

# Plethysm. Quasi-symmetric functions and Superization.

- A combinatorial formula for the character of the diagonal coinvariants.

## Section 2.

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### 0. Recall

$$\Lambda = \varprojlim [QDX_1, \dots, X_n]^{S_n}.$$

$\Psi_f$  : a function over space  $\{ (x_i)_{i=1}^{\infty} : x_i = 0 \text{ for almost all } i \}$ .

For  $\lambda$  - partition.

$$1^\circ \text{ monomial} : M\lambda = \sum_{\alpha \in S(\lambda)} x^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{|S(\lambda)|} \sum_{w \in S_n} x^{w\lambda}$$

$$2^\circ \text{ elementary} : e_{\lambda} = e_{\lambda_1} \cdot e_{\lambda_2} \cdots \quad e_r = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots$$

$$3^\circ \text{ complete : } h_\lambda = h_{\lambda_1} h_{\lambda_2} \cdots \quad h_r = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \cdots} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots$$

$$4^\circ \text{ power sum: } P_\lambda = P_{\lambda_1} P_{\lambda_2} \cdots \quad P_r = x_i^r + x_r^r + \cdots$$

$$5^\circ \text{ Schur : } S_\lambda = \sum_{\text{TESSYFT}(w)} x^T$$

$$h_n = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} Z_\lambda^{-1} P_\lambda \quad \lambda = (1^{m_1} 2^{m_2} \cdots)$$

$$Z_\lambda = 1^{m_1} m_1! 2^{m_2} m_2! \cdots$$

$$e_n = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} (-1)^{\lambda_1(\lambda)} Z_\lambda^{-1} P_\lambda$$

involution  $\textcolor{red}{\nu}$

$$h_\lambda \leftrightarrow e_\lambda$$

$$P_\lambda \leftrightarrow (-1)^{\lambda_1(\lambda)} P_\lambda$$

$$S_\lambda \leftrightarrow S_{\lambda'}$$

Hall inner product

$$\langle S_\lambda S_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\lambda \mu} = \langle h_\lambda h_\mu \rangle.$$

$$\langle w a | w b \rangle = \langle a | b \rangle.$$

# 1. Plethysm.

"generalized substitution"

For  $f \in \Lambda_{gt} := (\mathbb{Q}gt \otimes \Lambda)$ .

$$f(0, \square, \Delta, \langle \rangle, \dots) = f[0 + \square + \Delta + \langle \rangle + \dots].$$

$$f[2x+y+z+4] = f(x, y, z, 1, x, 1, 1, 1, 0, \dots).$$

Def: Suppose that the symmetric function  $f \in \Lambda_{gt}$  is a sum of monomials.

$f = \sum_{i \geq 1} x^{a^i}$ . Given  $g \in \Lambda_{gt}$  define the plethysm  $g[f]$  by

$$g[f] = g(x^{a^1}, x^{a^2}, \dots).$$

$$\underline{x} = \underline{x_1 + x_2 + \dots}$$

$$g[\underline{x}] = g(x_1, x_2, \dots) = g.$$

$$\underline{x}[f] = x^{a^1} + x^{a^2} + \dots = f.$$

$$P_n = x_1^n + x_2^n + \dots$$

$$\underline{f[P_n]} = f(x_1^n, x_2^n, \dots) = \sum_{i \geq 1} x^{a^i n} = \underline{P_n[f]} \quad \checkmark$$

$A \in \Lambda_{q,t}$

Note:  $(af + bg)[A] = af[A] + bg[A]$  } ✓  
 $(fg)[A] = f[A] \cdot g[A]$ .

$f =$



Def (Plethysm). For  $f, A \in \Lambda_{q,t}$ , we define  $\varphi: f \mapsto f[A]$  to be the unique map  $\Lambda_{q,t} \rightarrow \Lambda_{q,t}$ . such that

- (A)  $(cf + gh)[A] = cf[A] + g[A]h[A]$  for  $c \in \underline{\mathbb{Q}_{q,t}}$   $\mathbb{Q}[q, t]$
- (P)  $P_n[A] = A|_{x_i \mapsto x_i^r, q \mapsto q^r, t \mapsto t^r}$ .

In general, if  $A = A(z, y, g, x, \dots)$  is any function,  $f = f(z, y, g, x, \dots)$  is any function symmetric in  $z$ , we define  $f[A]$  by

- (A)  $(cf + gh)[A] = cf[A] + g[A]h[A]$  for  $c \in \mathbb{Q}_{q,t}$
- (P)  $P_n[A] = A(z^n, y^n, g^n, x^n)$ .

eg: 1<sup>o</sup> For any  $f \in \Lambda_{n, \text{alt}}$ .

$$x = x_1 + x_2 + \dots \quad . \quad \underbrace{f[x]}_{f} = f$$

$$(A) \quad f \mapsto f[x] = f \quad \text{id}$$

$$(P) \quad P_r[x] = x |_{x_1 = x_2 = \dots} = x_1^r + x_2^r + \dots = P_r.$$

$$2^o. \quad x = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n \quad f[x] = f(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

eg: For  $x = x_1 + x_2 + \dots$  consider  $f[-x]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{h[n-x]} &= \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \mathcal{Z}_\lambda^{-1} P_\lambda[-x] \\ &= \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \mathcal{Z}_\lambda^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^{|\lambda|} P_{\lambda(i)}[-x] \\ &= \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \mathcal{Z}_\lambda^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^{|\lambda|} x_i [P_{\lambda(i)}] \\ &= \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} (-1)^{|\lambda|} \mathcal{Z}_\lambda^{-1} P_\lambda = (-1)^n e_n = \underline{e_n(-x_1, -x_2, \dots)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \sum c_\lambda h_\lambda \\ f[-x] &= \sum c_\lambda h_\lambda[-x] \\ &= \sum c_\lambda e_\lambda(-x_1, -x_2, \dots) \\ &= w f(-x_1, -x_2, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

eg: Recall the coproduct  $\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda \otimes \Lambda$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &:= f(x_1, x_2, \dots, y_1, y_2, \dots) \\ &= \sum f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots) f_2(y_1, y_2, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $X = x_1 + x_2 + \dots$   $Y = y_1 + y_2 + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{f[X+Y]} &= f(x_1, x_2, \dots, y_1, y_2, \dots) \\ &= \sum f_1[x] f_2[Y] \\ &= \sum f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots) f_2(y_1, y_2, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

$\varphi: f \mapsto f[X+Y]$ .

$$Pr[X+Y] = Pr[X] + Pr[Y]. \Leftarrow$$

eq. Setting  $Z = z_1 + z_2 + \dots$   $W = w_1 + w_2 + \dots$

$f \xrightarrow{w^W f[z+W]}$ , consider as a symmetric function in  $W$  variables with functions  
of  $z$  as coefficients.

$$w^W f[z+w] |_{z^{m_1}} = \langle f, e_{\lambda} h_{\mu} \rangle,$$

$$\hookrightarrow . \quad f|_{z^m} = \langle f, h_{\mu} \rangle.$$

$$\underbrace{\langle w^W f[z+w], h_{\mu} h_{\nu} \rangle}_{= \langle f, e_{\lambda} h_{\mu} \rangle} = \langle f, e_{\lambda} h_{\mu} \rangle.$$

2. Quasi-symmetric function.

Def: If for all composition  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$ ,  $f|_{x_{i_1}^{\alpha_1} \dots x_{i_k}^{\alpha_k}} = f|_{x_{j_1}^{\alpha_1} \dots x_{j_k}^{\alpha_k}}$ . then  
 $i_1 < \dots < i_k$        $j_1 < \dots < j_k$ .

we call  $f \in Q[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  is a quasi-symmetric function.

Strong composition.  $\lambda = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k) \quad \forall \alpha_i > 0 \quad 1 \leq i \leq k$ .

$$|\lambda| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k.$$

$$\ell(\lambda) = k.$$

$$\lambda \leftrightarrow (|\lambda|, S = \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} \}).$$

$$4131 \leftrightarrow (9, \{4, 8\}).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & \end{array}$$

# 1. Monomial quasi-symmetric functions.

For a strong composition  $\alpha$ ,

$$M_\alpha = \sum_{\beta^+ = \alpha} x^\beta$$

→ delete all 0's in  $\beta$



filling of  $\alpha$  such that  
|  
|  $a \oplus b \Rightarrow a=b$   
 $a \oplus b \Rightarrow a < b$

$$M_{(4,1,1)} = \sum_{a+b+c+d} x_a^4 x_b^1 x_c^3 x_d^1$$

## 2. Fundamental (Gessel) quasi-symmetric function.

For a strong composition  $\alpha$

$$F_\alpha = \sum_{\beta \text{ refines } \alpha} M_\beta$$

$\beta \text{ refines } \alpha.$

$(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k.$

$$\begin{array}{c} (4|3|) \\ (1, \dots, 1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \hookrightarrow \text{ filling of } \alpha, \text{ such that} \\ | \quad | \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} S @ \textcircled{b} \Rightarrow a \leq b. \\ | @ \textcircled{d} \Rightarrow a < b. \end{array} \right.$$

$$0 0 \downarrow 0 0 | 0 / 0 0 0 0$$

$$\alpha \leftrightarrow (n, S).$$

$$F_{n,S} := F_\alpha$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_m \\ a \leq s \Rightarrow i_a \leq s}} x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_m}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_m \\ i_a = i_m \Rightarrow a \leq s}} x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_m}$$

Note  $F_{1^n} = e^n$ ,  $F_n = h_n$ .

involution

$w: \text{QSym} \rightarrow \text{QSym}$ .

$F_\alpha \mapsto F_{\alpha'}$

↑ dual composition of  $\alpha$ .

$M_\alpha \mapsto (-1)^{\ell(\alpha)} \sum_{\alpha=\beta} M_\beta$ .

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0 | 0 | 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0

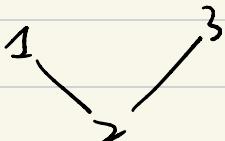
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eq: ( $P$ -partition)

Definition: Assume we have a partial order  $P$  on  $[n]$ . A  $P$ -partition is a function  $P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  with the following properties.

1.  $a <_P b$  and  $a < b \Rightarrow T(a) \leq T(b)$
2.  $a <_P b$  and  $a > b \Rightarrow T(a) < T(b)$ .

eg.



$$2 <_P 1 \quad 2 > 1 \Rightarrow T(2) < T(1)$$

$$3 <_P 3 \quad 2 < 3 \Rightarrow T(2) \leq T(3)$$

$A(P)$ : the set of  $(P, \underline{w})$ -partition. where  $w: P \rightarrow [n]$  be a partition.

eg:  $w \uparrow$ ,  $\underline{P}$ -partition is weakly increasing map  $T: P \rightarrow [\infty]$ .  $\leftarrow$  property 1  
 $w \downarrow$ ,  $\underline{P}$ -partition is strictly increasing map  $T: P \rightarrow [\infty]$   $\leftarrow$  property 2

prop:  $A(P) = \bigcup_{P'} A(P')$   $P'$  is linear extension of  $P$ .



$$\{ T \mid \begin{cases} T(2) \leq T(1) \\ T(2) \leq T(3) \end{cases} \} = \underbrace{\{ T \mid T(2) \leq T(1) \leq T(3) \}}_{\text{weakly increasing}} \cup \{ T \mid T(2) < T(3) \leq T(1) \} \quad \text{strictly increasing}$$

$T: P \rightarrow [\infty]$ .

$$F_P(x) = \sum_{T \in A(P)} x_T, \quad x_T = \prod_{i \in P} x_{T(i)}$$

$P'$  is a chain  $\{w_1 <_P w_2 < \dots <_P w_n\}$

$$= \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_n} = \sum_{P'} F_{P'} = \sum_{P'} F_n \delta_{P'}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a \leq b \Rightarrow i_a \leq i_b \\ a < b \Rightarrow i_a < i_b \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \text{desp}' := \{ i_j \in [n-1] \mid w_j > w_{j+1} \}$

$$WF_p = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} x_{i_1} \cdots x_{i_n} = F_\alpha. \quad \text{for } \alpha, \text{ the order } a \leq b \text{ iff } na \leq nb.$$

$a \leq b \Rightarrow ia \leq ib$   
 $a < b \Rightarrow ia < ib.$

$wS_\lambda$ .

$$S_\lambda = \sum_{\text{SSYT}(\lambda)} z^T$$

↳ SSYT is a p-partition.

$$\begin{matrix} 2 & 2 & 5 & 5 & 20 \\ 5 & 10 & 20 \\ 10 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 9 \\ 3 & 7 & 8 \\ 6 \end{matrix}$$

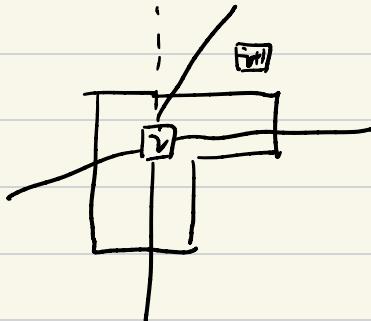
For each  $\lambda \in \text{SSYT}$  define  $S = \text{std}(T) \in \text{SSYT}(\lambda)$  such that

- if  $T(\square_1) < T(\square_2)$ , then  $S(\square_1) < S(\square_2)$
- if  $T(\square_1) = T(\square_2)$  and  $\square_1$  is left to the  $\square_2$ , then  $S(\square_1) < S(\square_2)$ .

$$S_\lambda = \sum_{s \in SYT} F_n \frac{\underline{des}(s)}{des} \quad \hookrightarrow des = \{ i \in [n-1] : \boxed{i+1} \text{ is lower than } \boxed{i} \}$$

$$\omega S_\lambda = \sum_{s \in SYT} F_n \frac{\underline{[n-1]\backslash des}(s)}{des(s)}$$

$$= S_\lambda'$$



### 3. Superization.

SSYT:  $T: \lambda \rightarrow A_+ := \{1 < 2 < \dots\}$ . weakly increasing on each row  
strictly increasing on each column.

$SSYT(\lambda) := \{ \text{semistandard tableau } T: \lambda \rightarrow A_+ \}$ .

"Super" version.

Super tableau:  $T: \lambda \rightarrow A_{\pm} := \{1 < \bar{1} < 2 < \bar{2} < \dots\}$ . weakly increasing on each row  
such that:  $a = i$  form horizontal strip  
 $a = \bar{i}$  form vertical strip.

1	1	$\bar{1}$		2	2
$\bar{1}$		2	$\bar{2}$		
$\bar{1}$		$\bar{2}$			

$SSYT_{\pm}(\lambda) = \{ \text{super tableaux } T: \lambda \rightarrow A_{\pm} \}$ .

$f$ : Symmetric function in  $z$ .

$$S_\lambda = \sum_{\text{TESSY}(\lambda)} z^\intercal$$

↓  
"super" version  
Setting  $Z = z + z_2 + \dots$   $W = w_1 + w_2 + \dots$

$$\underbrace{w^w f(z+w)}$$

$$z_1 + z_2 + \dots$$

$$\tilde{S}_\lambda(z, w) = \sum_{\text{TESSY}(\lambda)} z^\intercal$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{w^w S_\lambda(z+w)} = \sum \underbrace{\langle S_\lambda \text{ hneq } z^m w^n \rangle}_{\downarrow}$$


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Gessel's quasi-symmetric function.

$$F_{n,S}(z) = \sum_{\substack{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \\ a_i = a_{i+1} \Rightarrow i \notin S}} z_{a_1} \cdots z_{a_n}$$

$$S_\lambda = \sum_{T \in SYT(\lambda)} F_{|T| \text{ des}(T)}(z)$$

"super" version

$$\tilde{F}_{n,S}(z,w) = \sum_{\substack{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \\ a_i = a_{i+1} \in A \Rightarrow i \notin S \\ a_i = a_{i+1} \in A^- \Rightarrow i \in S}} z_{a_1} z_{a_2} \cdots z_{a_n}$$

$\hookrightarrow \# \bar{z} < \bar{z} < \dots \#$

$$\tilde{S}_\lambda(z,w) = \sum_{T \in SYT(w)} \tilde{F}_{|\lambda| \text{ des}(T)}(z,w)$$

$\sum_{T \in SYT(\lambda)} z^T$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 1 & 1 & \bar{1} & 2 & 2 & & 1 & 2 & 3 & 7 & 8 \\
 \bar{1} & & \bar{2} & & & & 4 & 6 & 9 \\
 1 & 2 & \bar{2} & & & & 5 & 10. \\
 \bar{1} & \bar{2} & & & & & & & 
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$T: \lambda \rightarrow A_{\pm} \xrightarrow{\text{std}} S: \lambda \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n = |\lambda|\}$$

Such that

1.  $T \circ S^{\top}$  weakly increasing function .  $11\bar{1}\bar{1}\bar{1}222\bar{2}\bar{2}$

2. if  $T \circ S^{\top}(j) = T \circ S^{\top}(j+1) = \dots = T \circ S^{\top}(k) = a$  then.

$$\begin{cases} j, j+1, \dots, k-1 \cap \text{des}(S) = \emptyset & \text{a positive} \\ j, \dots, k-1 \cap \text{des}(S) \neq \emptyset & \text{a negative.} \end{cases}$$

$T'$  , satisfy 1, 2.  $T = T' \circ S \xrightarrow{\text{std}} S$

$$\tilde{F}_{T \circ S^{\top}}(\lambda, \omega) = \sum_{\text{Std}(T)=S} z^{\top}$$

$$\sum_{T \in SYT(\lambda)} \tilde{F}_{T \circ S^{\top}}(\lambda, \omega) = \sum_{T \in SYT(\lambda)} \sum_{\text{Std}(T)=S} z^{\top} = \sum_{T \in SYT(\lambda)} z^{\top}$$

Coro : if  $f(z) = \sum_s c_s F_{n,s}(z)$ , then  $\tilde{f}(z,w) = \sum_s \tilde{c}_s \tilde{F}_{n,s}(z,w)$ .