

# A combinatorial skewing formula for the Rise Delta Theorem

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## Shuffle Theorem (Carlsson, Mellit)

$$\nabla e_n = \sum_{\pi \text{ word parking function}} q^{\text{area}(\pi)} t^{\text{dinv}(\pi)} x^\pi$$

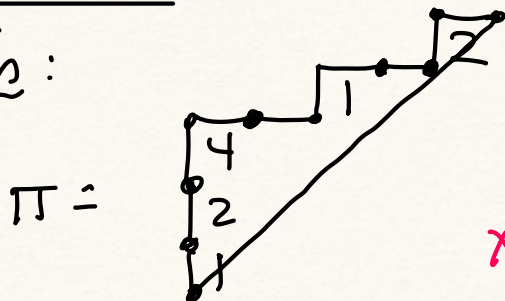
$\nabla$  - Macdonald eigenoperator

$e_n$  - symmetric function in  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$

Ex:  $e_3 = x_1 x_2 x_3 + x_1 x_2 x_4 + \dots + x_{17} x_{100} x_{107} + \dots$

Parking function: Column labeling of

Dyck path:



← stays above  $y=x$

$$x^\pi = x_1^2 x_2^2 x_4$$

area, dinv - combinatorial statistics

Geometric connections: To affine Springer (Hikita)  
Hilbert schemes (Haiman)

# Two generalizations of Shuffle:

↙ Haglund, Remmel, Wilson

① Delta:  $\Delta_f$  generalizes  $\nabla$ ,

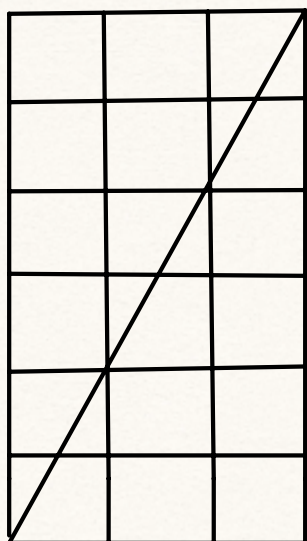
$$\nabla_{e_n} = \Delta_{e_{n-1}} e_n, \quad \Delta_{e_k} e_n = ?$$
$$\Delta'_{e_k} e_n + \Delta'_{e_{k-1}} e_n$$

→ Rise, Valley: two combinatorial formulas in terms of parking function generalizations for  $\Delta_{e_k} e_n$

→ No known geometric interpretation previously

→ Rise proven in BHMPs '21

② Rational Shuffle: (Bergerson, Garcia, Lever, Xih)



Operators

from Elliptic

Hall Algebra

$$E_{k,k} \cdot 1$$

(Mellit)



## Overview of next 6 lectures

Geometric  
interpretation of  
Rise Delta -  
Affine  $\Delta$ -Springer  
fibers

$$\sum_{\pi \text{ "stack" }} t^{\text{area}(\pi)} q^{\text{hdinv}(\pi)} x^{\pi}$$

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$$\sum_{\pi \text{ WPF}} t^{\text{area}(\pi)} q^{\text{dim}(\pi)} x^{\pi}$$

## Skewing Formula

$$\underbrace{\Delta'_{e_{k-1}} e_n}_{\text{Delta}} = s^{\frac{1}{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}} \underbrace{(E_{k,k} \cdot 1)}_{\text{Rational Shuffle}}$$

$$K = k(n - k + 1)$$

  $n-k$   
 $k-1$

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## Algebraic

proof, using  
work from BHMPs '23  
and Mellit '21

## Combinatorial

proof, using LLT's,  
div, sign reversing  
involution

New comb/alg  
proof of Rise Delta

Algebraic proof strategy: Reduce to  $k$  vars

## Background on skewing:

$\Lambda$  - ring of symmetric functions  
in  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(q, t)$

$\Lambda_k$  - symmetric polynomials in  $x_1, \dots, x_k$

$$\pi_k: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda_k \text{ by}$$

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots) \mapsto f(x_1, \dots, x_k, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$$

Bases:  $\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r)$  partition

• Elementary:  $e_\lambda = e_{\lambda_1} e_{\lambda_2} \dots e_{\lambda_r}$

Ex:  $e_{(2,1)} = e_2 e_1 = (x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_3 + x_2 x_3)(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)$   
in  $\Lambda_3$

• Homogeneous:  $h_\lambda = h_{\lambda_1} \dots h_{\lambda_r}$

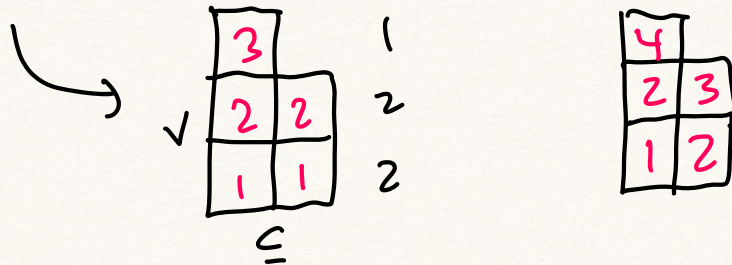
Ex:  $h_2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_3 + x_2 x_3$

• Monomial:  $m_{(2,1)} = x_1^2 x_2 + x_1^2 x_3 +$   
 $x_2^2 x_1 + x_2^2 x_3 +$   
 $x_3^2 x_1 + x_3^2 x_2$



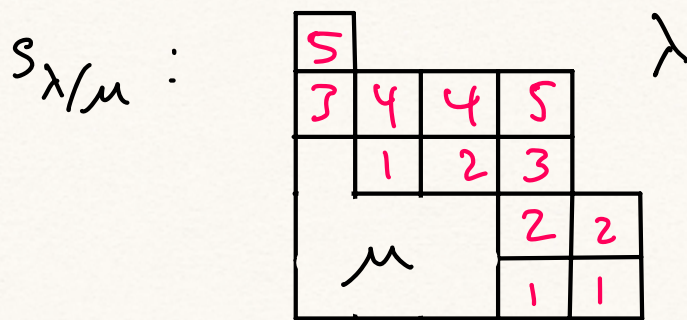
• Schur:  $S_\lambda = \sum_{\substack{T \text{ semistandard} \\ \text{shape } \lambda}} x^T$

$$S_{(2,2,1)} = x_1^2 x_2^2 x_3 + x_1 x_2^2 x_3 x_4 + \dots$$



In  $\Lambda_k$ :  $S_\lambda$  for  $\ell(\lambda) \leq k$   
 $\downarrow$   
 length; "height"

## Skew Schurs



$$x_1^3 x_2^3 x_3^2 x_4^2 x_5^2 + \dots$$

Hall Inner Product:  $\langle s_\lambda, s_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\lambda\mu}$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \lambda \neq \mu \\ 1 & \lambda = \mu \end{cases}$$

On  $\Lambda_k$ :

$$\langle s_\lambda, s_\mu \rangle_k = \delta_{\lambda\mu} \quad \text{if } \ell(\lambda), \ell(\mu) \leq k.$$

Extend by linearity.

Adjoint/skewing:  $s_\lambda^\perp : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$

$$s_\lambda^{\perp, k} : \Lambda_k \rightarrow \Lambda_k$$

defined by

$$\langle f, s_\lambda g \rangle = \langle s_\lambda^\perp f, g \rangle,$$

$$\langle f, s_\lambda g \rangle_k = \langle s_\lambda^{\perp, k} f, g \rangle$$

Fact:  $\langle s_\lambda, s_\mu s_\nu \rangle = \langle s_{\lambda/\mu}, s_\nu \rangle$

so  $s_\mu^\perp s_\lambda = s_{\lambda/\mu} = \sum_\nu c_{\mu\nu}^\lambda s_\nu$

$\uparrow$  LR coeff

$$s_\mu^\perp \left( \sum_\lambda c_\lambda s_\lambda \right) = \sum_\lambda c_\lambda s_{\lambda/\mu}$$



Want:  $s_{\square}^{\perp}(E_{k,k} \cdot 1) = \Delta'_{e_{k-1}} e_n$

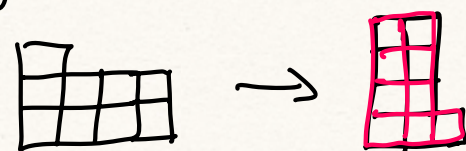
Snag: Don't have Schur  
expansions for Rational Shuffle  
or Delta! 😞

Tricks:

① Apply  $\omega$  involution

$$\omega s_{\lambda} = s_{\lambda'}$$

$$\omega e_{\lambda} = h_{\lambda}$$



$$\langle \omega f, \omega g \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle$$

② Note from BHMPs and Mellit

that  $\omega E_{k,k} \cdot 1$  and  $\omega \Delta(n,k)$   
only have Schurs with  $l(\lambda) \leq k$

③ Reduce to  $k$  vars to prove it

④ Use  $GL_k$  rep theory to get  
a handle on  $s_{\lambda}^{\perp, k}$

Want:  $s_{(n-1)^{n-k}}^\perp (E_{k,k}(1)) = \Delta'_{e_{k-1}} e_n$

w:  $s_{(n-k)^{k-1}}^\perp (\omega E_{k,k}(1)) = \omega \Delta'_{e_{k-1}} e_n$

$\pi_k$ :  $s_{(n-k)^{k-1}}^{\perp, k} (\pi_k \omega E_{k,k}(1)) = \pi_k \omega \Delta'_{e_{k-1}} e_n$

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Ex:  $E_{(4,2)}(1) = s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} + (t+q) s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} + (t^2+tq+q^2) s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}$

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$\downarrow$   $\swarrow$   $\searrow$   
 $s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}$   $s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} + s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}$

$\Rightarrow$

$\Delta'_{e_{k-1}} e_n = (1+t+q) s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} + (t+q+t^2+tq+q^2) s_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}$

To prove: need to go 'outside'  $\Lambda_k \dots$



Def:  $\Lambda_k^{\pm} = \text{Symmetric Laurent polynomials!}$

Ex:  $f = 2x_1 + 2x_2 + \frac{x_1^2}{x_2} + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1} \in \Lambda_2^{\pm}$

Basis:  $\{ (x_1 \cdots x_k)^{-d} s_{\lambda} : d > 0, l(\lambda) < k \}$   
 $\cup \{ s_{\lambda} : l(\lambda) \leq k \}$

Note:  $(x_1 \cdots x_k)^{-d} s_{\lambda} = \underbrace{\text{ch}(\det^{-S} \otimes V_{\lambda})}_{GL_k\text{-rep}}$

Def: If  $f = \sum_{\substack{d > 0 \\ l(\lambda) < k}} c_{d,\lambda} (x_1 \cdots x_k)^{-d} s_{\lambda} + \sum_{\substack{\lambda \\ l(\lambda) \leq k}} c_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}$

then  $f_{\text{pol}} = \sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda} s_{\lambda}$

Ex:  $f = 2x_1 + 2x_2 + \frac{x_1^2}{x_2} + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1}$ . Is  $f_{\text{pol}} = 2x_1 + 2x_2$ ?

NO!

$$\frac{S_{\square\square}}{x_1 x_2} = \frac{\boxed{1111} x_1^3 + \boxed{1112} x_1^2 x_2 + \boxed{1222} x_1 x_2^2 + \boxed{2222} x_2^3}{x_1 x_2}$$

$$= \frac{x_1^2}{x_2} + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1} + x_1 + x_2$$

$$f = \frac{S_{\square\square}}{x_1 x_2} + (x_1 + x_2) = \frac{S_{\square\square}}{x_1 x_2} + S_{\square}$$

$$S_{\square} f_{pol} = S_{\square}$$

Prop: For  $f \in \Lambda_k$ ,  $g \in \Lambda_k^{\pm}$ :

$$\langle f, g_{pol} \rangle_k = \langle x^0 \rangle f(x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_k^{-1}) g(x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

Pf sketch: From  $GL_k$  rep theory,

$$\langle ch(U), ch(V) \rangle = \dim(U^* \otimes V) \quad \square$$

$$\underline{Cor}: S_{\lambda}^{\perp, k} f = \left( S_{\lambda}(x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_k^{-1}) f(x_1, \dots, x_k) \right)_{pol}$$

(Pf: show both sides have same inner product with any  $g$ )



## Pf outline (notation from BHMPs)

Def:  $f(x_1, \dots, x_k)$  Laurent series,

$$\sigma(f) = \sum_{w \in S_k} w \left( \frac{f}{\prod_{i \in [k]} (1 - \frac{x_j}{x_i})} \right)$$

$k=2$

Ex:  $\sigma(x_1) = \frac{x_1}{1 - \frac{x_2}{x_1}} + \frac{x_2}{1 - \frac{x_1}{x_2}}$

$$= x_1 \left( 1 + \frac{x_2}{x_1} + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2} + \dots \right) + x_2 \left( 1 + \frac{x_1}{x_2} + \frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$= 2x_1 + 2x_2 + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1} + \frac{x_1^2}{x_2} + \dots$$

Def:  $H_{q,t}^k(f) = \sigma \left( \frac{f \prod_{i \in [k]} (1 - q^t \frac{x_i}{x_j})}{\prod_{i \in [k]} (1 - q \frac{x_i}{x_j}) (1 - \frac{t x_i}{x_j})} \right)$

Both Delta and Rational Shuffle  
are  $H_{q,t}^k$ 's of things  
for  $k$  vars...

Lemma (follows immediately from BHMPs)

$$\pi_k(w \Delta'_{e_{k-1}} e_n) = H_{q,t}^k \left( \frac{x_1 \cdots x_k h_{n-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\prod_{i \leq k-1} (1 - q + \frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}})} \right)_{pol}$$

Ex:  $k=2, n=3$

$$\pi_2(w \Delta'_e e_3) = H_{q,t}^2 \left( \frac{x_1 x_2 (x_1 + x_2)}{1 - q + \frac{x_1}{x_2}} \right)_{pol}$$

$$= \sigma \left( \frac{x_1 x_2 (x_1 + x_2)}{(1 - q \frac{x_1}{x_2})(1 - t \frac{x_1}{x_2})} \right)_{pol}$$

Sanity check: at  $q=t=0$  should be  $S_{(2,1)}$ :

$$\stackrel{q=t=0}{=} \sigma(x_1 x_2 (x_1 + x_2))_{pol}$$

$$= \frac{x_1 x_2 (x_1 + x_2)}{1 - \frac{x_1}{x_2}} + \frac{x_1 x_2 (x_1 + x_2)}{1 - \frac{x_2}{x_1}}$$

$$= x_1 x_2 (x_1 + x_2) \left( 1 + \frac{x_1}{x_2} + \frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2} + \dots + 1 + \frac{x_2}{x_1} + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$= 3x_1^2 x_2 + 3x_2^2 x_1 + 2x_1^3 + 2x_2^3 + 2\frac{x_1^4}{x_2} + 2\frac{x_2^4}{x_1} + 2\frac{x_1^5}{x_2^2} + \dots$$



Basis of Schurs times  $(x_1, x_2)^{-d}$ :

$$S_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} = x_1 x_2 S_{\square} = x_1^2 x_2 + x_2 x_1^2$$

$$S_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} = x_1^3 + x_1^2 x_2 + x_2 x_1^2 + x_2^3$$

$$(x_1, x_2)^{-1} S_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} = \frac{x_1^4}{x_2} + x_1^3 + x_1^2 x_2 + x_1 x_2^2 + \frac{x_2^4}{x_1}$$

$$(x_1, x_2)^{-2} S_7 = \frac{x_1^5}{x_2^2} + \dots + \frac{x_2^5}{x_1^2}$$

Note:  $(x_1, x_2)^{-2} S_7 - (x_1, x_2)^{-1} S_5 = \frac{x_1^5}{x_2^2} + \frac{x_2^5}{x_1^2}$

So our sum is:

$$3 S_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} + 2(S_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}} - S_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}) + 2\left(\frac{S_5}{x_1 x_2} - S_{\square}\right) + 2\left(\frac{S_7}{(x_1 x_2)^2} - \frac{S_5}{x_1 x_2}\right) + \dots$$

$$= \boxed{S_{\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}}}$$

Lemma: From work of Mellit, 2021

on elliptic Hall alg and Shuffle  
alg:

$$\pi_k(\omega E_{k,k} \cdot 1) = H_{q,t}^k \left( \frac{x_1^{n-k+1} \cdots x_k^{n-k+1}}{\prod (1 - q + \frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}})} \right)_{po}$$

Ex:  $k=2, n=3$ ,  $n-k+1=2$  so  $k=4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_2(\omega E_{4,2} \cdot 1) &= H_{q,t}^2 \left( \frac{x_1^2 x_2^2}{1 - q + \frac{x_1}{x_2}} \right)_{po} \\ &= \sigma \left( \frac{x_1^2 x_2^2}{(1 - q \frac{x_1}{x_2})(1 - t \frac{x_1}{x_2})} \right)_{po} \end{aligned}$$

at  $q=t=0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_2^3 x_1 + x_1^3 x_2 + x_2^4 + x_1^4 + \frac{x_2^5}{x_1} + \frac{x_1^5}{x_2} + \dots \\ &= 2s_{22} + (s_{31} - s_{22}) + (s_{41} - s_{31}) + \left( \frac{s_{51}}{x_1 x_2} - s_{41} \right) + \dots \\ &= \boxed{s_{22}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Delta: } \pi_k(\omega \Delta'_{e_{k-1}} e_n) = H_{q,t}^k \left( \frac{x_1 \cdots x_k h_{n-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\prod_{i \leq k-1} (1 - q + \frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}})} \right)_{pol}$$

$$\text{Rational: } \pi_k(\omega E_{k,k} \cdot I) = H_{q,t}^k \left( \frac{x_1^{n-k+1} \cdots x_k^{n-k+1}}{\prod (1 - q + \frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}})} \right)_{pol}$$

Connection Lemma:

$$S_{(n-k)^{k-1}}(x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_k^{-1}) = \frac{h_{n-k}(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{x_1^{n-k} \cdots x_k^{n-k}}$$

Pf ex:

|        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| k-1. { | { | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
|        |   | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
|        |   | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|        |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

$\xrightarrow{\quad} x_1^{-4} x_2^{-2} x_3^{-5} x_4^{-4} \text{ from Schur}$   
 $\bullet x_1^5 x_2^5 x_3^5 x_4^5$   
 $= x_1 x_2^3 x_4 \text{ from } h_5$

Pf of skewing:

$$\varphi = (x_1 \cdots x_k)^{n-k+1} / \prod (1 - q + \frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}})$$

$$\langle S_\lambda, S_{(n-k)^{k-1}}^{\perp, k} (H_{q,t}^k(\varphi)_{pol}) \rangle = \langle S_\lambda S_{(n-k)^{k-1}}, H_{q,t}^k(\varphi)_{pol} \rangle$$

$$= \langle x^0 \rangle S_\lambda(x^{-1}) \cdot \frac{h_{n-k}}{(x_1 \cdots x_k)^{n-k}} H_{q,t}^k(\varphi)_{pol}$$

$$= \langle S_\lambda, H_{q,t}^k \left( \frac{\varphi h_{n-k}}{(x_1 \cdots x_k)^{n-k}} \right) \rangle$$

□