

# Symmetric group $S_n$

## Partitions of $n$

$$P(n) \ni \lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_\ell > 0)$$

$$\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_\ell = n$$

$$\text{Irr}(S_n) \leftrightarrow P(n) \leftrightarrow \text{conjugacy classes in } S_n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ V_\lambda & \leftrightarrow & \lambda \end{array}$$

$$L_\lambda := \text{Ind}_{S_\lambda}^{S_n} (\text{Trivial}), \text{ where } S_\lambda = S_{\lambda_1} \times S_{\lambda_2} \times \dots \times S_{\lambda_\ell}$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\text{Fun}(S_n/S_\lambda)$$

$$(\mathbb{C}S_n) \text{ class } \ni i_\lambda = \chi_{L_\lambda}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\chi_\lambda = \chi_{V_\lambda}$$

$$\text{Let } X = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

$$S_n/S_\lambda \leftrightarrow \text{Part}(X; \lambda)$$



$$\{ X = X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_\ell \text{ s.t. } |X_j| = \lambda_j \}$$

$$\text{transitive } S_n : \sigma(X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_\ell) = \sigma(X_1) \cup \dots \cup \sigma(X_\ell)$$

$$S_n \xrightarrow{\text{surj.}} \text{Part}(X; \lambda)$$

$\downarrow$

$$\sigma \longmapsto \sigma \{1, \dots, \lambda_1\} \cup \sigma \{\lambda_1 + 1, \dots, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2\} \cup \dots$$

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$$\text{Stab}(\{1, \dots, \lambda_1\} \cup \{\lambda_1+1, \dots, \lambda_1+\lambda_2\} \cup \dots) = S_\lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned} (i_\lambda, i_\mu) &= |S_\lambda \setminus S_n / S_\mu| \\ &= \# \text{ matrices with } \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \text{ entries whose} \\ &\quad \text{row. sum} = \mu, \quad \text{col. sum} = \lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$S_n / S_\mu \leftrightarrow \text{Part}(X; \mu)$$

$$\text{Let } Y_1 = \{1, \dots, \lambda_1\}, \quad Y_2 = \{\lambda_1+1, \dots, \lambda_1+\lambda_2\}, \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Part}(X, \mu) \\ \Downarrow \\ X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_r \\ \mu = (\mu_1 \geq \dots \geq \mu_r \geq 0) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \nearrow A \text{ where} \\ a_{ij} = |X_i \cap Y_j| \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = |X_i \cap Y| \\ = |X_i| = \mu_i \end{array}$$

e.g.

$$\begin{array}{cc} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{l} 3 \\ 2 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{cc} 4 & 1 \\ \uparrow & \nwarrow \end{array} & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \{1, 2, 5\} \cup \{3, 4\} \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ X_1 & X_2 \end{array}$$

$$Y_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, Y_2 = \{5\}$$

There's a (partial) order on  $\mathcal{P}(n)$ :

$$\lambda \geq \mu \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_j \geq \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_j, \quad \forall j$$

e.g.  $(3, 1, 1, 1)$  and  $(2, 2, 2)$  are not comparable

$(n)$  is the max

$(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_n)$  is the min

$$(n) \rightsquigarrow L(n) = \text{Ind}_{S_n}^{S_n} (\text{Triv}) = \text{Triv}$$

$$(n-1, 1) \rightsquigarrow L(n-1, 1) = \text{Ind}_{S_{n-1}}^{S_n} (\text{Triv}) = \text{Fun}(S_n/S_{n-1}) \simeq \mathbb{C}^n$$

$$= \text{Triv} \oplus \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$$

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Standard

$$L_\lambda = \bigoplus_{\mu \geq \lambda} V_\mu \oplus K_{\lambda\mu}, \quad K_{\lambda\lambda} = 1$$

$$(5) \leftrightarrow \text{Triv}$$

$$(4, 1) \leftrightarrow 4\text{-dim'l irr.}$$

$$(3, 2) \leftrightarrow 5\text{-dim'l irr.}$$

$$(3, 1, 1) \leftrightarrow 6\text{-dim'l irr.}$$

$$((3, 1, 1) \leq \lambda \text{ if } \lambda = (5) \text{ or } (4, 1) \text{ or } (3, 2))$$

$K_{\lambda\mu}$  are explicitly computable (Frobenius-Schur)

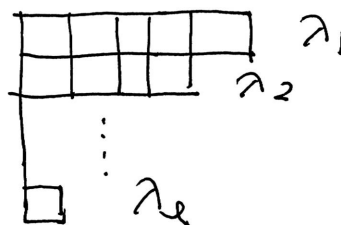
→ Kostka numbers

$$\text{e.g. } \text{Ind}_{S_3}^{S_5} (\text{Triv}) = \text{Triv}^{\oplus n_1} \oplus (\mathbb{C}^4)^{\oplus n_2} \oplus (\mathbb{C}^5)^{\oplus n_3} \oplus \underbrace{V}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 6\text{-dim'l}}}$$

(Young) Tableaux (YT)

$K_{\lambda\mu}$

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_\ell)$$



(3,2)

Semi-Standard T = a way of filling  $YT_\lambda$

$\wedge \begin{matrix} \leq \\ \hline \end{matrix}$  e.g. 

1	1	2
2	3	

  
(semi but not standard)

Standard: both strict

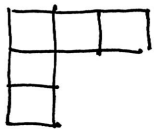
$\wedge \begin{matrix} < \\ \hline \end{matrix}$  e.g. 

1	3	4
2	5	

$K_{\lambda\mu} = \#$  of ways of filling  $YT_\mu$  with  $\lambda$  shape

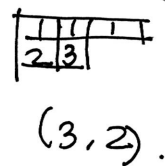
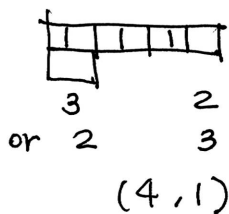
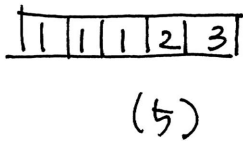
type  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 \text{ 1's} \\ \lambda_2 \text{ 2's} \\ \lambda_3 \text{ 3's} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$  and keep it semi-standard

e.g.  $(3,1,1) \leq (5), (4,1), (3,2)$



$$\text{Ind}_{S_3}^{S_5}(\text{Triv}) = \text{Triv} \oplus (\mathbb{C}^4)^{\oplus 2} \oplus (5-d)^{\oplus 1} \oplus (6-dm)^{\oplus 1}$$

$\begin{matrix} 20 & & 8 & & 5 \\ \oplus & & \oplus & & \oplus \\ 1 & & 6 & & 5 \end{matrix}$



$$\mu \in P(n)$$

$$\dim V_\mu = \chi_\mu(e) = \# \text{ of times } V_\mu \text{ appears in } \mathbb{C}S_n$$

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$$\# \text{ standard tableaux of shape } \mu = K_{(1, \dots, 1), \mu} = \text{Ind}_{S_1 \times S_1 \times \dots}^{S_n} (\text{Triv})$$

$$n! = \sum_{\mu \vdash n} (\# \text{ standard YT of shape } \mu)^2$$

< Robinson - Schensted - Knuth >

$S_n \leftrightarrow$  Pair of standard YT of same shape

$M_{\lambda\mu} \leftrightarrow$  Pair of semi-standard YT of same shape (type  $\lambda$  &  $\mu$  resp.)

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\nu}_\lambda, \bar{\nu}_\mu) &= \left( \sum_\alpha \chi_\alpha K_{\lambda\alpha}, \sum_\beta \chi_\beta K_{\mu\beta} \right) \\ &= \sum_\alpha K_{\lambda\alpha} K_{\mu\alpha} \quad ((\chi_\alpha, \chi_\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta}) \\ &= (\text{Matrices w/ row sum } = \mu, \text{ col. sum } \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

< Frobenius Characteristic map > (isometry)

$(\mathbb{C}S_n)_{\text{class}} \leftrightarrow$  Symm. poly's of degree  $n$

$$(f_1, f_2) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma} f_1(\sigma^{-1}) f_2(\sigma)$$

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$$P_k = x_1^k + x_2^k + \dots \quad (k \geq 1)$$

$$P_\lambda = P_{\lambda_1} P_{\lambda_2} \dots P_{\lambda_\ell} \quad (\lambda \vdash n)$$

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$$\delta_{C_\lambda} \longmapsto P_\lambda / Z_\lambda$$

$$\text{where } \delta_{C_\lambda}(g) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } g \in C_\lambda \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$Z_\lambda = |\text{centralizer of } C_\lambda|$$

$$\hat{\chi}_\lambda = \chi_{\text{Ind}_{S_\lambda}^{S_n}}(t\bar{\nu}) \rightarrow \text{complete sym. ftn}$$

$$\chi_\lambda - \longmapsto \text{Schur function}$$

Complete symm. ftn

$h_k = \text{sum of all monomials of degree } k$

$$h_\lambda = h_{\lambda_1} \cdots h_{\lambda_\ell}$$