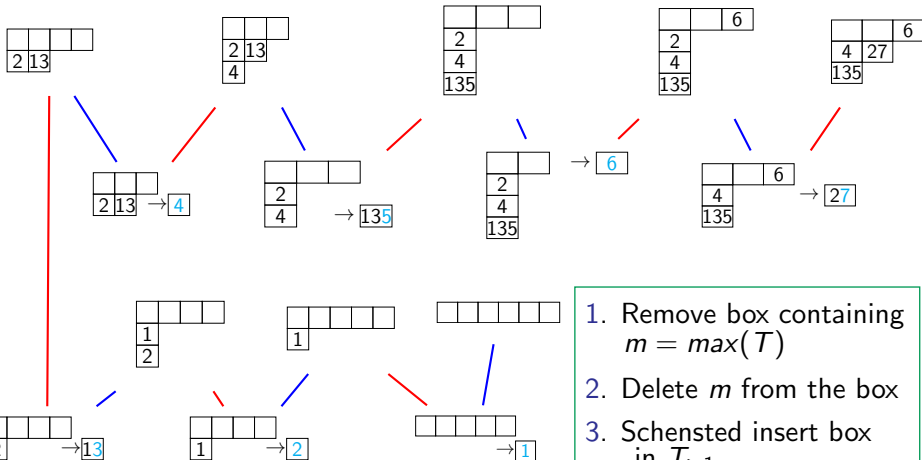
# Set-Partition Tableaux $\longleftrightarrow$ Vacillating Tableaux

$$m_{k,n}^\lambda = \# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Standard set-partition} \\ \text{tableaux of shape} \\ \lambda/(n-k) \end{array} \right\} = \# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Vacillating tableaux} \\ \text{of length } k \\ \text{and shape } \lambda \end{array} \right\}$$





[BH'19] H-Benkart, [COSSZ'19] Colmenarejo, Orellana, Saliola, Schilling, Zabrocki



1. Remove box containing  $m = \max(T)$
2. Delete  $m$  from the box
3. Schensted insert box in  $T_{>1}$

## II. Schur-Weyl Duality and the Partition Algebra

# Centralizer Algebra of $\mathbf{S}_n$ on $\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k}$

Centralizer Algebra:

$$\mathbf{Z}_{k,n} := \mathbf{End}_{\mathbf{S}_n}(\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k}) = \left\{ \phi \in \mathbf{End}(\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k}) \mid \phi\sigma(x) = \sigma\phi(x), \sigma \in \mathbf{S}_n \right\}$$

Schur-Weyl Duality:

$$\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k} \cong \underbrace{\bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} \mathbf{m}_{k,n}^\lambda \mathbf{S}_n^\lambda}_{\text{as an } \mathbf{S}_n\text{-module}} \cong \underbrace{\bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} \mathbf{f}^\lambda \mathbf{Z}_{k,n}^\lambda}_{\text{as a } \mathbf{Z}_{k,n}\text{-module}}$$

▶  $\mathbf{m}_{k,n}^\lambda = \text{mult}_k(\mathbf{S}_n^\lambda) = \dim(\mathbf{Z}_{k,n}^\lambda) = \#(\text{Standard Set-Partition Tableaux})$

▶  $\mathbf{f}^\lambda = \dim(\mathbf{S}_n^\lambda) = \text{mult}(\mathbf{Z}_{k,n}^\lambda) = \#(\text{Standard Tableaux})$

Artin-Wedderburn theory:  $\dim(\mathbf{Z}_{k,n}) = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} (\mathbf{m}_{k,n}^\lambda)^2$

# Bratteli Diagram: $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{S}_6, \mathbf{S}_5) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{Z}_{k,6})$

Sum of Squares

(Bell No's) **1**

$k = 0$



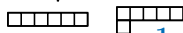
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$k = .5$



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$k = 1$



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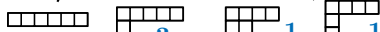
$k = 1.5$



2

1

$k = 2$



2

3

1

1

$$2^2 + 3^2 + 1^1 + 1^2 = 15$$

$k = 2.5$



5

5

1

1

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$k = 3$



5

10

6

6

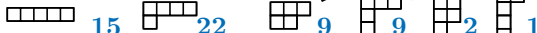
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$k = 3.5$



15

22

9

9

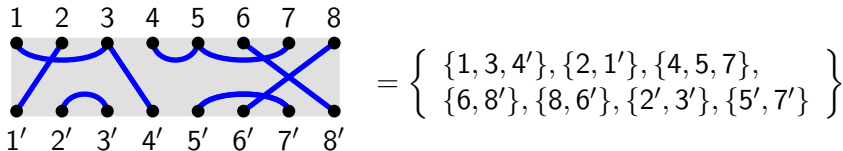
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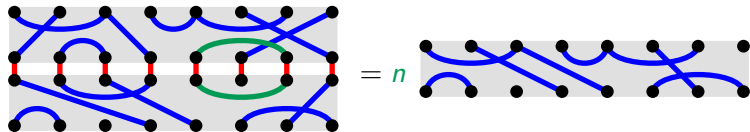
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# Partition Algebra $\mathbf{P}_k(n)$ [P.P. Martin, V.F.R. Jones, $\approx 1993$ ]

Basis of set partitions of  $\{1, \dots, k, 1', \dots, k'\}$ .



Multiplication given by diagram concatenation:



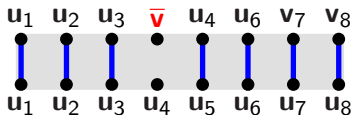
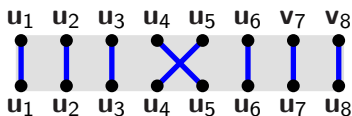
Generated by 3 types of diagrams:



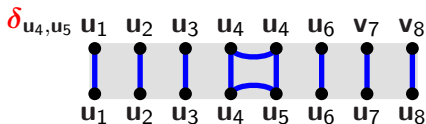


# Action of $\mathbf{P}_k(n)$ on Tensor Space $\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k}$

Transposition:



$$\bar{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \quad \text{projection onto trivial module}$$



► Commutes with  $\mathbf{S}_n$ :

$$\mathbf{P}_k(n) \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbf{S}_n}(\mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k})$$

- is surjective
- it is injective if  $n \geq 2k$   
the stable case
- kernel? [Benkart-H'19]

# Irreducible Modules for the Partition Algebra

$$\text{Schur-Weyl Duality: } \mathbf{M}_n^{\otimes k} \cong \underbrace{\bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} \mathbf{m}_{k,n}^\lambda \mathbf{S}_n^\lambda}_{\text{as an } \mathbf{S}_n\text{-module}} \cong \underbrace{\bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} \mathbf{f}^\lambda \mathbf{P}_k^\lambda}_{\text{as a } \mathbf{P}_k(n)\text{-module}}$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{m}_{k,n}^\lambda = \dim(\mathbf{P}_k^\lambda) = \#(\text{Standard Set-Partition Tableaux})$
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The irreducible partition algebra module:

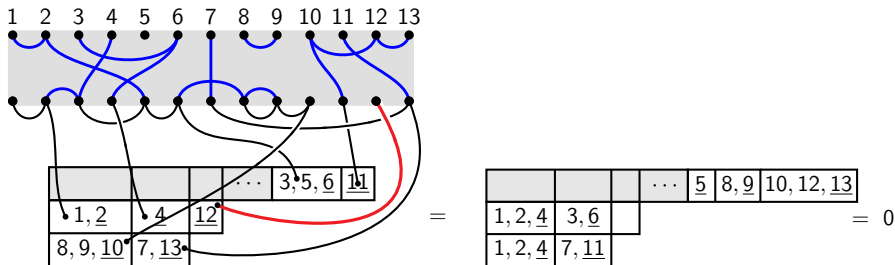
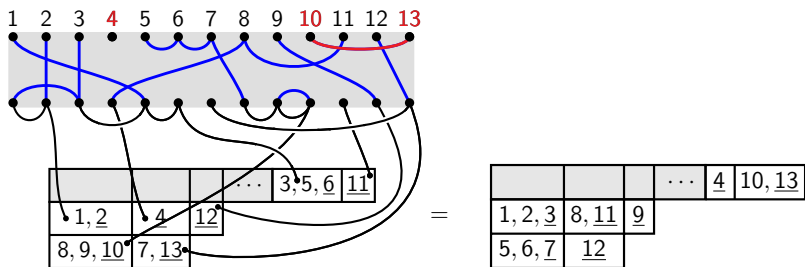
$$\mathbf{P}_k^\lambda = \mathbb{C}\text{-span} \left\{ \mathbf{v}_T \mid T \in \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{standard set-partition} \\ \text{tableaux of shape } \lambda \end{array} \right\} \right\}$$

## Question

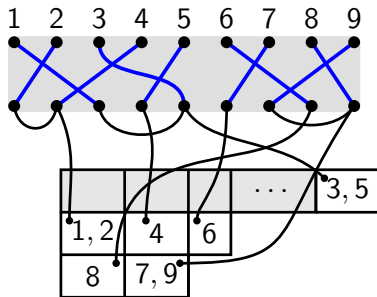
Is there a combinatorial action analogous to Young's representations of  $\mathbf{S}_n$  on standard tableaux?

# Action on Basis Indexed by Set-Partition Tableaux

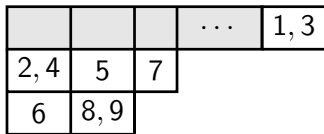
[H-Jacobson, 2018]



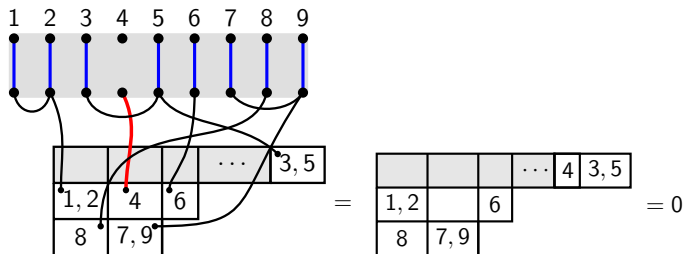
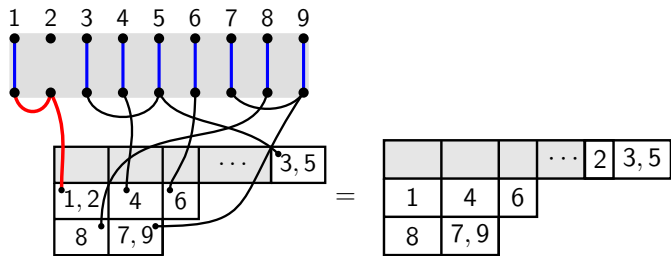
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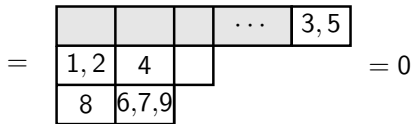
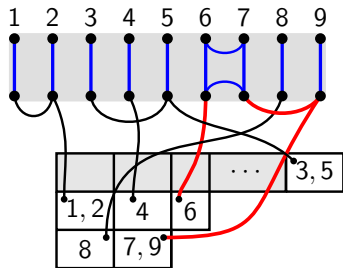
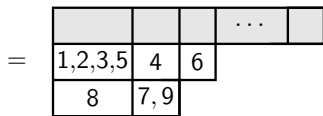
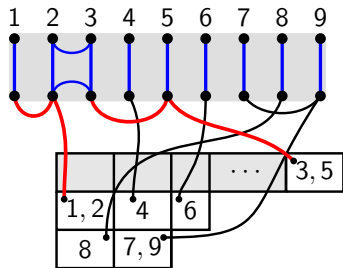
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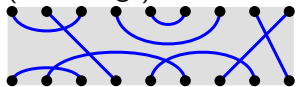
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# Restricts Naturally to Subalgebras of the Partition Algebra

## Brauer Algebra

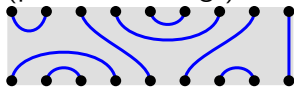
(matchings)



			...	1, 5	6, 9
2	4	7			
3	8				

## Temperley-Lieb

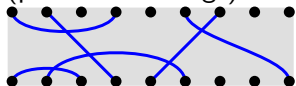
(planar matchings)



			...	2, 3	1, 5	8, 9
4	6	7				

## Rook Brauer Algebra

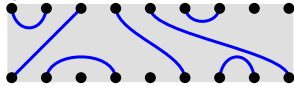
(partial matchings)



		...	2	1, 4	5	6, 8
3	9					
7						

## Motzkin Algebra

(planar partial matchings)

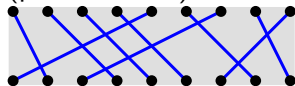


		...	3, 4	5	8	7, 9
1	2	6				

# Restricts Naturally to Subalgebras of the Partition Algebra

## Symmetric Group

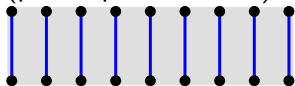
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1	2	5	8		
3	4	9			
6	7				

## Identity

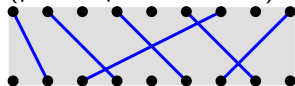
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## Rook Monoid

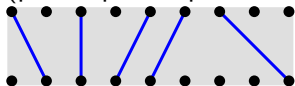
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6	9						

## Planar Rook Monoid

(planar partial permutations)



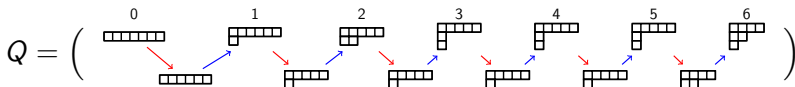
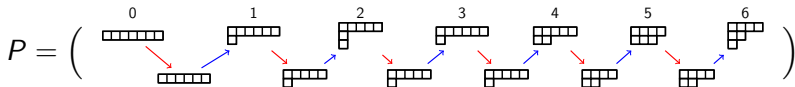
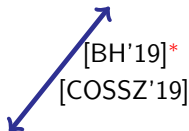
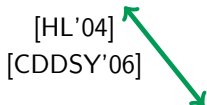
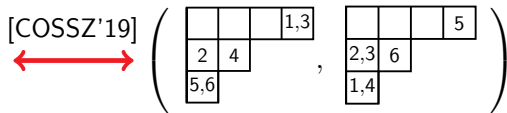
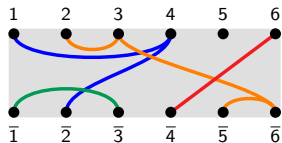
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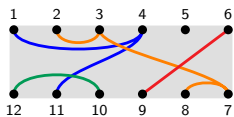


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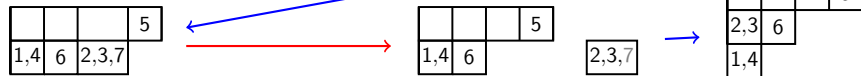
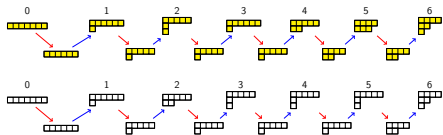
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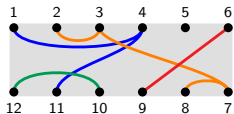




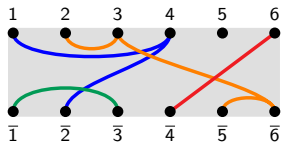
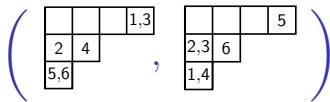
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[COSSZ'19]



Generalized permutation of propagating blocks:

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc} \{2, 3\} & \{1, 4\} & \{6\} \\ \{5, 6\} & \{2\} & \{4\} \end{array} \right)$$

non-propagating blocks:  
 $\{5\}, \{\bar{1}, \bar{3}\}$

$$\{5, \bar{6}\} \rightarrow$$

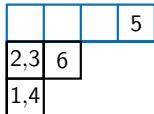
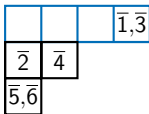
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$$\{2\} \rightarrow$$



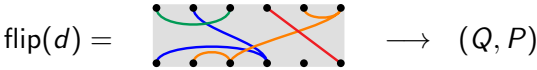
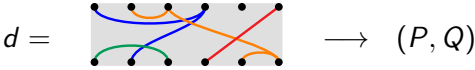
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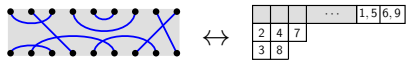
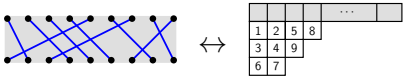
# Many Nice Properties

here are a few

1. Reflect the diagram over its horizontal axis:



2. Consequence:  $|\{\text{symmetric diagrams}\}| = \sum_{\lambda} \dim(\mathbf{P}_k^{\lambda})$ .  
 Implies: a “**model**” representation on symmetric diagrams ([H-Reeks’15]).
3. Respects subalgebras:



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