

Key Defs (W a Coxeter group
 s_1, \dots, s_n the simple refl.)

- (i_1, \dots, i_m) $1 \leq i_n < n$ a word
- it is a reduced word for $w \in W$ if
$$w = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_m}$$
and the expression is as short as possible
- m is the length of w

Def

• A s.s.y.t is called strict if the rows are strictly increasing

• if $T = \boxed{i_1 \dots i_m}$, c
 $\text{word}(T) = (i_1, \dots, i_m)$

• if T_1, \dots, T_r are the rows of T ,
then $\text{word}(T) = \text{word}(T_r) \dots \text{word}(T_1)$

The Algorithm

Assume S_k is
an ascent for
word (T)

- to insert K into



- $K > i_s$



- $K \leq i_s$ ← Note K an ascent $\Rightarrow K \leq i_s$

- let u be the smallest
or furthest left choice
such that $K < i_u$

- $K' = i_u$

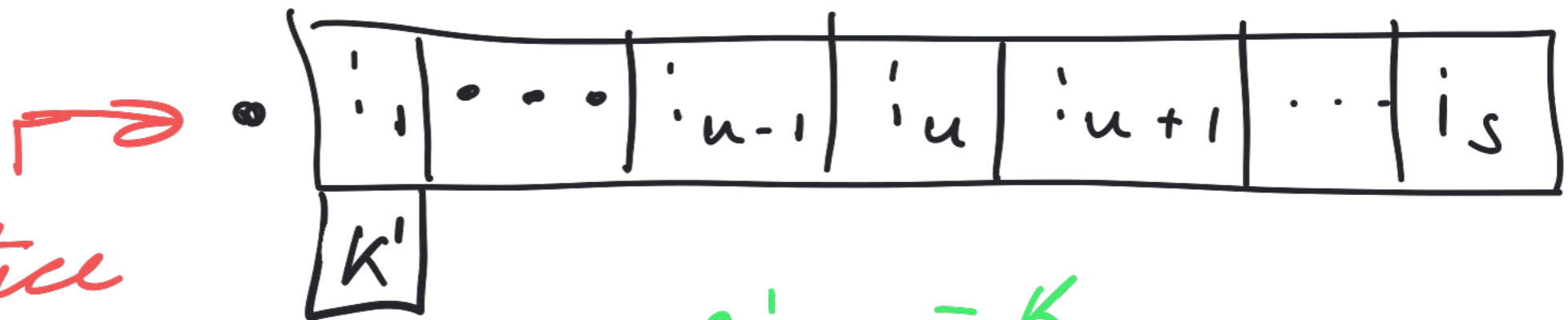
The Algorithm Cont

- two cases

- $u = 1$ or $u > 1$ and $i_{u-1} < K$



- $u > 1$ and $i_{u-1} = K$



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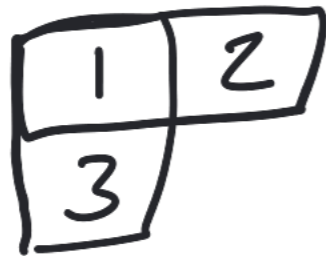
The row doesn't change

- $i_{u-1} = K$
- $i_u = K' = K + 1$

The Algorithm Cont

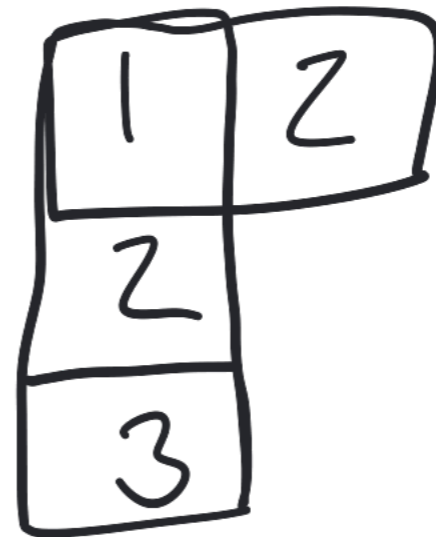
- the algorithm continues by inserting k' into the next row

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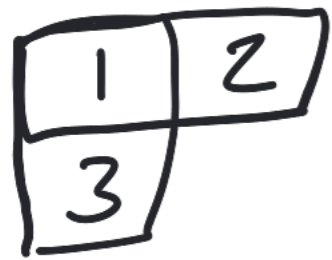


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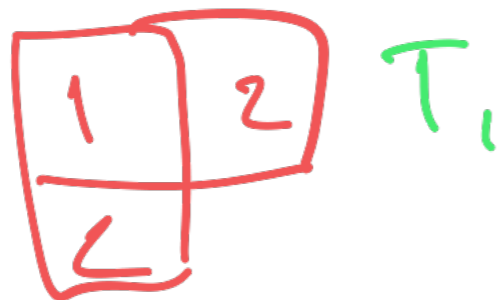
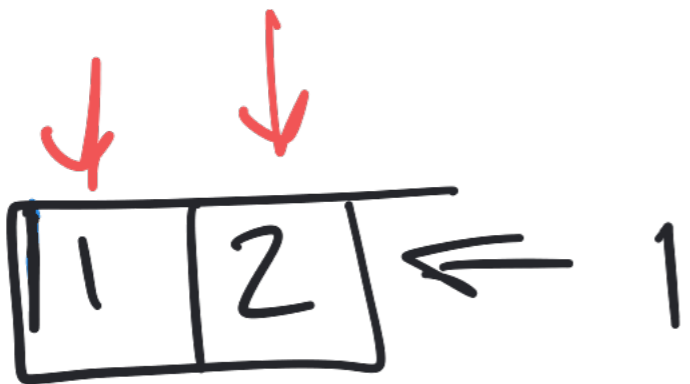
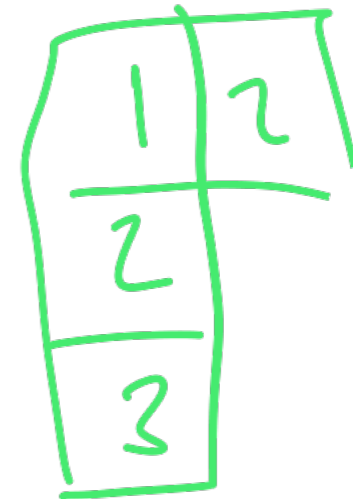
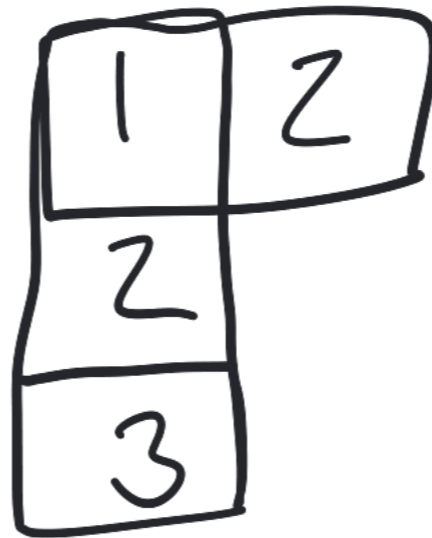
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Lemma 7.16

If T is a reduced word and

K is an ascent, then

$$\omega(T \leftarrow K) = \omega(T) s_K$$

pl (sketch)

Reduces to T a row

3 cases

- K is appended
- (7.4)
- (7.5)

$$B_K \text{ word}(T)$$

$$= \text{word}(T) s_K$$

Edleman - Greene

- $i = (i_1 \dots i_m)$ a reduced word for w
- $P(i) = \emptyset \leftarrow w_{i_1} \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow w_{i_m}$
- $Q(i)$ the recording tableau

Ex

• $i = (2, 3, 2, 1, 2)$

• $P(i) =$

1	2
2	3
3	

• $Q(i) =$

1	2
3	5
4	

Tlm

• w a permutation.

• the map

$$i \mapsto (P(i), Q(i))$$

is a bijection between reduced words for w and pairs of tableaux of the same shape such that

P is reduced and s.s., Q is standard and $w = w(P)$.

Exercise 7.3. For the six permutations in S_3 , compute the insertion tableau P and the recording tableau Q . Which permutations have the same P -tableau (resp. Q -tableau)?



S_1

$S_1 S_2$

$S_1 S_2 S_1$

S_2

$S_2 S_1$

$S_2 S_1 S_2$



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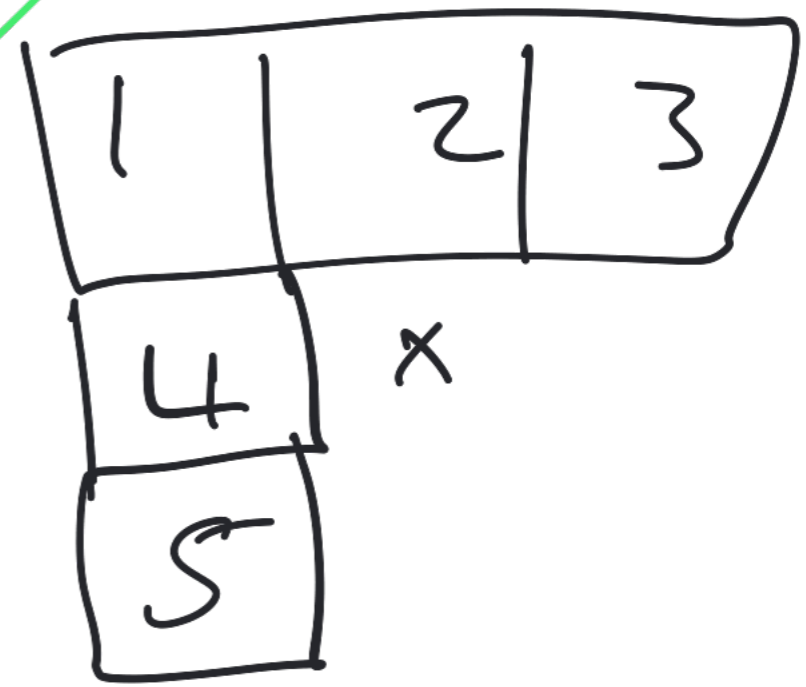
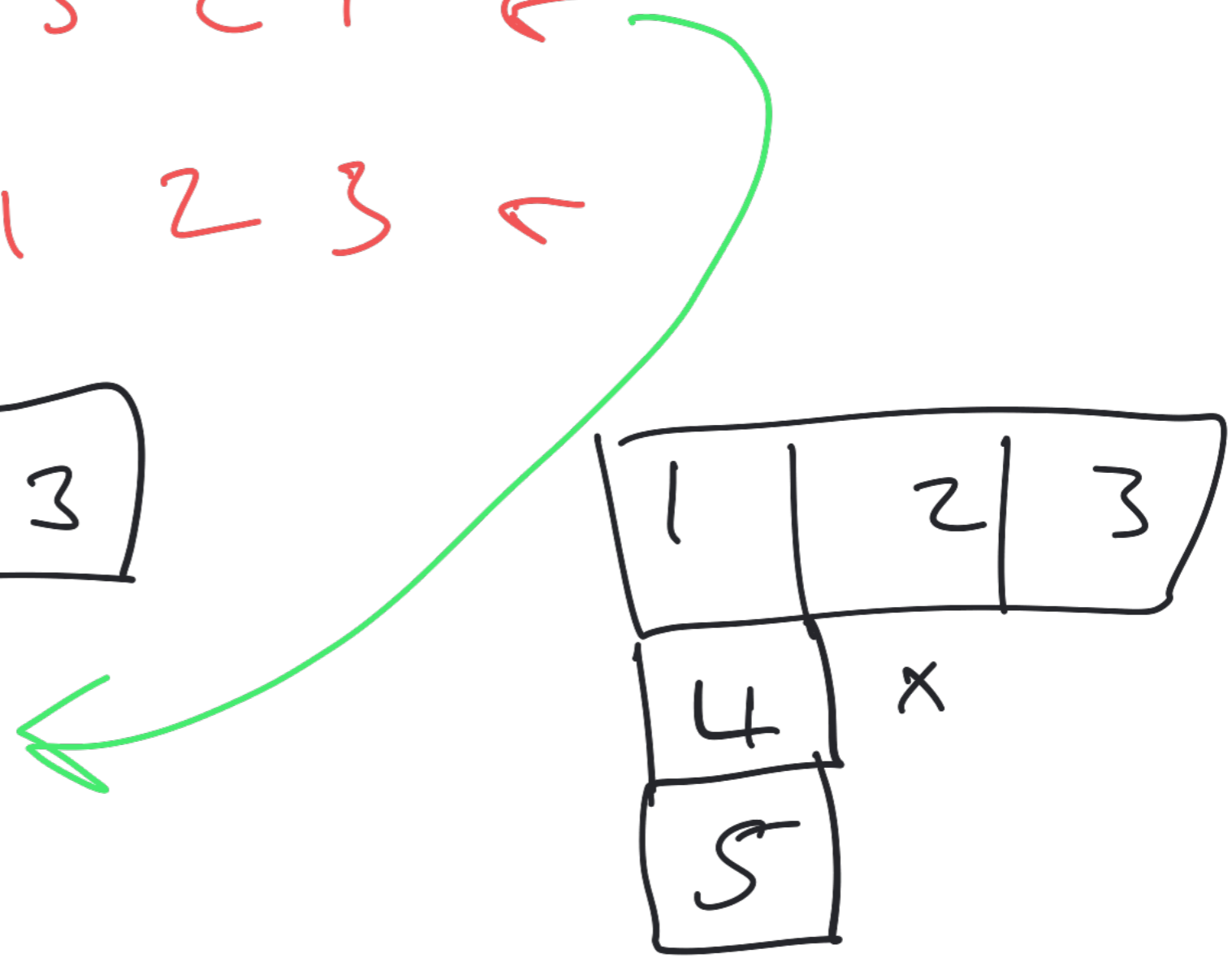
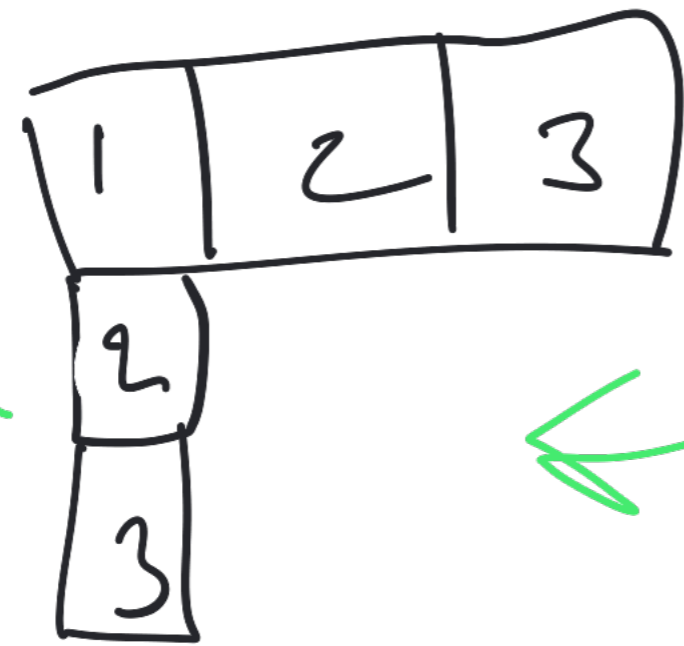
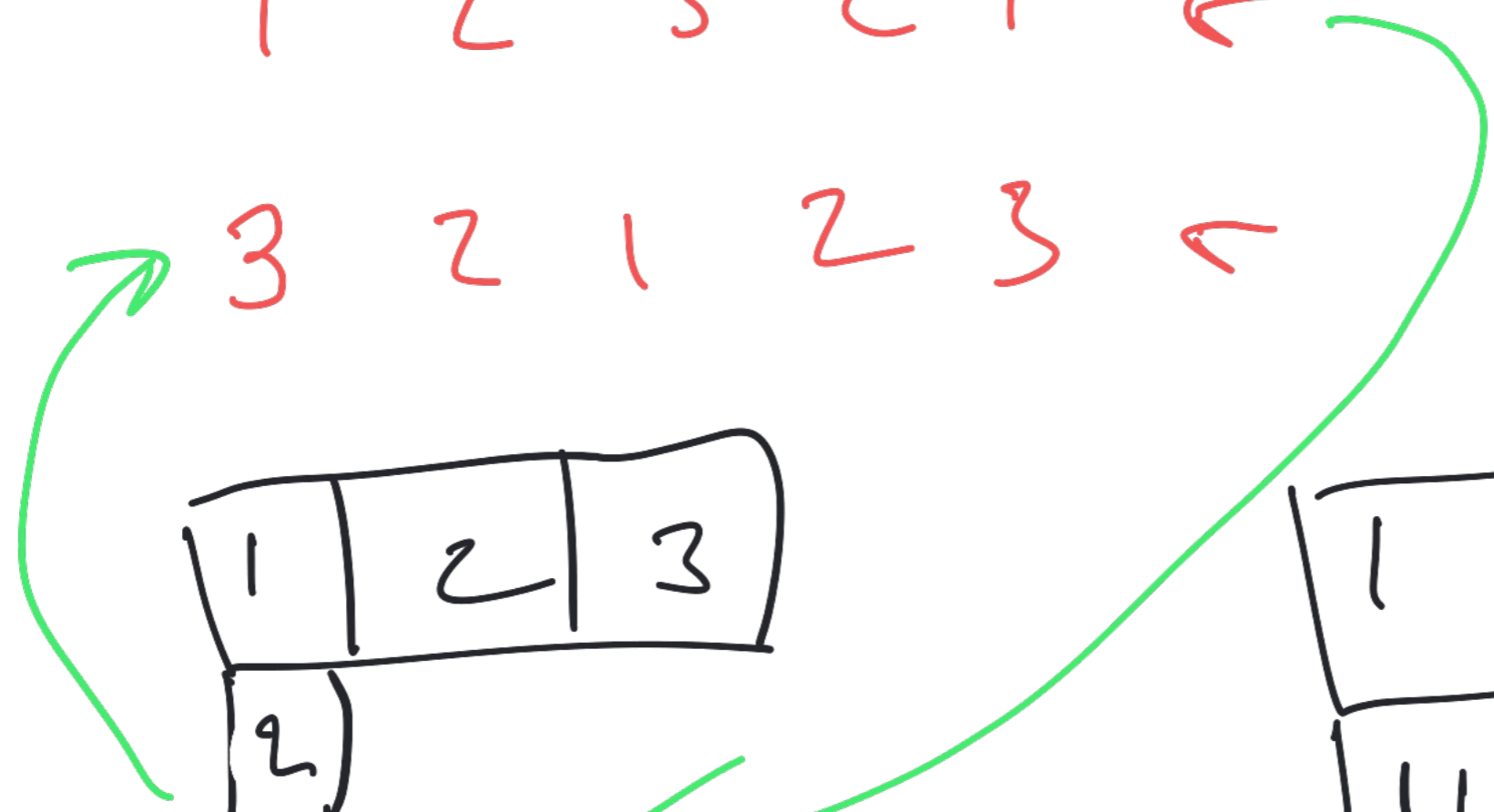
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1 2 3 2 1 ←
3 2 1 2 3 ↗



Chapter 8: The Plactic Monoid

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Notation: B : standard $GL(n)$ crystal
 B_λ : crystal of tableaux (embedded with low reading)

Goal: Understand the connected components of $B^{\otimes k}$

- Things to "recall":
- Normal crystals: - "type free" idea of a Stembridge crystal
 - Isomorphisms of connected normal crystals are unique.
 - B_λ are Stembridge - get canonical reps of isomorphism classes with highest weight λ .
 - All components of $B^{\otimes k}$ are isomorphic to B_λ for some λ .

Plan: For a connected component C of $B^{\otimes k}$, find λ so that $C \cong B_\lambda$
and give this isomorphism

Main Result: Let $x = x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes \dots \otimes x_k \in \mathcal{B}^{\otimes k}$.
reading word: $x_1 \dots x_k$

Define $P(x)$ (SSYT) and $Q(x)$ (SYT) by

$$(P(x), Q(x)) \stackrel{RSK}{=} \emptyset \leftarrow x_1 \leftarrow x_2 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow x_k$$

Then:

- $\lambda = \text{sh}(P(x))$ determines isomorphism type \mathcal{B}_λ for the conn. comp of x .

Plactic
class

→ • $P(x)$ determines the image of x under the isomorphism (reading word)

→ • $Q(x)$ determines the connected component

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class

Describing the Isomorphism

Define *plactic equivalence* on elements of a connected normal crystal by

$$x \equiv y \text{ if } \begin{array}{l} C_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} C_2 \\ x \mapsto y \end{array}$$

Define *Knuth equivalence* on words by elementary operations on consecutive sequences of length 3 by

$$bac \equiv_K bca \text{ if } a < b \leq c$$

$$acb \equiv_K cab \text{ if } a \leq b < c$$

1 2 3

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\equiv_K} & \\ & & 3 1 2 \\ & \xleftarrow{\equiv_K} & \\ & & 3 2 1 \end{array}$$

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Important Results

Prop: In type A, the highest weight vectors in $B^{\otimes k}$ are

Yamanouchi words:

↳ in all final segments, the # of i 's \geq the # of $(i+1)$'s

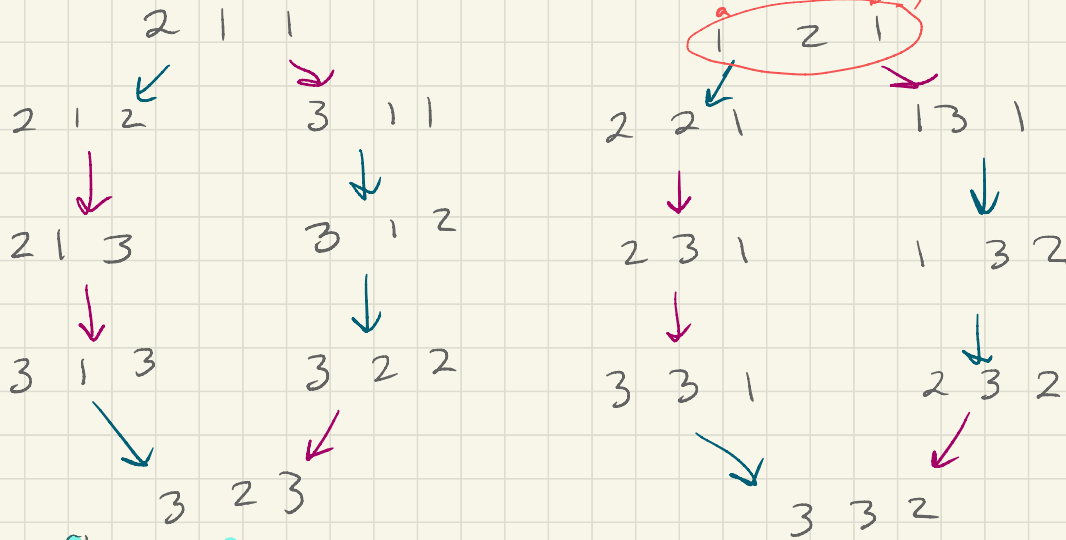
Thm: In type A, Knuth equivalence implies plactic equivalence.

Things we can try:

- Compute the Knuth map for $B_{(2,1)} \approx B'_{(2,1)}$
from figure 3.3
 - Show the same for other $B^{\otimes k}$
- Exercise 8.2 - postpone

Knuth map for $B_{(2,1)} \cong B_{(2,1)}' \dots$

$\begin{matrix} c & a & b \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix}$



$121 \neq 112$
 $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ b & c & a \end{matrix}$



"If you have a tie, the right one should be read as bigger"

← Question: how is this related to $321 \leftrightarrow 132$ avoiding permutations

- Next time :
- 4-fold tensor product crystal
 - Other examples \longrightarrow
 - If time allows, 8.3, 8.4
 - Other apps of Knuth equiv?
- Column reading + row reading
should be Knuth equivalent
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