

**COMPUTATION OF STANDARD BASES
 OF S_n -MODULES CORRESPONDING
 TO n -SUBSETS OF \mathbb{N}^2**

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All the classical module construction for the representation theory of S_n can be modelled in the polynomial ring $\mathbb{Q}[X_{i,j}]$ over \mathbb{Q} in the n^2 commuting indeterminates $X_{i,j}$. We recall a definition for generalized *Specht modules*:

$$\pi \cdot X_{i,j} := X_{\pi(i),j}, \quad \pi \in S_n$$

defines a $\mathbb{Q}S_n$ -algebra structure on $\mathbb{Q}[X_{i,j}]$. For n -subsets A of $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ one can define a cyclic $\mathbb{Q}S_n$ -submodule \mathcal{S}_A of $\mathbb{Q}[X_{i,j}]$ via A -tableaux $S, T : A \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$, where S is bijective, and *bideterminants*. We give a paradigm for $A = \begin{matrix} & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & & \times & \\ & \times & \times & \end{matrix}$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 3 & 7 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & & 5 & 2 & & 2 \\ & 4 & 6 & & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right) := \det \begin{pmatrix} X_{1,1} & X_{1,2} \\ X_{2,1} & X_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \det \begin{pmatrix} X_{3,1} & X_{3,3} \\ X_{4,1} & X_{4,3} \end{pmatrix} \det \begin{pmatrix} X_{5,2} & X_{5,3} \\ X_{6,2} & X_{6,3} \end{pmatrix} X_{7,1}.$$

These bideterminants share the property:

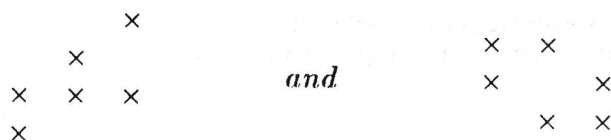
$$\pi \cdot (S|T) = (\pi \cdot S|\pi \cdot T), \quad \pi \in S_n.$$

Let $P := P_A : A \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ denote the projection onto the first coordinate.

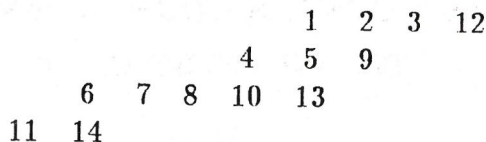
$$\mathcal{S}_A := \mathbb{Q}S_n \cdot (S|P) = \langle (\pi \cdot S|P) : \pi \in S_n \rangle \mathbb{Q}$$

This is a generalization of the classical cases: If A is a diagram, then \mathcal{S}_A is isomorphic to the classical Specht module involving Vandermonde determinants. If A is a skew diagram, then \mathcal{S}_A is a *skew module*.

We remark that permuting rows and columns of A gives isomorphic modules. The smallest non-classical examples are



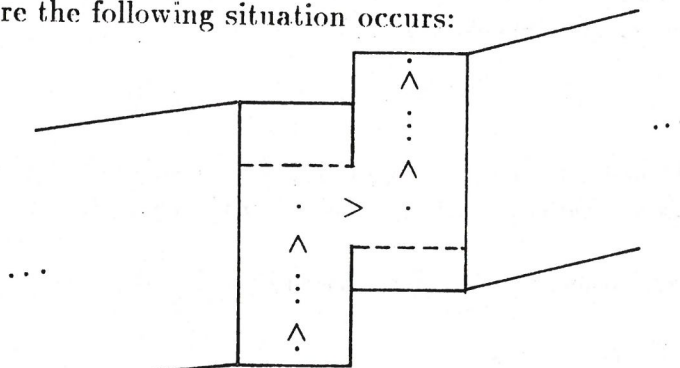
For a skew digram A a bijective A -tableau is called *standard*, if the entries are increasing from left to right in each row and from top to bottom in each column, e.g.:



Theorem. *If A is a skew diagram, then $\{(S|P_A) : S \text{ standard}\}$ is a \mathbb{Q} -basis of S_A . This is even true over the integers \mathbb{Z} .*

Remark. *This basis is the column lexicographical smallest subset of $\{(S|P_A) : S : A \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ bij.}\}$, which is a \mathbb{Q} -basis of S_A ;*

otherwise somewhere the following situation occurs:



and *Laplace expansion* expresses this bideterminant as a sum of column lexicographical smaller bideterminants of shape A by *shuffle* permutations.

Therefore our aim is to construct the column-lexicographical smallest basis of S_A in general, the *A-standard* basis. The tool for this will be simultaneous Laplace expansions over more than 2 columns (because of "holes").

Laplace Duality Theorem. *Let $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ be a bijection of n -subsets of $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ with inverse ψ , let S, T be A -tableaux. Then $S' := S \circ \phi$ and $T' := T \circ \psi$ are tableaux of shape B , and the following holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} (S; \phi|T) &:= \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{V}(B)^\psi \bmod \mathcal{V}(B)^\psi \cap \mathcal{V}(A)} \text{sign}(\sigma)(S \circ \sigma|T) \\ &= \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{V}(A)^\phi \bmod \mathcal{V}(A)^\phi \cap \mathcal{V}(B)} \text{sign}(\tau)(S'|T' \circ \tau) =: (S'|T'; \psi) \end{aligned}$$

(Here $\mathcal{V}(B)^\psi \bmod \mathcal{V}(B)^\psi \cap \mathcal{V}(A)$ denotes an arbitrary transversal of the left cosets of $\mathcal{V}(B)^\psi \cap \mathcal{V}(A)$ in $\mathcal{V}(B)^\psi := \psi \circ \mathcal{V}(B) \circ \psi^{-1}$.)

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Example. In the sequel we will identify the elements of an n -subset A with $\{1, \dots, n\}$ reflecting the column lexicographical order. The corresponding basic tableau will be denoted by $S_0 = S_0(A)$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & & 5 \\ & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 6 & \\ 3 & & \\ 4 & & \end{pmatrix}, \psi = \left(\begin{array}{cccc|cc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 7 & 5 & 6 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} \overset{1-3}{2} & 5 & 7 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 2 & \\ & & & 3 & 3 & \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 7 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 1-3 \\ 5 & 1 & & 2 & 1 \\ 6 & & & 3 & \\ 2 & & & 2 & \end{array} \right) = 0$$

Therefore the column lexicographic greatest bideterminant in the sum can be expressed as a linear combination of smaller ones, these are exactly those bideterminants whose left tableaux S satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg((S(1) > S(3)) \wedge ((S(2) > S(6)) \wedge ((S(5) > S(7))) \\ & = ((S(1) < S(3)) \vee ((S(2) < S(6)) \vee ((S(5) < S(7))), \end{aligned}$$

i.e. all *standard* A -tableaux have to satisfy these conditions.

Method. Make systematic use of the Laplace duality theorem, right hand side equals 0, to construct conditions for *standard* A -tableaux.

A combinatorial description of all diagrams B such that for all bijections $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ the right hand side equals 0 is given by the following.

Theorem. Let A and B be n -subsets of $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$, B a diagram with column lengths $\mu \vdash n$. For $T : A \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $con(T) := (|T^{-1}(1)|, \dots, |T^{-1}(n)|) \models n$ the following two statements are equivalent:

- i) $(S; \phi|T) = 0$ holds for all bijections $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ and for all bijections $S : A \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$.
- ii) $\mu \not\triangleleft (con(T) \searrow)'$ (\searrow means reordering to get a proper partition)

Example.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & & 2 \\ & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad con(P)' = (3, 2, 2)' = (3, 3, 1)$$

therefore $\{\mu \vdash n : \mu \not\triangleleft (3, 3, 1)\} = \{(4, 1, 1, 1), (4, 2, 1), \dots, (7)\}$.

Remark. However there exist (B, ϕ) such that $\mu \not\triangleleft (\text{con}(P) \searrow)'$ and $(S; \phi|P) = 0$, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & \xrightarrow{3} & & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & & & 2 & & 2 \\ & 4 & \nearrow 5 & & 3 & 3 \\ & & 6 & & & \end{array} \right) &= \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 7 & 3 & 6 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & & 2 & 1 & \\ 4 & 2 & & 3 & 2 & \end{array} \right) = \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} 7 & 6 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & & 2 & \\ 4 & & 3 & \end{array} \right) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{array} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

because of $(3) \not\triangleleft (2, 1)$, so this trivial example indicates how also "local" versions of the theorem may be derived.

Algorithm. Input: n -subset A , $S_0 = S_0(A)$.

- i) $\mathcal{R} := \{(i, i + 1) : i, i + 1 \text{ both in one column of } S_0\}$
- ii) Construct the set \mathcal{J} of all pairs (i, j) , where the column in which i appears is on the left of the column of j .
- iii) For $v = 1$ to $n \text{ div } 2$ do: To each v -subset $J \in \mathcal{J}$ construct (B, ψ) such that $\mu =$ column lengths of B is maximal in the dominance order and J is exactly the set of "jumps" of ψ : for each column of B there is a jump from the lowest element involved in one column to the highest element in the next involved column to the left. If $\mu \not\triangleleft (\text{con}(P) \searrow)'$ for at least one μ then add J to the list \mathcal{R} of relations. More general one has to consider "local" versions, too. (interpret $J = ((i_1, j_1), (i_2, j_2), \dots)$ as $J = ((i_1 < j_1) \vee (i_2 < j_2) \vee \dots)$).
- iv) Construct all $S : A \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$, which satisfy the relations in \mathcal{R} . To do this, split the relations to get a Boolean normal form.

Examples:	dimension	=	number of standard tableaux "R.H.S. = 0"
$\begin{array}{ccc} \times & \times & \\ \times & & \times \\ & \times & \times \\ \hline & & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & & \end{array}$	42	=	42
$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & & \\ \hline & \times & \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & & \end{array}$	47	=	47
$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & & \\ \hline & & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \\ \times & & \\ & & \times \end{array}$	56	=	56

the fact that $\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & \\ 3 & 3 & \end{array}$ is the only column increasing tableau of shape $(3, 3, 1)'$ and content $(3, 2, 2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 4 & 5 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & & 1 & 2 & & 2 \\ & 7-6 & & & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 5 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & & 1 & 3 & \\ 3 & 7 & & 2 & 3 & \end{array} \right) = - \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & & 2 & 2 & \\ 3 & 7 & & 3 & 3 & \end{array} \right) = \\ & = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & & 1 & 2 & \\ 3 & 7 & & 2 & 3 & \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2-1 & & 5 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & & 6 & 2 & & 2 \\ & 4 & 7 & & 3 & 3 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

As $S(3) < S(4)$ holds for all S we can add relation $((1, 5), (4, 6), (6, 7))$ to \mathcal{R} . Similarly we receive $((2, 3), (3, 5), (4, 6), (6, 7))$.

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