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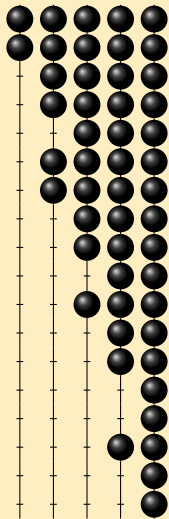
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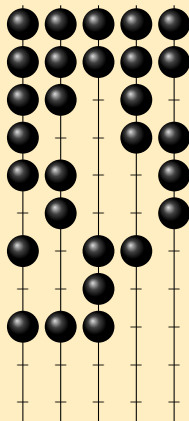


Abacuses and partitions

Definition

Fix $e \geq 2$ and let \mathcal{A}_e denote the set of abacus configurations on e runners. There is a bijection $\Lambda \times \mathbb{Z} \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{A}_e$.

$$((13^3, 11, 8^2, 7^2, 5, 4, 2^4), 28) \longleftrightarrow$$



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On the Nakayama Conjecture

It seems to the author that the value of this Theorem [the Nakayama Conjecture] has been overrated; it is certainly useful (but not essential) when trying to find the decompositions matrix of \mathfrak{S}_n for a particular small n , but there are few general theorems in which it is helpful.

– Gordon James (1978)

A map between blocks

Definition

Let $0 \leq i \leq e - 2$. Define a map $\Phi_i : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ where $\Phi_i(\lambda)$ is obtained by swapping runners i and $i + 1$ on the abacus configuration for λ .

Lemma

S^λ and S^μ lie in the same block if and only if $S^{\Phi_i(\lambda)}$ and $S^{\Phi_i(\mu)}$ lie in the same block.

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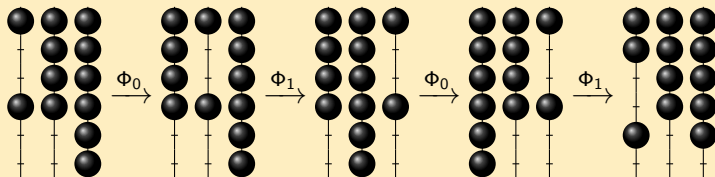
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Let $\lambda \in \Lambda$. For $0 \leq i \leq e - 1$, let b_i be the number of beads on runner i of the abacus configuration of $\bar{\lambda}$. If $|b_{i+1} - b_i| \leq w(\lambda)$, say that Φ_i is a Scopes map.

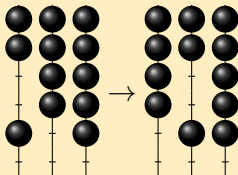
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Examples of Scopes equivalence

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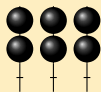
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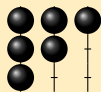
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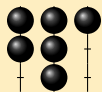
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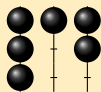
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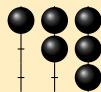
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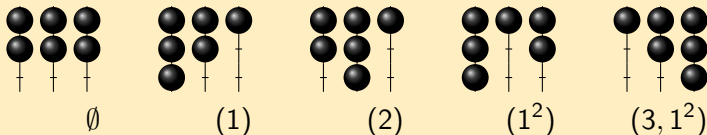


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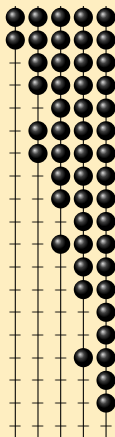
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If S^λ and S^μ lie in the same block then λ is a Rouquier partition if and only if μ is a Rouquier partition. We then say that the block is a Rouquier block.

If a block is Scopes equivalent to a Rouquier block, we call it a RoCK block.

A Rouquier partition

Example



$$b_0 = 2$$

$$b_1 = 6$$

$$b_2 = 10$$

$$b_3 = 14$$

$$b_4 = 18$$

$$w(\lambda) = 5$$

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Let $\lambda, \mu \in \Lambda^r$.

- ▶ Say that $\lambda \sim \mu$ if S^λ and S^μ lie in the same $\mathcal{H}_{r,n}(\mathbf{a})$ -block.
- ▶ Equivalently $\lambda \sim \mu$ if $\text{Res}(\lambda) = \text{Res}(\mu)$.
- ▶ Say that $\lambda \approx \mu$ if $\lambda \sim \mu$ and $\bar{\lambda} = \bar{\mu}$.

Call the \sim -equivalence classes blocks.

Note that if $r = 1$ then $\sim \iff \approx$.

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- ▶ *B and B' are decomposition equivalent (Dell'Arciprete).*
- ▶ *B and B' are Morita equivalent (Webster).*

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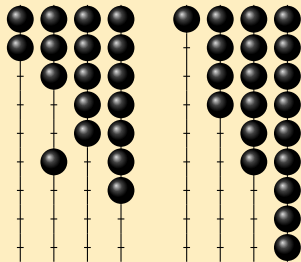
$\mathcal{H}_{r,n}(\mathbf{a})$ an Ariki-Koike algebra.

- ▶ λ is a Rouquier multipartition if $(\lambda^{(k)}, a_k)$ is a Rouquier partition for all $0 \leq k \leq r - 1$.
- ▶ A \sim -equivalence class \mathcal{R} is a Rouquier block if every $\lambda \in \mathcal{R}$ is a Rouquier multipartition.
- ▶ A \sim -equivalence class \mathcal{R} is a RoCK block if it is Scopes equivalent to a Rouquier block.

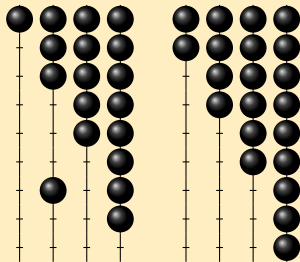
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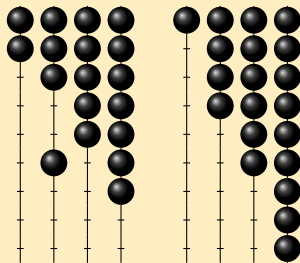
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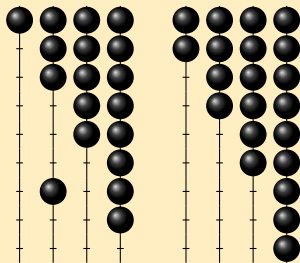
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Lemma (Dell'Arciprete)

B is a Rouquier block if and only if every $\lambda \in B_0$ is a Rouquier multipartition.

Work of Webster

Lemma (L.)

Say that a stretched Rouquier block is one in which $b_{i+1}^k - b_i^k \gg 0$ for all $0 \leq i < e - 1$ and $0 \leq k \leq r - 1$. Then any Rouquier block is Scopes equivalent to a stretched Rouquier block.

Setup (Webster)

\mathcal{C} a categorical module over an affine Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g} \rightsquigarrow$ Scopes chambers \rightsquigarrow RoCK chambers

Theorem (Webster)

For any categorical representation \mathcal{C} of $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_e$ with support $V(\Lambda)$, the Scopes equivalence classes will coincide those for the Ariki-Koike algebra, and a Scopes equivalence class is RoCK if and only if it contains a Rouquier weight.

Decomposition Numbers for Hecke algebras

Theorem (Leclerc-Miyachi, Chuang-Tan, James-L.-Mathas)

Let $r = 1$. Suppose that \mathcal{R} is a Rouquier block, that $p = 0$ or weight $w < p$, and that $\lambda, \mu \in \mathcal{R}$ with μ e -regular. Then

$$[S^\lambda : D^\mu]_v = v^{\omega(\lambda) - \omega(\mu)} \sum_{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_e} \sum_{\beta_0, \dots, \beta_{e-1}} \prod_{i=0}^{e-1} c_{\alpha_i \beta_i}^{\mu_i} c_{\beta_i (\alpha_{i+1})}^{\lambda_i}$$

where

$$|\alpha_i| = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (|\lambda_j| - |\mu_j|), \quad |\beta_i| = |\lambda_i| + \sum_{j=0}^i (|\mu_j| - |\lambda_j|),$$

$$\omega(\lambda) - \omega(\mu) = \sum_{i=0}^{e-1} i (|\mu_i| - |\lambda_i|).$$

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Theorem [L.]

Suppose that $\lambda \approx \mu$ lie in a Rouquier block.

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If μ indexes a simple module D^μ and $p = 0$ or $w(\mu^{(k)}) < p$ for all k then

$$[S^\lambda : D^\mu]_v = g_{\lambda\mu}(v) := v^{\omega(\lambda) - \omega(\mu)} \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma_{e+1}^r} \sum_{\beta \in \Gamma_e^r} \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{e+1}^{r-1}} \sum_{\delta \in \Gamma_e^r} \left(\prod_{k=0}^{r-1} \prod_{i=0}^{e-1} c_{\mu_i^k \gamma_i^k}^{\delta_i^k} c_{\gamma_i^{k+1} \alpha_i^k \beta_i^k}^{\delta_i^{k+1}} c_{\beta_i^k}^{\lambda_i^k} (\alpha_{i+1}^k)' \right)$$

where $\gamma_0^0 = \dots = \gamma_{e-1}^0 = \gamma_0^r = \dots = \gamma_{e-1}^r = \emptyset$.

Example of decomposition numbers

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Let $r = 2$ and $e = 3$ so that

$$\lambda \leftrightarrow ((\lambda_0^0, \lambda_1^0, \lambda_2^0), (\lambda_0^1, \lambda_1^1, \lambda_2^1)), \quad \mu \leftrightarrow ((\emptyset, \mu_1^0, \mu_2^0), (\emptyset, \mu_1^1, \mu_2^1)).$$

Then $[S^\lambda : D^\mu]$ is equal to

$$\sum_{\substack{\alpha, \beta, \\ \gamma, \delta}} \begin{pmatrix} c_{\mu_0^0 \gamma_0^0}^{\delta_0^0} & c_{\mu_1^0 \gamma_1^0}^{\delta_1^0} & c_{\mu_2^0 \gamma_2^0}^{\delta_2^0} & & & \\ c_{\alpha_0^0 \beta_0^0 \gamma_0^1}^{\delta_0^0} & c_{\beta_0^0 (\alpha_1^0)'}^{\lambda_0^0} & c_{\alpha_1^0 \beta_1^0 \gamma_1^1}^{\delta_1^0} & c_{\beta_1^0 (\alpha_2^0)'}^{\lambda_1^0} & c_{\alpha_2^0 \beta_2^0 \gamma_2^1}^{\delta_2^0} & c_{\beta_2^0 (\alpha_3^0)'}^{\lambda_2^0} \\ c_{\mu_0^1 \gamma_0^1}^{\delta_0^1} & & c_{\mu_1^1 \gamma_1^1}^{\delta_1^1} & & c_{\mu_2^1 \gamma_2^1}^{\delta_2^1} & \\ c_{\alpha_0^1 \beta_0^1 \gamma_0^2}^{\delta_0^1} & c_{\beta_0^1 (\alpha_1^1)'}^{\lambda_0^1} & c_{\alpha_1^1 \beta_1^1 \gamma_1^2}^{\delta_1^1} & c_{\beta_1^1 (\alpha_2^1)'}^{\lambda_1^1} & c_{\alpha_2^1 \beta_2^1 \gamma_2^2}^{\delta_2^1} & c_{\beta_2^1 (\alpha_3^1)'}^{\lambda_2^1} \end{pmatrix}$$

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We want to show:

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Theorem (Fayers)

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$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\lambda} &= (\mu^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(r-1)}), & \hat{\mu} &= (\mu^{(1)}, \dots, \mu^{(r-1)}), \\ \lambda &= (\emptyset, \lambda^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda^{(r-1)}), & \mu &= (\emptyset, \mu^{(1)}, \dots, \mu^{(r-1)}).\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$d_{\lambda\mu}(v) = d_{\hat{\lambda}\hat{\mu}}(v).$$

Induction on r

Suppose $r > 1$

Suppose that $\mu = (\mu^{(0)}, \mu^{(1)}, \dots, \mu^{(r-1)}) \in \mathcal{R}$ and that $w(\mu^{(0)}) = 0$. Let

$$\hat{\mu} = (\mu^{(1)}, \dots, \mu^{(r-1)}), \quad \hat{\mu}^\emptyset = (\emptyset, \mu^{(1)}, \dots, \mu^{(r-1)}).$$

By the inductive hypothesis,

$$G(\hat{\mu}) = \sum_{\lambda \approx \hat{\mu}} g_{\lambda \hat{\mu}}(\nu) s_\lambda + \sum_{\substack{\lambda \sim \hat{\mu} \\ \lambda \not\approx \hat{\mu}}} d_{\lambda \hat{\mu}}(\nu) s_\lambda.$$

Applying Fayers' result,

$$G(\hat{\mu}^\emptyset) = \sum_{\substack{\lambda \approx \hat{\mu}^\emptyset \\ \lambda^{(0)} = \emptyset}} g_{\lambda \hat{\mu}^\emptyset}(\nu) s_\lambda + \sum_{\substack{\lambda \sim \hat{\mu}^\emptyset, \lambda \not\approx \hat{\mu}^\emptyset \\ \lambda^{(0)} = \emptyset}} d_{\lambda \hat{\mu}^\emptyset}(\nu) s_\lambda.$$

Assume $w(\mu^{(0)}) = 0$

LLT induction

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Use LLT induction to go from \emptyset to $\mu^{(0)}$.

$$f(G(\hat{\mu}^\emptyset)) = \sum_{\substack{\lambda \approx \mu \\ \lambda^{(0)} = \mu^{(0)}}} g_{\lambda\mu}(v) s_\lambda + \sum_{\substack{\lambda \sim \mu, \lambda \not\approx \mu \\ \lambda^{(0)} = \mu^{(0)}}} d_{\hat{\lambda}\hat{\mu}}(v) s_\lambda + \sum_{\substack{\tau \sim \mu \\ |\tau^{(0)}| < |\mu^{(0)}|}} b_\tau(v) s_\tau$$

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Lemma

If $\nu \in \bar{R}^s$ then $f^{(s,j)} s_{\nu}$ is a sum of terms s_{λ} where λ is formed from ν by moving beads down on runners $j - 1$ and j on components of the abacus configuration of ν .

Proposition

$$Q(\nu) = \sum_{\lambda \approx \nu} g_{\lambda\nu}(\nu) s_{\lambda}.$$

Then

$$f^{(s,j)} Q(\nu) = \sum_{\Delta} c_{\nu_j^0(1^s)}^{\Delta} Q(\epsilon)$$

where ϵ has quotient

$$(\nu_0^0, \dots, \nu_{j-1}^0, \Delta, \nu_{j+1}^0, \dots, \nu_{e-1}^0), (\nu_0^1, \nu_1^1, \dots, \nu_{e-1}^1), \\ \dots, (\nu_0^{r-1}, \nu_1^{r-1}, \dots, \nu_{e-1}^{r-1}).$$

Final step

Proof

Take μ with $w(\mu^{(0)}) > 0$. Form ν by moving s beads up on runner j of the first component of μ . By the inductive hypothesis

$$\begin{aligned} G(\nu) &= \sum_{\lambda \approx \nu} g_{\lambda\nu}(\nu) s_{\lambda} + \sum_{\substack{\lambda \sim \nu \\ \lambda \neq \nu}} d_{\lambda\nu}(\nu) s_{\lambda} = Q(\nu) + \sum_{\substack{\lambda \sim \nu \\ \lambda \neq \nu}} d_{\lambda\nu}(\nu) s_{\lambda} \\ \implies f^{(s,j)} G(\nu) &= \sum_{\Delta} c_{\nu_j^{(1^s)} \Delta}^{\Delta} Q(\epsilon) + \sum_{\lambda \neq \mu} r_{\lambda} s_{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

By induction, assume that $Q(\epsilon) = \sum_{\lambda} g_{\lambda\epsilon}(\nu) s_{\lambda}$ for $\epsilon \neq \mu$. Then

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Characteristic $p > 0$

Theorem

Suppose $\lambda, \mu \in \mathcal{R}$ with $\mu \approx \lambda$ where μ indexes a Kleshchev multipartition and $w(\mu^{(k)}) < p$ for all k . Then

$$[S^\lambda : D^\mu]_\nu = g_{\lambda\mu}(\nu).$$

Sketch of proof

- ▶ The theory of adjustment matrices gives a lower bound for the graded decomposition numbers $[S^\lambda : D^\mu]$.
- ▶ Try to repeat the proof for $p = 0$. Problems come when you look at $r \geq 1$ and $w(\mu^{(0)}) > 0$. The multipartition ν we defined before may not index a simple module.
- ▶ Work with the cyclotomic q -Schur algebra instead.

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