

# Branching rules, plethysms and Hopf algebras - some surprises

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**Outcome:**

- new modification, branching and tensor product rules
- identification of non-semisimple non-reductive subgroups
- problems with indecomposability and irreducibility

# Symmetric functions

The ring of symmetric functions  $\Lambda$ .

- $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}[\mathbf{x}]^{S_N}$  polynomial symmetric functions of indeterminates  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$ .
- $\Lambda = \bigoplus_n \Lambda_n$  graded by degree.
- Basis of  $\Lambda_n$  provided by Schur functions  $s_\lambda(\mathbf{x})$  with partitions  $\lambda$  of weight  $|\lambda| = n$  and length  $\ell(\lambda) \leq N$ .
- Outer product  $s_\lambda(\mathbf{x}) s_\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_\nu c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu s_\nu(\mathbf{x})$   
Littlewood-Richardson coefficients  $c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .
- For any countably infinite set of indeterminates  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$   
 $s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N) = s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N, 0, 0, \dots)$ .
- $c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu$  is independent of  $N$  for all  $N \geq \ell(\nu)$ .

# Hopf algebra of symmetric functions

Hopf algebra  $(\Lambda, \cdot, \Delta, \iota, \epsilon, \mathbf{S})$ .

- Indeterminates  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots)$ .
- Product  $\cdot$ :  $s_\lambda(\mathbf{x}) \cdot s_\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_\nu c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu s_\nu(\mathbf{x})$   
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- Identity  $\iota$ :  $s_0(\mathbf{x}) = 1$ .
- Coproduct  $\Delta$ :  $s_\nu(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\lambda, \mu} c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu s_\lambda(\mathbf{x}) s_\mu(\mathbf{y})$ .
- Counit  $\epsilon$ :  $\epsilon(s_\lambda(\mathbf{x})) = \delta_{\lambda 0}$ .
- Antipode  $\mathbf{S}$ :  $\mathbf{S}(s_\lambda(\mathbf{x})) = (-1)^{|\lambda|} s_{\lambda'}(\mathbf{x})$   
where  $\lambda'$  is the conjugate of  $\lambda$ .

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- Restriction  $GL(N + M) \rightarrow GL(N) \times GL(M)$ .
- Branching rule:  $V_{GL(N+M)}^\nu \rightarrow \bigoplus_{\lambda,\mu} c_{\lambda\mu}^\nu V_{GL(N)}^\lambda \otimes V_{GL(M)}^\mu$ .

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## Bialgebraic properties

- **Commutative:**  $s_\lambda \cdot s_\mu = s_\mu \cdot s_\lambda$

- **Cocommutative:**  $\Delta(s_\nu) = \sum_\lambda s_\lambda \otimes s_{\nu/\lambda} = \sum_\mu s_{\nu/\mu} \otimes s_\mu$

- **Associative:**  $s_\rho \cdot (s_\sigma \cdot s_\tau) = (s_\rho \cdot s_\sigma) \cdot s_\tau = \sum_{\rho, \sigma, \tau} c_{\rho\sigma\tau}^\lambda s_\lambda$

- **Coassociative:**  $(I \otimes \Delta)(\Delta(s_\lambda)) = (\Delta \otimes I)(\Delta(s_\lambda))$  since

$$\sum_{\rho, \mu} c_{\rho\mu}^\lambda s_\rho \otimes (\sum_{\sigma, \tau} c_{\sigma\tau}^\mu s_\sigma \otimes s_\tau) = \sum_{\rho, \sigma, \tau} c_{\rho\sigma\tau}^\lambda s_\lambda$$

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Implications:

- $s_{(\lambda \cdot \mu)/\rho} = \sum_{\sigma, \tau} c_{\sigma\tau}^{\rho} s_{\lambda/\sigma} \cdot s_{\mu/\tau}$
- $\Delta(s_\lambda \cdot s_\mu) = \Delta(s_\lambda) \cdot \Delta(s_\mu)$
- $\Delta(X \cdot Y) = \Delta(X) \cdot \Delta(Y)$  for any  $X, Y \in \Lambda$ .

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Generating functions

$$\prod_{i,a} (1 - x_i y_a)^{-1} = \sum_{\lambda} \{\lambda\}(\mathbf{x}) \{\lambda\}(\mathbf{y})$$

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- $s_\lambda(\mathbf{x}, 1) = \sum_\mu s_{\lambda/\mu}(\mathbf{x})s_\mu(1) = \sum_m s_{\lambda/m}(\mathbf{x}) = s_{\lambda/M}(\mathbf{x})$

- $s_\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = s_{\lambda/0}(\mathbf{x}) = s_{\lambda/DC}(\mathbf{x}) = s_{(\lambda/D)/C}(\mathbf{x})$

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 &= (\{\lambda/L\} \otimes \{\mu/L\} \mid \Delta(M \cdot \{\nu\})) \\
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**Plethysms**  $s_\lambda(s_\pi(\mathbf{x})) = s_\lambda(\mathbf{y})$  with  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2 \dots)$

where  $s_\pi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_k y_k$  is the monomial expansion of  $s_\pi(\mathbf{x})$ .

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 &= ( \{ \lambda \} \otimes \{ \mu \} \mid M(\Delta'(s_\pi)) \cdot \Delta(\{ \nu \} ) )
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Now use

- $\Delta'(s_\pi) = \sum_{\xi, \zeta < \pi} c_{\xi\zeta}^\pi s_\xi \otimes s_\zeta = \sum_{\xi, \zeta < \pi} \sum_{k=1}^{c_{\xi\zeta}^\pi} s_\xi \otimes s_\zeta$
- $M(\Delta'(s_\pi)) = \prod_{\xi, \zeta < \pi} \prod_{k=1}^{c_{\xi\zeta}^\pi} M(s_\xi \otimes s_\zeta)$
- $M(s_\xi \otimes s_\zeta) = \sum_\sigma s_\sigma(s_\xi) \otimes s_\sigma(s_\zeta) = \sum_\sigma \{ \xi \otimes_{pl} \sigma \} \otimes \{ \zeta \otimes_{pl} \sigma \}.$

# Examples: plethysms of the series $M$

$\pi$	$M_\pi = M(s_\pi)$ up to weight 6
1	$0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + \dots$
2	$0 + 2 + 4 + 2^2 + 6 + 42 + 2^3 + \dots$
$1^2$	$0 + 1^2 + 2^2 + 1^4 + 3^2 + 2^2 1^2 + 1^6 \dots$
3	$0 + 3 + 6 + 42 + \dots$
21	$0 + 21 + 42 + 321 + 31^3 + 2^3 + \dots$
$1^3$	$0 + 1^3 + 2^3 + 21^4 + \dots$

# Examples: branching rules

Restrictions from  $GL(N)$  to  $H_\pi(N)$ :  $\{\lambda\} \rightarrow \llbracket \lambda/M_\pi \rrbracket$

$\pi$	1	2	$1^2$	3	21	$1^3$
$\lambda$	$GL(N-1)$	$O(N)$	$Sp(N)$	$H_3(N)$	$H_{21}(N)$	$H_{1^3}(N)$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	$1 + 0$	1	1	1	1	1
2	$2 + 1 + 0$	$2 + 0$	2	2	2	2
$1^2$	$1^2 + 1$	$1^2$	$1^2 + 0$	$1^2$	$1^2$	$1^2$
3	$3 + 2 + 1 + 0$	$3 + 1$	3	$3 + 0$	3	3
21	$21 + 2 + 1^2 + 1$	$21 + 1$	$21 + 1$	21	$21 + 0$	21
$1^3$	$1^3 + 1^2$	$1^3$	$1^3 + 1$	$1^3$	$1^3$	$1^3 + 0$

# Examples: coproducts of $s_\pi$

$\pi$	$\Delta(s_\pi)$ and $\Delta'(s_\pi)$
1	$1, 0 + 0, 1$
2	$2, 0 + 0, 2 + 1, 1$
$1^2$	$1^2, 0 + 0, 1^2 + 1, 1$
3	$3, 0 + 0, 3 + 2, 1 + 1, 2$
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# Examples: proper cut coproducts of $M_\pi$

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1	$0 \otimes 0$
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$1^2$	$\sum_{\sigma} \sigma \otimes \sigma$
3	$\sum_{\sigma, \tau} (\sigma(2) \cdot \tau) \otimes (\sigma \cdot \tau(2))$
21	$\sum_{\sigma, \tau, \phi, \psi} (\sigma(2) \cdot \tau(1^2) \cdot \phi \cdot \psi) \otimes (\sigma \cdot \tau \cdot \phi(2) \cdot \psi(1^2))$
$1^3$	$\sum_{\sigma, \tau} (\sigma(1^2) \cdot \tau) \otimes (\sigma \cdot \tau(1^2))$

# Examples: tensor products for classical groups

$$\begin{aligned} GL(N) \quad & \{2^2\} \cdot \{21\} \\ & = \{43\} + \{421\} + \{3^21\} + \{32^2\} + \{321^2\} + \{2^31\} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} Sp(N) \quad & \langle 2^2 \rangle \cdot \langle 21 \rangle \\ & = \langle 43 \rangle + \langle 421 \rangle + \langle 3^21 \rangle + \langle 32^2 \rangle + \langle 321^2 \rangle + \langle 2^31 \rangle \\ & + \langle 41 \rangle + 2\langle 32 \rangle + 2\langle 31^2 \rangle + 2\langle 2^21 \rangle + \langle 21^3 \rangle \\ & + \langle 3 \rangle + 2\langle 21 \rangle + \langle 1^3 \rangle + \langle 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$



# Examples: tensor products for $H_\pi(N)$

## Evaluation of $[[2^2]] \cdot [[21]]$

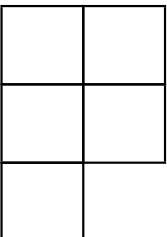
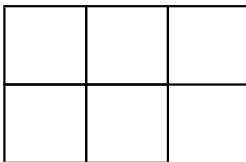
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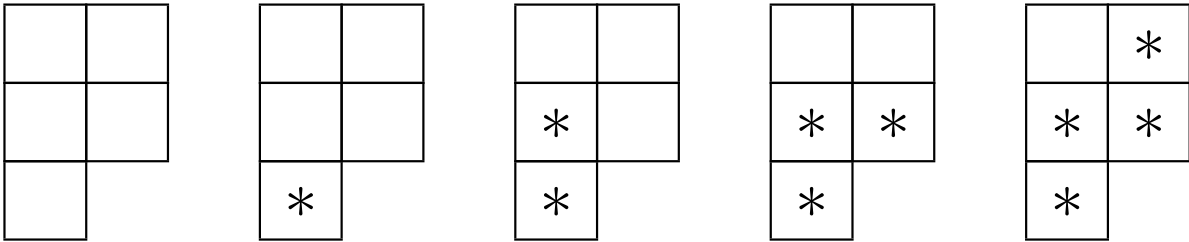
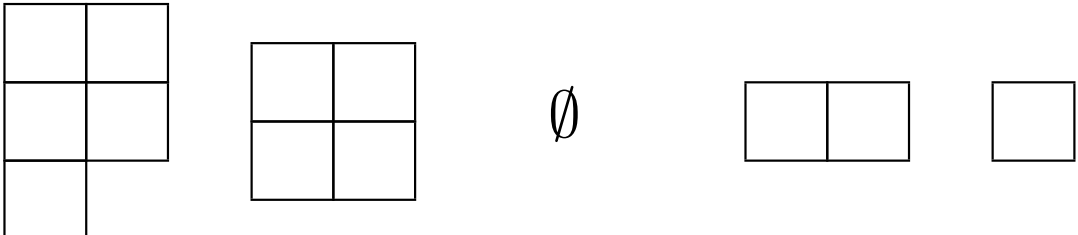
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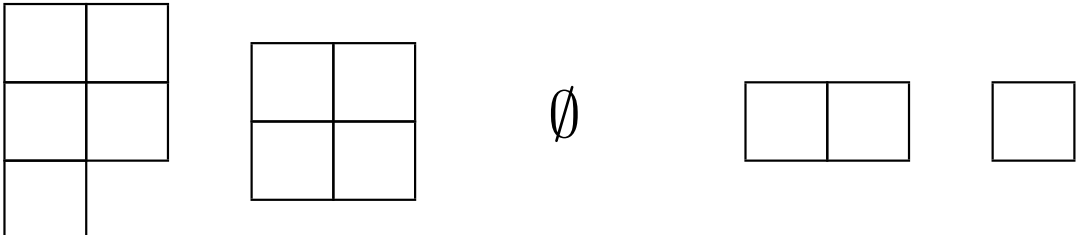
# Young diagrams and boundary strip removal

- Each partition  $\lambda$  define a Young diagram  $F^\lambda$
- Transposition gives  $F^{\lambda'}$  where  $\lambda'$  is the conjugate of  $\lambda$

• **Ex:**  $\lambda = (2^2 1)$ ,  $\lambda' = (3 2)$   $F^{2^2 1} =$    $F^{3 2} =$  

- $F^{\lambda-h}$  is obtained from  $F^\lambda$  by removing strip of length  $h$  starting at foot of 1st column extending over  $c$  columns.

•   $\longrightarrow$  

•  where  $\emptyset$  indicates  $F^{\lambda-h}$  not regular.

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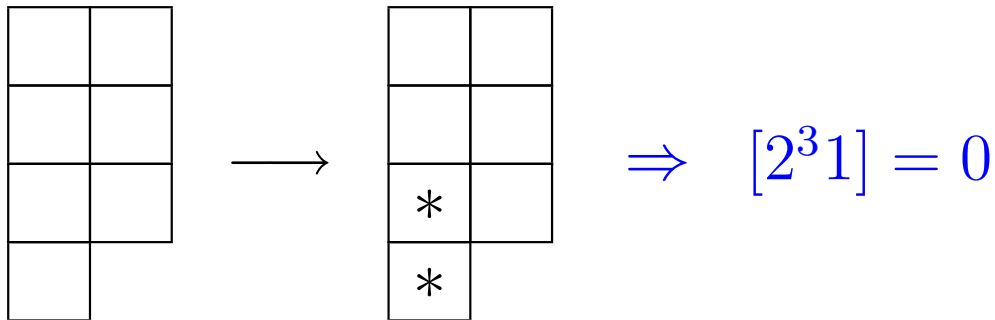
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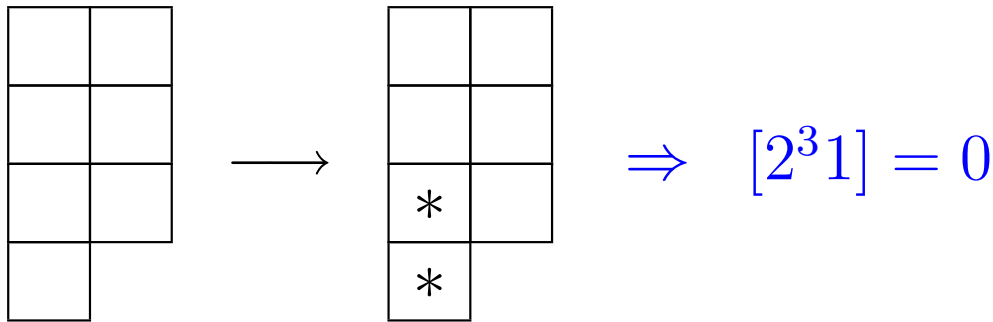
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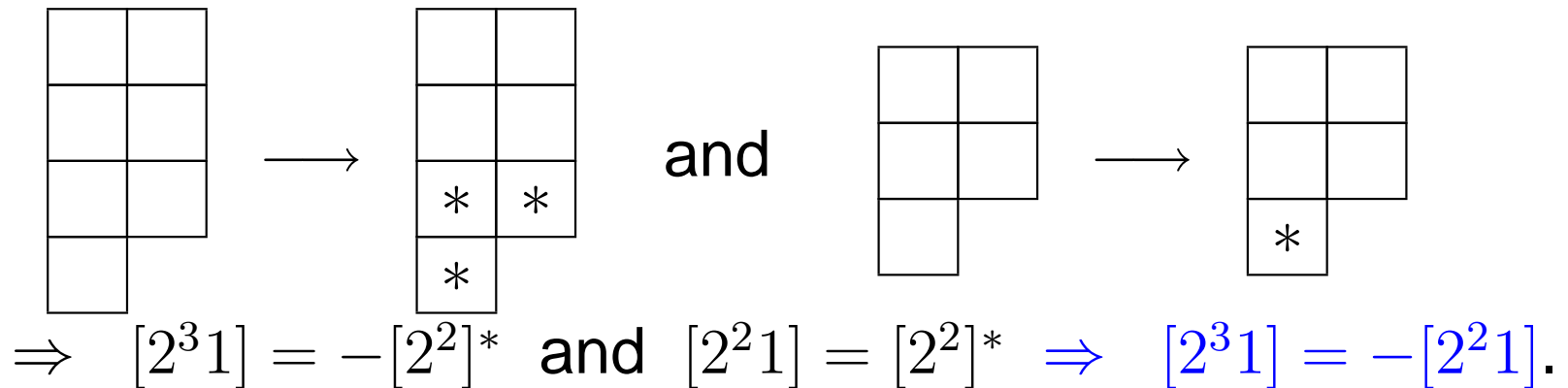
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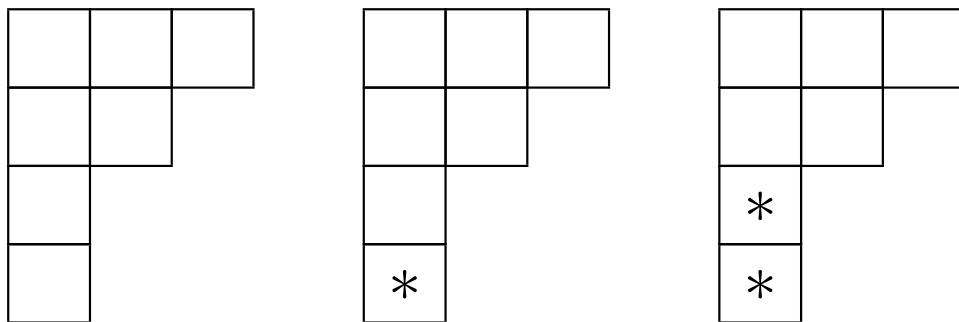
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- **Ex:** In  $Sp(3)$   $V_{Sp(3)}^{\langle 2 \rangle} \otimes V_{Sp(3)}^{\langle 1^2 \rangle}$  is not fully reducible.
- $\langle 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 1^2 \rangle = \langle 31 \rangle + \langle 21^2 \rangle + \langle 2 \rangle + \langle 1^2 \rangle = \langle 31 \rangle - \langle 21 \rangle + \langle 2 \rangle + \langle 1^2 \rangle$
- $V_{Sp(3)}^{\langle 31 \rangle} + V_{Sp(3)}^{\langle 2 \rangle} + V_{Sp(3)}^{\langle 1^2 \rangle}$  must contain all the irreducible components of  $V_{Sp(3)}^{\langle 21 \rangle}$ .

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- $SL(3)$  is semisimple
- All its representations are fully reducible
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in 4 dimensions:  $\eta_{ijk} = \begin{cases} \epsilon_{ijk} & \text{if } i, j, k \in \{1, 2, 3\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

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- $\Rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} B & D \\ 0 & C \end{bmatrix}$  where  $B$  is  $3 \times 3$  and  $C$  is  $1 \times 1$ ,

with  $\det B = 1$ ,  $D$  arbitrary and  $\det C \neq 0$ .

- Hence  $H_{1^3}(4) = \begin{bmatrix} SL(3) & * \\ 0 & GL(1) \end{bmatrix}$

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# The case $\pi = 3$

## Implications of invariance of $\eta_{ijk}$

- Third rank symmetric invariant in 3 dimensions:

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  - $\sum_{p=1}^N (A_i^p)^3 = 1$
  - $\sum_{p=1}^N (A_i^p)^2 A_j^p = 0$  for  $i \neq j$
  - $\sum_{p=1}^N A_i^p A_j^p A_k^p = 0$  for  $i \neq j \neq k \neq i$ .
- For  $N \leq 3$  we find  $A_i^p \in \mathbb{Z}_3 = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$  with  $\omega = e^{i2\pi/3}$  for all  $i, p$ .

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if  $N = 2k$  and  $\ell(\lambda) = k$

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- Tensor product rule for  $S_N$

$$\langle \lambda \rangle \cdot \langle \mu \rangle = \sum_{\nu, \sigma, \tau} \langle (\lambda / (\nu \cdot \sigma)) \cdot (\mu / (\nu \cdot \tau)) \cdot (\sigma \circ \tau) \rangle$$

- Modification rule for  $S_N$ :

$$\langle \lambda \rangle = (-1)^c \langle (\lambda' - h)' \rangle \text{ with } h = |\lambda| + \lambda_1 - N - 1$$

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