

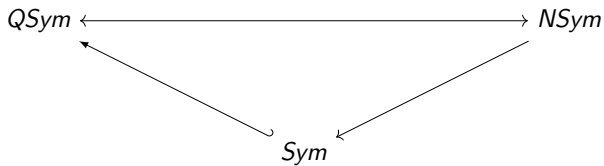
# Dual Immaculate Quasisymmetric Functions Expand Positively into Young Quasisymmetric Schur Functions

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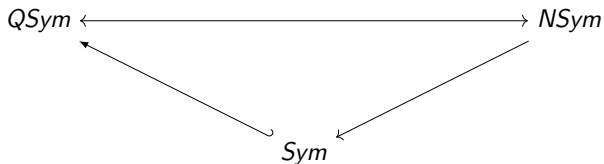
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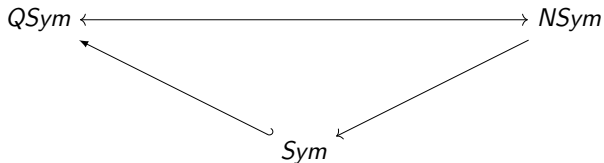
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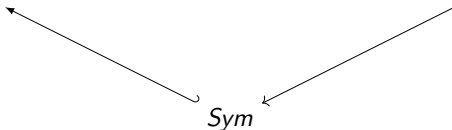
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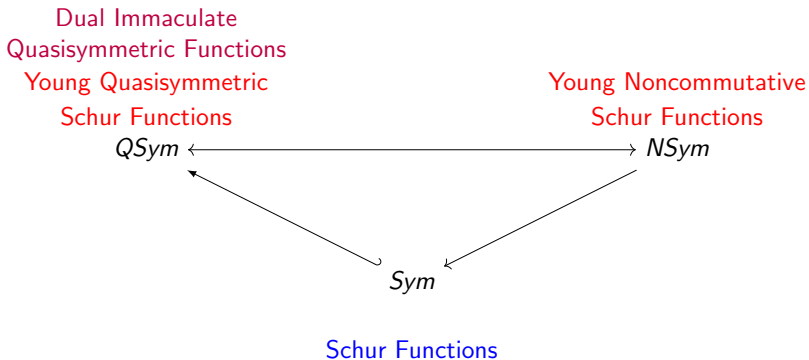
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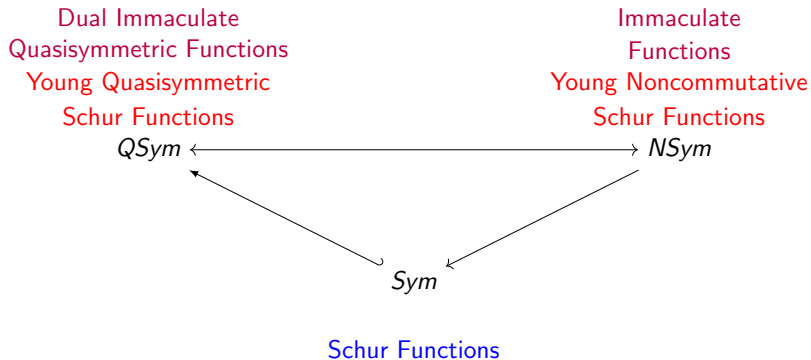


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(Berg, Bergeron, Saliola, Serrano, Zabrocki, 2012)

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(Luoto, Mykytiuk, and van Willigenburg, 2013)

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# Some Schur-like Bases of $QSym$ and $NSym$

$NSym$ :

**Immaculate Functions**  $\{I_\alpha\}_\alpha$

- ▶ Can be defined using noncommutative Bernstein operators.
- ▶ Can be defined using a noncommutative analogue of the Jacobi-Trudi identity.

**Young noncommutative Schur functions**  $\{\hat{s}_\alpha\}_\alpha$

- ▶ Littlewood-Richardson rule,

$$\hat{s}_\alpha \hat{s}_\beta = \sum C_{\alpha,\beta}^\gamma \hat{s}_\gamma$$

where  $C_{\alpha,\beta}^\gamma$  counts certain tableaux.

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# Main Theorem

## Theorem

Let  $dl_\alpha$  be the dual immaculate function indexed by  $\alpha$  and let  $YQS_\beta$  be the Young quasisymmetric Schur function indexed by  $\beta$ .  
Then

$$dl_\alpha = \sum_{\beta} c_{\alpha,\beta} YQS_\beta$$

where  $c_{\alpha,\beta}$  is the number of DIRTs of shape  $\beta$  and row strip shape  $\alpha^{\text{rev}}$ .

We use an insertion algorithm to prove this result.

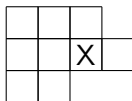
## Compositions

To each subset of  $[n - 1]$ , we associate a composition by sending the set  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$  with  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_k$  to the composition  $(a_1, a_2 - a_1, \dots, a_k - a_{k-1}, n - a_k)$

For example, if  $n = 4$ ,

$$\text{comp}(\{1, 3\}) = (1, 2, 1).$$

Let  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k) \vDash n$ . The *Young composition diagram* of shape  $\alpha$  is the collection of left-justified cells such that row  $i$  has  $\alpha_i$  cells. We will use French notation. The diagram below has shape  $(2, 4, 3)$  and the cell with an X is in position  $(3, 2)$ .



## Standard Immaculate Tableaux

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The five standard immaculate tableaux of shape  $(2, 4)$ .

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It is important to note that the two definitions of descent set for the same filling do not necessarily agree.

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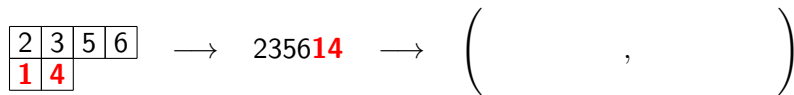
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# Insertion Algorithm

Given a standard immaculate tableau, we obtain its reading word by reading left to right starting in the top row and working down.

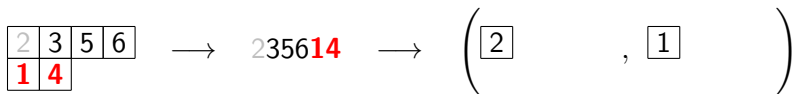
We then insert this word to get a pair  $(P, Q)$  where  $P$  is a standard Young composition tableau and  $Q$  is a recording tableau.

## Insertion Example



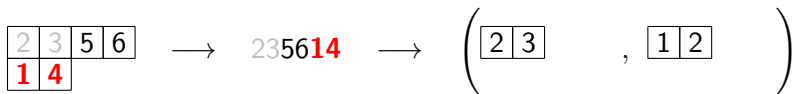


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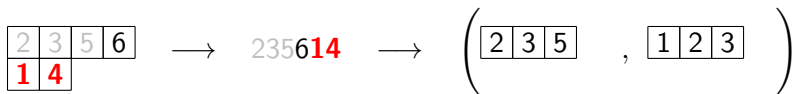
We insert the 2 into an empty filling.

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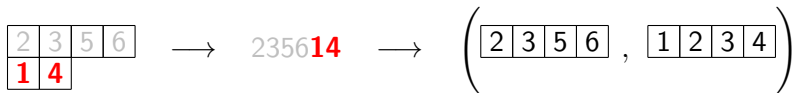
The 3 is placed next to the 2.

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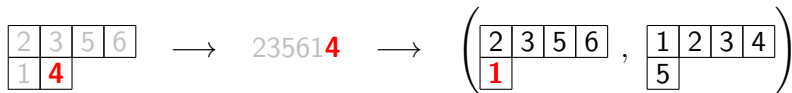
The 5 is placed next to the 3.

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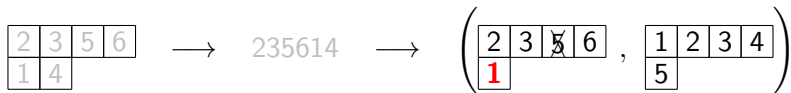
The 6 is placed next to the 5.

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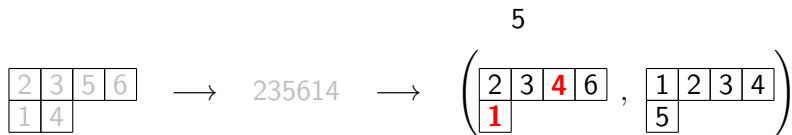
Since 1 is smaller than all other elements, it starts a new row.

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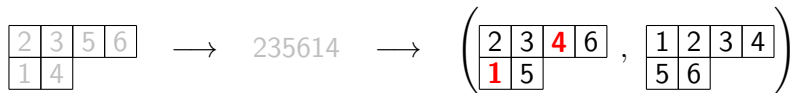
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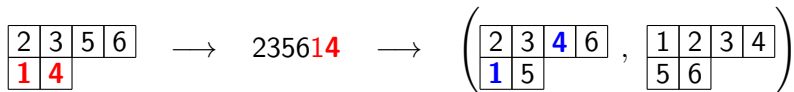
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The 5 is placed next to the 1.



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## Row Strips and Row Strip Shapes

The recording tableaux obtained by inserting the reading word of an immaculate tableau has a certain form. To describe the properties, we need two definitions.

Let  $Q$  be a filling of a Young composition diagram with distinct entries  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . A *row strip of length  $k$*  is a maximal sequence of  $k$  consecutive integers such that for all  $1 \leq i < k$  in the row strip,  $i + 1$  appears strictly right of  $i$  in  $Q$ .

The *row strip shape* is the composition  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_l)$  where  $\alpha_i$  is the length of the row strip which starts with the number  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_{i-1} + 1$

### Example

The filling below has row strip shape  $(2, 4, 3)$

1	2	8		
3	4	5	6	9
7				



## Dual Immaculate Recording Tableau (DIRT)

If  $Q$  is a recording tableau obtained from inserting the reading word of a standard immaculate tableau of shape  $\alpha$  then the following hold for  $Q$ .

1. The rows of  $Q$  increase from left to right.
2. The leftmost column of  $Q$  increases from top to bottom
3. The row strips start in the leftmost column of  $Q$  and the row strip shape is  $\alpha^{rev}$ .
4. (Recording Triple Rule) Whenever the following subarray appears in  $Q$  with  $a > b$ , we also have  $a > c$  where if  $c$  is empty,  $c = \infty$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{a} \\ \boxed{b} \boxed{c} \end{array}$$

Such tableaux are called *dual immaculate recording tableaux (DIRT)*.

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## An algorithm to find DIRTs with fixed row strip shape

We can build a rooted tree to find all the DIRTs of row strip shape  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k)$ . For  $1 \leq m \leq k$ , the nodes of the tree at level  $m$  are DIRTs of row strip shape  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)$ .

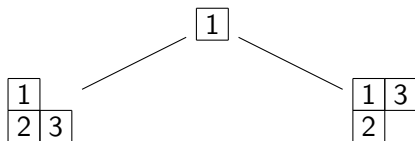
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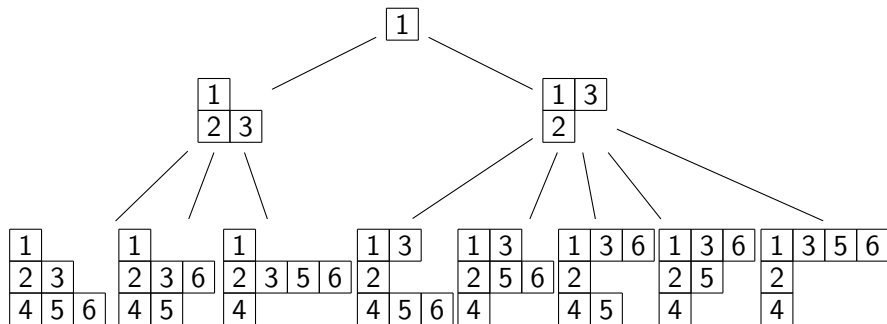
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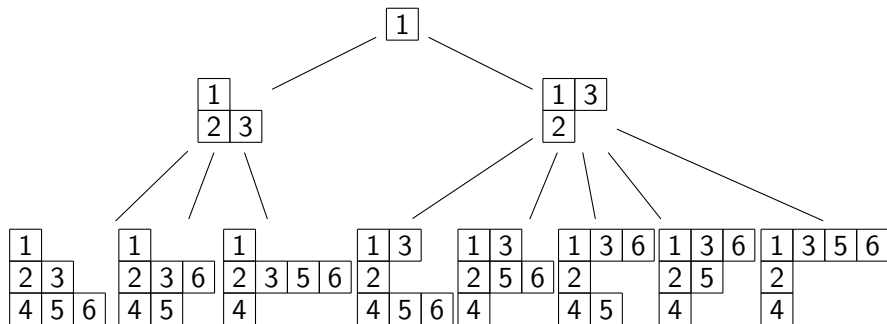
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# Decompositions in $NSym$

## Theorem

Let  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_\alpha$  be the Young noncommutative Schur function indexed by  $\alpha$  and let  $I_\beta$  be the immaculate function indexed by  $\beta$ . Then

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# Decompositions in $NSym$

## Theorem

Let  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_\alpha$  be the Young noncommutative Schur function indexed by  $\alpha$  and let  $I_\beta$  be the immaculate function indexed by  $\beta$ . Then

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_\alpha = \sum_{\beta} c_{\beta,\alpha} I_\beta$$

where  $c_{\beta,\alpha}$  is the number of DIRTs of shape  $\alpha$  and row strip shape  $\beta^{\text{rev}}$ .

## Corollary

We have the following.

1.  $I_\alpha = \hat{\mathbf{s}}_\alpha$  if and only if  $\alpha$  is a partition.
2. For the hook shape  $(1^k, n-k)$ , we have

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_{(1^k, n-k)} = \sum_{\substack{\beta \vdash n \\ \ell(\beta) = k+1}} I_\beta.$$

# Conjectures

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Let  $\alpha \vDash n$ . If

$$YQS_\alpha = \sum b_{\alpha,\beta} dI_\beta$$

then  $b_{\alpha,\beta} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . Moreover, for a fixed  $\alpha$ ,

$$\sum_{\beta} b_{\alpha,\beta} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \alpha = (1^k, n-k), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Let  $\lambda$  be a partition of  $n$  with  $k$  parts all of which are distinct.

Then

$$YQS_\lambda = \sum_{\pi \in S_k} (-1)^{\ell(\pi)} dI_{\pi(\lambda)}$$

where  $\ell(\pi)$  is the length of the permutation  $\pi$  and  $\pi(\lambda) = (\lambda_{\pi(1)}, \lambda_{\pi(2)}, \dots, \lambda_{\pi(k)})$ .

THANK YOU!