Combinatorics of the Casselman-Shalika formula in type A

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Goal

Express the product as a sum over the crystal $\mathcal{B}(\lambda+\rho)$ realized as the set of semistandard Young tableaux.

Definition

For a given reduced word $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N)$ for the longest element w_0 of the Weyl group, define the *BZL path* of $b \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda+\rho)$ as follows. Inductively, let

$$a_1 = \max\{k : \widetilde{e}_{i_1}^k b \neq 0\}, \qquad a_j = \max\{k : \widetilde{e}_{i_j}^k \widetilde{e}_{i_{j-1}}^{a_{j-1}} \cdots \widetilde{e}_{i_2}^{a_2} \widetilde{e}_{i_1}^{a_1} b \neq 0\}$$

for $j = 1, \dots, N$. Then we define $\psi_{\mathbf{i}}(b) = (a_1, \dots, a_N)$.

These are also known as *string parameterizations* or $\mathbf{i}$-*Kashiwara data*.

P. Littelmann proved that such a path terminates at the highest weight vector $b_{\lambda+\rho} \in \mathcal{B}(\lambda+\rho)$.

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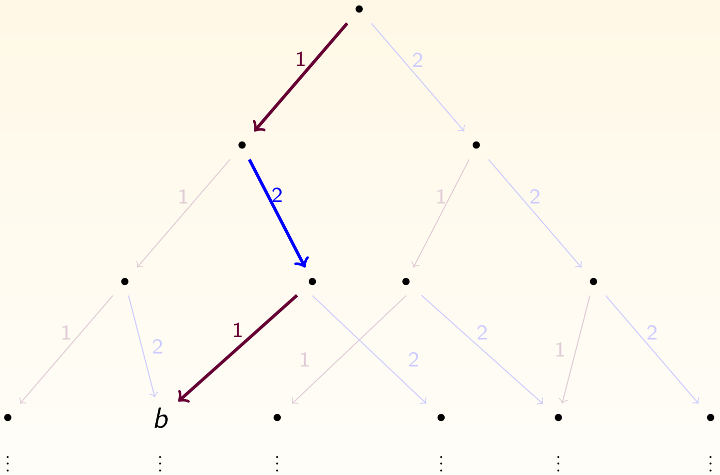

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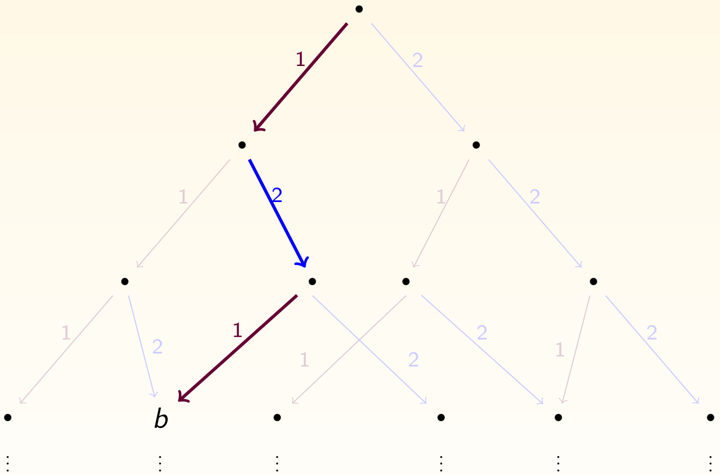

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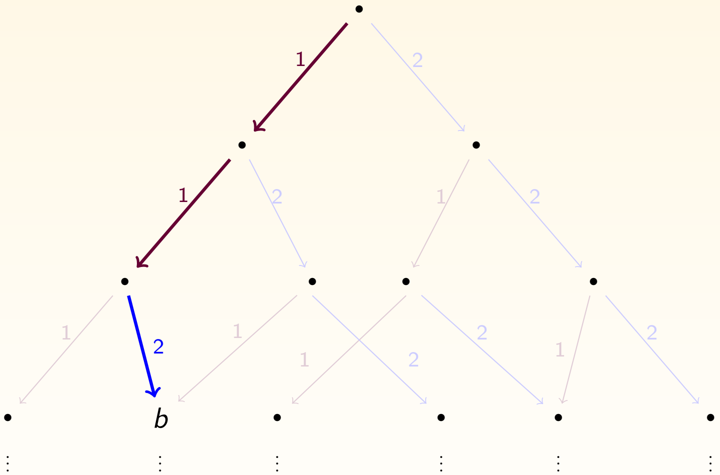

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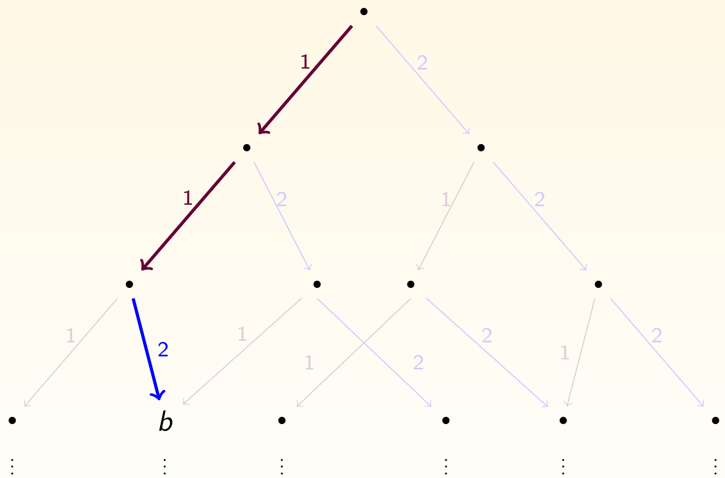

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Definition (Brubaker-Bump-Friedberg, 2011; Bump-Nakasuji, 2010)

- If the entry $a_{j,\ell-1} = a_{j,\ell}$, then we *circle* $a_{j,\ell-1}$.
- If $\widetilde{f}_{i_j}\widetilde{e}_{i_{j-1}}^{a_{j-1}} \cdots \widetilde{e}_{i_1}^{a_1} b = 0$, then *box* a_j.

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Essentially, the right-hand side has the form

$$\sum_{b\in\mathcal{B}(\lambda+\rho)} (-q^{-1})^{\#\text{boxes}} (1-q^{-1})^{\#\text{neither circled nor boxed}} \mathbf{z}^{\mathrm{wt}(b)}.$$

However, b with an entry in $\psi_{\mathbf{i}}(b)$ which is both circled and boxed yields a coefficient of 0.

Crystals of tableaux

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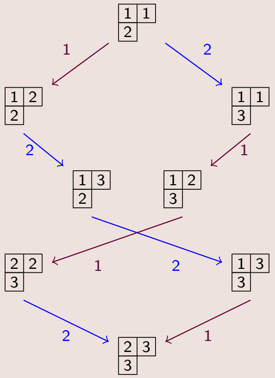

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The CS formula using tableaux

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   - **(b)** *Let ℓ be the smallest integer greater than k such that there exist an ℓ-segment in the ith row. There is no p-segment in the $(i+1)$st row, for $k+1 \le p \le \ell$, and the ℓ-segment is flush.*[a]

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