

Key Polynomials, invariant factors and an action of the symmetric group on Young tableaux

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ABSTRACT

Lascoux and Schützenberger have defined a permutation on a Young tableau to associate to each Knuth class a right and left key which they have used to give a combinatorial description of a key polynomial

$$k_m = \sum_{T \text{ of shape } \beta(m)} x^T.$$

We extend this action of the symmetric group to Young tableaux of the same shape and weight. More precisely, the vertices of the hexagons are frank words running over tableaux, with the same shape and weight, rather than only on the frank words within a Knuth class. As a dual translation, we obtain an action of the symmetric group on words congruent with key-tableaux defined by reflection crystal operators based on non-standard pairing of parentheses. This construction arises naturally as a combinatorial description of the invariant factors associated with certain type of sequences of product of matrices, over a local principal ideal domain, under the action of the symmetric group by place permutation.

1 Introduction

Partitions parameterize different objects and by developing the combinatorics of one of them one naturally obtain facts about other theories. In this paper, the objects are Smith classes and rather than a coincidence, one obtain a generalization.

- The Smith classes of nonsingular matrices over a local principal ideal domain with prime p are parameterized by partitions

$$A \sim \Delta_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} p^{\alpha_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & p^{\alpha_n} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha = (\alpha_1 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_n) = \underbrace{\bullet \bullet \bullet}_{\alpha_1} \dots \underbrace{\bullet \bullet \bullet}_{\alpha_n} \quad \alpha' = (\alpha'_1 \geq \dots) = \underbrace{\bullet \bullet \bullet}_{\alpha'_1} \dots$$

- Littlewood-Richardson rule for the product of Smith classes

$$\exists U \sim I, \quad \Delta_\alpha U \Delta_\beta \sim \Delta_\gamma, \quad \iff \quad c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma \neq 0.$$

- Key-tableaux are in bijection with compositions

$$D_{[2]}, D_{[2]} D_{[3]} = \begin{pmatrix} p^1 & p^1 \\ & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} p^1 & p^1 \\ & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 & p^1 \\ & 1 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow ((1^2), (1^2) + (1^3)) = \bullet \bullet \longleftrightarrow \bullet \bullet \bullet.$$

(1032) $\longleftrightarrow K(1032) = \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 3 \ 4 \\ 1 \ 3 \ 3 \end{matrix} \longleftrightarrow (D_{[1]}, D_{[1]} D_0, D_{[1]} D_0 D_{[3]}, D_{[1]} D_0 D_{[3]} D_{[3]})$

- Dual RSK correspondence, symmetry and invariant factors

$$T = \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 3 \ 1 \ 3 \\ \bullet \bullet \bullet \ 3 \end{matrix} \quad \Sigma = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 11 & 22 & 3 & 4 \\ 43 & 41 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}}_w \longleftrightarrow \Sigma' = \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 21 & 43 & 1 & 2 \\ 44 & 33 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}^J \quad J = J_3 J_2 J_1 = \begin{matrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$J = \left\{ \begin{matrix} 2, & 4, & 2 \\ 1, & 3 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \longrightarrow (P(J), P(w)) \quad w = \left\{ \begin{matrix} 4, & 4, & 3, & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \longrightarrow (P(w), P(J))$$

$$Q(J) = std(P(w^\#)^t), \quad Q(w) = std(P(J))$$

J is a frank word of shape the reverse of $m \iff P(w) = K(m)$.

- $U \sim I, \quad \Delta_\alpha U D_{[l]} \sim \Delta_{\alpha^1}, \quad \alpha^1 = \alpha + \sum_i \in J \subseteq [n]^e, \quad |J| = l$
- $\Delta_\alpha U K(m) := (\Delta_\alpha, \Delta_\alpha U D_{[m_1]}, \dots, \Delta_\alpha U D_{[m_l]} \cdots D_{[m_l]}) \sim (\Delta_\alpha, \Delta_{\alpha^1}, \dots, \Delta_{\alpha^l}) \leftrightarrow T : \alpha^0 = \alpha \subseteq \alpha^1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \alpha^l, \alpha_i^k \leq \alpha_{i+1}^{k+1} \leq \alpha_i^k + 1$
- $\Delta_\alpha U K(m)$ defines a tableau $T \equiv K(m)$

2 Variants of the jeu de taquin on two-column frank words, pairing of parentheses and invariant factors

- Variants of the jeu de taquin on two-column frank words

Θ (jeu de taquin): slide down (up) maximally the first (second) column

$\bar{\Theta}$ (variant of jeu de taquin): slide down (up) the first (second) column

$$\Theta: \begin{matrix} 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \\ \bullet & 3 \\ \bullet & 2 \end{matrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{matrix} \blacksquare & 5 \\ \blacksquare & 4 \\ 3 & 3 \\ \bullet & 2 \end{matrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{matrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix}, \quad \bar{\Theta}: \begin{matrix} 1 & 4 \\ \bullet & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \\ \bullet & 2 \end{matrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{matrix} \blacksquare & 5 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \\ \bullet & 2 \end{matrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{matrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{matrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix}.$$

$\bar{\Theta}(J_2 J_1)$ is a frank word with the same shape and weight as $\Theta(J_2 J_1)$

$\bar{\Theta}(J_2 J_1) \equiv J_2 J_1$ if and only if $\bar{\Theta} = \Theta$

- Duality between reflection crystal operators and jeux de taquin

θ : reflection crystal operator based on standard pairing of parentheses

$\hat{\theta}$: variant of reflection crystal operator based on non-standard pairing of parentheses

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 33 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 21 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \Sigma' = \begin{pmatrix} 31 & 5432 \\ 22 & 1111 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 33 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 21 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \Sigma' = \begin{pmatrix} 31 & 5432 \\ 22 & 1112 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 33 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 21 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \hat{\Sigma}' = \begin{pmatrix} 5431 & 32 \\ 2222 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 33 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 21 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \hat{\Sigma}' = \begin{pmatrix} 5321 & 43 \\ 2222 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\theta : (21)(21)11 \rightarrow (21)(21)22 \quad \hat{\theta} : (21)(21)1 \rightarrow (22)(21)12$$

If $(\emptyset \leftarrow w) = (P, Q)$ then $(\emptyset \leftarrow \hat{\theta}w) = (\theta P, Q')$, $\theta w \equiv \hat{\theta}w$.

$Q = Q'$ if and only if $\theta = \hat{\theta}$.

- Under certain conditions, operators $\bar{\Theta}_i$ ($\bar{\theta}_i$) can be extended to t -column frank words (words on a t -letter alphabet, $t \geq 2$)

Corollary 0.1. Generalized recursive Lascoux-Schützenberger criterion. Let $J = J_k \dots J_1$ be a frank word and J_{k+1} a column. Then, $J_{k+1} J_1$ is frank if and only if $J_{k+1} J_k$ and $J_k J_{k-1} \dots J_1$ are frank words, where $J_{k+1} J_k = \Theta_k(J_{k+1} J_k)$ for some operator Θ_k .

- Why non-standard reflection crystal operators and variants of the jeu de taquin?

They describe the skew-tableaux on a two-letter alphabet defined by $\Delta_\alpha U K(m)$ and $\Delta_\alpha U K(s_1 m)$

Theorem 0.1. Let $m = (m_1, m_2)$. Let T and T' be respectively the tableaux defined by the sequences $\Delta_\alpha U K(m)$ and $\Delta_\alpha U K(s_1 m)$, with indexing-set words $J_2 J_1, J'_2 J'_1$, and column-reading words w, w' . Then,

$\bullet J_2 J_1, J'_2 J'_1$ are frank words such that $\bar{\Theta}_1 J_2 J_1 = J'_2 J'_1$.

$\bullet w \equiv K(m)$ and $w' = \bar{\Theta}_1 w \equiv K(s_1 m)$.

Conversely, if T and T' are respectively tableaux of inner-shape α with indexing-set frank words $J_2 J_1$ and $J'_2 J'_1$ satisfying $J'_2 J'_1 = \bar{\Theta}_1 J_2 J_1$, then $\exists U, U' \sim I$ such that $\Delta_\alpha U K(m)$ and $\Delta_\alpha U' K(s_1 m)$ define the tableaux T and T' respectively.

• Example

$$\Delta_{2,1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & p \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} K(3,2) \rightarrow T = \begin{matrix} 2 \\ \bullet \ 1 \ 2 \\ \bullet \ 1 \ 1 \end{matrix} \quad w = 21211, \quad J = \begin{matrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\bullet \Delta_\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} K(2,3) \rightarrow \bar{T} = \begin{matrix} 2 \\ \bullet \ 1 \ 2 \\ \bullet \ 1 \ 1 \end{matrix} \quad \bar{w} = 22211, \quad \bar{J} = \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\bar{\theta} : w = (21)(21)1 \longleftrightarrow \bar{w} = (22)(21)1 \quad \bar{\Theta}: \begin{matrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{matrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{matrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Delta_{2,1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} K(32) \rightarrow T = \begin{matrix} 2 \\ \bullet \ 1 \ 2 \\ \bullet \ 1 \ 1 \end{matrix} \quad w = 21211, \quad J = \begin{matrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\bullet \Delta_{2,1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} K(23) \rightarrow \bar{T} = \begin{matrix} 2 \\ \bullet \ 1 \ 2 \\ \bullet \ 1 \ 1 \end{matrix} \quad \bar{w} = 21212, \quad \bar{J} = \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{matrix}$$

$$\theta : w = (21)(21)1 \longleftrightarrow \bar{w} = (21)(21)2 \quad \Theta: \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{matrix}$$

• Shuffling columns ordered by inclusion is compatible with Knuth operations

By Greene's theorem the shuffles of a finite set of columns ordered by inclusion are contained in the Knuth class of the key with those columns. However under certain conditions we have equality.

Corollary 0.2. The following statements are equivalent:

\bullet The Knuth class of a key-tableau over a three-letter alphabet is the set of all shuffles of its columns.

\bullet J is a three-column frank word if and only if J has one of the following forms

$$\begin{matrix} A_1^1 & A_2^2 & A_3^3 \\ A_1^2 & A_2^3 & A_3^3 \\ A_1^3 & A_2^2 & A_3^3 \end{matrix}, \quad \begin{matrix} A_1^2 & A_2^3 & A_3^3 \\ A_1^3 & A_2^2 & A_3^3 \\ A_1^3 & A_2^3 & A_3^2 \end{matrix}, \quad \begin{matrix} A_1^3 & A_2^3 & A_3^2 \\ A_1^2 & A_2^3 & A_3^3 \\ A_1^3 & A_2^2 & A_3^3 \end{matrix}, \quad \begin{matrix} A_1^1 & A_2^2 & A_3^2 \\ A_1^2 & A_2^1 & A_3^3 \\ A_1^3 & A_2^2 & A_3^3 \end{matrix}, \quad \begin{matrix} A_1^1 & A_2^2 & A_3^2 \\ A_1^2 & A_2^1 & A_3^3 \\ A_1^3 & A_2^3 & A_3^2 \end{matrix},$$

where $A_1^3 \leq A_2^3 \leq A_3^3$ with $|A_1^3| = |A_2^3| = |A_3^3|$; $A_i^r \cap A_i^s = \emptyset$, for $r \neq s$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, and $A_1^2 \leq A_2^2 \leq A_3^2 \leq A_3^3$ with $|A_1^2| = |A_2^2| = |A_3^2|$.

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3 An action of the symmetric group on Young tableaux of skew-shape

$U \sim I, \quad \beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$ a partition, $(\beta_{11}, \beta_{12}, \beta_{13}) \in S_3$

$$\Delta_\alpha UK(\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3) \xrightarrow{s_1} \Delta_\alpha UK(\beta_2, \beta_1, \beta_3) \xrightarrow{s_2} \Delta_\alpha UK(\beta_3, \beta_2, \beta_1). \quad (0.2)$$

Theorem 0.2. Let $\sigma \in \langle s_1, s_2 \rangle$, $\theta \in \langle \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle$ and $\Theta \in \langle \Theta_1, \Theta_2 \rangle$ with the same reduced word. Let $T(\sigma)$ be the tableau defined by $\Delta_\alpha UK(\sigma \beta)$, with word σw and indexing frank word σJ