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# R-S correspondence for the Hyper-octahedral group of type $B_n$ — A different approach

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we develop a Robinson Schensted algorithm for the hyperoctahedral group of type  $B_n$  on partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ ,  $r \geq 0$  where  $\delta_r$  is the partition with parts  $(r, r-1, \ldots, 0)$ . We derive some combinatorial properties associated with this correspondence.

## 1. Introduction

The group algebra of the hyperoctahedral group  $\widetilde{S}_n$  is a subalgebra of the signed Brauer algebra. In the process of constructing a cellular basis for the signed Brauer algebra [18,19], we constructed a R-S correspondence for the hyperoctahedral group. We distinguish between a positive image and a negative image of the signed permutation by a positive domino  $\left(\begin{array}{c} \ast \\ \ast \end{array}\right)$  and a negative domino  $\left(\begin{array}{c} \ast \\ \ast \end{array}\right)$  respectively. The process of insertion described is independent of the core of the partition into which the dominoes are inserted. The positive dominoes are inserted along rows and negative dominoes inserted along columns. We give a different approach for the R-S correspondence by following closely the procedure of insertion and placement of the dominoes as that in the case of the symmetric group.

The irreducible modules of the hyper-octahedral group of type  $B_n$  $\widetilde{S}_n$  are indexed by partitions of 2n + 1 whose 2-core is one [12]. There

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is a natural bijection between partitions of 2n + 1 whose 2-core is one and partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1) + 2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ ,  $r \ge 0$  where  $\delta_r$ is the partition with parts  $(r, r - 1, \ldots, 0)$ . In this paper we develop the Robinson-Schensted algorithm for the hyper-octahedral group which gives a correspondence between elements of the hyper-octahedral group and pairs of standard tableaux of shape  $\lambda$ , as  $\lambda$  varies over partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1) + 2n)$ , whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ ,  $r \ge 0$ . The insertion process is independent of the core. We study the growth and local rules for the R-S correspondence. We also study the Knuth relation for the hyperoctahedral group of type  $B_n$  as in the case of the symmetric group.

### 2. Preliminaries

## 2.1. R-S Correspondence for the Hyper-octahedral group of type $B_n$

In a 1982 paper Barbasch and Vogan [1] describe an insertion algorithm which identifies the hyperoctahedral permutations with domino tableau. They define this insertion using left-right insertion of a word and its negative, followed by a *jeu de taquin* that pairs up *i* and *-i*.

Subsequently Garfinkle [5] defined this insertion directly, both through a bumping algorithm and recursively in a manner similar to that used by Fomin [4]. Van Leeuwen [15] also describes this algorithm by translating Garfinkle's recursive definition into Fomin's language of shapes. He provides the first proof that the Garfinkle algorithm is the same as the Barbasch Vogan algorithm. He also defines insertion in the presence of a non empty 2-core.

Shimozono and White [14] described a semistandard generalization of Barbasch Vogan's domino insertion relating domino insertion to Haiman's mixed insertion.

The domino insertion given in this paper is such that it corresponds to the left cells of the modified Lusztig basis given in [6]. The algorithm is based on R-S correspondence for the symmetric group without splitting the diagram. We differ from the domino insertion given by Shimozono and White [14] in the sense that their construction involves splitting the tableau into two parts and successively attaching the dominos in a recursive manner to get the final shape while we use a process successive sliding of the dominos without splitting the tableau till the final shape is arrived at.

**Definition 2.1.1.** [9]. For an integer  $n \ge 2$ , the hyper-octahedral group

of type  $B_n$ , denoted by  $\widetilde{S}_n$  is defined to be subgroup of  $S_{2n}$  such that

$$\widetilde{S}_n = \{ \theta \in S_{2n} | \theta(i) + \theta(-i) = 0, \forall i, 1 \le i \le n \}.$$

**Definition 2.1.2.** [3]. A sequence of non-negative integers  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots)$ 

is called a partition of n, which is denoted by  $\lambda \vdash n$ , if

1.  $\lambda_i \geq \lambda_{i+1}$ , for every  $i \geq 1$ 

2. 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i = n$$

The  $\lambda_i$  are called the parts of  $\lambda$ .

**Definition 2.1.3.** [3]. Suppose  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l) \vdash n$ . The Young diagram of  $\lambda$  is an array of n dots having l left justified rows with row i containing  $\lambda_i$  dots for  $1 \leq i \leq l$ .

Example:

**Definition 2.1.4.** [[8], §2]. Let  $\alpha$  be a partition of n, denoted by  $\alpha \vdash n$ .

Then the (i, j)-hook of  $\alpha$ , denoted by  $H_{i,j}^{\alpha}$  which is defined to be a  $\Gamma$ -shaped subset of diagram  $\alpha$  which consists of the (i, j)-node called the *corner* of the hook and all the nodes to the right of it in the same row together with all the nodes lower down and in the same column as the corner.

The number  $h_{ij}$  of nodes of  $H_{ij}^{\alpha}$  i.e.,

$$h_{ij} = \alpha_i - j + \alpha'_j - i + 1$$

where  $\alpha'_j$  = number of nodes in the *j*th column of  $\alpha$ , is called the *length* of  $H_{i,j}^{\alpha}$ , where  $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_k]$ . A hook of length *q* is called a *q*-hook. Then  $H[\alpha] = (h_{ij})$  is called the hook graph of  $\alpha$ .

Definition 2.1.5.[[8], §2]. A hook of length two will be called a 2-hook.

**Definition 2.1.6.**[13]. We shall call the (i, j) node of  $\lambda$ , as *r*-node if and only if  $j - i \equiv r(mod2)$ .

**Definition 2.1.7.**[13]. A node (i, j) is said to be a (2, r) node if  $h_{ij} = 2m$  and the residue of node  $(i, \lambda_i)$  in  $\lambda$  is r. i.e.  $\lambda_i - i \equiv r(mod2)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.8.**[13]. If we delete all the elements in the hook graph  $H[\lambda]$  not divisible by 2, then the remaining elements,

$$h_{ij} = h_{ij}^r(2), \ (r = 0, 1)$$

can be divided into disjoint sets whose (2, r) nodes constitute the diagram  $[\lambda]_2^r$ , (r = 0, 1) with hook graph  $(h_{ij}^r)$ . The  $\lambda$  is written as  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  where the nodes in  $\lambda_1$  correspond to (2, 0) nodes and the nodes in  $\lambda_2$  correspond to (2, 1) nodes.

**Definition 2.1.9.**[[8], §2]. Let  $[\lambda] \vdash n$ . An (i, j)-node of  $[\lambda]$  is said to be a rim node if there does not exist any (i + 1, j + 1)-node of  $[\lambda]$ .

**Definition 2.1.10.**[[8], §2]. A 2-hook comprising of rim nodes is called a rim 2-hook.

**Definition 2.1.11.**[[8], §2]. Diagrams  $[\lambda]$  which do not contain any 2-hook are called 2-cores.

**Definition 2.1.12.**[8] Each  $2 \times 1$  and  $1 \times 2$  rectangular boxes consisting of two nodes is called as a domino.

**Definition 2.1.13.**[8] Let  $\lambda, \mu$  be partitions of n. Then the dominance order  $\succeq$  is defined as  $\lambda \succeq \mu$  if  $\sum_{i=1}^{j} \lambda_i \ge \sum_{i=1}^{j} \mu_i, \forall j$ .

**Definition 2.1.14.**[8] Let  $(\lambda, \mu)$  and  $(\alpha, \beta)$  be bipartitions of n where  $\lambda \vdash l, \mu \vdash m, l+m = n$  and  $\alpha \vdash r, \beta \vdash s, r+s = n$ . Then we write  $(\lambda, \mu) \supseteq (\alpha, \beta)$  if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{j} \lambda_i \ge \sum_{i=1}^{j} \alpha_i, \quad \forall j \text{ and } |\lambda| + \sum_{i=1}^{j} \mu_i \ge |\alpha| + \sum_{i=1}^{j} \beta_i, \quad \forall j$$

**Definition 2.1.15.** [[2],§3.7.] Let  $S'_n = S_n \cup \{t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n\}$ . Then the extended left descent set of  $w \in \tilde{S}_n$  is defined by  $\mathcal{L}'(w) := \{u \in S'_n | l(uw) < l(w)\} = \{u \in S'_n | uw < w\}.$ 

Let  $x, y \in \widetilde{S}_n$  and  $s \in \sum_n = S_n - \{t\}$ , then we define

$$x \xrightarrow{s}_{L} y \iff y = sx, \ l(y) > l(x) \text{ and } \mathcal{L}'(x) \nsubseteq \mathcal{L}'(y),$$

and we write  $x \stackrel{s}{\longleftrightarrow_L} y$  if  $x \stackrel{s}{\longrightarrow_L} y$  or  $y \stackrel{s}{\longrightarrow_L} x$ .

Finally, we write  $x \leftrightarrow_L y$  if there exists a sequence  $x = x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k = y$  and  $s_i \in \sum_n$  such that  $x_i \xleftarrow{s}_L x_{i+1}$  for all *i*.

## 3. R-S correspondence for the Hyperoctahedral group of type $B_n$ - a different approach

We define a R-S correspondence for the hyperoctahedral group of type  $B_n$  on partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$  (where  $\delta_r$  is the partition (r, r-1, r-2, ..., 2, 1, 0))

**Definition 3.1.1.** A domino in which both the nodes are filled with same number from the set  $A = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is defined as a tablet. i.e.,

**Notation 3.1.2.** A partition  $\lambda$  of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ ,  $r \geq 0$  where  $\delta_r$  is the partition with parts  $(r, r-1, \ldots, 0)$  is denoted by  $\lambda \vdash_a (\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$ .

**Definition 3.1.3.** Given  $\lambda \vdash_a (\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$ , by a Young tableau we mean the Young diagram of  $\lambda$  filled with tablets containing integers

$$A = \{1, 2, \cdots n\}.$$

**Definition 3.1.4.** Let  $\lambda \vdash_a (\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$ . Let  $\lambda = \lambda, \lambda^1, \ldots, \lambda^r = \delta_r$  be a sequence of partitions obtained by successive removal of rim 2-hooks. The reverse of such a sequence of partitions is called a path of  $\lambda$ .

**Definition 3.1.5.** A tableau is said to be standard if the entries are increasing along a path of  $\lambda$ .

Then  $\lambda^0 = \Phi$ ,  $\lambda^1 = * *$ ,  $\lambda^2 = * * * * , \lambda^3 = \frac{* * * * *}{* *} = \lambda$ .

A standard tableau of shape corresponding to the above path  $(\lambda^0, \lambda^1, \lambda^2, \lambda^3,)$  is obtained as given below

 $\Phi, \ 1 \ 1 \ , \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ , \ \frac{1}{3} \ \frac{1}{3} \ \frac{1}{3} \ 2$ 

is obtained as follows

$$\lambda^0 = \Phi, \ \lambda^1 = \frac{1}{1}, \ \lambda^2 = \frac{1}{1} \frac{2}{2}, \ \lambda^3 = \frac{1}{1} \frac{2}{2} \frac{3}{2} = \lambda.$$

**3.1.6.** Theorem.[R-S correspondence] The map  $\pi \stackrel{R-S}{\longleftrightarrow} (P,Q)$  is a bijection between elements of  $\widetilde{S}_n$  and pairs of standard tableaux of the same shape  $\lambda \vdash_a (\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$ , where  $\lambda$  varies over partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ ,  $r \geq 0$ .

**Proof.** We construct the bijection denoted by  $\pi \stackrel{R-S}{\longleftrightarrow} (P,Q)$  where  $\pi \in \widetilde{S}_n$  and P, Q are  $\lambda$ -tableaux,  $\lambda \vdash_a (\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  as follows. We first describe the map that, given a permutation, produces a pair of tableaux. " $\pi \stackrel{R-S}{\longrightarrow} (P,Q)$ " Suppose that  $\pi$  is given in two-line notation as

$$\pi = \left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \end{array}\right)$$

where  $x_i \in \{-n, -n+1, \dots, -1, 1, \dots, n-1, n\}.$ 

We construct a sequence of tableaux pairs

$$(P_0, Q_0), (P_1, Q_1), \dots, (P_n, Q_n) = (P, Q),$$

where  $P_0, Q_0$  are the tableau of shape  $\delta_r$  whose entries are 0's and  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  are inserted into the *P*'s as tablets and the corresponding  $1, 2, \ldots, n$  are placed in the *Q*'s as tablets so that  $shP_k = shQ_k$  for all *k*. The operations of insertion and placement will now be described. We define the insertion process inductively. Let *P* be a partial tableau whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ , i.e., an array with distinct entries which increase along a path of  $\lambda$ . (So a partial tableau with 2-core  $\delta_r$  will be standard if its elements are precisely tablets of  $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ .)

Let x be an element not in P. To insert x into P, we proceed as follows:

If x is positive then the horizontal tablet  $\alpha_x = [x | x]$  is to be inserted into P along the cells (i, j) and (i, j + 1). The (i, j + 1)th cell of  $\alpha_x$  is called the head node of  $\alpha_x$  and the (i, j)th cell of  $\alpha_x$  is called the tail node of  $\alpha_x$ .

If x is negative then x := |x| and the vertical tablet  $\beta_x = \boxed{\frac{x}{x}}$  is to be inserted into P along the cells (i, j) and (i + 1, j). The (i, j)th cell of  $\beta_x$  is called the head node of  $\beta_x$  and the (i + 1, j)th cell of  $\beta_x$  is called the tail node of  $\beta_x$ .

If x is positive then,

**A** Set Row i := 1, head node of  $\alpha_x := x$  and tail node of  $\alpha_x := x$ .

**B** If head node of  $\alpha_x$  is less than some element of Row *i* then,

Let y be the smallest element of Row i greater than x which is in the cell (i, j).

(2 cases arise, (BI) tablet containing y is horizontal i.e.,  $\alpha_y$ .



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(BII) tablet containing y is vertical i.e.,  $\beta_y$ .)



**case BI** If the tablet containing y is  $\alpha_y$ . (i.e.head node of  $\alpha_y$  is in the cell (i, j + 1) and the tail node of  $\alpha_y$  is in the cell (i, j) then, replace tablet  $\alpha_y$  by tablet  $\alpha_x$ .

Set tablet  $\alpha_x :=$  tablet  $\alpha_y$ , Row i := i + 1 and go to **B**.

**case BII** If the tablet containing y is  $\beta_y$ . (i.e. head node of  $\beta_y$  is in the cell (i, j) and the tail node of  $\beta_y$  is in the cell (i + 1, j)) then

Let z be the element in the cell (i, j + 1).

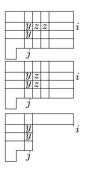
(3 cases arise,

(BIIc) z is empty.

(BIIa) tablet containing z is horizontal i.e.,  $\alpha_z$ .

(BIIb) tablet containing z is vertical i.e.,  $\beta_z$ .





**case BIIa** If the tablet containing z is  $\alpha_z$  (i.e., head node of  $\alpha_z$  is in the cell (i, j + 2) and tail node of  $\alpha_z$  is in the cell (i, j + 1)) then replace head node of  $\beta_y$  and tail node of  $\alpha_z$  by the tablet  $\alpha_x$ .

Set  $x_1 :=$  the element in the cell (i+1, j+1) and  $x_2 :=$  the element in the cell (i+1, j+2).



Place head node of  $\beta_y$  and tail node of  $\alpha_z$  in the cells (i+1, j+1) and (i+1, j+2) respectively.

 $\bigstar$ : (3 cases arise,

(BIIa1)  $x_1$  is empty.

(BIIa2)  $x_1 = x_2$ .

(BIIa3)  $x_1 \neq x_2$ .)

**case BIIa1** If  $x_1$  is empty then stop.

case BIIa2 If  $x_1 = x_2$  then

Set tablet  $\alpha_x :=$  tablet  $\alpha_{x_1}$ , Row i := i + 2 and go to **B**.

**case BIIa3** If  $x_1 \neq x_2$  then

(2 cases arise,

(BIIa3i) the element in the cell  $(i+1, j+3) = x_2$ , i.e.,  $\alpha_{x_2}$ 

(BIIa3ii) the element in the cell  $(i + 2, j + 2) = x_2$ , i.e.,  $\beta_{x_2}$ )

**case BIIa3i** If the element in the cell  $(i + 1, j + 3) = x_2$  then

Set  $y_1 :=$  the element in the cell (i + 2, j + 2) and  $y_2 :=$  the element in the cell (i + 2, j + 3)

replace the element in the cell (i + 2, j + 2) and (i + 2, j + 3) by

head node of  $\beta_{x_1}$  and tail node of  $\alpha_{x_2}$  respectively. Set  $x_1 := y_1, x_2 := y_2$ , Row i = i + 1, Column j = j + 1 and go to  $\mathbf{F}$ .

**case BIIa3ii** If the element in the cell  $(i + 2, j + 2) = x_2$  then

Set tablet  $\beta_x :=$  tablet  $\beta_{x_2}$ ,

replace the elements in the cell (i+2, j+2) by head node of  $\beta_{x_1}$ .

Set Column j := j + 3 and go to B'. (B' is the case as in B by replacing row by column, column by

row, positive tablet by negative tablet and negative tablet by positive tablet.)

**case BIIb** If the tablet containing z is  $\beta_z$  (i.e., head node of  $\beta_z$  is in the cell (i, j + 1) and tail node of  $\beta_z$  is in the cell (i + 1, j + 1)) then

replace head nodes of  $\beta_y$  and  $\beta_z$  by the tablet  $\alpha_x$  and tail node of  $\beta_z$  by head node of  $\beta_y$ .

Set tablet  $\beta_x :=$  tablet  $\beta_z$ , Column j := j+3 and go to **B**' (B' is the case as in B by replacing row by column, column by row, positive tablet by negative tablet and negative tablet by positive tablet.)

#### case BIIc If z is empty then

replace head node of  $\beta_y$  by tail node of  $\alpha_x$ , place head node of  $\alpha_x$  and head node of  $\beta_y$  in the cell (i, j + 1) and (i + 1, j + 1) respectively and stop.

**C** Now head node of  $\alpha_x$  is greater than every element of Row *i* so place the tablet  $\alpha_x$  at the end of the Row *i* and stop.

If x is negative then, replace row by column, column by row, positive tablet by negative tablet and negative tablet by positive tablet in the positive case.

Placement of the tablet of an element in a tableau is even easier than insertion. Suppose that Q is a partial tableau of shape  $\mu$  and if k is greater than every element of Q, then place the tablet of k in Q along the cells where the insertion in P terminates.

To build the sequence of tableaux pairs from the permutation

$$\pi = \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n \\ x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \end{array}$$

start with a pair  $(P_0, Q_0)$  of tableaux of shape  $\delta_r$  whose entries are 0's. Assuming that  $(P_{k-1}, Q_{k-1})$  has been constructed, define  $(P_k, Q_k)$  by

$$P_k = i_{x_k}(P_{k-1}),$$

 $Q_k$  = place tablet of k into  $Q_{k-1}$  where the insertion in P terminates.

Note that the definition of  $Q_k$  ensures that  $\operatorname{sh} P_k = \operatorname{sh} Q_k$  for all k. The P tableau is called the insertion tableau and the Q tableau is called the recording tableau.

To show that we have a bijection, we construct an inverse correspondence.

" $(P,Q) \xrightarrow{S-R}$ ". We begin by defining  $(P_n,Q_n) = (P,Q)$ . We proceed

inductively, assuming that  $(P_k, Q_k)$  has been constructed, we will find  $x_k$  (the *k*th element of  $\pi$ ) and  $(P_{k-1}, Q_{k-1})$ . To avoid double subscripting in what follows, we use  $P_{i,j}$  to stand for the (i, j) entry of  $P_k$ .

Find the cells containing the tablet of k in  $Q_k$ .

2 cases arise,

<sup>†</sup> The cells containing tablet of k in  $Q_k$  are (i, j - 1) and (i, j)

<sup>‡</sup> The cells containing tablet of k in  $Q_k$  are (i-1, j) and (i, j)

**case** † If the cells containing tablet of k in  $Q_k$  are (i, j - 1) and (i, j), since this is the largest element whose tablet appears in  $Q_k$ ,  $P_{i,j-1}$ ,  $P_{i,j}$  must have been the last element to be placed in the construction of  $P_k$ .

We can now use the following procedure to delete  $P_{i,j-1}$ ,  $P_{i,j}$  from P. For convenience, we assume the existence of an empty zeroth row above the first row of  $P_k$  and empty zeroth column to the left of the first column of  $P_k$ .

Set  $x_1 := P_{i,j-1}, x_2 := P_{i,j}$  and erase  $P_{i,j-1}, P_{i,j}$ . (2 cases arise, (A)  $x_1 = x_2$ (B)  $x_1 \neq x_2$ )

case A If  $x_1 = x_2$  then

**case AI** Set head node of  $\alpha_x := x_2$ , tail node of  $\alpha_x := x_1$  and Row  $i := (i-1)^{\text{th}}$  row of  $P_k$ .

**case AII** If Row *i* is not the zeroth row of  $P_k$  then

Let y be the largest element of Row i smaller than x which is in the cell (i, l)

(2 cases arise,

(AIIa) the tablet containing y is  $\alpha_y$ 

(AIIb) the tablet containing y is  $\beta_y$ )

**case AIIa** If the tablet containing y is  $\alpha_y$  then

replace tablet  $\alpha_y$  by tablet  $\alpha_x$  and

Set tablet  $\alpha_x :=$  tablet  $\alpha_y$ , Row i := i - 1 and goto **AII** 

**case AIIb** If the tablet containing y is  $\beta_y$  then

Let z be the element in the cell (i, l-1) and replace tail node of  $\beta_y$  and z by tablet  $\alpha_x$ .

Set  $x_1 := z$  and  $x_2 :=$  tail node of  $\beta_y$  and go to **B**.

## **case AIII** Now the tablet $\alpha_x$ has been removed from the first row, so

## **case B** If $x_1 \neq x_2$ then

(2 cases arise,

(B1) the tablet containing  $x_1$  is  $\beta_{x_1}$ 

(B2) the tablet containing  $x_1$  is  $\alpha_{x_1}$ )

**case BI** If the tablet containing  $x_1$  is  $\beta_{x_1}$  then

replace head node of  $\beta_{x_1}$  by tail node of  $\beta_{x_2}$ .

Set tablet  $\beta_x :=$  tablet  $\beta_{x_1}$  and

Column j := j - 2 and go to A'II. (A'II is the case as in **AII** by replacing row by column, column by row, positive tablet by negative tablet and negative tablet by positive tablet.)

## **case B2** If the tablet containing $x_1$ is $\alpha_{x_1}$ then

replace the elements in the cell (i-1, j-2) and (i-1, j-1)by head node of  $\alpha_{x_1}$  and tail node of  $\beta_{x_2}$  respectively. Set  $x_1 :=$  the element in the cell (i - 1, j - 2)

 $x_2 :=$  the element in the cell (i-1, j-1) and if  $x_1 = x_2$  then Row i := i - 1 and go to A else Column j = j - 1 go to **B**.

Case ‡ follows as in case † by replacing row by column, column by row, positive tablet by negative tablet and negative tablet by positive tablet.

It is easy to see that  $P_{j-1}$  is  $P_j$  after the deletion process just described is complete and  $Q_{j-1}$  is  $Q_j$  with the tablet of j erased. Continuing in this way, we eventually recover all the elements of  $\pi$  in reverse order.

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Now we consider an example of the complete algorithm. Boldface numbers are used for the elements of the lower line of  $\pi$  and hence also for the elements of the  $P_k$ .

Example:

Let 
$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

Then the tableau whose 2-core is empty is constructed by the algorithm are  $5 \ 5$  ,  $P_k = \phi,$ 4,  $\mathbf{2}$ 21 1 52 2 2  $\mathbf{2}$ 4 4 P4 4 3 43 4 3 1  $2 \ 3$  $\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 \end{array}$ = Q5So the permutation  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  gives the pair of tableaux 

For the same permutation, the tableau whose 2-core is (4, 3, 2, 1, 0) is constructed by the algorithm are

So the pair of tableaux associated with the signed permutation

 $\left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 & 1 & -3 \end{array}\right)$ 

is given by												
	0 0	0 0	$0 \\ 2$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	5				$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
0	0								0	0		
0	4								0	5		
3	4								1	5		
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## 4. Combinatorial properties of the R-S Correspondence

**Proposition 4.1.1.** Let  $\pi \in \widetilde{S}_n$  such that  $\pi = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$ . Then  $P(\pi^-) = P^t$  and  $Q(\pi^-) = Q^t$  where  $\pi^- = (-x_1)(-x_2) \dots (-x_n)$  and  $P^t$  is the conjugate of the *P*-tableau.

**Proof.** The insertion of positive elements is done along the rows and the insertion of negative elements along the columns. The process of insertion of positive and negative dominoes gets interchanged for  $\pi^-$  as compared to that of  $\pi$ . Hence  $P(\pi^-) = P^t$  and  $Q(\pi^-) = Q^t$ .

## 4.2. Growth and Local rules

We define the growth and local rules for the RS algorithm developed in previous section following that for the symmetric group.

**Definition 4.2.1.** We define a partial order  $\leq$  on the set of partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ ,  $r \geq n-1$  as,  $\lambda \leq \mu$  if  $\lambda$  is obtained from  $\mu$  by successive removal of rim 2-hooks.

**Definition 4.2.2.** Let  $\lambda, \mu$  be partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r, r \geq n-1$ . The smallest partition containing both  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  is said to be the join of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\lambda \cup \mu$ .

**Definition 4.2.3.** Let  $\lambda, \mu$  be partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r, r \geq n-1$ . The largest partition which is contained in both  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  is said to be the meet of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , denoted by  $\lambda \cap \mu$ .

The RS-insertion algorithm is defined in a fashion very similar to that for the symmetric group. The growth and local rules also follows closely as that for the symmetric group.

Let Y be the lattice of partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r, r \geq n-1$ .

Let  $C_n$  be the *n*-chain. i.e.  $1-2-3-\cdots-n$  lattice in set  $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ .

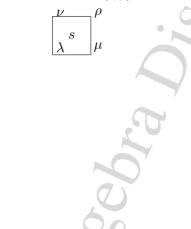
We will represent the elements of  $C_n \times C_n$  as vertices  $(i, j), 0 \le i, j \le n$ and covering relations as lines. The squares thus formed will be cordinated with square (i, j) being the one whose north east vertex is (i, j).

Let  $\pi = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$  be the second line notation of the permutation  $\pi \in \widetilde{S}_n$ . The element  $x_i$  is represented by a domino if  $x_i > 0$  and by the domino if  $x_i < 0$  in the square  $(i, |x_i|)$ .

We now define the growth  $g_{\pi} : C_n \times C_n \to Y$  that will depend on  $\pi$ . We start by letting

$$g_{\pi}(i,j) = \emptyset$$
 if  $i = 0, j = 0$ .

Consider the square with coordinates (i, j) labeled as in diagram



Suppose by induction on i+j that we have defined  $g_{\pi}(i-1, j-1), g_{\pi}(i, j-1)$  and  $g_{\pi}(i-1, j)$  which we denote by  $\lambda, \mu$  and  $\nu$  respectively, we then define  $g_{\pi}(i, j)$ , denoted by  $\rho$  using the following local rules.

#### 4.2.4. Local Rules

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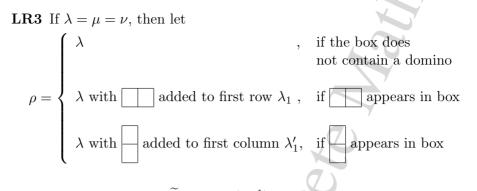
• s can be

**LR1** If  $\mu \neq \nu$  then  $\rho = \mu \cup \nu$ .

**LR2** If  $\lambda < \mu = \nu$ . Two cases arise.

- 1. If  $\mu$  is obtained from  $\lambda$  by adding a positive domino  $\square$  to  $\lambda_i$  for some *i*, then,  $\rho$  is obtained from  $\mu$  by adding a positive domino  $\square$  to  $\mu_{i+1}$ .
- 2. If  $\mu$  is obtained from  $\lambda$  by adding a negative domino to  $\lambda'_j$  for some j, then,  $\rho$  is obtained from  $\mu$  by adding a negative domino to  $\mu'_{j+1}$ .

Note :



**Lemma 4.2.5.** Let  $\pi \in \widetilde{S}_n$  then  $P(\pi^{-1}) = Q(\pi)$ . Proof. This is a consequence of the fact that growth diagram and local rules are symmetric.

## 4.3. Relation between the sets of bipartitions of n and partitions of 2n whose 2-core is $\delta_r$

In this section, we give a bijection between the set of bipartitions of n and that of single partitions of 2n whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ ,  $r \ge n-1$ , which is dominance order preserving.

**Definition 4.3.1.** Let  $\rho$  be a partition of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ ,  $r \ge n-1$ . We define a map

$$\eta: \rho \mapsto (\lambda, \mu), \ \lambda \vdash l, \ \mu \vdash m, \ l+m = n$$

such that if r is even

$$\lambda_i = \frac{1}{2}(\rho_i - (n-i))$$
  

$$\mu_i = \sum_{\substack{j \\ \mu'_j \ge i}} 1 \text{ where } \mu'_j = \frac{1}{2}(\rho'_j - (n-j))$$

if r is odd

$$\begin{split} \lambda_i &= \frac{1}{2}(\rho_i - (n-i) + 1) \\ \mu_i &= \sum_{\substack{j \\ \mu'_j \ge i}} 1 \text{ where } \mu'_j = \frac{1}{2}(\rho'_j - (n-j) + 1) \end{split}$$

**Lemma 4.3.2.** Let  $\rho, \nu$  be partitions of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ ,  $r \ge n-1$  (r=n-1), if n is odd and r=n, if n is even) such that  $\rho = (\lambda, \mu)$  and  $\nu = (\alpha, \beta)$ . Then  $\rho \ge \nu \Leftrightarrow (\lambda, \mu) \ge (\alpha, \beta)$ .

**Proof.** When r is even (r-odd follows similarly), let  $\rho \geq \nu$ . i.e.  $\sum_{i=1}^{j} \rho_i \geq \nu$ 

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^{j} \nu_{i}, \ \forall j. \\ \lambda_{i} &= \frac{1}{2} (\rho_{i} - (n - i)) \\ \sum_{i=1}^{j} \lambda_{i} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{j} (\rho_{i} - (n - i)) \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{j} (\nu_{i} - (n - i)) = \sum_{i=1}^{j} \alpha_{i} \\ \text{To show } |\lambda| + \sum_{i=1}^{j} \mu_{i} \geq |\alpha| + \sum_{i=1}^{j} \beta_{i}, \quad \forall j. \\ \text{Since } \rho \geq \nu \Leftrightarrow \nu' \geq \rho', \text{ we have } \sum_{i=1}^{j} \rho_{i} \geq \sum_{i=1}^{j} \nu_{i} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{j} \rho_{i}' \leq \sum_{i=1}^{j} \nu_{i}'. \\ \text{By an argument similar to the one in the first part we have,} \\ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{j} (\rho_{i}' - (n - i)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{j} (\nu_{i}' - (n - i)), \ \forall j \\ \sum_{i=1}^{j} \mu_{i}' \leq \sum_{i=1}^{j} \beta_{i}', \ \forall j \\ \sum_{i=1}^{j} \mu_{i} \geq \sum_{i=1}^{j} \beta_{i}, \ \forall j \text{ since } \beta' \geq \mu' \Leftrightarrow \mu \geq \beta \\ i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\alpha| + \sum_{i=1}^{j} \mu_i \geq |\alpha| + \sum_{i=1}^{j} \beta_i, \ \forall j$$
$$|\lambda| + \sum_{i=1}^{j} \mu_i \geq |\alpha| + \sum_{i=1}^{j} \beta_i, \ \forall j, \text{ since } |\lambda| \geq |\alpha|$$

Since the map  $\eta$  defined above is a bijection, the other part follows. Hence the proof.

**Lemma 4.3.3.** Let  $\rho$  be a partition of  $(\frac{1}{2}r(r+1)+2n)$  whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$ . Then  $\rho$  can be associated to a pair of partitions as in Definition 2.1.8., but when associated to a pair of partitions through the map  $\eta$  we have, every domino in row *i* of  $\rho$  corresponds to a node of  $\lambda_i$  and every domino in column *j* of  $\rho$  corresponds to a node of  $\mu'_i$ .

**Proof.** The proof follows by observing that every  $\rho_i$  is of the form j + 2k for some  $0 \le k \le n$ , where the head node of a positive domino is in the cell (i, j) and hence  $\rho_i - i \equiv j - i \pmod{2}$ . Similarly for a negative domino

with tail node in the cell (i, j), the lemma follows from the fact that every  $\rho'_j$  is of the form i+2k for some  $0 \le k \le n$  and hence  $\rho'_j - j \equiv j - i \pmod{2}$ .

**Remark 4.3.4.** In [2], Bonaffé and Iancu constructed a generalised R-S correspondence for the set of bipartitions of n. Any  $x_i$  is inserted along the rows of partitions depending on being greater than or less than zero. i.e. the negative and positive in the permutation are inserted separately, which gives the tableaux  $((P^{(+)}, P^{(-)}), (Q^{(+)}, Q^{(-)}))$  which follows the insertion procedure for the symmetric group.

We define a procedure of insertion of positive domino of  $x_i > 0, \forall i$ along the rows using dominoes and negative domino  $x_j < 0, \forall j$  along the columns using dominoes, which gives the pair of tableaux (P,Q). By lemma 4.3.3, we may split  $P = (P^{(0)}, P^{(1)}), Q = (Q^{(0)}, Q^{(1)})$  where for i = 0, 1

- $P^{(i)}$  = tableau formed by the tablets whose head nodes are in  $i^{\text{th}}$ -residue of P
- $Q^{(i)}$  = tableau formed by the tablets whose head nodes are in  $i^{\text{th}}$ -residue of Q

If  $\delta_r$  is such that r is even then since positive values are inserted along the rows in both  $P^{(0)}, P^{(+)}$ , and Q is recording tableau we have

$$P^{(0)} = P^{(+)}, \quad Q^{(0)} = Q^{(+)}$$

and since negative values are inserted along the rows in  $P^{(-)}$  and along the columns in  $P^{(1)}$ , and Q is recording tableau we have

$$P^{(1)} = (P^{(-)})^{t}, \quad Q^{(1)} = (Q^{(-)})^{t}.$$

If  $\delta_r$  is such that r is odd then since positive values are inserted along the rows in both  $P^{(1)}, P^{(+)}$ , and Q is recording tableau we have

$$P^{(1)} = P^{(+)}, \quad Q^{(1)} = Q^{(+)}$$

and since negative values are inserted along the rows in  $P^{(-)}$  and along the columns in  $P^{(0)}$ , and Q is recording tableau we have

$$P^{(0)} = (P^{(-)})^{t}, \quad Q^{(0)} = (Q^{(-)})^{t}.$$

The dominance ordering for the indexing set of the cellular basis happens naturally in our insertion process, whereas for the Bonnafé and Iancu [2] insertion process, one has to take the following:

$$(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \trianglerighteq (\mu_1, \mu_2^{\mathrm{t}})$$

**Proposition 4.3.5.** Let  $w \in \widetilde{S}_n$ . The R-S correspondence gives a pair of standard tableaux  $w \longleftrightarrow (P(w), Q(w))$ . For any  $x, y \in \widetilde{S}_n, P(x) = P(y)$  if and only if  $x \longleftrightarrow_L y$ , where P(x), P(y) are the tableaux of shape  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \vdash_a 2n + |\delta_r|$ .

Proof. As in [[2] Prop.3.8.], we define admissible transformations in  $\widetilde{S}_n$ . Let  $x \in \widetilde{S}_n$  be represented as

 $\varepsilon_j \in \{1, -1\}, p_j \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}, p_i \neq p_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . The proof of the proposition is similar to the proof given in [2]. Since we give insertion in a single tableau, the proof closely follows that of the symmetric group.

Interchanging  $\varepsilon_i p_i$  and  $\varepsilon_{i+1} p_{i+1}$  is an admissible transformation if

- (a)  $2 \le i \le n-1$ ,  $\varepsilon_{i-1} = \varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{i+1}$  and  $p_{i-1}$  lies between  $p_i$  and  $p_{i+1}$ , denoted by  $x \stackrel{a}{\sim} s_{i+1}x$
- (b)  $1 \le i \le n-2$ ,  $\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{i+1} = \varepsilon_{i+2}$  and  $p_{i+2}$  lies between  $p_i$  and  $p_{i+1}$ , denoted by  $x \stackrel{b}{\sim} s_{i+1}x$

(c) 
$$\varepsilon_i = -\varepsilon_{i+1}$$
, denoted by  $x \stackrel{c}{\sim} s_{i+1}x$ .

The group theoretical description of these admissible transformation is given by  $xs_i < x$  if and only if x(i+1) < x(i) ( $\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{i+1}$  or  $\varepsilon_i = -\varepsilon_{i+1}$ ). The following cases arise

- 1. Each of (a) and (b) have two cases
  - $(a^+) \ \varepsilon_{i-1} = \varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{i+1} = 1$  $(a^-) \ \varepsilon_{i-1} = \varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{i+1} = -1$

Similarly,

$$(b^+) \ \varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{i+1} = \varepsilon_{i+2} = 1 (b^-) \ \varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_{i+1} = \varepsilon_{i+2} = -1$$

In the case of the symmetric group

- (a) type transformation corresponds to Knuth relation of first kind and
- (b) type transformation corresponds to Knuth relation of second kind.

Proof in case  $(a^+)$  We prove as in the case of symmetric group.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= p_1 \dots p_{i-1} p_i p_{i+1} \dots p_n \\ y &= p_1 \dots p_{i-1} p_{i+1} p_i \dots p_n. \end{aligned}$$

Since all elements inserted before  $p_{i-2}$  are same, it suffices to prove that for any partial tableau inserting  $p_{i-1}, p_i, p_{i+1}$  and  $p_{i-1}, p_{i+1}, p_i$  in the respective order yield the same tableau. (We are in the positive case and all dominoes inserted are along the first row)

If we denote by  $I_{p_i}(P)$  the tableau rewriting from inserting  $p_i$  in P, we have to prove

$$I_{p_{i-1}}I_{p_i}I_{p_{i+1}}(P) = I_{p_{i-1}}I_{p_{i+1}}I_{p_i}(P)$$
(1)

The proof is same as in the case of symmetric group, we give it here for the sake of completion. We prove this claim by induction on the number of rows in P. For  $P = \delta_r$ , both sides of (1) yields the same tableau.

$\times$	×			•	×	$p_i$ $p_i$ $p_{i-1}$	$p_{i-1}$
$\times$	×	•	•	•	$p_{i+1}$	$p_{i+1}$	
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Now assume that P has r rows. Suppose the tablet  $p_{i-1} p_{i-1}$ enters in the first row along  $k^{\text{th}}$  and  $(k + 1)^{\text{th}}$  column by replacing  $p'_{i-1} p'_{i-1}$ , we examine both sides of (1). Assume  $p_i p_i$  is inserted next. Since  $p_i < p_{i-1}$ ,  $p_i p_i$  replaces some  $p'_i p'_i$  from columns j, j + 1 with j < k. Also  $p'_i < p'_{i-1}$ . This follows from Lemma 4.3.3.

Similarly  $p_{i+1} > p_i$  that  $p_{i+1} p_{i+1}$  replaces some element  $p'_{i+1} p'_{i+1}$  from column l, l+1 with l > k and  $p'_{i+1} > p'_i$ . Considering the right hand side of (1), we get that  $p_{i+1} p_{i+1}$  and  $p_i p_i$  if inserted in this respective order, replace same elements  $p'_{i+1} p'_{i+1}$  and  $p'_{i+1} p'_{i+1}$  and  $p'_{i+1} p'_{i+1}$  and  $p'_{i+1} p'_{i+1}$ .

Therefore the first rows of two tableaux obtained are same. Moreover the rest of tableau is obtained by inserting  $p'_{i-1}, p'_i, p'_{i+1}$  and  $p'_{i-1}, p'_{i+1}, p'_i$  in a tableau of a strictly smaller number of rows in this respective order. Since the same order  $p'_i < p'_{i-1} < p'_{i+1}$  still holds we appeal to induction to asset that the rest of the tableau are also the same.

Proof in case  $(a^-)$  is obtained by replacing rows by columns in proof of  $(a^+)$ . The argument is the same since positive dominoes insertion along the rows is replaced by negative dominoes insertions along columns.

Since (b) part corresponds to the Knuth relation of second kind, a similar argument like that of (a) works. This completes the first half of the proof.

Since by lemma 4.1.3, the dominoes in the 0-residue and 1-residue classes split we can get the word associated to a tableau as in the case

of the symmetric group. Given a tableau P, we can associate a pair of elements  $(w_p, w_p^{\dagger})$  called the row word pair of P.

$$w_p = w_p^0 w_p^1$$
 and  $w_p^\dagger = w_p^1 w_p^0$ 

where  $w_p^0$  is the row word associated to the 0-residue and  $w_p^1$  is the row word associated to the 1-residue.

We will show that  $\pi \sim^{a^+} \pi_P$ . (Note that in the case of  $a^-$ ,  $\pi \sim^{a^-} \pi_P^+$ .) Since Knuth relations are transitive the converse of the theorem will follow. We induct on n. The base case is trivial for n = 1,  $\pi = \pi_P$ . Now, assume that x is the last element of  $\pi$ , i.e.,  $\pi$  is written in one line notation as  $\pi = \ldots x$  if x > 0.

On  $\pi = \pi' x$ , where  $\pi'$  is a sequence of n-1 elements. Therefore, by induction we have  $\pi' \stackrel{a^+}{\sim} \pi'_P$  where  $P' = P(\pi')$ . Thus it suffices to prove that  $\pi_{P'} x \stackrel{a^+}{\sim} \pi_P$ .

Let  $R_1, \ldots, R_l, C_1, \ldots, C_m$  be the rows and columns of P'. Assume that  $R_1 = p_1 \cdots p_k$ . If the domino x enters P' in the column j, j+1, then  $p_1 < \ldots < p_{j-1} < x < p_j < \ldots < p_k$ .

Therefore, we have the following Knuth operation

$$\begin{aligned} \pi'_P x &= C_l \cdots C_1 R_l \cdots R_2 p_1 \cdots p_k x \\ &\stackrel{a^+}{\sim} C_l \cdots C_1 R_l \cdots R_2 p_1 \cdots p_{k-1} x p_k \\ &\vdots \\ &\stackrel{a^+}{\sim} C_l \cdots C_1 R_l \cdots R_2 p_1 \cdots p_{j-1} p_j x p_{j+1} \cdots p_k \\ &\stackrel{b^+}{\sim} C_l \cdots C_1 R_l \cdots R_2 p_1 \cdots p_j p_{j-1} x p_{j+1} \cdots p_k \\ &\vdots \\ &\stackrel{b^+}{\sim} C_l \cdots C_1 R_l \cdots R_2 p_j p_1 \cdots p_{j-1} x p_{j+1} \cdots p_k \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the Knuth relations generate exactly the first row of  $P(\pi)$ . Also the element replaced by x from the first row comes at the end of  $R_2$ . The above sequence of operations can be repeated for each row to get the same tableau. The other case is done by replacing row by column. Since the (c) type of transformations do not change the relative ordering of elements within the residues the P-tableau remain the same.

**Remark 4.3.6.** The partitions of 2n whose 2-core is  $\delta_r$  gives rise to an alternative description of the indexing set of the cellular basis in the sense of Graham and Lehrer [7] in the asymptotic case in type  $B_n$  the Kazhdan-Lusztig basis  $\{C_w | w \in \mathcal{H}_n\}$  given in [6]. Note 4.3.7. The signed Brauer algebra was introduced in 1997 by Parvathi and Kamaraj [10]. These algebras contain Brauer algebras and the group algebra of the hyperoctahedral group of type  $B_n$ , as subalgebras. The study of the signed Brauer algebras has assumed importance since the realization of these algebras as homomorphic image of centralizer of certain closed subgroup  $O_t(n)$  of orthogonal group [11]. We are on the process of constructing a cellular basis for the signed Brauer algebras using the cellular basis of the hyperoctahedral group of type  $B_n$ .

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