

Existence and combinatorial model for Kirillov–Reshetikhin crystals

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References

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- M. Okado, A. Schilling,
Existence of Kirillov–Reshetikhin crystals for nonexceptional types,
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Quantum algebras

Drinfeld and Jimbo \sim 1984:
independently introduced quantum groups $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$

Kashiwara \sim 1990:
crystal bases, bases for $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules as $q \rightarrow 0$
combinatorial approach

Lusztig \sim 1990:
canonical bases
geometric approach

Applications in...

representation theory

~> tensor product decomposition

solvable lattice models

~> one point functions

conformal field theory

~> characters

number theory

~> modular forms

Bethe Ansatz

~> fermionic formulas

combinatorics

~> tableaux combinatorics

topological invariant theory

~> knots and links

Motivation

- Crystal bases are combinatorial bases for $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ as $q \rightarrow 0$
- Affine finite crystals:
 - appear in 1d sums of exactly solvable lattice models
 - path realization of integrable highest weight $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules
 - fermionic formulas
- Irreducible finite-dimensional $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules classified by Chari-Pressley via Drinfeld polynomials

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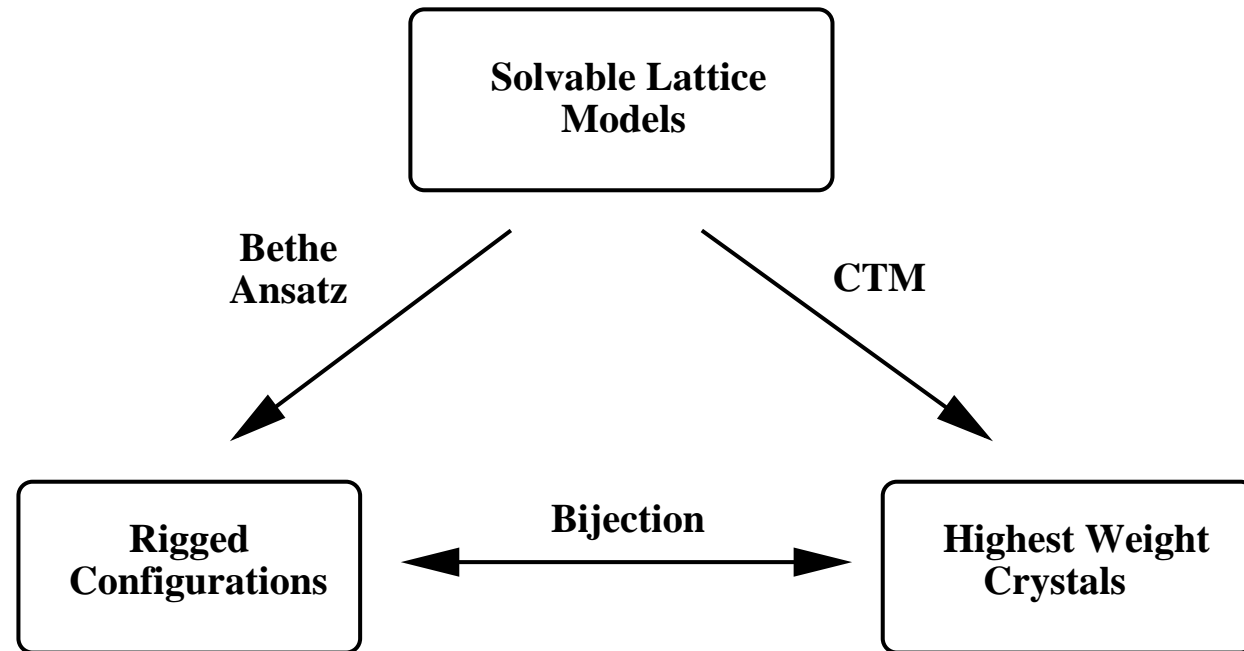
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AIM:

- prove this conjecture for \mathfrak{g} of nonexceptional type
- provide a combinatorial crystal $\tilde{B}^{r,s}$ for types $D_n^{(1)}$, $B_n^{(1)}$, $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$
- prove that $B^{r,s} \cong \tilde{B}^{r,s}$

Motivation



- 1988 Identity for Kostka polynomials **Kerov, Kirillov, Reshetikhin**
- 2001 $X = M$ conjecture of **HKOTTY**

Outline

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II. Existence of KR crystals $B^{r,s}$ for nonexceptional types

Quantum affine algebras

\mathfrak{g} symmetrizable affine Kac–Moody algebra

$U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ quantum affine algebra associated to \mathfrak{g} :
associative algebra over $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ with 1 generated by
 e_i, f_i, q^h for $i \in I, h \in P^*$

$\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$ simple roots, $\{h_i\}_{i \in I}$ simple coroots
 c canonical central element, δ generator of null roots
 $P = \bigoplus_i \mathbb{Z}\Lambda_i \oplus \mathbb{Z}\delta$ weight lattice

A subring of $\mathbb{Q}(q)$ of rational functions without poles
at $q = 0$

$$A_{\mathbb{Z}} = \{f(q)/g(q) \mid f(q), g(q) \in \mathbb{Z}[q], g(0) = 1\}$$

$$K_{\mathbb{Z}} = A_{\mathbb{Z}}[q^{-1}]$$

Prepolarization

Let M be a $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module.

A symmetric bilinear form $(,) : M \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}(q)} M \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(q)$ is called **prepolarization** if

$$(q^h u, v) = (u, q^h v)$$

$$(e_i u, v) = (u, q_i^{-1} t_i^{-1} f_i v)$$

$$(f_i u, v) = (u, q_i^{-1} t_i e_i v)$$

with $q_i = q^{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)/2}$, $t_i = q_i^{h_i}$.

A prepolarization is called **polarization** if it is positive definite using the order

$$f > g \quad \text{iff} \quad f - g \in \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \{q^n (a + qA) \mid a > 0\}$$

Criterion for existence

M finite-dimensional integrable $U'_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module

$(,)$ prepolarization on M

$M_{K_{\mathbb{Z}}}$ submodule of M such that $(M_{K_{\mathbb{Z}}}, M_{K_{\mathbb{Z}}}) \subset K_{\mathbb{Z}}$

$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m \in \overline{P}_+$

Assumptions A:

1. $\dim M_{\lambda_k} \leq \sum_{j=1}^m \dim \overline{V}(\lambda_j)_{\lambda_k}$
2. There exist $u_j \in (M_{K_{\mathbb{Z}}})_{\lambda_j}$ such that

$$(u_j, u_k) \in \delta_{j,k} + qA$$

$$(e_i u_j, e_i u_j) \in qq_i^{-2(1+\langle h_i, \lambda_j \rangle)} A$$

Criterion for existence

If **Assumption A** holds:

Theorem: [KMN²]

- (i) $(,)$ is a polarization on M
- (ii) $M \cong \bigoplus_j \overline{V}(\lambda_j)$ as $U_q(\mathfrak{g}_0)$ -modules
- (iii) (L, B) is a crystal pseudobase of M , where

$$L = \{u \in M \mid (u, u) \in A\}$$

$$B = \{b \in M_{K_{\mathbb{Z}}} \cap L/M_{K_{\mathbb{Z}}} \cap qL \mid (b, b)_0 = 1\}$$

$(,)_0$ is \mathbb{Q} -valued symmetric bilinear form on L/qL induced by $(,)$.

KR modules

Chari-Pressley classified all irreducible finite-dimensional affine $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -modules via Drinfeld polynomials.

KR modules $W_s^{(r)}$ ($s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$, $r = 1, \dots, n$) correspond to the Drinfeld polynomials

$$P_j(u) = \begin{cases} (1 - a_r q_r^{1-s}) \cdots (1 - a_r q_r^{s-1} u) & j = r \\ 1 & j \neq r \end{cases}$$

for some $a_r \in \mathbb{Q}(q)$

Construction of KR modules

$V(\lambda)$ extremal weight module

level 0 fundamental weight $\varpi_i = \Lambda_i - \langle c, \Lambda_i \rangle \Lambda_0$

Define $U'_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module $W(\varpi_i)$ as

$$W(\varpi_i) = V(\varpi_i) / (z_i - 1)V(\varpi_i)$$

where z_i is a $U'_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -module automorphism of $V(\varpi_i)$ of weight $d_i\delta$

$$u_{\varpi_i} \mapsto u_{\varpi_i + d_i\delta} \quad d_i = \max\{1, (\alpha_i, \alpha_i)/2\}$$

$W_s^{(r)}$ can be obtained by from $W(\varpi_r)$ by the fusion construction

Existence

Theorem [Okado, S.]

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Assumption 1. follows from recent work by **Nakajima** and **Hernandez** on characters of KR-modules

Assumption 2. follows by finding appropriate λ_j and explicitly calculating the prepolarization in the cases

- Case $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$: $D_n^{(1)}, B_n^{(1)}, A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$
- Case $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$: $C_n^{(1)}$
- Case $\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$: $A_{2n}^{(2)}, D_{n+1}^{(2)}$

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Remark: [KMN²] proved the existence of $B^{r,s}$ for type $A_n^{(1)}$ and for other types for special r, s .

III. Combinatorial KR crystals $\tilde{B}^{r,s}$ of type $D_n^{(1)}$, $B_n^{(1)}$,
 $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$

Axiomatic Crystals

A $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -crystal is a nonempty set B with maps

$$\text{wt}: B \rightarrow P$$

$$e_i, f_i: B \rightarrow B \cup \{\emptyset\} \quad \text{for all } i \in I$$

satisfying

$$f_i(b) = b' \Leftrightarrow e_i(b') = b \quad \text{if } b, b' \in B$$

$$\text{wt}(f_i(b)) = \text{wt}(b) - \alpha_i \quad \text{if } f_i(b) \in B$$

$$\langle h_i, \text{wt}(b) \rangle = \varphi_i(b) - \varepsilon_i(b)$$

Write $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{b}' \\ \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \end{array}$ for $b' = f_i(b)$

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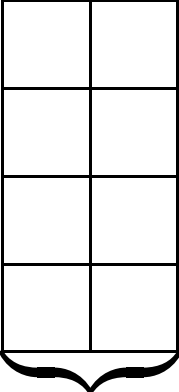
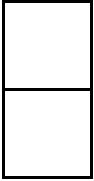
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\mathfrak{g} of type $D_n^{(1)}$, $B_n^{(1)}$, $A_{2n-1}^{(2)} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_0$ of type D_n, B_n, C_n

sum over  r with vertical dominos  removed

Example

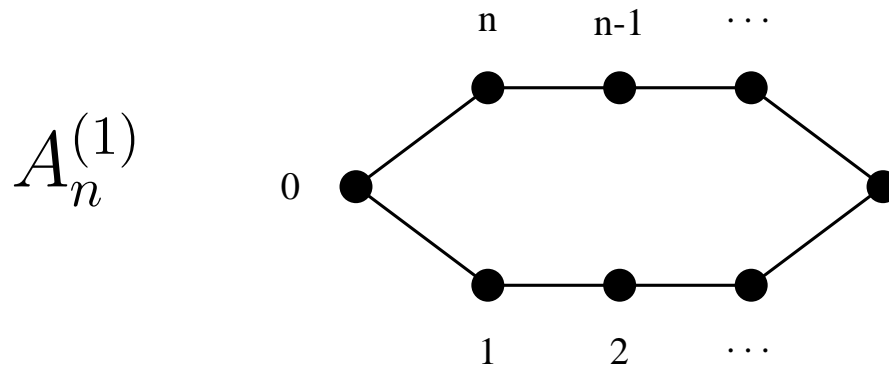
Type $D_n^{(1)}$, $B_n^{(1)}$, $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$

$$W_2^{(4)} \cong W\left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}\right) \oplus W\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}\right) \oplus W\left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}\right) \oplus W\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}\right) \\ \oplus W\left(\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}\right) \oplus W\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}\right) \oplus W(\emptyset)$$

Dynkin automorphism

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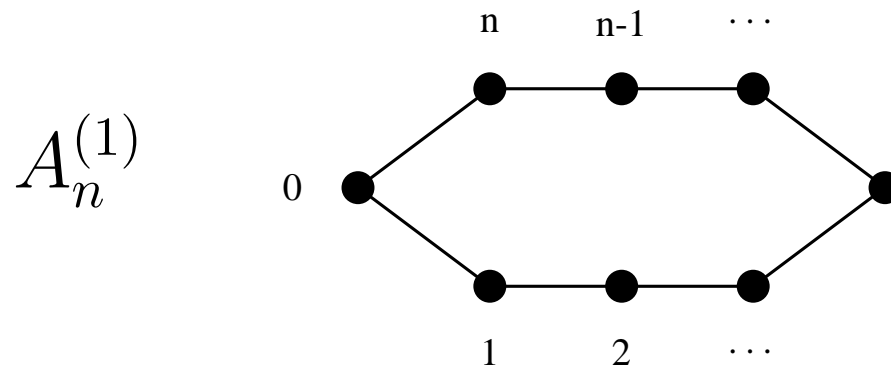


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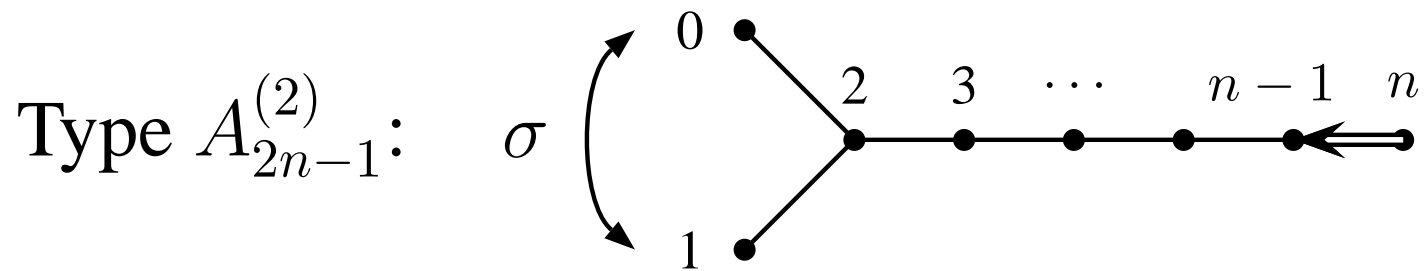
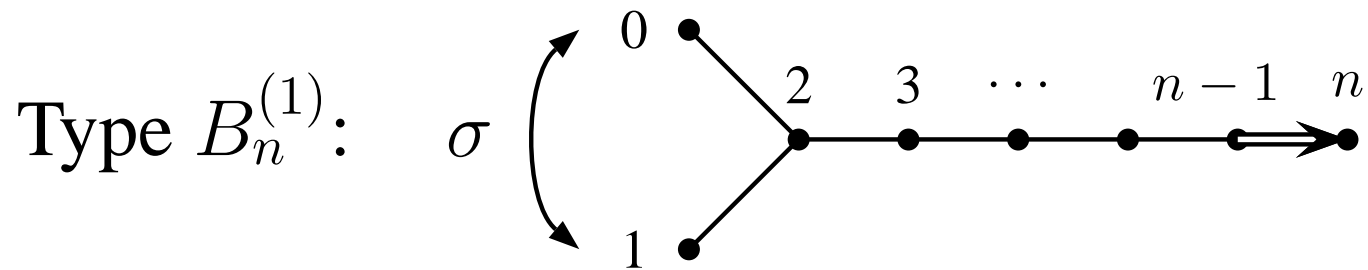
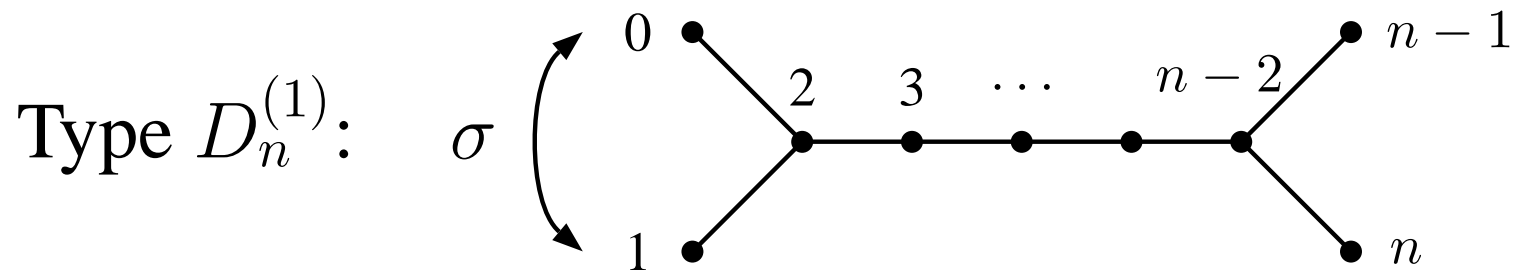


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$$e_0 = \sigma \circ e_1 \circ \sigma \quad \text{and} \quad f_0 = \sigma \circ f_1 \circ \sigma$$

Crystals $B^{1,1}$

$D_n^{(1)}$	<p>Crystal diagram for $D_n^{(1)}$. The nodes are arranged in a sequence: $1 \xrightarrow{1} 2 \xrightarrow{2} \dots \xrightarrow{n-2} n-1$. From $n-1$, there are two arrows: $n-1 \xrightarrow{n-1} n$ and $n-1 \xrightarrow{n} \bar{n}$. From n, there is an arrow $n \xrightarrow{n} \overline{n-1}$. From \bar{n}, there is an arrow $\bar{n} \xrightarrow{n-1} \overline{n-1}$. The sequence continues: $\overline{n-1} \xrightarrow{n-2} \dots \xrightarrow{2} \bar{2} \xrightarrow{1} \bar{1}$. Curved arrows labeled 0 connect 1 to $\bar{1}$ and 2 to $\bar{2}$.</p>
$B_n^{(1)}$	<p>Crystal diagram for $B_n^{(1)}$. The nodes are arranged in a sequence: $1 \xrightarrow{1} 2 \xrightarrow{2} \dots \xrightarrow{n-1} n \xrightarrow{n} 0 \xrightarrow{n} \bar{n} \xrightarrow{n-1} \dots \xrightarrow{2} \bar{2} \xrightarrow{1} \bar{1}$. Curved arrows labeled 0 connect 1 to $\bar{1}$ and 2 to $\bar{2}$.</p>
$A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$	<p>Crystal diagram for $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$. The nodes are arranged in a sequence: $1 \xrightarrow{1} 2 \xrightarrow{2} \dots \xrightarrow{n-1} n \xrightarrow{n} \bar{n} \xrightarrow{n-1} \dots \xrightarrow{2} \bar{2} \xrightarrow{1} \bar{1}$. Curved arrows labeled 0 connect 1 to $\bar{1}$ and 2 to $\bar{2}$.</p>

Classical decomposition

By construction

$$B^{r,s} \cong \bigoplus_{\Lambda} B(\Lambda)$$

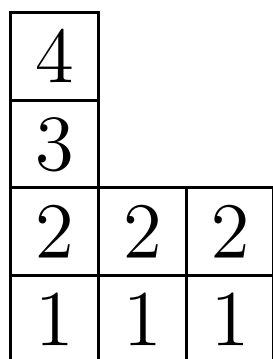
as $X_n = D_n, B_n, C_n$ crystals

\Rightarrow crystal arrows f_i, e_i are fixed for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Classical crystal

$$B(\Lambda) \subset B(\square)^{\otimes |\Lambda|}$$

highest weight



$$\mapsto \boxed{4} \otimes \boxed{3} \otimes \boxed{2} \otimes \boxed{1} \otimes \boxed{2} \otimes \boxed{1} \otimes \boxed{2} \otimes \boxed{1}$$

f_i, e_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ act by tensor product rule

$$b \otimes b'$$

$$\underbrace{- - -}_{\varphi_i(b)} \underbrace{+ + +}_{\varepsilon_i(b)}$$

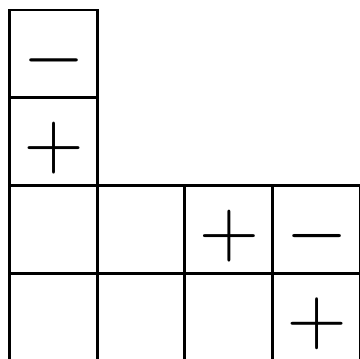
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Definition of σ

$X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1}$ branching

$$B_{X_n}(\Lambda) \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{\pm \text{ diagrams } P \\ \text{outer}(P) = \Lambda}} B_{X_{n-1}}(\text{inner}(P))$$

\pm diagrams



$$\lambda \subset \mu \subset \Lambda$$

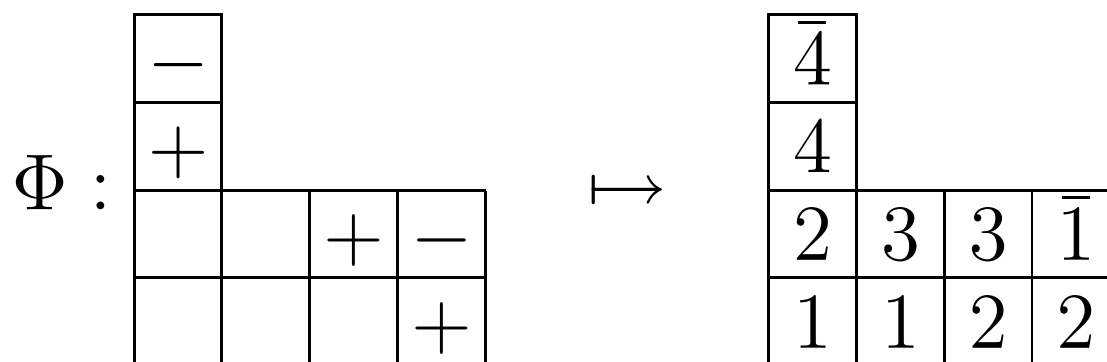
inner shape

outer shape

Λ/μ horizontal strip filled with $-$
 μ/λ horizontal strip filled with $+$

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$$\Phi : \begin{array}{|c|} \hline - \\ \hline + \\ \hline \square & \square & + & - \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & + \\ \hline \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \bar{4} \\ \hline 4 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 3 & \bar{1} \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\vec{a} = (1, 2, \quad 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 4, \quad 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 4, 3, 2)$$

$$\Phi(P) = f_{\vec{a}} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 4 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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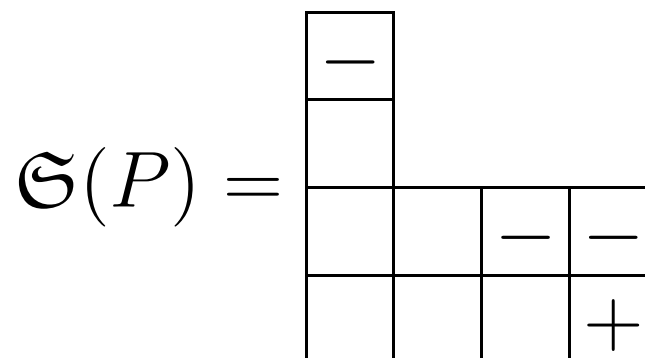
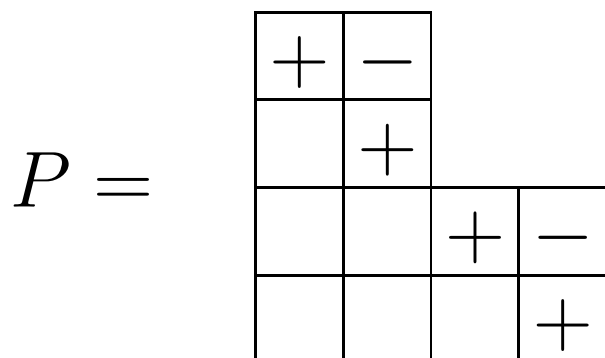
σ on \pm diagrams

P \pm diagram of shape Λ/λ

columns of height h in λ

$h \not\equiv r \pmod{2}$: interchange number of
+ and - above λ

$h \equiv r \pmod{2}$: interchange number of
 \mp and empty above λ



$$r \geq 6$$

$$s = 5$$

Definition of σ

σ on tableaux

$$b \in \tilde{B}^{r,s}$$

$e_{\vec{\mathbf{a}}} := e_{a_1} \cdots e_{a_\ell}$ such that $e_{\vec{\mathbf{a}}}(b)$ is
 X_{n-1} highest weight vector

$$f_{\overleftarrow{\mathbf{a}}} := f_{a_\ell} \cdots f_{a_1}$$

Then

$$\sigma(b) = f_{\overleftarrow{\mathbf{a}}} \circ \Phi \circ \mathfrak{S} \circ \Phi^{-1} \circ e_{\vec{\mathbf{a}}}(b)$$

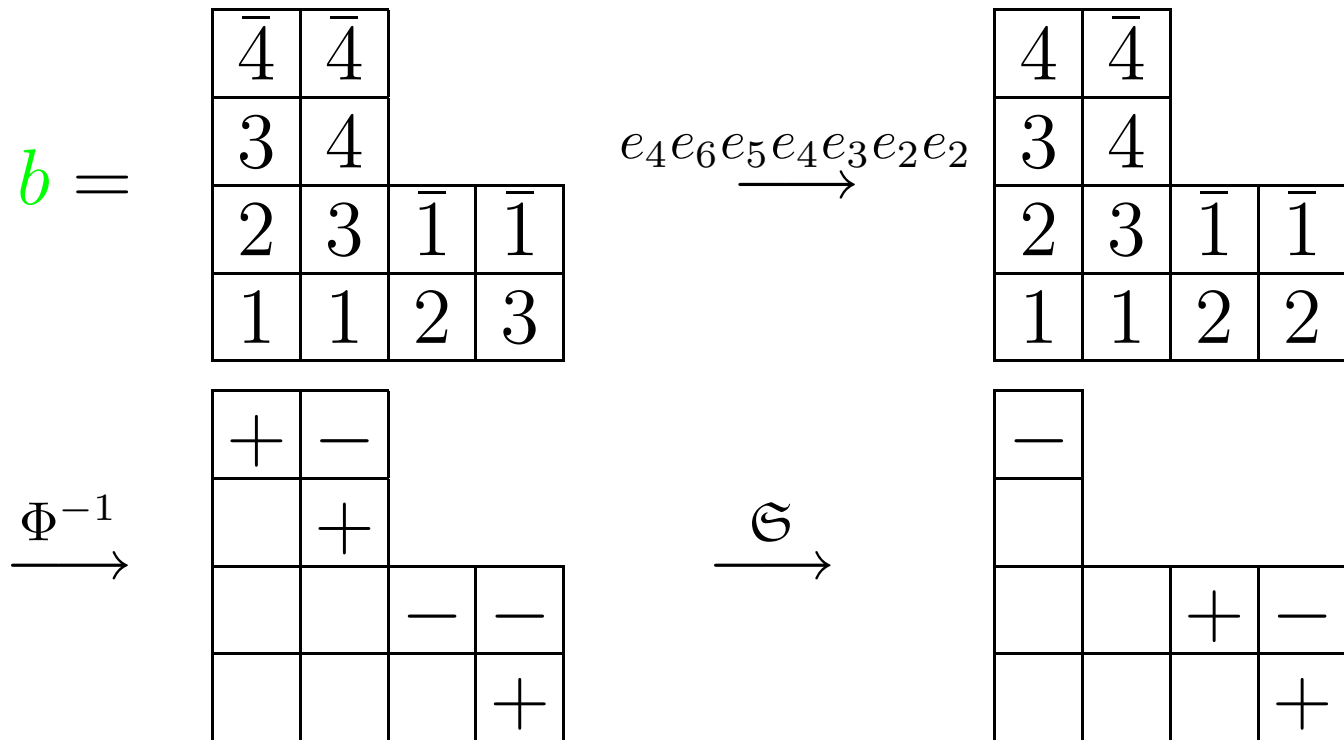
Example

$\tilde{B}^{4,5}$ of type $D_6^{(1)}$

$$b = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \bar{4} & \bar{4} & & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & & \\ \hline 2 & 3 & \bar{1} & \bar{1} \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{e_4 e_6 e_5 e_4 e_3 e_2 e_2} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 4 & \bar{4} & & \\ \hline 3 & 4 & & \\ \hline 2 & 3 & \bar{1} & \bar{1} \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

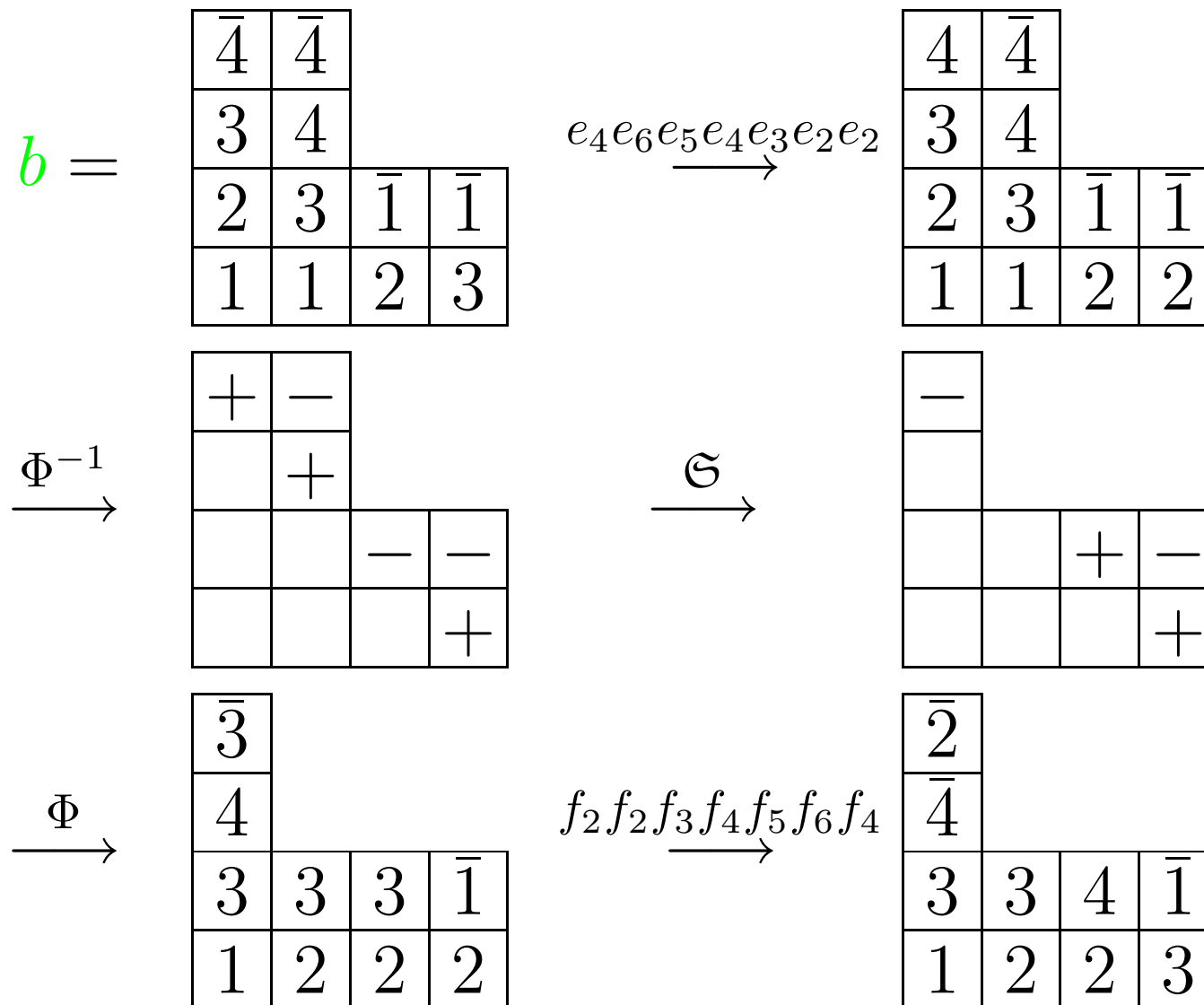
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Definition of $\tilde{B}^{r,s}$

$\tilde{B}^{r,s}$ is the crystal with the classical decomposition

$$\tilde{B}^{r,s} \cong \bigoplus_{\Lambda} B(\Lambda) \quad \text{as } X_n = D_n, B_n, C_n \text{ crystals}$$

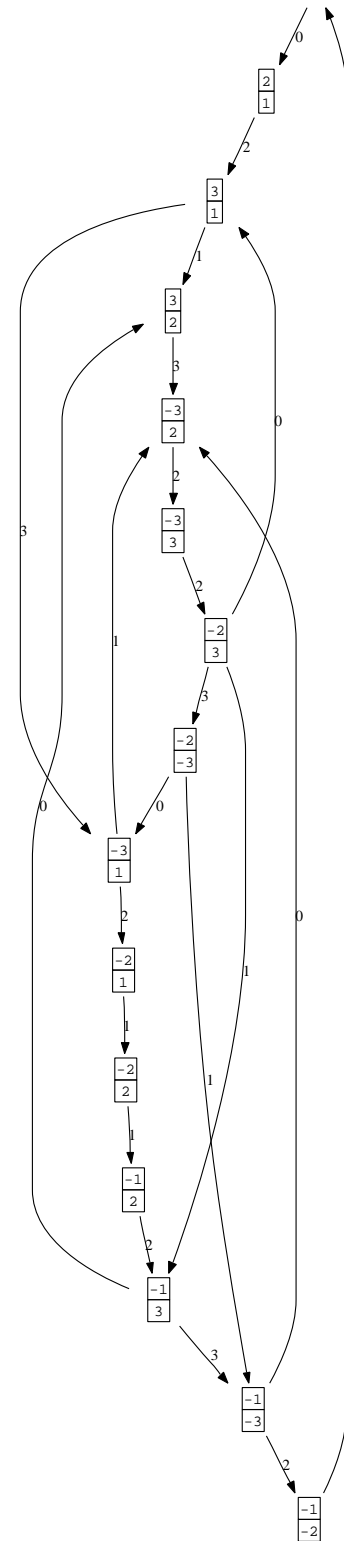
and

$$f_0 = \sigma \circ f_1 \circ \sigma$$

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$\tilde{B}^{2,1}$ type $A_5^{(2)}$



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Then $\Psi_0(b) = \Psi_1(b)$ for all $b \in \tilde{B}^{r,s}$ and hence there exists an I -crystal isomorphism

$$\Psi : \tilde{B}^{r,s} \cong B$$

Uniqueness

Theorem. [Okado, S.] For type $D_n^{(1)}$, $B_n^{(1)}$, $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$

$$\tilde{B}^{r,s} \cong B^{r,s}$$

Proof. $\tilde{B}^{r,s}$ and $B^{r,s}$ have the same structure as

$\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ -crystals (by construction)

$\{0, 2, \dots, n\}$ -crystals (by application of σ)

By previous Proposition there exists an isomorphism of I -crystals

$$\Psi : \tilde{B}^{r,s} \cong B^{r,s}$$



IV. MuPAD-Combinat implementation

MuPAD-Combinat...

... is an open source algebraic combinatorics package for the computer algebra system MuPAD [Hivert, Thiéry]

```
>> KR:=crystals::kirillovReshetikhin(2,2,["D",4,1]):  
>> t:=KR([[3],[1]])
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+----+  
| 3 |  
+----+  
| 1 |  
+----+
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>> t::e(0)
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+-----+  
| -2 |  
+-----+  
| 3 |  
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>> t::sigma()
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| -2 | -1 |  
+-----+-----+  
| 2 | 3 |  
+-----+-----+
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Future

- Combinatorial structure for other KR crystals
 $C_n^{(1)}$, $D_{n+1}^{(2)}$, $A_{2n}^{(2)}$, ...
- $X = M$ conjecture for all types
- Level restriction