# Exactly solvable tiling models, Schur functions and the Littlewood–Richardson rule

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## Schur–Weyl duality

In general, the natural actions on  $V_{\Box}^{\otimes r}$  of GL(n) and  $S_r$  are commutants of each other, so that

$$V^{\otimes r}_{\Box} = igoplus_{\lambda=(\lambda_1,...,\lambda_n):|\lambda|=r} W_\lambda \otimes V_\lambda$$

where  $W_{\lambda}$  is an irreducible representation of  $S_r$ , and  $V_{\lambda}$  an irreducible representation of GL(n).

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## Weight space decomposition

Elements of T are simultaneously diagonalizable in  $V_{\Box}$ , and therefore in any  $V_{\lambda}$ . This means every  $V_{\lambda}$  has a weight space decomposition:

$$V_{\lambda} = \bigoplus_{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{n}} V_{\lambda;\mu} \qquad V_{\lambda;\mu} = \{ v \in V_{\lambda} : \rho_{\lambda}(h_{i})v = \mu_{i}v \}$$

which implies in turn

$$s_{\lambda}(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \sum_{\mu\in\mathbb{Z}^n_{\geq 0}} K_{\lambda;\mu} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\mu_i}$$

where  $K_{\lambda;\mu} = \dim V_{\lambda;\mu}$ . (when  $\mu$  is also a partition, which we can always reduce to,  $K_{\lambda;\mu}$  is called a Kostka number)

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## Gelfand–Tsetlin induction cont'd

One can iterate the process:  $GL(n) \supset GL(n-1) \supset \cdots \supset GL(1)$ , until we reach irreps of GL(1) which are one-dimensional. This way, we decompose  $V_{\lambda}$  into a direct sum of one-dimensional subspaces indexed by Gelfand–Tsetlin patterns:

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[W. Fulton, Young tableaux with applications to representation theory and geometry]

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# Example



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# Part II

# The Littlewood-Richardson rule

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- Four-dimensional lattice and tiles
- Projection and mosaics
- Other projections
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#### Integrability of the square-triangle tiling model

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- Squares, triangles and thin rhombi
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- An integrable proof of the LR rule
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#### More tiles!

To make sense of the (co)product of two Schur functions, we want two independent NILPs (red and green lines)  $\rightarrow$  introduce extra triangles for puzzles: [de Gier, Nienhuis; PZJ]



### Thin rhombi

It amounts to adding thin rhombi to square-triangle tilings:



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