

1 Definitions

1.1 Partitions

$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$, $\lambda \vdash n \iff \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots = n$.

Young diagram: e.g. $\lambda = (4, 2, 1) \rightarrow$

Conjugate partition: λ' - transpose of the Young diagram of λ ,

e.g. if $\lambda = (4, 2, 1) \rightarrow$, then $\rightarrow \lambda' = (3, 2, 1, 1)$

Dominance order: $\lambda \leq \mu \vdash n$ iff $\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_i \leq \mu_1 + \dots + \mu_i$ for every i .

1.2 Bases of Λ

- **Monomial:** $m_\lambda = \sum_{\alpha} x^\alpha$, where $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$ ranges among all different permutations of $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$.
- **Elementary:** $e_n = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_n} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_n}$, $e_\lambda = e_{\lambda_1} e_{\lambda_2} \dots$
- **Complete Homogeneous:** $h_n = \sum_{i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_n} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_n} = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} m_\lambda$, $h_\lambda = h_{\lambda_1} h_{\lambda_2} \dots$
- **Power sum:** $p_n = \sum_i x_i^n$, $p_\lambda = p_{\lambda_1} p_{\lambda_2} \dots$

1.3 Maps

Endomorphism $\omega : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$, defined by $\omega(e_n) = h_n$.

Scalar product $\langle, \rangle : \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$, defined by $\langle m_\lambda, h_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\lambda\mu}$.

2 Theorems

Theorem 1. If $\lambda \vdash n$, then $e_\lambda = \sum_{\mu \vdash n} M_{\lambda\mu} m_\mu$, where $M_{\lambda\mu}$ is the number of $(0, 1)$ -matrices $A = (a_{ij})$ with $\sum_j a_{ij} = \lambda_i$ and $\sum_i a_{ij} = \mu_j$. Hence M is a symmetric matrix and $M_{\lambda\mu} = 0$ unless $\mu \leq \lambda'$ and $M_{\lambda\lambda'} = 1$.

Theorem 2. If $h_\lambda = \sum N_{\lambda\mu} m_\mu$, then $N_{\lambda\mu}$ is the number of \mathbb{N} -matrices A with $\sum_j a_{ij} = \lambda_i$ and $\sum_i a_{ij} = \mu_j$. Hence N is symmetric.

Theorem 3. If $p_\lambda = \sum R_{\lambda\mu} m_\mu$, then $R_{\lambda\mu}$ is the number of ordered set partitions (B_1, \dots, B_k) of $[1, \dots, l]$ ($k = l(\mu)$, $l = l(\lambda)$), such that $\mu_j = \sum_{i \in B_j} \lambda_i$, $1 \leq j \leq k$. Hence $R_{\lambda\mu} = 0$ unless $\lambda \leq \mu$ and $R_{\lambda\lambda} = m_1! m_2! \dots$, where $\lambda = 1^{m_1} 2^{m_2} \dots$

Theorem 4. We have that

$$\prod_{i,j} \frac{1}{(1 - x_i y_j)} = \sum_{\lambda} h_{\lambda}(x) m_{\lambda}(y), \quad (1)$$

$$\prod_{i,j} (1 + x_i y_j) = \sum_{\lambda} e_{\lambda}(x) m_{\lambda}(y), \quad (2)$$

$$\prod_{i,j} \frac{1}{(1 - x_i y_j)} = \sum_{\lambda} z_{\lambda}^{-1} p_{\lambda}(x) p_{\lambda}(y), \quad (3)$$

$$\prod_{i,j} (1 + x_i y_j) = \sum_{\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda} z_{\lambda}^{-1} p_{\lambda}(x) p_{\lambda}(y), \quad (4)$$

where $z_{\lambda} = 1^{m_1} m_1! 2^{m_2} m_2! \cdots$, $\epsilon_{\lambda} = (-1)^{|\lambda| - l(\lambda)}$.

Theorem 5. The endomorphism ω is an involution. Moreover, $\omega(p_{\lambda}) = \epsilon_{\lambda} p_{\lambda}$.

Theorem 6. The scalar product \langle, \rangle is symmetric, i.e. $\langle f, g \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle$ for all $f, g \in \Lambda$. We also have that $\langle p_{\lambda}, p_{\mu} \rangle = z_{\lambda} \delta_{\lambda\mu}$ and hence is positive definite ($\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0$ and is 0 iff $f = 0$).