

# Schubert Classes in the Equivariant K-Theory and Equivariant Cohomology of the Lagrangian Grassmannian

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## Abstract

We give positive formulas for the restriction of a Schubert Class to a  $T$ -fixed point in the equivariant K-theory and equivariant cohomology of the Lagrangian Grassmannian. Our formulas rely on a result of Ghorpade-Raghavan, which gives an equivariant Gröbner degeneration of a Schubert variety in the neighborhood of a  $T$ -fixed point of the Lagrangian Grassmannian.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $J$  be the antidiagonal  $2n \times 2n$  matrix whose top  $n$  antidiagonal entries are 1's and whose bottom  $n$  antidiagonal entries are -1's. Then  $J$  defines a nondegenerate skew-symmetric inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^{2n}$  by  $\langle v, w \rangle = v^t J w$ ,  $v, w \in \mathbb{C}^{2n}$ . The Lagrangian Grassmannian  $LGr_n$  is defined as the set of all  $n$ -dimensional complex subspaces  $V$  of  $\mathbb{C}^{2n}$  which are isotropic under this inner product, i.e., such that for every  $v, w \in V$ ,  $\langle v, w \rangle = 0$ . The symplectic group  $G = Sp_{2n}(\mathbb{C})$  consists of the invertible  $2n \times 2n$  complex matrices which preserve this inner product. Let  $T$  and  $B$  denote the diagonal and upper triangular matrices of  $G$  respectively. The natural action of  $G$  on  $LGr_n$  is transitive and has a unique  $B$ -fixed point  $e_{id}$ . Thus  $LGr_n$  can be identified with  $G/P_n$ , where  $P_n \supset B$  is the stabilizer of  $e_{id}$ . Let  $W$  denote the Weyl group of  $G$  with respect to  $T$  ( $= N_G(T)/T$ ) and  $W_{P_n}$  the Weyl group of  $P_n$ . For the  $G$ -action on  $LGr_n$ , the  $T$ -fixed points are precisely the cosets  $e_\beta := \beta P_n$ ,  $\beta \in W/W_{P_n}$ .

Let  $B^-$  denote the lower triangular matrices in  $G$ . For  $\alpha \in W/W_{P_n}$ , the (opposite) Schubert variety  $X_\alpha$  is the Zariski closure of  $B^- e_\alpha$  in  $LGr_n$ . The Schubert variety  $X_\alpha$  defines classes  $[X_\alpha]_K$  in  $K_T^*(LGr_n)$ , the  $T$ -equivariant K-theory of  $LGr_n$ , and  $[X_\alpha]_H$  in  $H_T^*(LGr_n)$ , the  $T$ -equivariant cohomology of  $LGr_n$ .

The  $T$ -equivariant embedding  $e_\beta \xrightarrow{i} LGr_n$  induces restriction homomorphisms:

$$K_T^*(LGr_n) \xrightarrow{i_K^*} K_T^*(e_\beta) \quad \text{and} \quad H_T^*(LGr_n) \xrightarrow{i_H^*} H_T^*(e_\beta).$$

The image of an element  $C$  of  $K_T^*(LGr_n)$  or  $H_T^*(LGr_n)$  under restriction to  $e_\beta$  is denoted by  $C|_{e_\beta}$ . The restrictions  $C|_{e_\beta}$ , evaluated at all  $\beta \in W/W_{P_n}$ , determine  $C$  uniquely. In this paper we obtain combinatorial formulas for  $[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{K}}|_{e_\beta}$  and  $[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{H}}|_{e_\beta}$ . Our formula for  $[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{K}}|_{e_\beta}$  is positive in the sense of [4, Conjecture 5.1], and our formula for  $[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{H}}|_{e_\beta}$  is positive in the sense of [5]. A positive formula for  $[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{K}}|_{e_\beta}$  also appears in [15], and positive formulas for  $[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{H}}|_{e_\beta}$  appear in [1] and [6].

The proof of our formulas relies on a result of Ghorpade-Raghavan [3], which gives an explicit equivariant Gröbner degeneration of an open neighborhood of  $X_\alpha$  centered at  $e_\beta$  to a reduced union of coordinate spaces. The outline of our proof is virtually the same as that of [14], which derives a similar result as here, but for Schubert varieties in the ordinary Grassmannian. In addition, many of the lemmas of [14] and their proofs carry over with little or no modification.

Our formulas for  $[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{K}}|_{e_\beta}$  and  $[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{H}}|_{e_\beta}$  are expressed in terms of ‘semistandard set-valued *shifted* tableaux’. These objects take the place of the ‘semistandard set-valued tableaux’ in [14]. Semistandard set-valued tableaux were introduced by Buch [2], and also appear in [7], [8]. The formula for  $[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{H}}|_{e_\beta}$  can also be expressed in terms of ‘subsets of *shifted* diagrams’, which we introduce in Section 5. These objects take the place of the ‘subsets of Young diagrams’ in [14]. It has come to our attention that Ikeda-Naruse have independently discovered subsets of Young diagrams and subsets of shifted diagrams and used them to express formulas for restrictions of Schubert classes to  $T$ -fixed points in the equivariant cohomology of the ordinary and Lagrangian Grassmannians respectively.

## 2 Semistandard Set-Valued Shifted Tableaux

For  $k \in \{1, \dots, 2n\}$ , define  $\bar{k} = 2n + 1 - k$ . Let  $I_n$  denote the set of all  $n$  element subsets  $\alpha = \{\alpha(1), \dots, \alpha(n)\}$  of  $\{1, \dots, 2n\}$  such that for each  $k \in \{1, \dots, 2n\}$ , exactly one of  $k$  or  $\bar{k}$  is in  $\alpha$ . We always assume the entries of such a subset are listed in increasing order. For  $\alpha \in I_n$ , define  $\alpha' \in I_n$  by  $\alpha' = \{1, \dots, 2n\} \setminus \alpha = \{\alpha(n), \dots, \alpha(1)\}$ . The map which takes  $\{\alpha(1), \dots, \alpha(n)\} \in I_n$  to the permutation  $(\alpha(1), \dots, \alpha(n), \alpha(n), \dots, \alpha(1)) \in W$  identifies  $I_n$  with the set of minimal length coset representatives for  $W/W_{P_n}$ . We shall use  $I_n$  rather than  $W/W_{P_n}$  to index the Schubert varieties and  $T$ -fixed points of  $LGr_n$ . Fix  $\alpha, \beta \in I_n$  for the remainder of this paper.

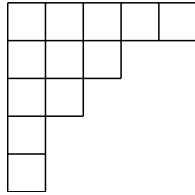
A **partition** is an ordered list of nonnegative integers  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$ ,  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m$ . Two partitions are identified if one can be obtained from the other by adding zeros. The **transpose** of  $\lambda$  is the partition  $\lambda^t = (\lambda_1^t, \dots, \lambda_p^t)$ , where  $\lambda_j^t = \#\{i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \mid \lambda_i \geq j\}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, p$ . The partition  $\lambda$  is said to be **symmetric** if  $\lambda^t = \lambda$ . It is said to be **strict** if  $\lambda_i = \lambda_{i+1}$  implies  $\lambda_i = 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . We denote by  $L_n$  (resp.  $M_n$ ) the set of all symmetric (resp. strict) partitions  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda_1 \leq n$ .

The map  $\pi$  from finite subsets of the positive integers to partitions, given

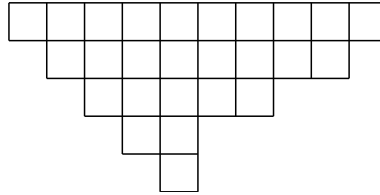
by  $\pi : \{\gamma(1), \dots, \gamma(k)\} \mapsto (\gamma(k) - k, \dots, \gamma(1) - 1)$ , where  $\gamma(1) < \dots < \gamma(k)$ , restricts to a bijection from  $I_n$  to  $L_n$ . The map  $\rho$  from partitions to strict partitions, given by  $\rho : (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) \mapsto (\lambda_1, \lambda_2 - 1, \dots, \lambda_l - l + 1)$ , where  $l$  is maximal such that  $\lambda_l - l + 1 \geq 0$ , restricts to a bijection from  $L_n$  to  $M_n$ . We denote the composition  $\rho \circ \pi : I_n \rightarrow M_n$  by  $\sigma$ . If  $\lambda = \sigma(\alpha)$ , then the **length** of  $\alpha$ , denoted  $l(\alpha)$ , is  $\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n$ .

A **Young diagram** is a collection of boxes arranged into a top and left justified array. A Young diagram is said to be **symmetric** if the length of the  $i$ -th row equals the length of the  $i$ -th column for all  $i$ . To any partition  $\lambda$  we associate the Young diagram  $D_\lambda$  whose  $i$ -th row has length  $\lambda_i$ . The  $j$ -th column of  $D_\lambda$  has length  $\lambda_j^t$ . Thus  $\lambda$  is symmetric if and only if  $D_\lambda$  is symmetric, and  $L_n$  can be identified with the set of all symmetric Young diagrams whose first rows have length  $\leq n$ .

A **shifted diagram** is a top-justified array of boxes whose left side forms a descending staircase, i.e., the leftmost box of any row is one column to the right of the leftmost box of the row above it. The **length** of a row of a shifted diagram is the number of boxes it contains. To a strict partition  $\lambda$  we associate the shifted diagram  $\tilde{D}_\lambda$  whose  $i$ -th row has length  $\lambda_i$ . We call  $\lambda$  the **shape** of  $\tilde{D}_\lambda$ . One sees that  $M_n$  can be identified with the set of all shifted diagrams whose first rows have length  $\leq n$ .



(a) A symmetric Young diagram



(b) A shifted diagram

The bijection  $\rho : L_n \rightarrow M_n$  can be viewed in terms of associated partitions. Let  $\lambda$  be a symmetric partition. If we remove all boxes of  $D_\lambda$  which lie below the main diagonal, then we obtain  $\tilde{D}_{\rho(\lambda)}$ :

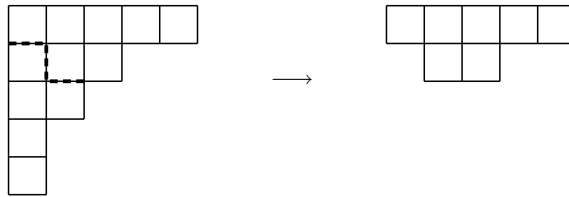


Figure 1: The map  $\rho$

A **set-valued shifted tableau**  $S$  is an assignment of a nonempty set of positive integers to each box of a shifted diagram. The entries of  $S$  are the

positive integers in the boxes. If a positive integer occurs in more than one box of  $S$ , then we consider the separate occurrences to be distinct entries. If  $x$  is an entry of  $S$ , then we define  $r(x)$  and  $c(x)$  to be the row and column numbers of the box containing  $x$  (where the top row is considered the first row and the leftmost column is considered the first column), and we define  $z(x)$  to be  $x + c(x) - r(x)$ . We say that  $S$  is a **Young shifted tableau** if each box contains a single entry.

A set-valued shifted tableau is said to be **semistandard** if all entries of any box  $B$  are less than or equal to all entries of the box to the right of  $B$  and strictly less than all entries of the box below  $B$ .

1	2, 3	3	3	4, 6, 7	7, 9
	4	4, 6	6, 7, 8	9, 11	
		8, 10			

Figure 2: A semistandard set-valued shifted tableau

If  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_h)$  is any strict partition, then a set-valued shifted tableau  $S$  is said to be **on  $\mu$**  if, for every entry  $x$  of  $S$ ,  $x \leq h$  and

$$z(x) \leq \mu_x + x - 1. \tag{1}$$

**Example 2.1.** Let  $\lambda = (2, 1)$ ,  $\mu = (5, 3, 2)$ . The following list gives all semistandard set-valued shifted tableaux on  $\mu$  of shape  $\lambda$ :

1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
	2		3		3		3
1	1	1	1, 2	1, 2	2		
	2, 3		3		3		

Denote the set of semistandard set-valued shifted tableaux on  $\mu$  of shape  $\lambda$  by  $\text{SSVT}_{\lambda, \mu}$  and the set of semistandard Young shifted tableaux on  $\mu$  of shape  $\lambda$  by  $\text{SSYT}_{\lambda, \mu}$ .

### 3 Results

Let  $\mathfrak{t}$  denote the Lie algebra of  $T$  and  $R(T)$  the representation ring of  $T$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \{\text{diag}(s_1, \dots, s_n, s_n^{-1}, \dots, s_1^{-1}) \mid s_k \in \mathbb{C}^*\} \\ \mathfrak{t} &= \{\text{diag}(s_1, \dots, s_n, -s_n, \dots, -s_1) \mid s_k \in \mathbb{C}\} \\ K_T^*(e_\beta) &\cong R(T) = \mathbb{C}[t_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, t_n^{\pm 1}] \\ H_T^*(e_\beta) &\cong \mathbb{C}[\mathfrak{t}^*] = \mathbb{C}[t_1, \dots, t_n] \end{aligned}$$

For  $k = 1, \dots, n$ , define  $t_{\bar{k}} \in K_T^*(e_\beta)$  to be  $t_k^{-1}$  and  $t_{\bar{k}} \in H_T^*(e_\beta)$  to be  $-t_k$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\lambda = \sigma(\alpha)$ ,  $\mu = \sigma(\beta)$ . Then*

$$(i) [X_\alpha]_K|_{e_\beta} = (-1)^{l(\alpha)} \sum_{S \in \text{SSVT}_{\lambda, \mu}} \prod_{x \in S} \left( \frac{1}{t_{\beta'(x)} t_{\beta'(z(x))}} - 1 \right).$$

$$(ii) [X_\alpha]_H|_{e_\beta} = \sum_{S \in \text{SSYT}_{\lambda, \mu}} \prod_{x \in S} (-t_{\beta'(x)} - t_{\beta'(z(x))}).$$

**Example 3.2.** *Consider  $LGr_3$ ,  $\alpha = \{1, 3, \bar{2}\}$ ,  $\beta = \{3, \bar{2}, \bar{1}\}$ . Then  $\sigma(\alpha) = (2)$ ,  $\sigma(\beta) = (3, 2)$ ,  $l(\alpha) = 2$ ,  $\beta' = \{1, 2, \bar{3}\}$ . The semistandard set-valued tableaux on  $\sigma(\beta)$  of shape  $\sigma(\alpha)$  are:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{1} \mid \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} \mid \boxed{2} & \boxed{2} \mid \boxed{2} \\ \\ \boxed{1} \mid \boxed{1, 2} & \boxed{1, 2} \mid \boxed{2} & \end{array}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} [X_\alpha]_K|_{e_\beta} &= \left( \frac{1}{t_1^2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{1}{t_1 t_2} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{t_1^2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{t_3}{t_2} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{t_2^2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{t_3}{t_2} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{t_1^2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{1}{t_2^2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{1}{t_1 t_2} - 1 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{t_1^2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{1}{t_1 t_2} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{t_3}{t_2} - 1 \right) \\ [X_\alpha]_H|_{e_\beta} &= (-2t_1)(-t_1 - t_2) + (-2t_1)(-t_2 + t_3) + (-2t_2)(-t_2 + t_3). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.3.** As we shall show in Section 4, each term in the products of Proposition 3.1(i) and (ii) is of the form  $e^\theta - 1$  and  $\theta$  respectively, where  $\theta$  is a positive root with respect to the Borel subgroup  $B^-$ .

## 4 The Class of a Schubert Variety

The **Plücker map**  $LGr_n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\wedge^n \mathbb{C}^{2n})$  is defined by  $V \mapsto [v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_n]$ , where  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is any basis for  $V$ . The Plücker map is a closed immersion, giving  $LGr_n$  its projective variety structure.

### Reduction to an Affine Variety

Under the Plücker map,  $e_\beta$  maps to  $[e_{\beta(1)} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{\beta(n)}] \in \mathbb{P}(\wedge^n \mathbb{C}^{2n})$ . Define  $p_\beta$  to be the homogeneous (**Plücker**) coordinate  $[e_{\beta(1)} \wedge \cdots \wedge e_{\beta(n)}]^* \in \mathbb{C}[\mathbb{P}(\wedge^n \mathbb{C}^{2n})]$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$  be the distinguished open set of  $LGr_n$  defined by  $p_\beta \neq 0$ . Then  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$  is isomorphic to the affine space  $\mathbb{C}^{n(n+1)/2}$ , with  $e_\beta$  the origin. Indeed,  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$  can be identified with the space of  $2n \times n$  complex matrices of the form  $K \cdot M$ , where  $K$  and  $M$  are defined as follows:

1.  $K$  is the  $2n \times 2n$  diagonal matrix which has 1's in the diagonal entries of rows  $\beta(1), \dots, \beta(n)$  and rows  $n+1, \dots, 2n$ , and  $-1$ 's in the diagonal entries of all other rows.
2.  $M$  is any  $2n \times n$  complex matrix for which rows  $\beta(1), \dots, \beta(n)$  form the  $n \times n$  identity matrix and rows  $\beta'(1), \dots, \beta'(n)$  form an  $n \times n$  antisymmetric (i.e., symmetric about the antidiagonal) matrix.

Under this identification, we index the rows of  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$  by  $\{1, \dots, 2n\}$  and the columns by  $\beta$ . We then choose the coordinates of  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$  to be the matrix elements  $y_{ab}$ , where  $a \in \beta'$ ,  $b \in \beta$ , and  $a \leq \bar{b}$  (note: due to the antisymmetry in the matrices  $M$  of 2, each matrix element  $y_{ab}$ , where  $a \in \beta'$ ,  $b \in \beta$ , and  $a > \bar{b}$  must be plus or minus one of our chosen coordinates). Thus  $\{(a, b) \in \beta' \times \beta \mid a \leq \bar{b}\}$ , which we denote by  $\mathfrak{R}_\beta$ , forms an indexing set for the coordinates of  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$ .

**Example 4.1.** Let  $n = 4$ ,  $\beta = \{1, 4, \bar{3}, \bar{2}\}$ . Then  $\beta' = \{2, 3, \bar{4}, \bar{1}\}$  and

$$\mathcal{O}_\beta = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -y_{21} & -y_{24} & -y_{2\bar{3}} & -y_{2\bar{2}} \\ -y_{31} & -y_{34} & -y_{3\bar{3}} & -y_{3\bar{2}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ y_{\bar{4}1} & y_{\bar{4}4} & y_{34} & y_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ y_{\bar{1}1} & y_{\bar{1}4} & y_{31} & y_{21} \end{array} \right), y_{ab} \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

The space  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$  is  $T$ -stable, and for  $\mathbf{s} = \text{diag}(s_1, \dots, s_n, s_n^{-1}, \dots, s_1^{-1}) \in T$  and coordinate functions  $y_{ab} \in \mathbb{C}[\mathcal{O}_\beta]$ ,

$$\mathbf{s}(y_{ab}) = \frac{s_b}{s_a} y_{ab},$$

where  $s_{\bar{k}} := s_k^{-1}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$ .

The equivariant embeddings  $e_\beta \xrightarrow{j} \mathcal{O}_\beta \xrightarrow{k} LGr_n$  induce homomorphisms

$$K_T^*(LGr_n) \xrightarrow{k^*} K_T^*(\mathcal{O}_\beta) \xrightarrow{j^*} K_T^*(e_\beta).$$

The map  $j^*$  is an isomorphism, identifying  $K_T^*(\mathcal{O}_\beta)$  with  $K_T^*(e_\beta)$ . Define  $Y_{\alpha,\beta} = X_\alpha \cap \mathcal{O}_\beta$ , an affine subvariety of  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$ . We have

$$[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{K}}|_{e_\beta} = j^* \circ k^*([X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{K}}) = j^*([k^{-1}X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{K}}) = j^*([Y_{\alpha,\beta}]_{\mathbb{K}}) = [Y_{\alpha,\beta}]_{\mathbb{K}}.$$

Applying analogous arguments for equivariant cohomology, we obtain

$$[X_\alpha]_{\mathbb{H}}|_{e_\beta} = [Y_{\alpha,\beta}]_{\mathbb{H}}.$$

## Reduction to a Union of Coordinate Subspaces

Let  $\lambda = \sigma(\alpha)$ ,  $\mu = \sigma(\beta)$ . Let  $\text{SV}\tilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\lambda,\mu}$  denote the set of all set-valued shifted tableaux (not necessarily semistandard) of shape  $\lambda$  on  $\mu$ . For  $S \in \text{SV}\tilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\lambda,\mu}$ , define

$$W_S = V(\{y_{\beta'(x),\overline{\beta'(z(x))}} \mid x \in S\}),$$

a coordinate subspace of  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$ . Define

$$W_{\alpha,\beta} = \bigcup_{P \in \text{SSY}\tilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\lambda,\mu}} W_P.$$

The following lemma, whose proof is a consequence of [3] and appears in Section 5, reduces the proof of Proposition 3.1 to computing the class of a union of coordinate subspaces.

**Lemma 4.2.**  $[Y_{\alpha,\beta}]_{\mathbb{K}} = [W_{\alpha,\beta}]_{\mathbb{K}}$

*Proof of Proposition 3.1.* (i) The proofs of Lemmas 4.3 and 4.4 and consequently of Proposition 2.2(i) of [14] carry through if the following modifications are made: (a) the word ‘tableau’ is replaced by ‘shifted tableau’ in all steps and all required definitions, and (b)  $t_{\beta(d+1-x)}$  and  $t_{\beta'(x+c(x)-r(x))}$  are replaced by  $t_{\overline{\beta'(z(x))}}$  and  $t_{\beta'(x)}$  respectively wherever they occur. The latter modification accounts for the difference in the definitions of  $W_S$ .

(ii) There is a standard ring homomorphism from  $K_T^*(\mathcal{O}_\beta)$  to  $H_T^*(\mathcal{O}_\beta)$ , the Chern character map, given by  $ch : t_i \mapsto e^{-t_i} = 1 - t_i + t_i^2/2 - t_i^3/3 + \dots$ . If  $Y \subset \mathcal{O}_\beta$  is a  $T$ -stable subvariety, then

$$ch : [Y]_{\mathbb{K}} \mapsto [Y]_{\mathbb{H}} + \text{higher order terms.}$$

Thus,  $[Y_{\alpha,\beta}]_{\mathbb{H}}$  is the lowest order term of

$$(-1)^{l(\alpha)} \sum_{S \in \text{SSV}\tilde{\mathbb{T}}_{\lambda,\mu}} \prod_{x \in S} \left( \frac{1}{e^{-t_{\beta'(x)}} e^{-t_{\beta'(z(x))}}} - 1 \right),$$

which equals

$$\sum_{S \in \text{SSYT}_{\lambda, \mu}} \prod_{x \in S} (-t_{\beta'(x)} - t_{\beta'(z(x))}).$$

□

*Proof of Remark 3.3.* Let  $\eta = \pi(\beta)$ , so that  $\mu = \sigma(\beta) = \rho(\pi(\beta)) = \rho(\eta)$ . One can show that  $\eta_j = \#\{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \mid \beta'(i) < \beta(n+1-j)\}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Therefore

$$i \leq \eta_j \iff \beta'(i) < \beta(n+1-j) \quad (2)$$

We look at one term  $-t_{\beta'(x)} - t_{\beta'(z(x))}$  in the product of (ii). Substituting  $i = z(x)$  and  $j = x$  into (2), we obtain:  $z(x) \leq \eta_x \iff \beta'(z(x)) < \beta(n+1-x) = \beta'(x) \iff \beta'(x) < \beta'(z(x))$ . Since  $S$  is on  $\mu$ ,  $x$  satisfies (1), i.e.,  $z(x) \leq \mu_x + x - 1 = \eta_x$ . Thus  $\beta'(x) < \beta'(z(x))$ . In addition, since  $x \leq z(x)$ ,  $\beta'(x) \leq \beta'(z(x))$ .

Thus  $-t_{\beta'(x)} - t_{\beta'(z(x))}$  is of the form  $-t_a - t_b$ ,  $a \leq b$ ,  $a < \bar{b}$ , and hence  $a \leq n$ . Clearly this is a positive root if  $b \leq n$ . If  $b > n$ , then letting  $c = \bar{b}$ , we have  $-t_a - t_b = -t_a + t_c$ ,  $a < c \leq n$ , which is also a positive root. □

## 5 Four Equivalent Models: $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}''_{\lambda, \mu}$ , $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda, \mu}$ , $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\lambda, \mu}$ , and $\text{SSYT}_{\lambda, \mu}$

In this section we prove Lemma 4.2. We assume all definitions from Sections 5 and 6 of [14]. Let  $\zeta, \eta$  be symmetric partitions with  $\zeta \leq \eta$ . Let  $D_\eta$  be the (symmetric) Young diagram associated to  $\eta$ .

- A family  $F$  of nonintersecting paths on  $D_\eta$  is said to be **symmetric** if  $(i, j) \in F \iff (j, i) \in F$ . In such case, it can be checked inductively that for any path  $p$  of  $F$ ,  $\bar{p}$  is also a path of  $F$ , where  $\bar{p}$  is the path obtained by replacing each  $(i, j)$  of  $p$  by  $(j, i)$ . We define  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\zeta, \eta}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}''_{\zeta, \eta}$  to be the set of all symmetric elements of  $\mathcal{F}_{\zeta, \eta}$  and  $\mathcal{F}''_{\zeta, \eta}$  respectively.
- A subset  $D$  of  $D_\eta$  is said to be **symmetric** if  $(i, j) \in D \iff (j, i) \in D$ . We define  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\zeta, \eta}$  to be the set of all symmetric elements of  $\mathcal{D}_{\zeta, \eta}$ .
- A semistandard tableau  $P$  of shape  $\zeta$  is said to be **symmetric** if  $P_{i,j} - i = P_{j,i} - j$  for all  $(i, j) \in D_\eta$ . We define  $\text{SSYT}_{\zeta, \eta}$  to be the set of all symmetric elements of  $\text{SSYT}_{\zeta, \eta}$ .

By Lemma 5.14 of [14],  $\mathcal{F}''_{\zeta, \eta} = \mathcal{F}_{\zeta, \eta}$ . Hence  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}''_{\zeta, \eta} = \overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\zeta, \eta}$ . The bijections  $\mathcal{F}_{\zeta, \eta} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\zeta, \eta}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{\zeta, \eta} \rightarrow \text{SSYT}_{\zeta, \eta}$  given in [14] restrict to bijections  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\zeta, \eta} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\zeta, \eta}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\zeta, \eta} \rightarrow \text{SSYT}_{\zeta, \eta}$  respectively.

Let  $\lambda = \rho(\zeta)$ ,  $\mu = \rho(\eta)$ , and let  $\tilde{D}_\mu$  be the shifted diagram associated with  $\mu$ . We have the notions of subsets of  $\tilde{D}_\mu$  and families of nonintersecting paths on  $\tilde{D}_\mu$ , defined analogously as in [14]. If  $D \in \overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\zeta, \eta}$ , then we define  $\rho(D)$  to be the



subset of  $\tilde{D}_\mu$  obtained by removing all boxes of  $D$  below the main diagonal of  $D$ . If  $F \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\zeta,\eta} = \overline{\mathcal{F}}''_{\zeta,\eta}$ , then we define  $\rho(F)$  to be the family of nonintersecting paths on  $\tilde{D}_\mu$  obtained by removing all boxes in all paths of  $F$  below the main diagonal of  $F$ . If  $P \in \text{SSYT}_{\zeta,\eta}$ , then we define  $\rho(P)$  to be the semistandard shifted tableau obtained by removing all boxes of  $P$  below the main diagonal and their entries. Define  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\lambda,\mu} = \rho(\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\zeta,\eta})$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda,\mu} = \rho(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\zeta,\eta})$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}''_{\lambda,\mu} = \rho(\mathcal{F}''_{\zeta,\eta})$ , and note  $\text{SSYT}_{\lambda,\mu} = \rho(\text{SSYT}_{\zeta,\eta})$ .

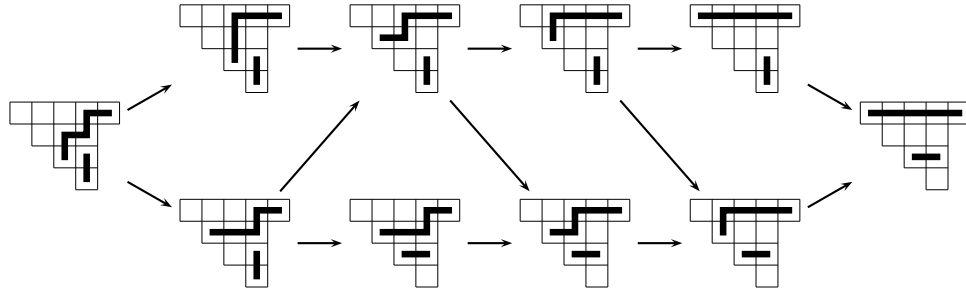
We have that  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}''_{\lambda,\mu} = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda,\mu}$ , and under  $\rho$ , the bijections  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\zeta,\eta} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\zeta,\eta}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\zeta,\eta} \rightarrow \text{SSYT}_{\zeta,\eta}$  induce bijections  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda,\mu} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\lambda,\mu}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\lambda,\mu} \rightarrow \text{SSYT}_{\lambda,\mu}$  respectively. The following diagram, all of whose squares commute, summarizes our constructions:

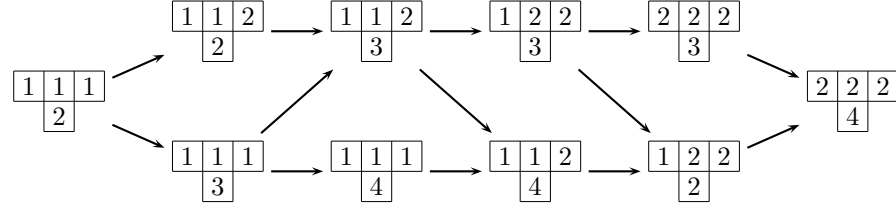
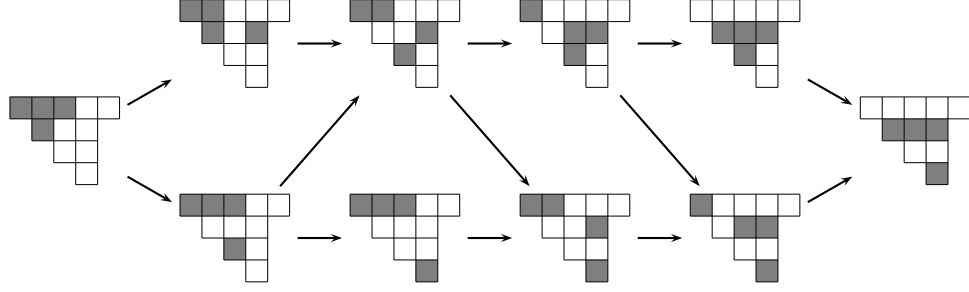
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{F}''_{\zeta,\eta} & \xlongequal{\quad} & \mathcal{F}_{\zeta,\eta} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{D}_{\zeta,\eta} & \longrightarrow & \text{SSYT}_{\zeta,\eta} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \overline{\mathcal{F}}''_{\zeta,\eta} & \xlongequal{\quad} & \overline{\mathcal{F}}_{\zeta,\eta} & \longrightarrow & \overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\zeta,\eta} & \longrightarrow & \text{SSYT}_{\zeta,\eta} \\
 \rho \downarrow & & \rho \downarrow & & \rho \downarrow & & \rho \downarrow \\
 \tilde{\mathcal{F}}''_{\lambda,\mu} & \xlongequal{\quad} & \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda,\mu} & \longrightarrow & \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\lambda,\mu} & \longrightarrow & \text{SSYT}_{\lambda,\mu}
 \end{array}$$

All horizontal maps are bijections, as are the four lower vertical maps. Here we are interested in the bottom row, which gives four equivalent combinatorial models.

The families  $\mathcal{F}''_{\zeta,\eta}$  appear in [9], [10], [11], [12], and [13];  $\mathcal{F}''_{\zeta,\eta}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{\zeta,\eta}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_{\zeta,\eta}$ , and  $\text{SSYT}_{\zeta,\eta}$  appear in [14];  $\overline{\mathcal{F}}''_{\zeta,\eta}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}''_{\lambda,\mu}$  were introduced in [3];  $\mathcal{D}_{\zeta,\eta}$ ,  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}_{\zeta,\eta}$ , and  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\lambda,\mu}$  were discovered independently by Ikeda-Naruse.

**Example 5.1.** Let  $\lambda = (3, 1)$ ,  $\mu = (5, 3, 2, 1)$ . Below we give all elements of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda,\mu}$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\lambda,\mu}$ , and  $\text{SSYT}_{\lambda,\mu}$ .





*Proof of Lemma 4.2.* Let  $\lambda = \sigma(\alpha)$ ,  $\mu = \sigma(\beta)$ ,  $\eta = \pi(\beta)$ . Recall that the coordinates  $y_{a,b}$  on  $\mathcal{O}_\beta$  are indexed by  $\mathfrak{R}_\beta = \{(a, b) \in \beta' \times \beta \mid a \leq \bar{b}\}$ . Let  $\{v_{a,b} \mid (a, b) \in \mathfrak{R}_\beta\} \subset \mathcal{O}_\beta$  denote the basis dual to the basis of linear forms  $\{y_{a,b} \mid (a, b) \in \mathfrak{R}_\beta\} \subset \mathcal{O}_\beta^*$ . For  $F \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}''_{\lambda, \mu}$ , define

$$W_F = \text{Span}(\{v_{\beta'(x), \beta(n+1-z)} \mid (x, z) \in \text{Supp}(F)\} \dot{\cup} \{v_{a,b} \mid (a, b) \in \mathfrak{R}_\beta, a > b\}).$$

In [3], an explicit equivariant bijection is constructed from

$\mathbb{C} \left[ \bigcup_{F \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}''_{\lambda, \mu}} W_F \right]$  to  $\mathbb{C}[Y_{\alpha, \beta}]$ . Thus

$$\text{Char}(\mathbb{C}[Y_{\alpha, \beta}]) = \text{Char} \left( \mathbb{C} \left[ \bigcup_{F \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}''_{\lambda, \mu}} W_F \right] \right) = \text{Char} \left( \mathbb{C} \left[ \bigcup_{F \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda, \mu}} W_F \right] \right). \quad (3)$$

Let  $\tilde{D}_\mu$  be the shifted diagram associated to  $\mu$ . For  $x, z \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $x \leq z$ , we have that  $(x, z) \in \tilde{D}_\mu \iff z \leq \eta_x \iff \beta'(z) < \beta'(x) \iff \beta'(x) < \beta'(z) = \beta(n+1-z)$  (see proof of Remark 3.3). Thus  $\{(a, b) \in \mathfrak{R}_\beta \mid a < b\}$  can be expressed as  $\{(\beta'(x), \beta(n+1-z)) \mid (x, z) \in \tilde{D}_\mu\}$ . Let  $F \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda, \mu}$ , and let  $D \in \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{\lambda, \mu}$  and  $P \in \text{SSYT}_{\lambda, \mu}$  correspond to  $F$  under the bijections above. Since  $\text{Supp}(F)$  and  $D$  are complements in  $\tilde{D}_\mu$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{R}_\beta &= \{(\beta'(x), \beta(n+1-z)) \mid (x, z) \in \text{Supp}(F)\} \dot{\cup} \{(a, b) \in \mathfrak{R}_\beta \mid a > b\} \\ &\quad \dot{\cup} \{(\beta'(x), \beta(n+1-z)) \mid (x, z) \in D\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
W_F &= V(\{y_{\beta'(x), \beta(n+1-z)} \mid (x, z) \in D\}) \\
&= V(\{y_{\beta'(x), \beta(n+1-x+r(x)-c(x))} \mid x \in P\}) \\
&= V(\{y_{\beta'(x), \beta(n+1-z(x))} \mid x \in P\}) \\
&= V(\{y_{\beta'(x), \overline{\beta'(z(x))}} \mid x \in P\}) \\
&= W_P.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\bigcup_{F \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda, \mu}} W_F = \bigcup_{P \in \text{SSYT}_{\lambda, \mu}} W_P$ , and thus

$$\text{Char} \left( \mathbb{C} \left[ \bigcup_{F \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\lambda, \mu}} W_F \right] \right) = \text{Char} \left( \mathbb{C} \left[ \bigcup_{P \in \text{SSYT}_{\lambda, \mu}} W_P \right] \right) = \text{Char}(\mathbb{C}[W_{\alpha, \beta}]). \tag{4}$$

Combining (3) and (4), we obtain  $\text{Char}(\mathbb{C}[Y_{\alpha, \beta}]) = \text{Char}(\mathbb{C}[W_{\alpha, \beta}])$ . By (4) of [14],  $[Y_{\alpha, \beta}]_{\mathbb{K}} = [W_{\alpha, \beta}]_{\mathbb{K}}$ .  $\square$

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