

From Robinson–Schensted–Knuth correspondence to Schur-Weyl duality

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Gilbert Robinson

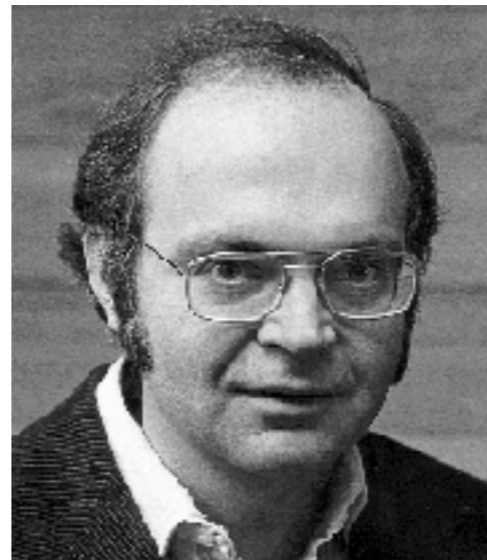
(1938) On the representations
of the symmetric group



(formerly) Craig Schensted

also: (formerly) Ea, (now) Ea Ea

(1961) Longest Increasing and
Decreasing Subsequences

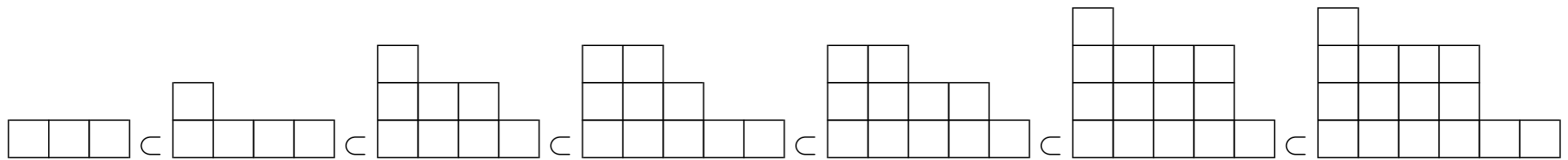


Donald Knuth

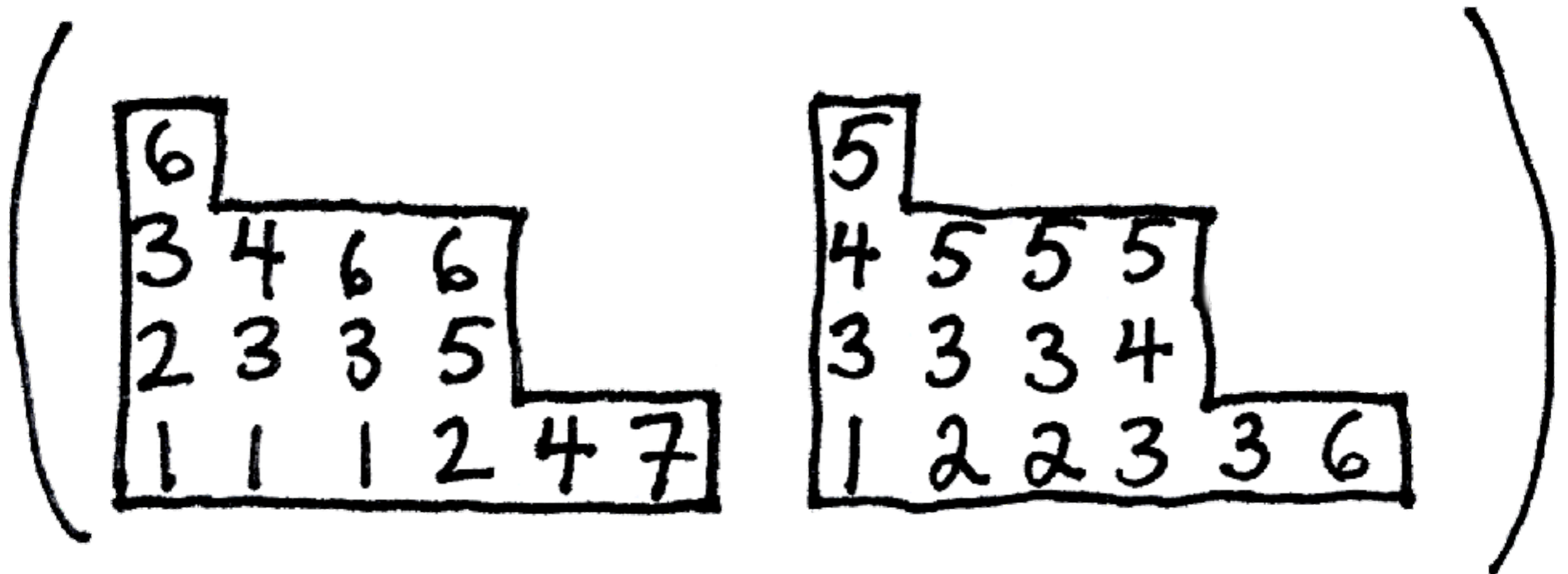
(1969) Permutations, Matrices and
Generalized Young Tableaux

column strict tableaux

6						
3	4	6	6			
2	3	3	5			
1	1	1	2	4	7	



(1 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 4 4 5 5 5 5 6)
3 6 6 1 2 3 4 6 3 5 1 1 2 4 7)



$$n! = \text{number of permutations of } \{1, 2, \dots, n\} = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \left(\text{\# of standard tableaux of shape } \lambda \right)^2$$

$$n^k = \text{number of words in } \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \text{ of length } k = \sum_{\lambda \vdash k} \left(\text{\# of column strict tableaux of shape } \lambda \right) \left(\text{\# of standard tableaux of shape } \lambda \right)$$



Issai Schur

representations of the
general linear group
thesis - 1901



Ferdinand Georg Frobenius

representations of
finite groups - 1904



Alfred Young

representations of
symmetric groups
1927



Hermann Weyl

representation theory
classical groups
book - 1937

$$\mathbb{C}Sym_n \simeq \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} \left(\text{irreducible subspace } \lambda \right)^{\oplus m_\lambda}$$

$$n! = \begin{array}{l} \text{number of permutations} \\ \text{of } \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \end{array} = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \left(\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of standard} \\ \text{tableaux of} \\ \text{shape } \lambda \end{array} \right)^2$$

$$\mathbb{C}Sym_3 = \mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}\{123, 132, 213, 231, 312, 321\}$$

$$E_{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}} = 123 + 132 + 213 + 231 + 312 + 321$$

$$E_{\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}} = 123 + 213 - 321 - 231$$

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$$E_{\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}} = 132 + 312 - 231 - 321$$

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$$E_{\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 3 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}} = 123 + 231 + 312 - 132 - 213 - 321$$

$V^{\otimes k} \simeq$ non commutative polynomials
of degree k in variables $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$$V^{\otimes k} \simeq \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash k} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{irreducible} \\ \text{subspace} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Gl_n \\ \lambda \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{irreducible} \\ \text{subspace} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} Sym_k \\ \lambda \end{array} \right)$$

$$n^k = \begin{array}{l} \text{number of words in} \\ \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \text{ of length } k \end{array} = \sum_{\lambda \vdash k} \left(\begin{array}{c} \# \text{ of column} \\ \text{strict tableaux} \\ \text{of shape } \lambda \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \# \text{ of standard} \\ \text{tableaux of} \\ \text{shape } \lambda \end{array} \right)$$

$$V^{\otimes 3} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{C}}\{x_1x_1x_1, x_1x_1x_2, x_1x_2x_1, x_2x_1x_1, x_1x_2x_2, x_2x_1x_2, x_2x_2x_1, x_2x_2x_2\}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad x_1x_1x_1 E_{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}} = 6x_1x_1x_1$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad x_1x_1x_2 E_{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}} = 2x_1x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_2x_1 + 2x_2x_1x_1$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad x_1x_2x_2 E_{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}} = 2x_1x_2x_2 + 2x_2x_1x_2 + 2x_2x_2x_1$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad x_2x_2x_2 E_{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}} = 6x_2x_2x_2$$

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$$Gl_n \circlearrowleft V \otimes k \circlearrowleft Sym_k$$

$$(A(x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_k}))\sigma = A((x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_k})\sigma)$$

$$Gl_n \quad Sym_k$$

Schur-Weyl duality 1901-1937

$$Sp_n$$

Brauer algebra



Richard Brauer

On Algebras Which are Connected with the Semisimple Continuous Groups (1937)

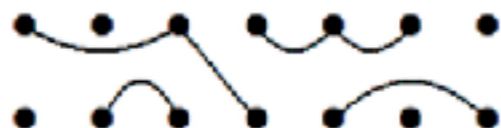
$$O_n$$



perfect matchings

$$Sym_n$$

Partition algebra



Vaughan Jones

The Potts model and the symmetric group (1994)

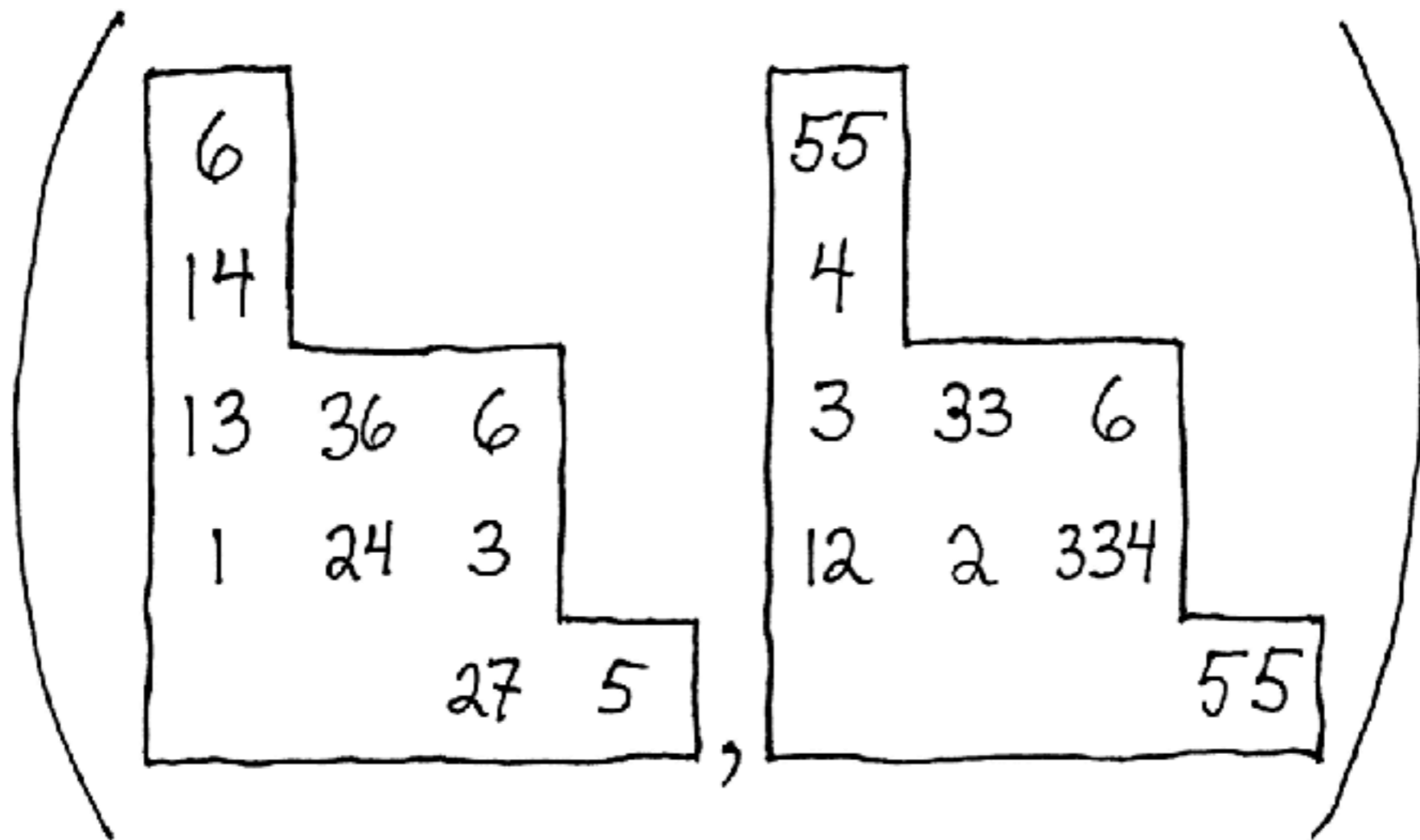
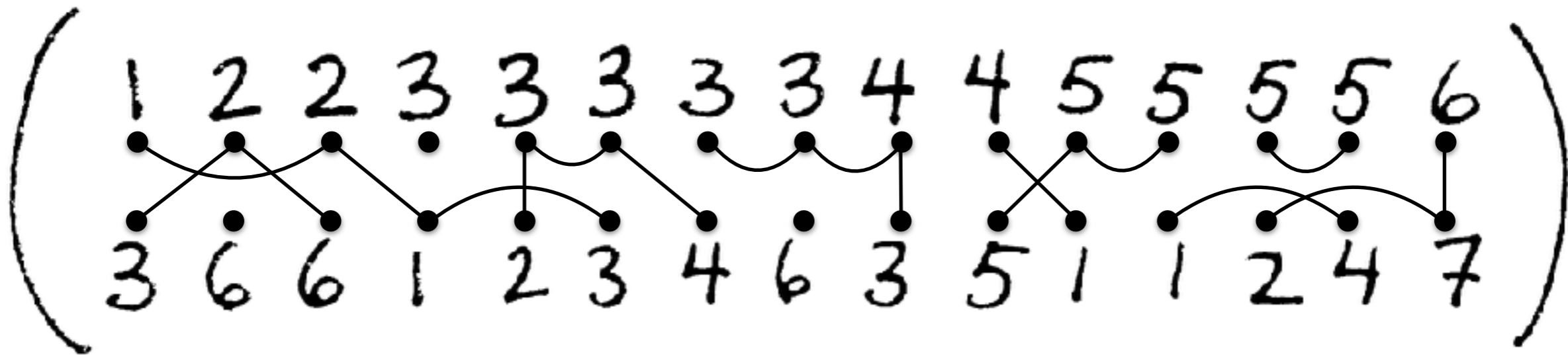


Paul Martin

Representations of the Temperley-Lieb algebras (1990)
 Potts Models and Related Problems in Statistical Mechanics (1991)
 Temperley-Lieb algebras ... The partition algebra construction (1994)
 The structure of the partition algebras (1996)

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccccccccccccc} \dot{1} & \dot{2} & \dot{2} & \dot{3} & \dot{3} & \dot{3} & \dot{3} & \dot{3} & \dot{3} & \dot{4} & \dot{4} & \dot{5} & \dot{5} & \dot{5} & \dot{5} & \dot{6} \\ \dot{3} & \dot{6} & \dot{6} & \dot{1} & \dot{2} & \dot{3} & \dot{4} & \dot{6} & \dot{3} & \dot{5} & \dot{1} & \dot{1} & \dot{2} & \dot{4} & \dot{7} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} \boxed{6} & & & & \boxed{5} & & & \\ \boxed{3} & \boxed{4} & \boxed{6} & \boxed{6} & \boxed{4} & \boxed{5} & \boxed{5} & \boxed{5} \\ \boxed{2} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{5} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{4} \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{4} & \boxed{7} & & \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{4} & \boxed{7} & & \\ \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{3} & \boxed{6} & & \end{array} \right)$$



$$n^k = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{\# of standard} \\ \text{tableaux of shape} \\ \lambda \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{\# of standard} \\ \text{set tableaux} \\ \text{in } \{1, 2, \dots, k\} \text{ of} \\ \text{shape } \lambda \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{\# of set partitions} \\ \text{of } \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\} \end{array} = \sum_{|\lambda| \leq n} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{\# of standard set} \\ \text{valued tableaux in} \\ \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \text{ of shape } (k, \lambda) \end{array} \right)^2$$

