
Noncommutative Symmetric Functions which Interpolate.

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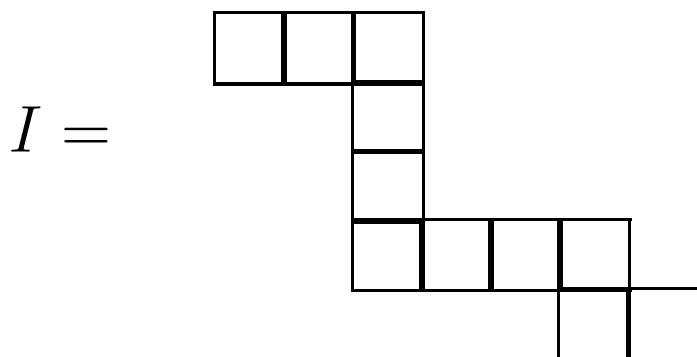
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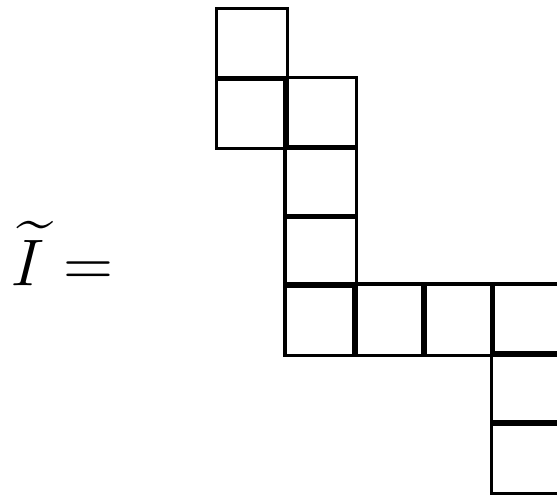
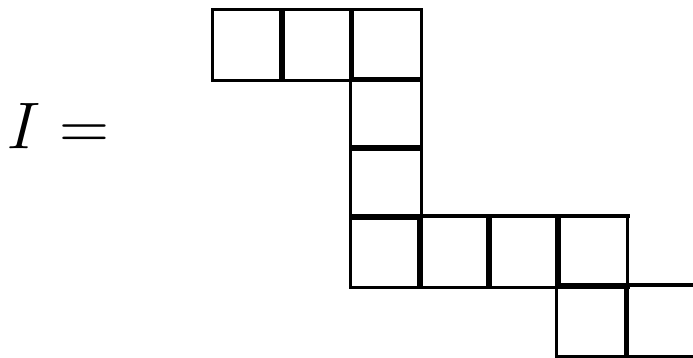
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$$I = (3, 1, 1, 4, 2) \quad \tilde{I} = (1, 2, 1, 1, 4, 1, 1)$$



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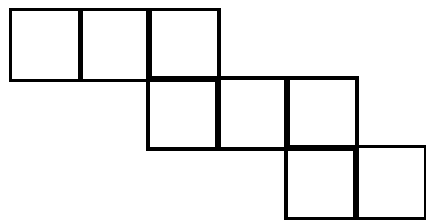
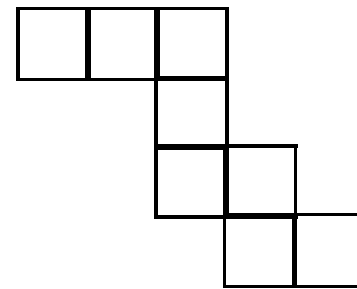
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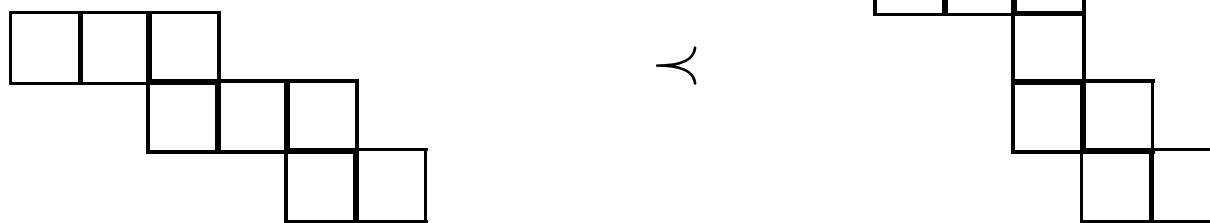
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$$lp(3122, 332) = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$

Two Multiplications.

For two compositions $I = (i_1, \dots, i_{r-1}, i_r)$ and $J = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s)$ one defines two multiplications

$$I \triangleright J = (i_1, \dots, i_{r-1}, i_r + j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s),$$

with $\ell(I \triangleright J) = \ell(I) + \ell(J) - 1$

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$$I \cdot J = (i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_s),$$

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Quasideterminants in the Commutative Limit.

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then, when all a_{ij} commute,

$$A(\{b\}) = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\text{Det}(A)}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i}$$

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In the commutative limit $\Psi_n \rightarrow p_n$:

$$m_\lambda = \sum_{I=\sigma(\lambda)} M^I,$$

where the sum is over all distinct permutations of parts of λ .

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For every composition $I = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$ **ribbon Schur** functions are defined as

$$R_I = (-1)^{\ell(I)-1} \begin{vmatrix} S_{i_n} & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ S_{i_n+i_{n-1}} & S_{i_{n-1}} & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ S_{i_n+\dots+i_2} & S_{i_{n-1}+\dots+i_2} & \dots & S_{i_2} & 1 \\ \boxed{S_{i_n+\dots+i_1}} & S_{i_{n-1}+\dots+i_1} & \dots & \dots & S_{i_1} \end{vmatrix}$$

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[F. Hivert, J.-C. Novelli, L.T., J.-Y. Thibon (2007)]

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at $X = 0$ (GKLLRT, 1994); at $X = 2$ (B.-C.-V. Ung, 1998)

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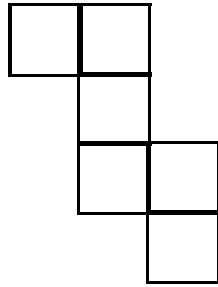


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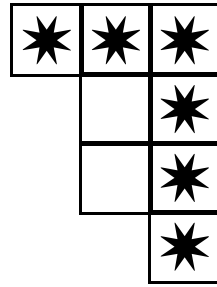
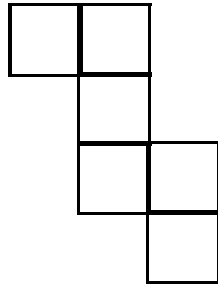
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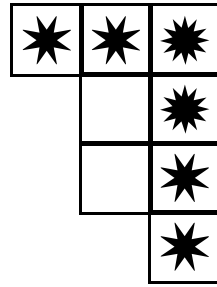
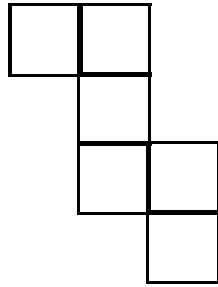
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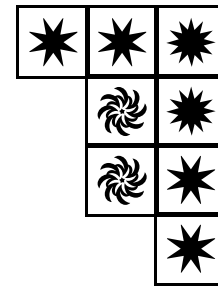
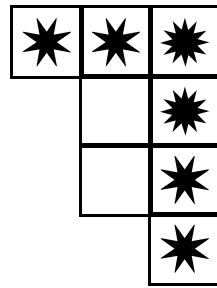
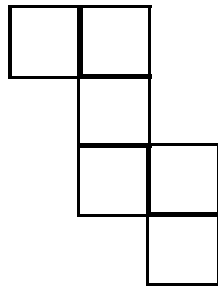
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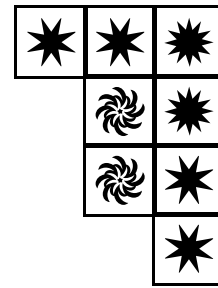
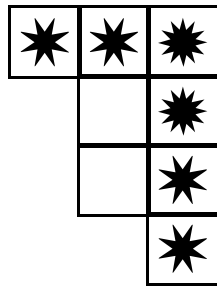
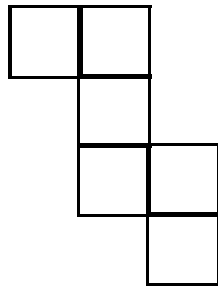


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Giambelli Type Formula for Ribbon Schur Functions.

Let $I = J/K$ with $J = (\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_r | \beta_1 \dots \beta_r)$ and $K = (\delta_1 \dots \delta_{r-1} | \gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{r-1})$, where $\{\alpha_k\}$, $\{\beta_k\}$, $\{\delta_k\}$, and $\{\gamma_k\}$ are decreasing and $\alpha_k > \delta_k \geq \alpha_{k+1}$, $\beta_k > \gamma_k \geq \beta_{k+1}$ for all k :

$$R^I = \begin{vmatrix} \Lambda_{\beta_1 - \gamma_1} & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ \Lambda_{\beta_1 - \gamma_2} & \dots & 1 & 0 & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \Lambda_{\beta_1 - \gamma_{r-1}} & \dots & \dots & \Lambda_{\beta_r - \gamma_{r-1}} & 1 & 0 & \dots & \vdots \\ R(\alpha_r | \beta_1) & \dots & \dots & R(\alpha_r | \beta_r) & S_{\alpha_r - \delta_{r-1}} & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & 0 \\ R(\alpha_2 | \beta_1) & \dots & \dots & R(\alpha_2 | \beta_r) & S_{\alpha_2 - \delta_{r-1}} & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ \boxed{R(\alpha_1 | \beta_1)} & \dots & \dots & R(\alpha_1 | \beta_r) & S_{\alpha_1 - \delta_{r-1}} & \dots & \dots & S_{\alpha_1 - \delta_1} \end{vmatrix}$$

([Lascoux-Pragacz (1984)] in the commutative case)

Giambelli Type Formula for Monomials.

An arbitrary noncommutative monomial symmetric function can be similarly expressed through hook monomials:

$$M^I =$$

$\Lambda_{\beta_1 - \gamma_1}$	$2r - 2$	0	\dots	0	\dots	\dots	\vdots
$\Lambda_{\beta_1 - \gamma_2}$	\dots	$2r - 3$	0	\dots	\vdots	\dots	\vdots
\vdots	\dots	\vdots	\vdots	\dots	\vdots	\dots	\vdots
$\Lambda_{\beta_1 - \gamma_{r-1}}$	\dots	\dots	$\Lambda_{\beta_r - \gamma_{r-1}}$	r	0	\dots	\vdots
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\vdots	\dots	\vdots	\dots	\vdots	\dots	\vdots	0
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Examples of Giambelli Type Formulas.

Return to $I = (2121) = (20|31)/(0|1)$. Applying the above formulas with

$$\alpha_1 = 2, \quad \alpha_2 = 0$$

$$\beta_1 = 3, \quad \beta_2 = 1$$

$$\gamma_1 = 0$$

$$\delta_1 = 1$$

one obtains

$$R^{2121} = \begin{vmatrix} \Lambda_2 & 1 & 0 \\ \Lambda_4 & \Lambda_2 & 1 \\ \boxed{R^{(2|3)}} & R^{(2|1)} & S_2 \end{vmatrix} \quad M^{2121} = \begin{vmatrix} \Lambda_2 & 2 & 0 \\ \Lambda_4 & \Lambda_2 & 1 \\ \boxed{M^{(2|3)}} & M^{(2|1)} & \Psi_2 \end{vmatrix}$$