

Web and 3-row increasing tableaux

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Standard Young tableaux

A **standard Young tableau** is a filling of a Young diagram with n boxes positive integers such that

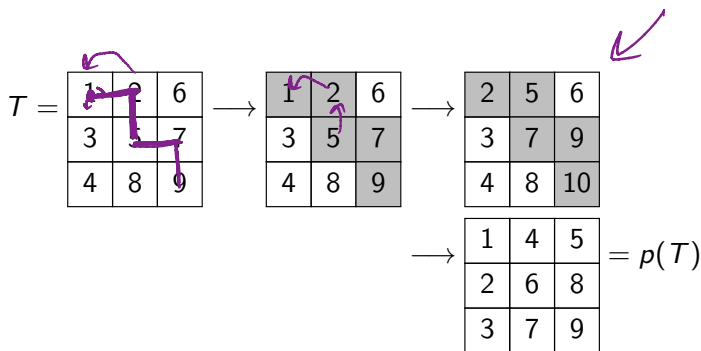
- entries $1, \dots, n$ each appear exactly once and
- entries strictly increase across rows and down columns.

1	2	4	7
3	6		
5			

1	3	4
2	5	6
7		
8		

1	2	5	7
3	6	8	9
4	10	11	12

Promotion on SYT



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What are the orbit sizes of standard Young tableaux under promotion?

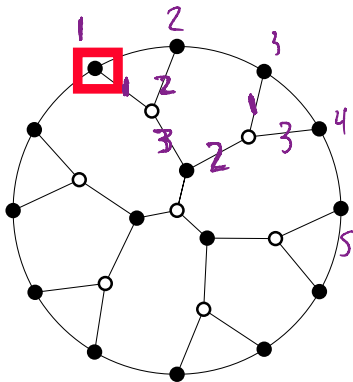
Schützenberger: For rectangular T with n boxes, $p^n(T) = T$.

Bijection between webs and 3-row rectangular SYT

(Originally due to Khovanov–Kuperberg)

- Make a proper edge coloring using the following preference:
 - ● prefers 1, then 2, then 3
- Look at edge colors adjacent to boundary vertices to determine row.
(Bazier–Matte–Douvillè–Garver–P.–Thomas–Yildirim)

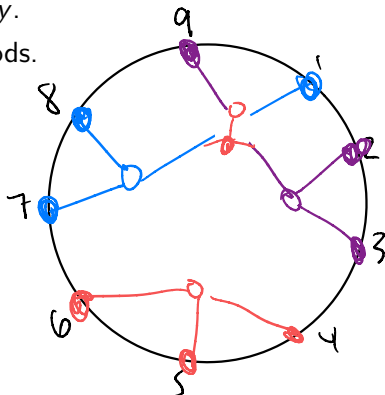
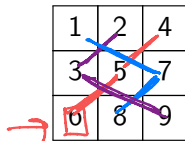
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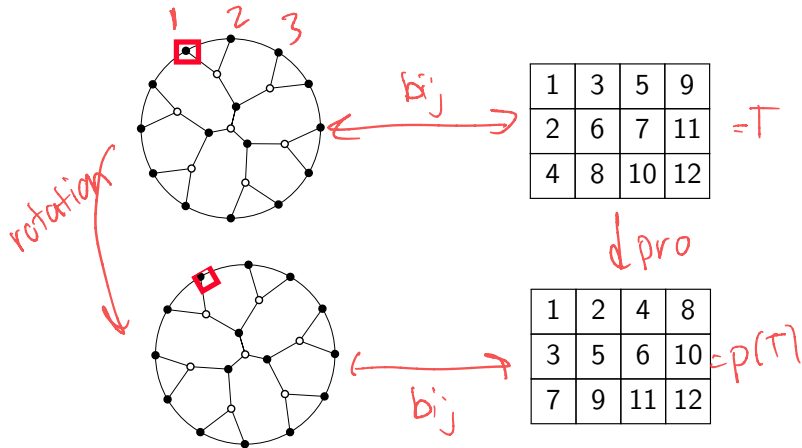


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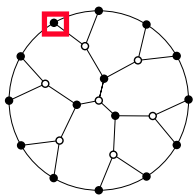
- From left to right, connect entry y with the largest entry in the row above that is $\leq y$.
- Form corresponding tripods.
- Resolve crossings.
(Tymoczko)



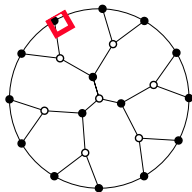


Theorem (Petersen–Pylyavskyy–Rhoades)

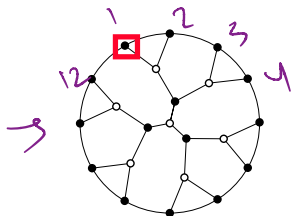
Let D be a web with cyclically labeled boundary vertices and all black boundary vertices. The standard Young tableau associated with counterclockwise rotation of D is given by promotion of the tableau associated with D itself.



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2	6	7	11
4	8	10	12

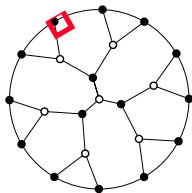


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$= T$



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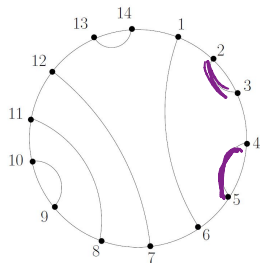
Theorem (Russell, P.)

Let D be a web with cyclically labeled boundary vertices. Web rotation corresponds to semistandard/generalized oscillating tableau promotion.

Analogous 2-row result

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1	2	4	7	8	9	13
3	5	6	10	11	12	14



Corollary: Let $p(T)$ denote the promotion of a rectangular, 2-row standard Young tableaux with n boxes. Then $p^n(T) = T$.

Increasing tableaux

An increasing tableau is a filling of a Young diagram with positive integers such that rows and columns are strictly increasing.

1	2	3
2	3	
3		

1	2	4	5
3	4		

1	3	4	6
3	not packed no 2, 5		
6			
7			

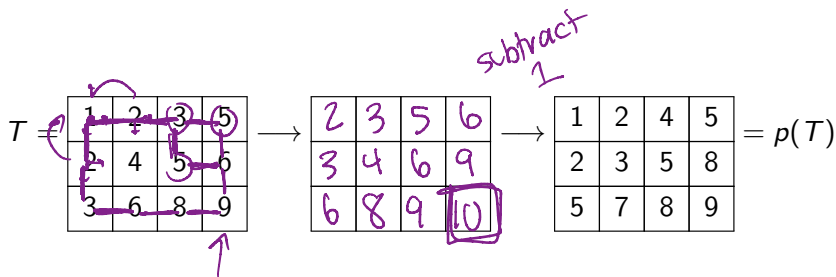
We are sometimes interested in “packed” increasing tableaux, meaning if the largest entry is k , then everything in $[1, k]$ appears as an entry,

Increasing tableaux (Just vibes)

Increasing tableaux are a K -theoretic analogue of (semi)standard Young tableaux:

- Semistandard Young tableaux are used to study the cohomology ring of the Grassmannian.
- Increasing tableaux are used to study the K -theory ring of the Grassmannian. (Thomas–Yong)

K-promotion on increasing tableaux



K -promotion

What is the order of K -promotion on rectangular increasing tableaux?

Theorem (P.–Pechenik 2020)

Let T be a rectangular increasing tableau with largest entry q and K -promotion orbit of size k . Then k and q share a prime divisor (except when T is minimal).

$$T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ \hline 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array} = p(T)$$

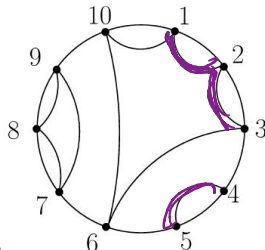
2-row rectangles

Two-row rectangles are easy (Pechenik 2014):

blocks sit ≥ 2
non-crossing partition

1	2	3	4	6	7	8
2	3	5	6	8	9	10

$\longleftrightarrow$



$\mathbb{C}$ -promotion $\longleftrightarrow$

web
rotation

For 2-row: $p^{\text{largest entry}}(T) = T$

4-row rectangles

Four-row rectangles are crazy. Tableau T has orbit size

$$\underline{675} = 25 \cdot 27$$

$T =$

1	3	5	7	8	9	10	13	15	18
2	4	7	8	11	14	15	17	21	22
6	8	11	16	17	20	21	22	25	26
8	10	12	17	19	22	23	24	26	27

3-row rectangles

Conjecture (Dilks–Pechenik–Striker 2017)

For T a three-row rectangular increasing tableau with largest entry q , we have $p^q(T) = T$.

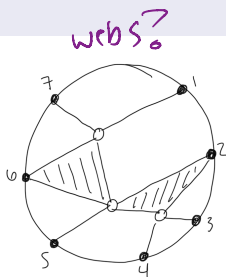
Our motivation for this project

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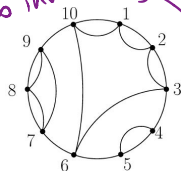


Question: Can we prove this conjecture for 3-row increasing tableaux by inventing the correct web analogue?

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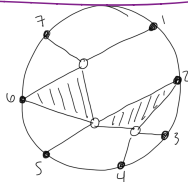


web invariant



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?? $\longleftrightarrow$??



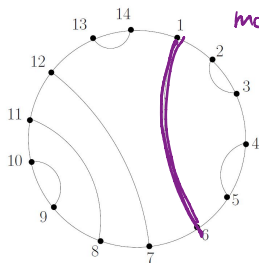
Idea: Understand the 2-row story better.

Both matchings and s_3 webs have nice web invariants associated to them. Maybe we first need to understand what polynomials should be associated with noncrossing partitions.

2-row SYT/noncrossing matching review

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$$M_n = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & \cdots & x_{14} \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & \cdots & y_{14} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_6 \\ y_1 & y_6 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_2 & x_3 \\ y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_4 & x_5 \\ y_4 & y_5 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_7 & x_{12} \\ y_7 & y_{12} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_8 & x_{11} \\ y_8 & y_{11} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_9 & x_{10} \\ y_9 & y_{10} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_{13} & x_{14} \\ y_{13} & y_{14} \end{vmatrix}$$

2-row SYT/noncrossing matching review

$SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ acts by left multiplication. For example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ .5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & \cdots & y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2y_1 & x_2 + 2y_2 & x_3 + 2y_3 & \cdots & x_n + 2y_n \\ .5x_1 + 2y_1 & .5x_2 + 2y_2 & .5x_3 + 2y_3 & \cdots & .5x_n + 2y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{13} = x_1 y_3 - x_3 y_1 &\longrightarrow (x_1 + 2y_1)(.5x_3 + 2y_3) - (x_3 + 2y_3)(.5x_1 + 2y_1) \\ &= \cdots = x_1 y_3 - x_3 y_1 = p_{13} \end{aligned}$$

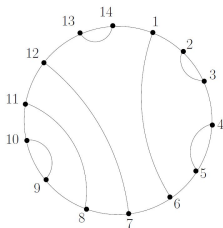
S_n acts by right multiplication and permutes the columns of M_n .
For example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & \cdots & x_n \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & \cdots & y_n \end{pmatrix} n1234 \cdots (n-1) = \begin{pmatrix} x_n & x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_{n-1} \\ y_n & y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$p_{13} = x_1 y_3 - x_3 y_1 \longrightarrow -p_{2n} = x_n y_2 - x_2 y_n$$

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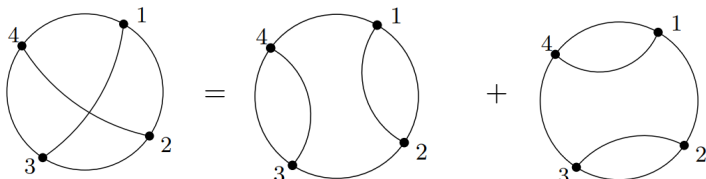
Theorem

The collection of polynomials corresponding to noncrossing matchings of n elements gives a basis for the Specht module $S(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2})$.



x_1	x_6	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5	x_7	x_{12}	x_8	x_{11}	x_9	x_{10}	x_{13}	x_{14}
y_1	y_6	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	y_7	y_{12}	y_8	y_{11}	y_9	y_{10}	y_{13}	y_{14}

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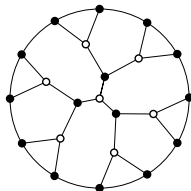


$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} x_1 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_3 \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{cc} x_2 & x_4 \\ y_2 & y_4 \end{array} \right| = \left| \begin{array}{cc} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{cc} x_3 & x_4 \\ y_3 & y_4 \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{cc} x_1 & x_4 \\ y_1 & y_4 \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{cc} x_2 & x_3 \\ y_2 & y_3 \end{array} \right|$$

3-row SYT/ sl_3 web review

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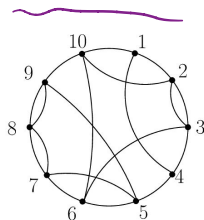
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- Basis of Specht module $S^{(\frac{n}{3}, \frac{n}{3}, \frac{n}{3})}$.

On to 2-row increasing tableaux and noncrossing partitions (where all blocks have size ≥ 2)!

Invariants for noncrossing partitions

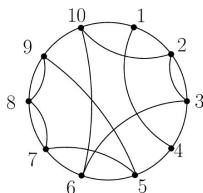


$$M = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1,10} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{2,10} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & \cdots & x_{3,10} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Naive guess:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_{11} & x_{14} \\ x_{21} & x_{24} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_{12} & x_{13} & x_{16} & x_{1,10} \\ x_{22} & x_{23} & x_{26} & x_{2,10} \\ x_{32} & x_{33} & x_{36} & x_{3,10} \\ x_{42} & x_{43} & x_{46} & x_{4,10} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} x_{15} & x_{17} & x_{18} & x_{19} \\ x_{25} & x_{27} & x_{28} & x_{29} \\ x_{35} & x_{37} & x_{38} & x_{39} \\ x_{45} & x_{47} & x_{48} & x_{49} \end{vmatrix}$$

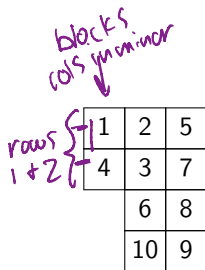
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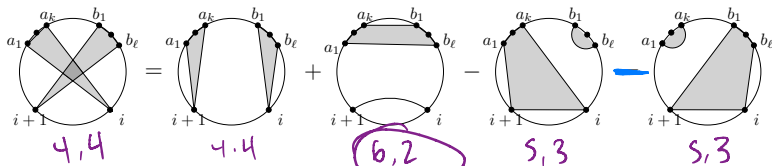
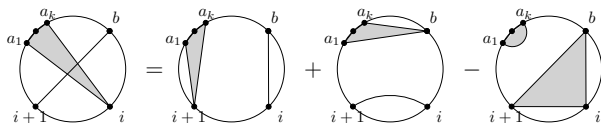
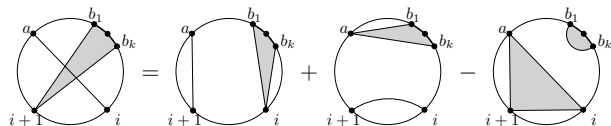
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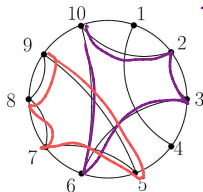
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Want our work to agree with Brendan Rhoades's uncrossing rules up to sign.



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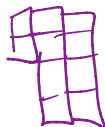


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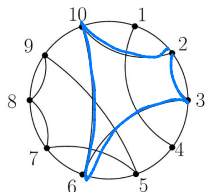
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only used first 4 rows of M

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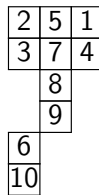
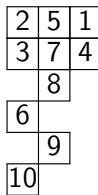
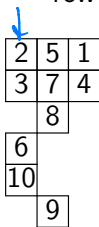
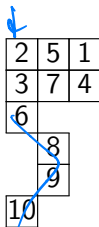
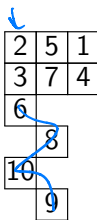
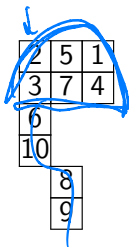


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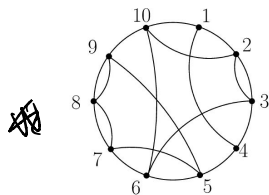


Jellyfish tableaux

- Blocks are columns
- Each column has entry in first two rows
- Exactly one entry in each row > 2



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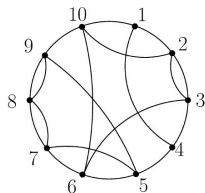
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$$T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 5 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 7 & 4 \\ \hline 6 & & \\ \hline 10 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 8 \\ \hline 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

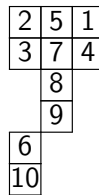
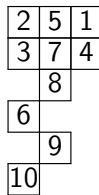
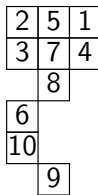
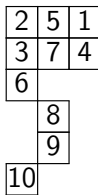
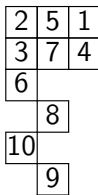
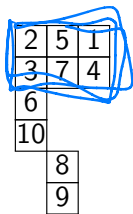
$$= (-1)^{\text{inv}(T)} M_{\text{rows } 1,2,3,4}^{\text{cols } 2,3,6,10}$$

$$\cdot M_{\text{rows } 1,2,5,6}^{\text{cols } 5,7,8,9} \cdot M_{\text{rows } 1,2}^{\text{cols } 1,4}$$

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$$S(d, d, 1^\ell)$$

Theorem (Pechenik 2014, Rhoades 2017, Kim–Rhoades 2022, P.–Pechenik–Striker 2022)

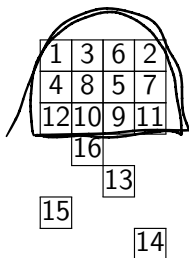
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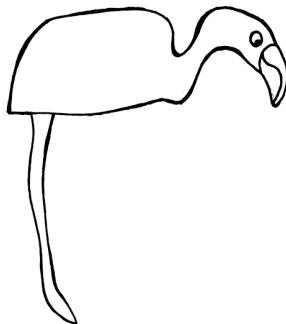
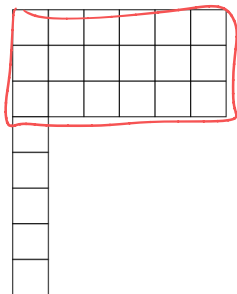
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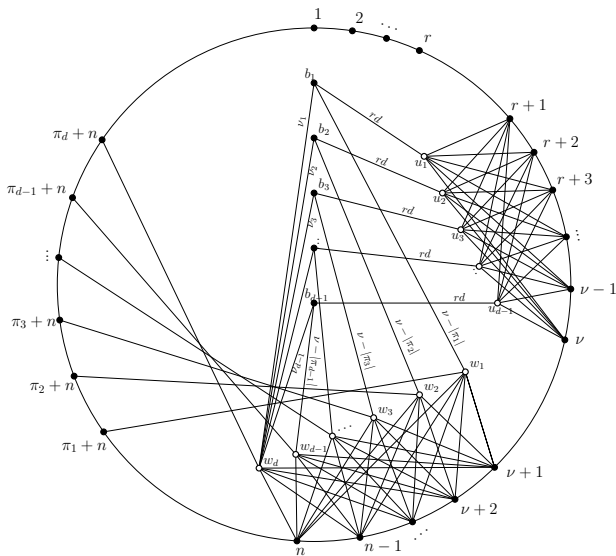
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Flamingo Specht modules

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A basis for flamingo Specht module

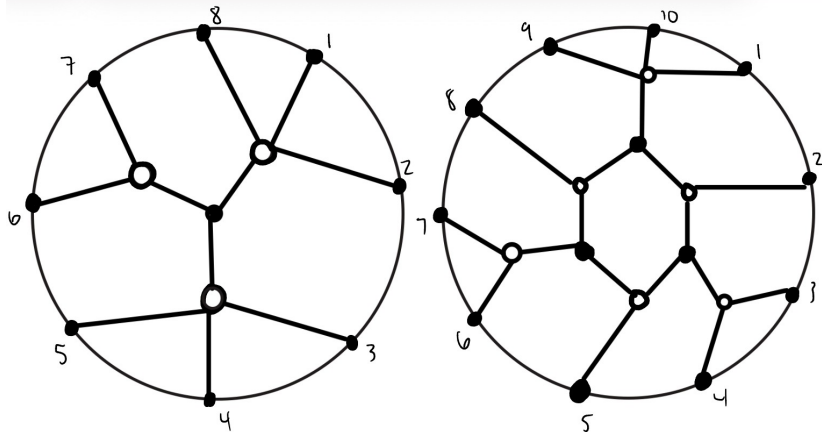
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J. Kim proved that

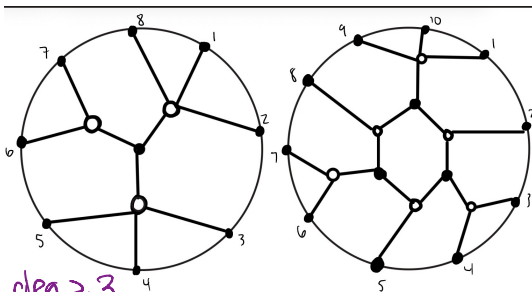
- the set of r -weakly noncrossing partitions is a basis of $S^{d^r, 1^{n-dr}}$, but
- it is not rotation or reflection invariant.

Flamingo webs: a web basis $\mathcal{S}(d,d,d,1^{n-3d})$



$$v=3$$

Flamingo webs: a web basis $S(\underline{d,d,d}, 1^{n-3d})$



white deg ≥ 3
black $= 3$

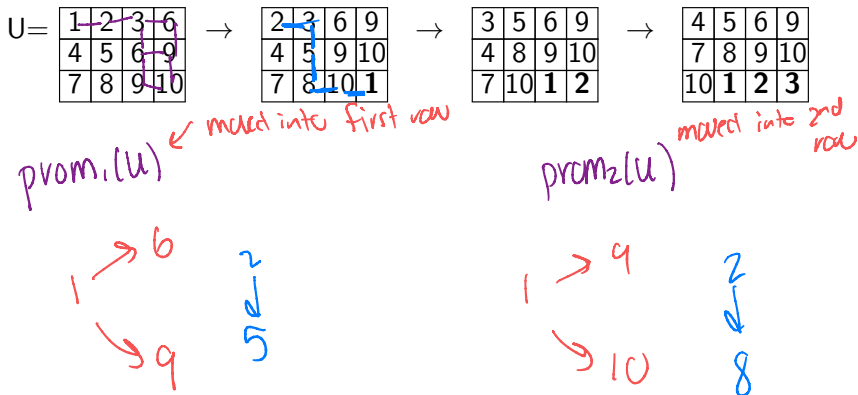
Theorem (J. Kim 2024+)

The set of flamingo webs with n boundary vertices is a rotation invariant basis for $S(\underline{d,d,d}, 1^{n-3d})$.

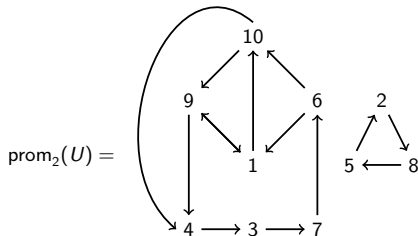
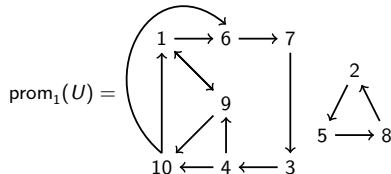
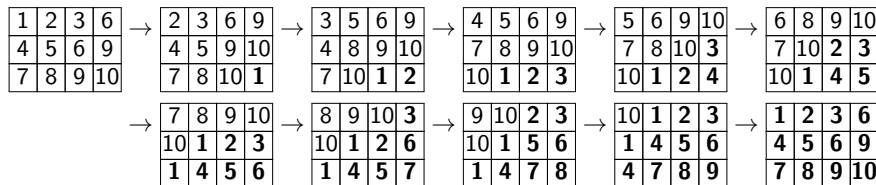
Idea: “trip=prom” can help us discover the correct variation of web we need to correspond to 3-row rectangular increasing tableaux.

(Hopkins–Rubey 2022,
Gaetz–Pechenik–Pfannerer–Striker–Swanson 2023, 2025)

Promotion digraphs for increasing tableaux



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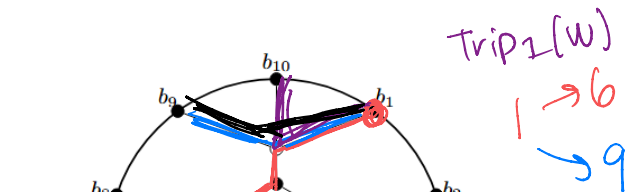
Theorem (P.–Pechenik–Striker 2025+)

Suppose that T, T' are rectangular increasing tableaux with the same tuples of promotion digraphs. Then $T = T'$. Indeed, there is an algorithm to reconstruct the rectangular tableau from its promotion digraphs.

This does not hold for non-rectangular increasing tableaux!

Trip digraphs for flamingo webs

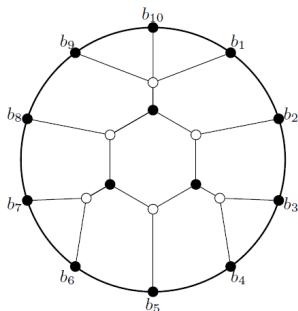
left(s) at white
right(s) at black



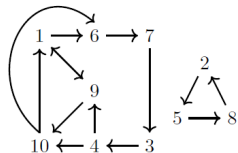
$\text{Trip}_2(W)$
 right at white
 left at black

$1 \rightarrow 10$
 $\rightarrow 9$

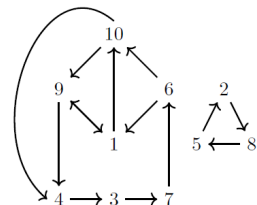
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$$\text{trip}_{1,3}(W) =$$



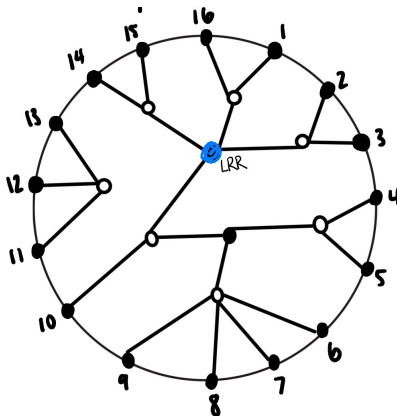
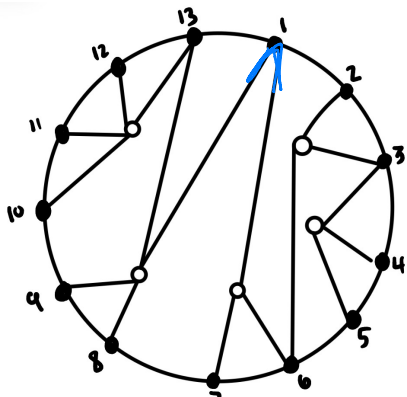
$$\text{trip}_{2,3}(W) =$$



Conjecture (P.–Pechenik–Striker 2025+)

- *Each flamingo web has a distinct pair of trip digraphs.*
- *For each flamingo web W , there is a unique 3-row increasing tableau whose promotion digraphs are the same as the trip digraphs of W .*
- *This injection from flamingo webs to increasing tableaux respects K -promotion.*

Webs corresponding to 3-row increasing rectangular tableaux



Thank you!

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