

Cores and Core Blocks of Ariki-Koike Algebras

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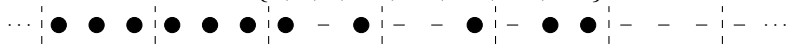
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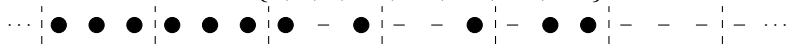
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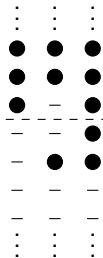
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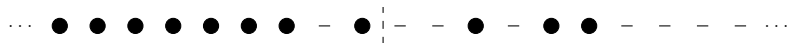
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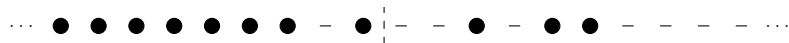
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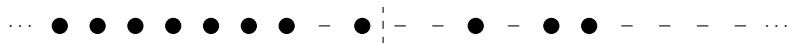


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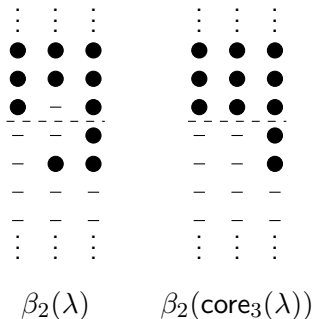
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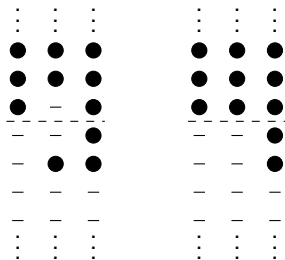
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This notion of moving vectors is first introduced by Yanbo Li and Xiangyu Qi to study the representation types of the blocks of Ariki-Koike algebras.

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Theorem (Li-Qi-T.)

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Scopes vectors

To a given core block B with $\text{mv}(B) = (m_1, \dots, m_\ell)$ and $m_j = 0$, we can associate a **j -Scopes vector** $\text{Sc}_j(B) \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \ell - 1\}^e$.

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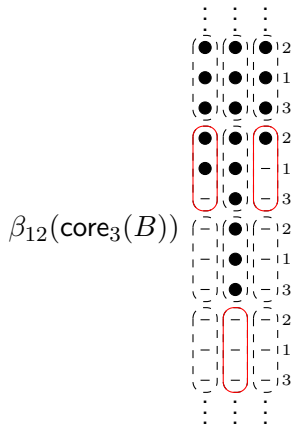
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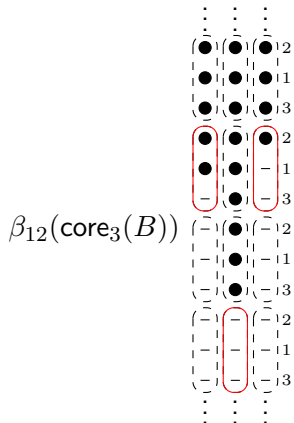
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Scopes equivalence between core blocks

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Corollary

Let B be a core block of \mathcal{H}_n . Then

$$\mathrm{wt}_e(B) \leq \lfloor \frac{\ell}{2} \rfloor \lceil \frac{\ell}{2} \rceil e.$$