

A refinement of switching on ballot tableau pairs

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Ballot semistandard Young tableaux or LR tableaux

- Ballot or Littlewood-Richardson tableaux (LR)

$$U = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 & 2 \\ \hline & 1 & 3 & \\ \hline 1 & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & & \\ \hline 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

11123

A semistandard Young tableau is **ballot** or **LR** if the content of each initial segment of the reading word (read right to left along rows, top to bottom) is a partition.

T and Y are ballot, U is not.

Littlewood-Richardson rule

- The **Littlewood-Richardson (LR) rule** (*D.E. Littlewood and A. Richardson 34; M.-P. Schützenberger 77; G.P. Thomas 74*) states that the coefficients appearing in the expansion of a product of Schur polynomials s_μ and s_ν

$$s_\mu(x) s_\nu(x) = \sum_{\lambda} c_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} s_{\lambda}(x)$$

are given by

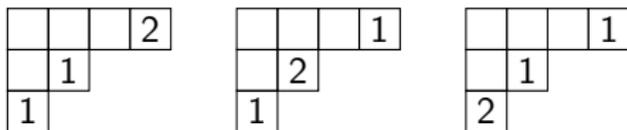
$$c_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} = \#\{\text{ballot SSYT of shape } \lambda/\mu \text{ and content } \nu\}.$$

- Schubert structure coefficients of the product in $H^*(G(d, n))$, the cohomology of the Grassmannian $G(d, n)$ (as a \mathbb{Z} -module), are also given by the LR rule (*L. Lesier 47*),

$$\sigma_{\mu}\sigma_{\nu} = \sum_{\lambda \subseteq d \times (n-d)} c_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda}.$$

The structure coefficient $c_{\mu,\nu}^\lambda$ is

the cardinality of an explicit set of combinatorial objects.


$$c_{31,21}^{421} = 2$$

- Fixing λ , it is known that the number $c_{\mu,\nu}^\lambda$ is **invariant under the switching of μ and ν** .
- There are several bijections (involutions) exhibiting the commutativity

$$c_{\mu,\nu}^\lambda = c_{\nu,\mu}^\lambda.$$

The involutive nature is always quite hard and mysterious, very often, unfolded with the help of further theory.

Switching, B.S.S. (1996)

- Switching is an operation that takes two tableaux $S \cup T$ sharing a common border and **moves them through each other** giving another such pair $U \cup V$, in a way that preserves Knuth equivalence, $S \equiv V$ and $T \equiv U$, and the shape of their union.
- A second application of switching restores the original pair $U \cup V$. **Switching is an involution.**
- Benkart, Sottile and Stroomer (1996) have studied switching in a general context.

Switching moves

- A perforated tableau pair $S \cup T$ is a labeling of the boxes satisfying some restrictions: whenever x and x' are letters from S (T) and x is north-west of x' , $x' \geq x$; within each column of T (S) the letters are distinct.
- The moves are such that if \mathbf{s} and \mathbf{t} are adjacent letters from S and T then a switch of \mathbf{s} with \mathbf{t} , $\mathbf{s} \leftrightarrow_s \mathbf{t}$, is a move such that the outcome pair is still perforated.



The Switching Procedure

- The Switching Procedure, B.S.S. (1996).
 - ▶ Start with the tableau pair $S \cup T$.
 - ▶ Switch integers from S with integers from T until it is no longer possible to do so. This produces a new pair $U \cup V$ where $U \equiv T$ and $S \equiv V$.

$$S \cup T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \leftrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 2 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- Let ρ_1 denote the map that the switching procedure calculates on ballot tableau pairs of partition shape.
- Imposing a certain order on switches on such pairs ($Y \cup T$ with Y Yamanouchi) reveals interesting features of the map ρ_1 .

Basic ideas

- Switching on a two-row tableau pair:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 4 & 2 & \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 1 & 2 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- Comparison of the switching on one-row tableau pair with the switching on the augmented two-row tableau pair.

$$S \cup T = \boxed{111111} \rightarrow U \cup V = \boxed{111111}$$

Add the second row 212 to $S \cup T$.

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Put 2 at the beginning of the second row of $U \cup V$; insert 1 in first row of $U \cup V$ by bumping the first 1 and then put it at the end of the second row; add at the end of the second row 2.

Switching on ballot tableau pairs

$$Y_\mu \cup T = \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & & \\ 4 & 2 & 3 & 4 & & \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3 & & \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 4 & & \end{array}$$

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Switching on ballot tableau pairs

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$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ 3 & 3 & 1 & 3 & & \\ 4 & 2 & 2 & 4 & & \end{array}$$

$$= Y_\nu \cup U = \rho_1(Y_\mu \cup T) \quad U \equiv Y_\mu, Y_\nu \equiv T.$$

A recursive definition for ρ_1



$$(Y_\mu \cup T)^- = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\rho_1} \rho_1[(Y \cup T)^-] = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 2 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y_\mu \cup T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline 4 & 2 & 3 & 4 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\rho_1} \rho_1(Y \cup T) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 1 & 3 & & \\ \hline 4 & 2 & 2 & 4 & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- Are $\rho_1(Y \cup T)$ and $\rho_1[(Y \cup T)^-]$ related?

$$\rho_1[(Y \cup T)^-] = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 2 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow[\bar{\theta}_{44}]{4} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 2 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline 4 & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow[\bar{\theta}_{3,4}]{3} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline 4 & 2 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$Y_\mu \cup T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline 4 & 2 & 3 & 4 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\rho_1} \rho_1[(Y \cup T)] = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 1 & 3 & & \\ \hline 4 & 2 & 2 & 4 & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

 \downarrow
 $\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \bar{\theta}_4 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \delta_4 \end{array}$

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$$\rho_1(Y \cup T) = \underbrace{\chi_4 \bar{\theta}_{2,4} \bar{\theta}_{3,4} \bar{\theta}_{4,4}}_{\bar{\theta}_4} \rho_1[(Y \cup T)^-].$$

$$\delta_4 \rho_1(Y \cup T) = \rho_1[(Y \cup T)^-], \quad \delta_4 = \bar{\theta}_4^{-1}$$

An avatar of switching map $\rho_1: \overline{\rho}^{(n)}$

- $Y_\mu \cup T \rightarrow Y_\nu \cup U$, $T \equiv Y_\nu$, $U \equiv T_\mu$: use the GT pattern T_ν for **internal insertion**, and add μ_i boxes marked with i at the end of each row i .

$$Y_\mu \cup T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & & \\ \hline 4 & 2 & 3 & 4 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad T_\nu = \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & 2 \\ & & & & 2 & & 1 \\ & & & 3 & & 2 & & 1 \\ & & 3 & & 3 & & 2 & & 1 \\ & & & & & & & & & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\emptyset \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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The bijection $\bar{\rho}^{(n)}$ and its inverse $\rho^{(n)}$

- Let $Y_\mu \cup T$ be a ballot tableau pair of shape λ . Let ν be the content of T with GT pattern $T_\nu = (\nu^{(1)}, \nu^{(2)}, \dots, \nu^{(n-1)}, \nu^{(n)})$.
- Let $\nu^{(i)} - \nu^{(i-1)} = (V_1^{(i)}, \dots, V_{i-1}^{(i)}, \nu_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then

$$\bar{\rho}^{(n)}(Y_\mu \cup T) = \bar{\theta}_n \cdots \bar{\theta}_2 \bar{\theta}_1 \emptyset,$$

$$\text{where } \theta_i = \chi^{\mu_i} \bar{\theta}_{1,i}^{V_1^{(i)}} \bar{\theta}_{2,i}^{V_2^{(i)}} \cdots \bar{\theta}_{i-1,i}^{V_{i-1}^{(i)}} \bar{\theta}_{i,i}^{\nu_i}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

- Let $\rho^{(n)}$ denote the inverse of $\bar{\rho}^{(n)}$. If $Y_\nu \cup U = \bar{\rho}^{(n)}(Y_\mu \cup T)$, then

$$\rho^{(n)}(Y_\nu \cup U) = \delta_1 \delta_2 \cdots \delta_n(Y_\nu \cup U)$$

produces the GT pattern of type ν consisting of the sequence of inner shapes in $Y_\nu \cup U$, and $\delta_i \cdots \delta_n(Y_\nu \cup U)$, $i = 2, \dots, n$.

Avatars of switching map ρ_1 : $\bar{\rho}^{(n)}$ and its inverse $\rho^{(n)}$

$$\bar{\rho}^{(n)}(Y_\mu \cup T) = \bar{\theta}_n \bar{\rho}^{(n-1)}(Y_\mu \cup T)^-.$$

$$[\rho^{(n)}(Y_\mu \cup T)]^- = \rho^{(n-1)} \delta_n(Y_\mu \cup T).$$

- **Lemma.** Let $\mathcal{LR}^{(n)}$ the set of all ballot tableau pairs $Y \cup T$, with at most n rows, where Y is a Yamanouchi tableau. Let $\xi^{(n)}$ be an involution on $LR^{(n)}$ such that $\xi^{(n)}(Y_\mu \cup T) = Y_\nu \cup U$ with $Y_\mu \equiv U$ and $Y_\nu \equiv T$. Then, for all $Y \cup T \in \mathcal{LR}^{(n)}$,

$$\xi^{(n-1)}(Y \cup T)^- = \delta_n \xi^{(n)}(Y \cup T) \quad \text{iff} \quad \xi^{(n-1)} \delta_n(Y \cup T) = [\xi^{(n)}(Y \cup T)]^-.$$

Using the fact that ρ_1 is an involution.

- **Corollary.** $\bar{\rho}^{(n)}$ is an involution and by definition

$$\delta_n \bar{\rho}^{(n)}(Y \cup T) = \bar{\rho}^{(n-1)}(Y \cup T)^-.$$

Then

$$\bar{\rho}^{(n-1)} \delta_n(Y \cup T) = [\bar{\rho}^{(n)}(Y \cup T)]^-.$$

- **Corollary.** $\rho^{(n)}$ is an involution and by definition

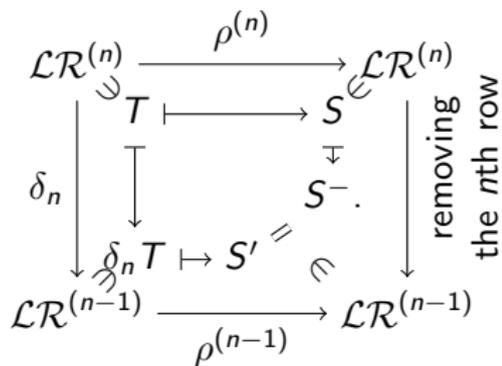
$$[\rho^{(n)}(Y_\mu \cup T)]^- = \rho^{(n-1)} \delta_n(Y_\mu \cup T).$$

Then

$$\delta_n \rho^{(n)}(Y \cup T) = \rho^{(n-1)}(Y \cup T)^-.$$

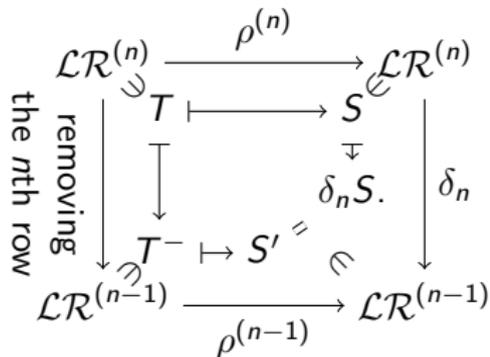
Without using the switching map ρ_1 : the bijection $\rho^{(n)}$

- By definition of $\rho^{(n)}$

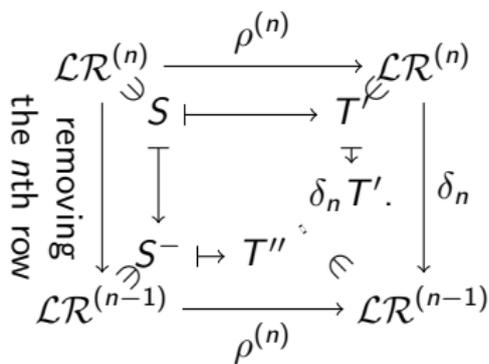
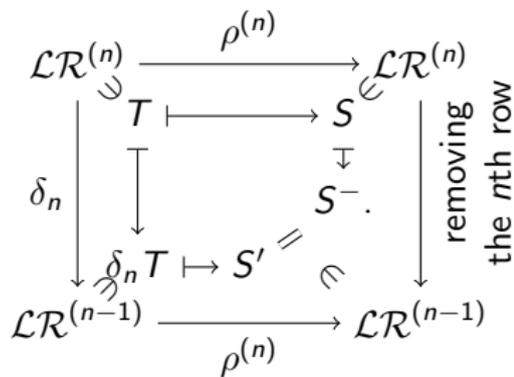


$$\rho^{(n-1)}\delta_n(Y \cup T) = [\rho^{(n)}(Y \cup T)]^-.$$

- Theorem (A. 2000); A., King, Terada (2016)



$$\rho^{(n-1)}(Y \cup T)^- = \delta_n \rho^{(n)}(Y \cup T).$$



$$\delta_n \rho^{(n)2} = \rho^{(n)2} \delta_n.$$

$\rho^{(n)}$ is an involution

Theorem

(A., King, Terada, 2016) $\rho^{(n)^2} = id$.

Proof. By induction on n .

$$n = 1, \quad T = \boxed{11111111} \xrightarrow{\rho^{(1)}} S = \boxed{11111111} \xrightarrow{\rho^{(1)}} T = \boxed{11111111}$$

Let $n > 1$. By induction on n ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho^{(n)^2}(\delta_n(Y \cup T)) = \delta_n(Y \cup T) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \delta_n(\rho^{(n)^2}(Y \cup T)) = \rho^{(n)^2}(\delta_n(Y \cup T)) = \delta_n(Y \cup T) \\ \Rightarrow & \rho^{(n)^2}(Y \cup T) = Y \cup T. \end{aligned}$$