

# Generalized Jucys-Murphy Elements and Canonical Idempotents in Brauer Algebras

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# *Plan of Talk / Motivation*

- ① *Canonical Idempotents in multiplicity-free families of algebras*
- ② *Wedderburn–Artin Theorem for tower of Brauer algebras*
- ③ *Module Decomposition for Doty's Permutation modules*

*Look for these boxes throughout.*



## Sage Math Wish List

For certain finite dimensional algebras:

- `some_alg(smaller_alg)`
- `some_alg.centralizer(elt_lst)`
- ...

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Induce from the Young subgroup  $\mathfrak{S}_\lambda \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_r$ .

*Hey, look, a lambda!*

$$M^\lambda := \text{Ind}_{\mathfrak{S}_\lambda}^{\mathfrak{S}_r} (V^0) = V^0 \otimes_{\mathbb{k}\mathfrak{S}_\lambda} \mathbb{k}\mathfrak{S}_r.$$

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$$\tilde{M}^\lambda := \text{span}\{e_J : J \in [n]^r; wt_i(J) = \lambda_i\}.$$

*E.g.*, for  $\lambda = (4, 1)$ ,  $\tilde{M}^\lambda = \langle e_{11112}, e_{11121}, e_{11211}, e_{12111}, e_{21111} \rangle$ .



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Turning to Brauer algebras  $\mathfrak{B}_n(z) \dots$ 

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  - ▷ They find analogs of Specht and Young modules in this context.
- Doty ('12) uses “Idea #2” to build permutation modules for  $\mathfrak{B}_n(z)$ .
  - ▷ We find Specht, and *perhaps* Young, modules in his context.

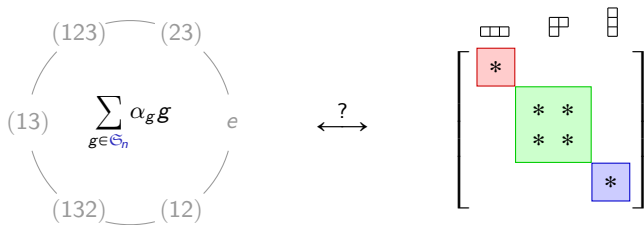
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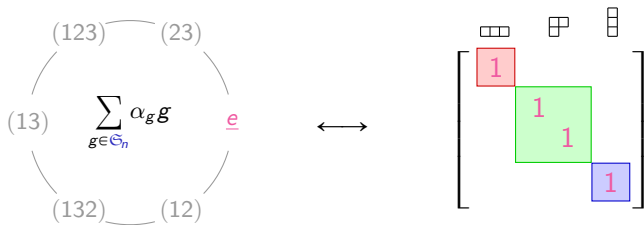
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- 3  $\varepsilon_{ij}^\lambda$  ~~full set of  $d_\lambda^2$  block matrix units, ex.  $\varepsilon_{21}^{\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}}$  not asking for these~~



## Theorem (Young, 1928)

- 1 The central idempotents for  $\mathbb{C}\mathfrak{S}_n$  are indexed by partitions of  $n$ .
- 2 The primitive idempotents for  $\mathbb{C}\mathfrak{S}_n$  are indexed by standard Young tableaux of size  $n$ .

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$$\varepsilon(\text{red}) = e_{\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}}$$

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## Proof.

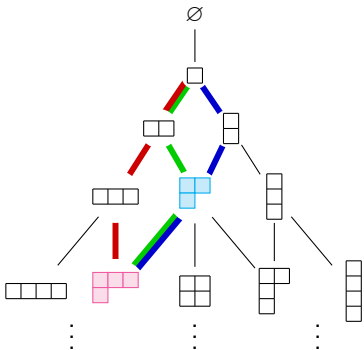
- $e_T$  – defined via row- (column-) (anti-)symmetrizers  $R_T$  ( $C_T$ ).
- Proof Idea – study intricate combinatorics of interactions

between  $R_T$  and  $C_S$  ... 15 pages(!) in Garsia's notes [[Gar](#)]



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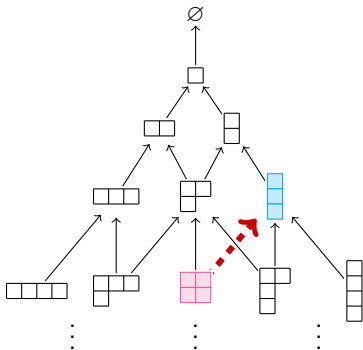
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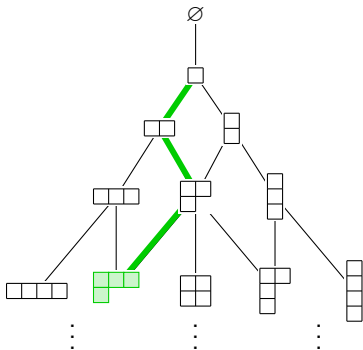


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*Proof.*

Easy induction on  $n$ .





## Sage Math Wish

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sage: S3 = SymmetricGroupAlgebra(QQ, 3)
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sage: S3.central_primitive_idempotent([2,1])
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sage: S3.primitive_idempotent([[1,3], [2]])
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*Ditto for other (towers of) semisimple algebras.*

***End Interlude.***

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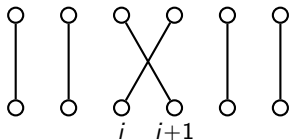
Now restrict to orthogonal matrices:

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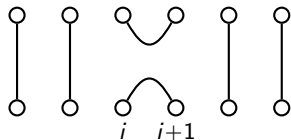
What is the corresponding centralizing object?

*(It should be bigger than  $\mathbb{C}\mathfrak{S}_n$ .)*

## Generators:

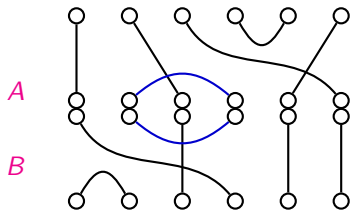


transpositions  $s_i$  ( $1 \leq i < r$ )

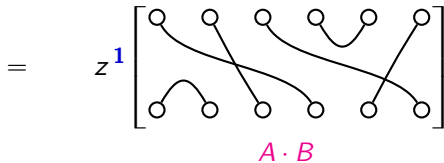


contractions  $c_i$  ( $1 \leq i < r$ )

## Multiplication rule:



compose diagrams, top-to-bottom



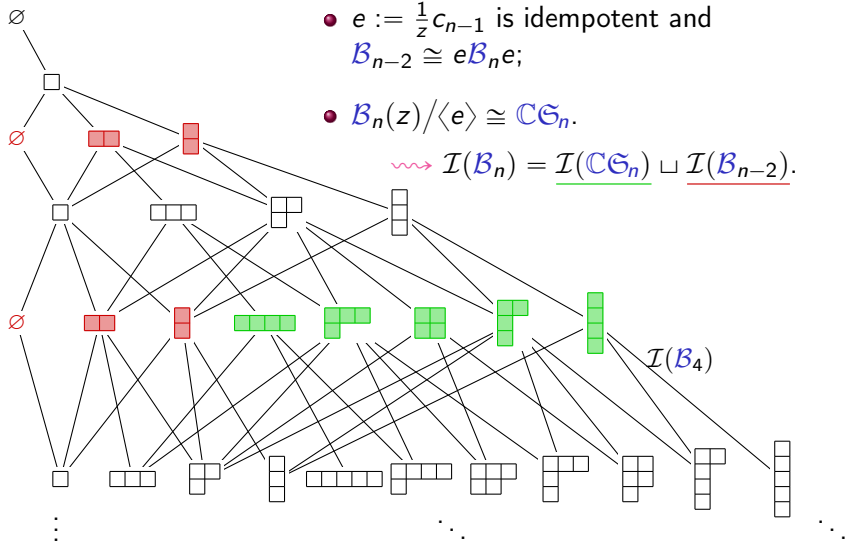
exponent of  $z$  counts omitted internal loops



Irreducible Modules of  $\mathfrak{B}_n(z)$ 

- $e := \frac{1}{z}c_{n-1}$  is idempotent and  $\mathfrak{B}_{n-2} \cong e\mathfrak{B}_n e$ ;
- $\mathfrak{B}_n(z)/\langle e \rangle \cong \mathbb{C}\mathfrak{S}_n$ .

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{B}_n) = \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{C}\mathfrak{S}_n) \sqcup \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{B}_{n-2}).$$





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# *Multiplicity Free Families & Jucys–Murphy Elements*

- *Extension of [\[VO\]](#) to Multiplicity Free Families*
- *Utility of Jucys–Murphy elements for primitive/central idempotents*

## Axiomatic Setup: MFFs

$\{\mathcal{A}_n : n \geq 0\}$  is a multiplicity-free family of algebras over  $\mathbb{C}$  if:

- Each  $\mathcal{A}_n$  is semisimple; with  $\mathcal{A}_0 \cong \mathbb{C}$
- There are (unity-preserving) inclusions  $\mathcal{A}_{n-1} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}_n$
- The multiplicity of  $[\mu]$  in  $\text{Res}_{\mathcal{A}_{n-1}}^{\mathcal{A}_n}[\lambda]$  is **0** or **1**,  $\forall \mu \in \mathcal{I}(\mathcal{A}_{n-1})$

### Criterion

*Restriction to  $\mathcal{A}_{n-1}$  is multiplicity-free if and only if the centralizer algebra*

$$Z(\mathcal{A}_{n-1}, \mathcal{A}_n) := \{x \in \mathcal{A}_n \mid xy = yx, \forall y \in \mathcal{A}_{n-1}\}$$

*is commutative.*

Examples. Alternating group algebras, Symmetric group algebras, Hecke algebras of types ABD, (affine & cyclotomic) Hecke–Clifford (super)algebras, BMW algebras, . . . , diagram algebras [[GG](#)], including **Brauer algebras** and Partition algebras.



## Sage Math Wish

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sage: S3 = SomeAlgebra(QQ, 3); S2 = SmallerAlgebra(QQ, 2)
sage: S3(S2.an_element())
sage: S3.centralizer(S2)
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## Main Results: MFFs

### Theorem (DLS, '16)

Given an MFF,

- 1 central idempotents  $\varepsilon(\lambda)$ .
  - may be computed as polynomials in Jucys–Murphy elements using Lagrange interpolation (see next slides).
- 2 primitive idempotents  $\varepsilon_{ii}^\lambda = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{T}}$ .
  - a complete system is given by taking products of descending central idempotents, i.e., nodes along the paths  $\mathbf{T}$ .

*Remark.* The system is *canonical* in the sense that:

- (1) no choices are made (aside from the embeddings  $\mathcal{A}_{n-1} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}_n$ );
- (2) if any other system satisfies  $e_{\mathbf{T}}^\dagger e_{\mathbf{T}} = e_{\mathbf{T}} (\forall \mathbf{T})$ , then  $e_{\mathbf{T}} = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{T}} (\forall \mathbf{T})$ .



## Axiomatic Setup: JM Sequences

A sequence  $(J_n \in \mathcal{A}_n : n \geq 1)$  is a (generalized) [Jucys–Murphy sequence](#) if  $(\forall n)$ :

- partial sums  $J_1 + \cdots + J_{n-1} + J_n$  belong to the center  $Z(\mathcal{A}_n)$ ;
- $\langle J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n \rangle = \langle Z(\mathcal{A}_1), \dots, Z(\mathcal{A}_{n-1}), Z(\mathcal{A}_n) \rangle = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{T}} : |\mathbf{T}| = n\}$ .

### Proposition (DLS,'16)

*JM sequences always exist for MFFs.*

## Computing the Coefficient Matrix $c_{\mathbf{T}}(k)$

- Write  $J_k := \sum_{\mathbf{T}} c_{\mathbf{T}}(k) \varepsilon_{\mathbf{T}}$  ( $\forall 1 < k \leq n$ ). We wish to find the  $c_{\mathbf{T}}(k)$ 's.
- **Fact:** For any simple  $V$  of type  $\lambda$ ,  $(J_1 + \cdots + J_{n-1} + J_n)$  acts as a scalar  $a_{\lambda}$  on  $V$ .
- Given a path  $\mathbf{T}$  in branching graph, let  $\mathbf{typ}(\mathbf{T})$  denote terminal node, and let  $\dot{\mathbf{T}}$  denote the path  $\mathbf{T} \setminus \mathbf{typ}(\mathbf{T})$ .

### Proposition (DLS, '16)

For all paths  $\mathbf{T}$  of length  $n$ , we have:

$$c_{\mathbf{T}}(k) = c_{\dot{\mathbf{T}}}(k) \text{ for all } k < n$$

$$c_{\mathbf{T}}(n) = a_{\mathbf{typ}(\mathbf{T})} - a_{\mathbf{typ}(\dot{\mathbf{T}})}.$$

*easy to compute*

“Inverting” the Coefficient Matrix  $c_{\mathbf{T}}(k)$

- Recall  $J_k := \sum_{\mathbf{T}} c_{\mathbf{T}}(k) \varepsilon_{\mathbf{T}}$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .
- Given a path  $\mathbf{T}$  of length  $n$ , define the [interpolating polynomial](#)

$$P_{\mathbf{T}}(x) := \prod_{\substack{|\mathbf{S}|=n \\ \mathbf{S} \neq \mathbf{T}, \dot{\mathbf{S}} = \dot{\mathbf{T}}}} \frac{x - c_{\mathbf{S}}(n)}{c_{\mathbf{T}}(n) - c_{\mathbf{S}}(n)}$$

Theorem (DLS, '16)

*The canonical idempotents are also given by the recursive formula*

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{T}} = P_{\mathbf{T}}(J_n) \cdot \varepsilon_{\dot{\mathbf{T}}}.$$

This finishes Goal 2.

## Finding the Central Idempotents

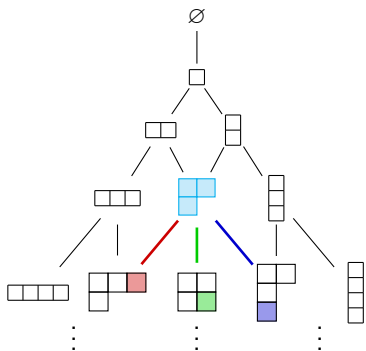
- *exhaustive eigenvector search; or*
- *Kilmoyer's (generalized) Frobenius character formula; or*
- recursively compute using the interpolating polynomials...

### Theorem (DLS, '16)

- $P_{\mathbf{T}}(x)$  depends only on  $\mu = \mathbf{typ}(\mathring{\mathbf{T}})$  and  $\lambda = \mathbf{typ}(\mathbf{T})$ . Put  $\underline{P_{\mu}^{\lambda}} := P_{\mathbf{T}}$ .
- For  $|\lambda| = n$ ,

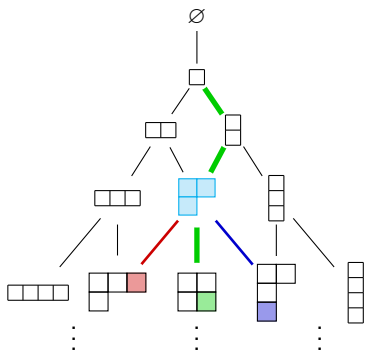
$$\varepsilon(\lambda) = \sum_{\substack{\mu: \\ \mu \leftarrow \lambda}} P_{\mu}^{\lambda}(J_n) \varepsilon(\mu).$$

This finishes Goal 1.

Combinatorics / Content Vectors  $c_{\mathbf{T}}$ 

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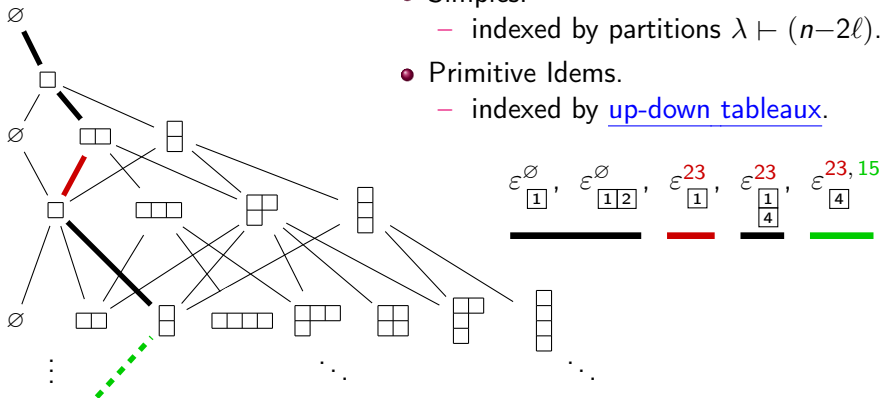
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Theorem (Wenzl, 1988)

$\mathcal{B}_n(z)$  is semisimple, with multiplicity-free restrictions, if  $z \notin \mathbb{Z}$ .

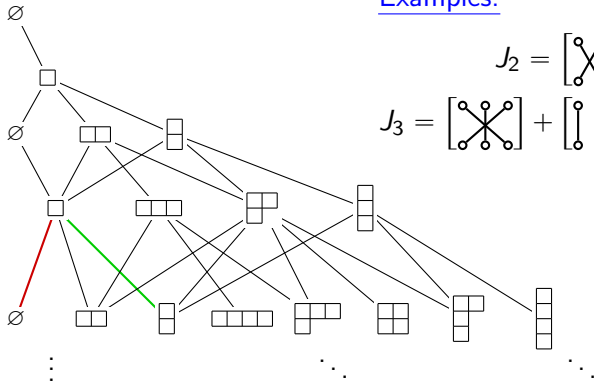
- **Simples.**
  - indexed by partitions  $\lambda \vdash (n-2\ell)$ .
- **Primitive Idems.**
  - indexed by up-down tableaux.



Theorem (Nazarov, 1996; DLS, '16 (alternate proof))

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Examples.



$$J_2 = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{X} \\ \text{I} \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{C} \\ \text{I} \end{array} \right]$$

$$J_3 = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{X} \\ \text{X} \\ \text{I} \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{I} \\ \text{X} \\ \text{I} \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{C} \\ \text{C} \\ \text{I} \end{array} \right] - \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{I} \\ \text{C} \\ \text{I} \end{array} \right]$$

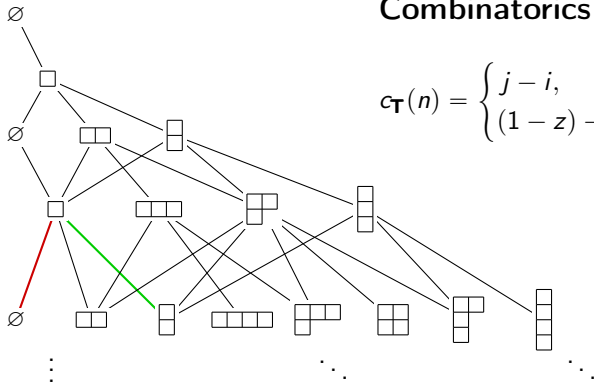


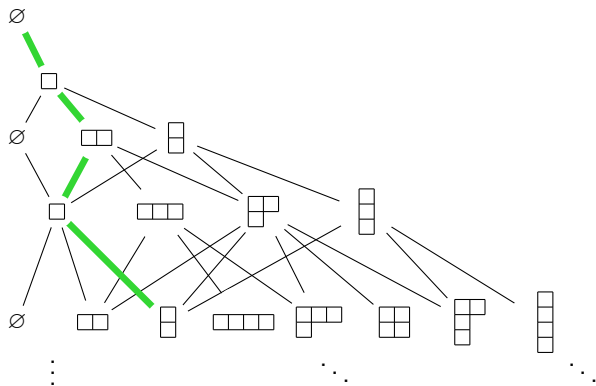
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## Combinatorics / Content Vectors

$$c_{\mathbf{T}}(n) = \begin{cases} j - i, & \text{if box added} \\ (1 - z) - j + i, & \text{if box removed} \end{cases}$$





Example.

$$\varepsilon_{\begin{smallmatrix} 23 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}} = \frac{(J_4 + z - 1)(J_4 + 1)}{2z} \cdot \frac{(J_3 + 2)(J_3 + 1)}{(z - 1)(z - 4)} \cdot \frac{(J_2 + z - 1)(J_2 - 1)}{2(2 - z)}$$



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sage: B3(B2.an_element())
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sage: B3.central_orthogonal_idempotents()
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sage: B3.jucys_murphy(k)
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*Ditto for PartitionAlgebra, AlternatingGroupAlgebra, and the like.*

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Extra slides

Using idempotents to study permutation modules

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- What about the submodule  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \gamma - \beta \\ -\gamma \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ? Is it  $S^{\square\square}$  or two one-dimensional modules?



To check, apply operators  $\varepsilon(\square\square\square)$  and  $\varepsilon(\boxplus)$  ...

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The  $M^\beta$  are not stable under  $\mathcal{B}_n(N)$  action. Clump a few together...

(Doty, '12):

If  $\mu \vdash (n-2\ell)$  has at most  $N/2$  parts, then the  $\mathcal{B}_n(N)$ -stable subspace


$$D(\mu) := \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Gamma(\ell, N/2)} M^{\mu + (\alpha \parallel \tilde{\alpha})},$$

where  $\tilde{\cdot}$  is “reversal” and  $\parallel$  is “concatenate,” satisfies  $V^{\otimes n} = \bigoplus_{\mu} D(\mu)$ .

Finding Simples Inside the Permutation Modules  $D(\mu)$ 

- Specht modules – Simples are  $S(\mu) := S^\mu \otimes \mathcal{A}_\ell$  for  $\mu \vdash (n - 2\ell)$ ;  $S^\mu$  is a Specht module for  $\mathbb{C}\mathfrak{S}_{n-2\ell}$ .
- $\mathcal{A}_\ell$  are the “half-diagram” modules with  $\ell$  arcs.

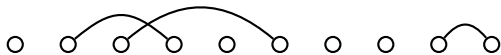
## Theorem (DLS'18?)

- *The Specht module  $S(\mu)$  is a submodule of  $D(\mu)$ , for  $\mathcal{B}_n(\pm 2m)$  and for  $\mathcal{B}_n(2m+1)$  for all char.  $\mathbb{k} \neq 2$ .*
- *$S(\mu)$  is part of a HUGE poset of submodules  $C(\alpha)$  of  $D(\mu)$  giving a filtration by the degenerate permutation modules  $M^{\mu+(\alpha\|\tilde{\alpha})} \otimes \mathcal{A}_l$ .* 

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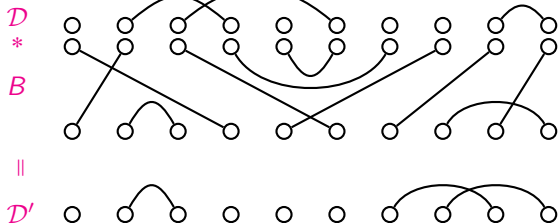
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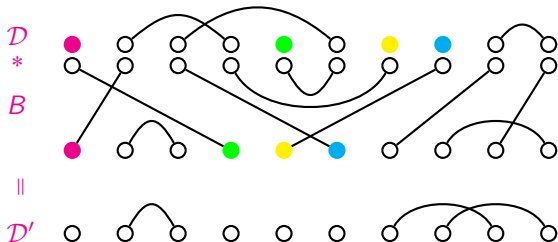
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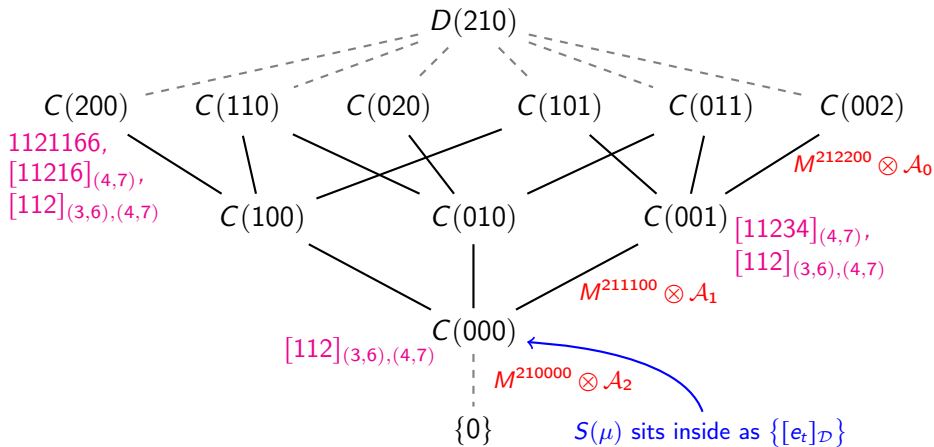
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- What does  $M \otimes \mathcal{A}_\ell$  mean?

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Let  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  act on  $M$

The poset of contraction submodules of  $D(\mu)$



If  $C(\beta) \succ C(\alpha)$ , then  $C(\beta)/C(\alpha) \simeq M^{\mu + (\beta \parallel \tilde{\beta})} \otimes \mathcal{A}_l$  for some  $l$ .