

# Combinatorics of Affine Crystals and Affine Schubert Calculus

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# Outline

- **Lecture 1:** Crystal bases, energy function
- **Lecture 2:** Applications of affine crystals  
(Kirillov–Reshetikhin crystals, charge, Demazure crystals, nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials)
- **Lecture 3:** k-Schur functions and affine Schubert calculus

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# Applications in.....

representation theory

~> tensor product decomposition

solvable lattice models

~> one point functions

conformal field theory

~> characters

number theory

~> modular forms

Bethe Ansatz

~> fermionic formulas

combinatorics

~> tableaux combinatorics, charge

geometric representation theory

~> geometric crystals

topological invariant theory

~> knots and links

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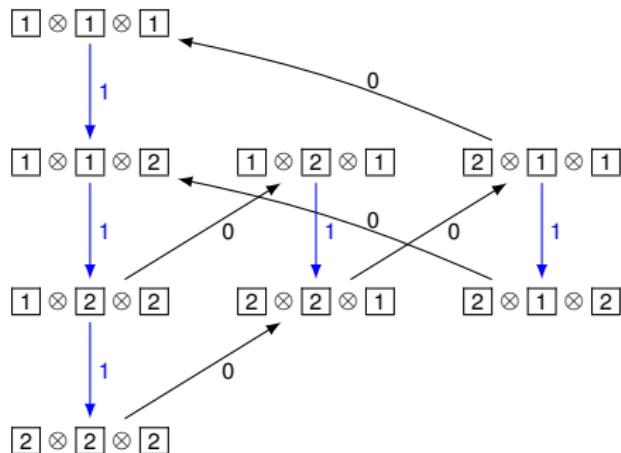
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# Axiomatic Crystals

A  $U_q(\mathfrak{g})$ -crystal is a nonempty set  $B$  with maps

$$\text{wt}: B \rightarrow P$$

$$e_i, f_i: B \rightarrow B \cup \{\emptyset\} \quad \text{for all } i \in I$$

satisfying

$$f_i(b) = b' \Leftrightarrow e_i(b') = b \quad \text{if } b, b' \in B$$

$$\text{wt}(f_i(b)) = \text{wt}(b) - \alpha_i \quad \text{if } f_i(b) \in B$$

$$\langle h_i, \text{wt}(b) \rangle = \varphi_i(b) - \varepsilon_i(b)$$

Write  for  $b' = f_i(b)$

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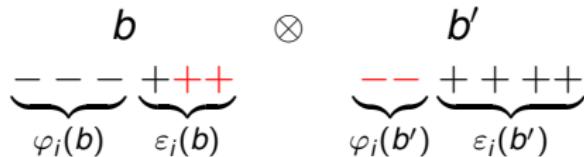
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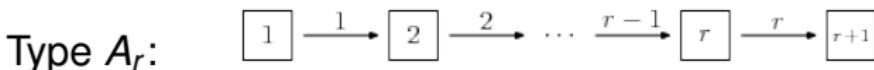
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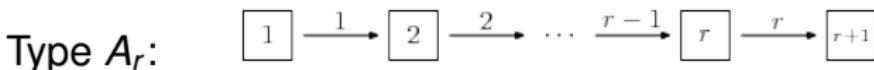
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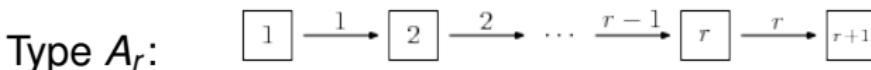
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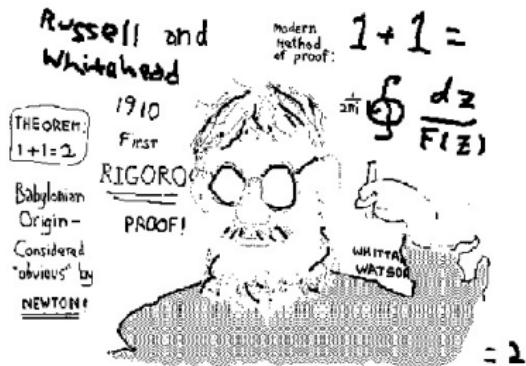


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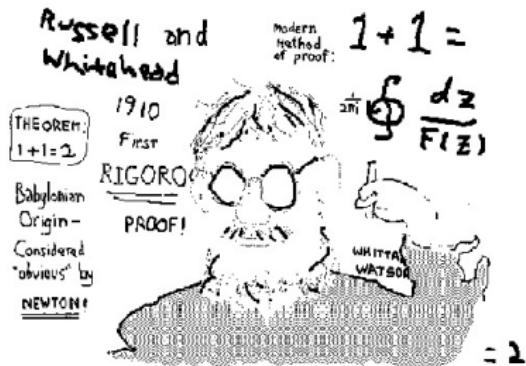


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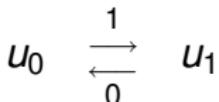
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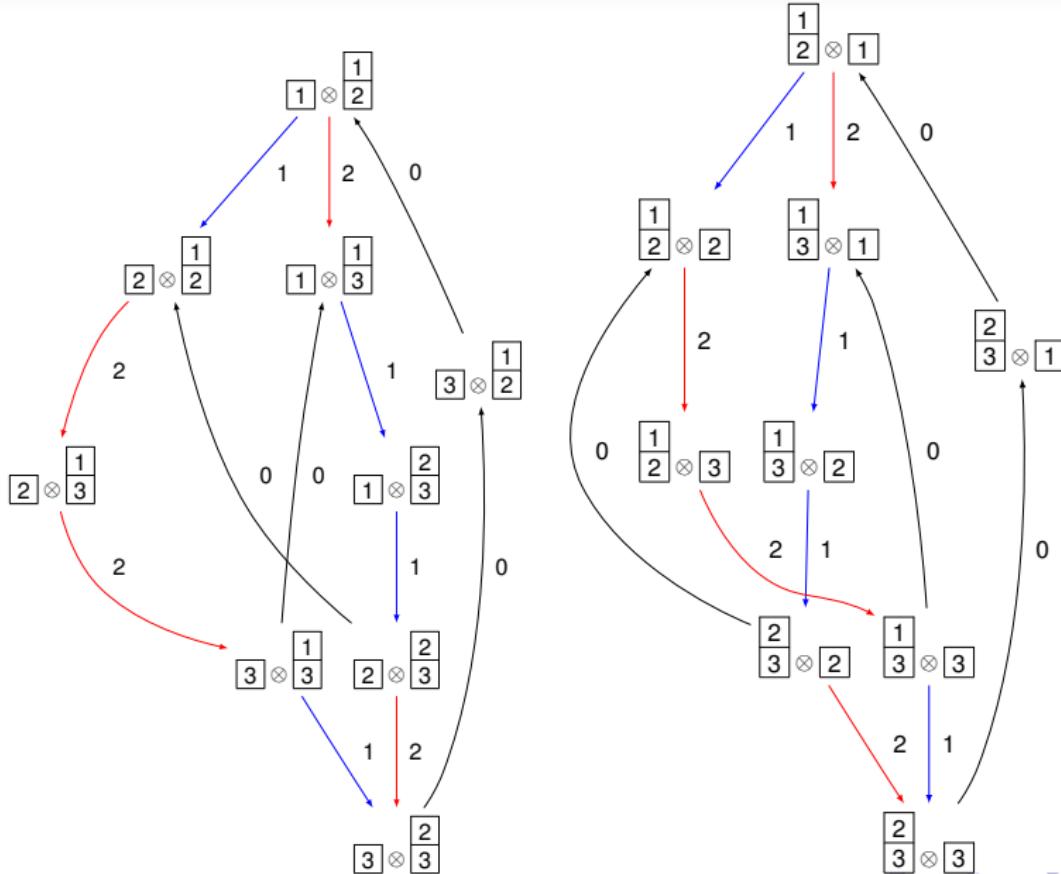
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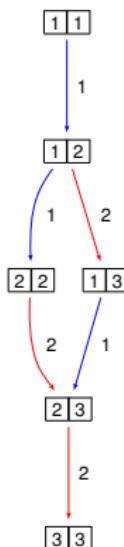
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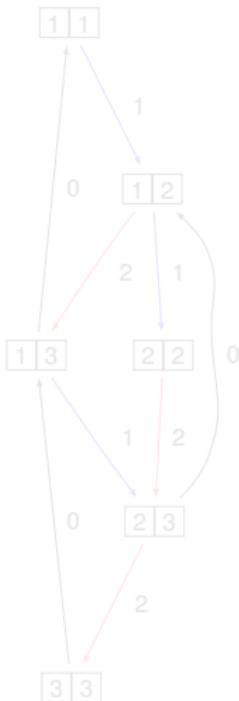


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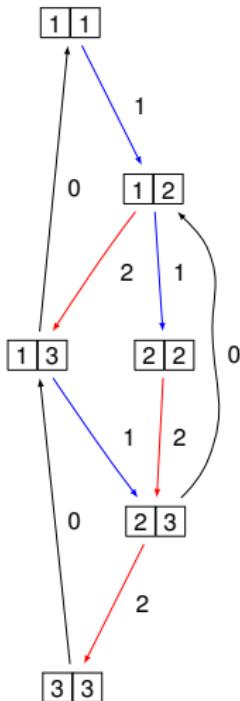


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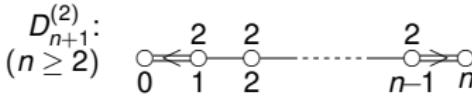
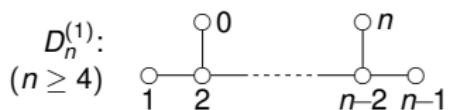
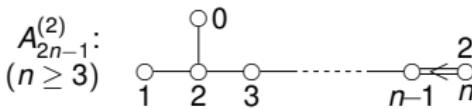
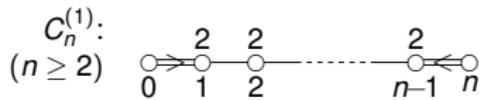
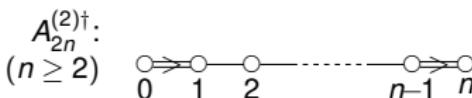
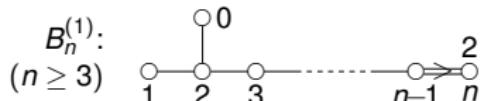
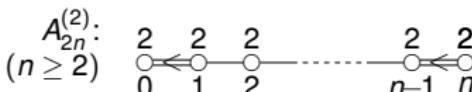
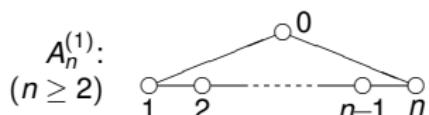
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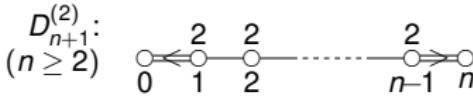
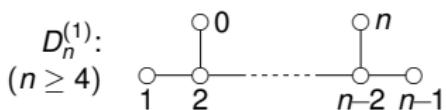
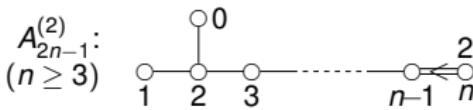
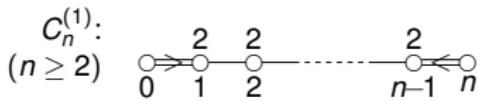
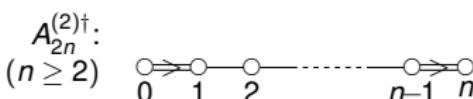
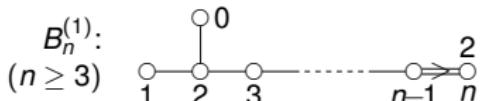
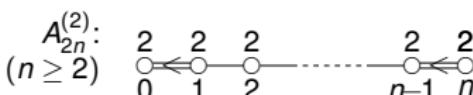
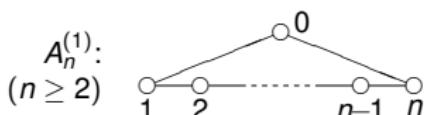
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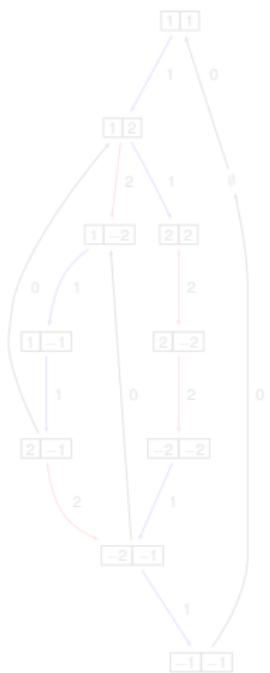
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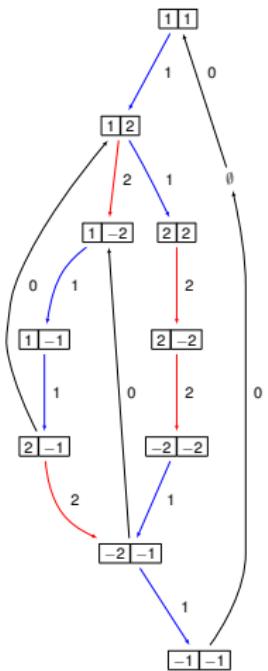


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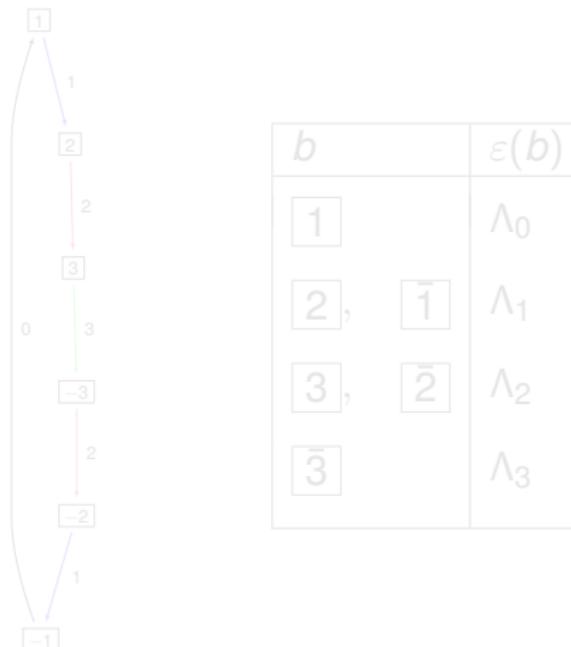


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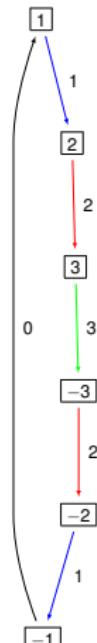
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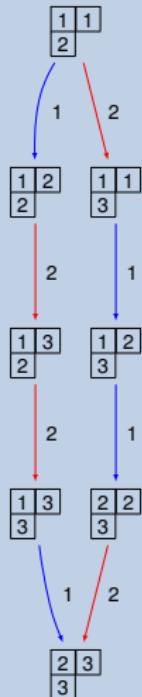
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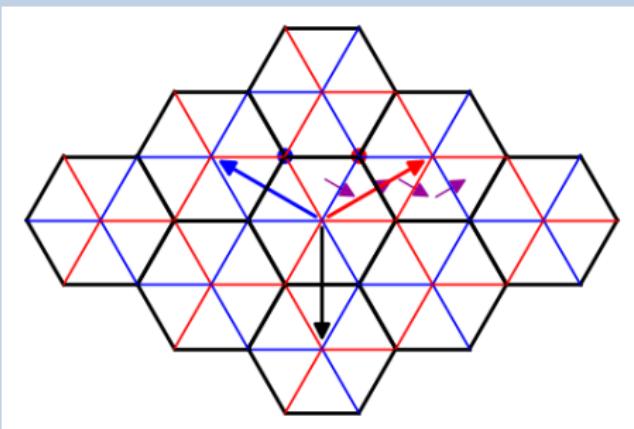
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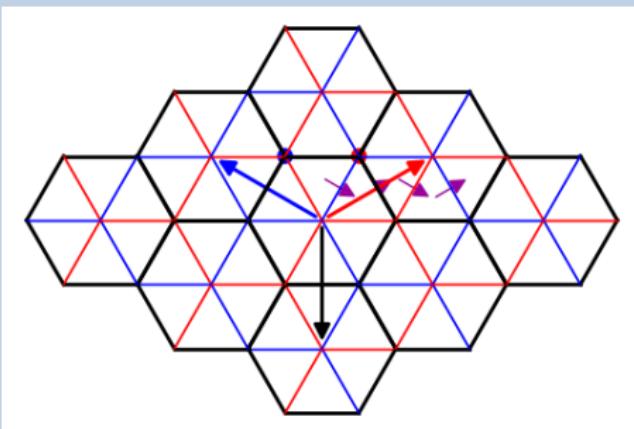
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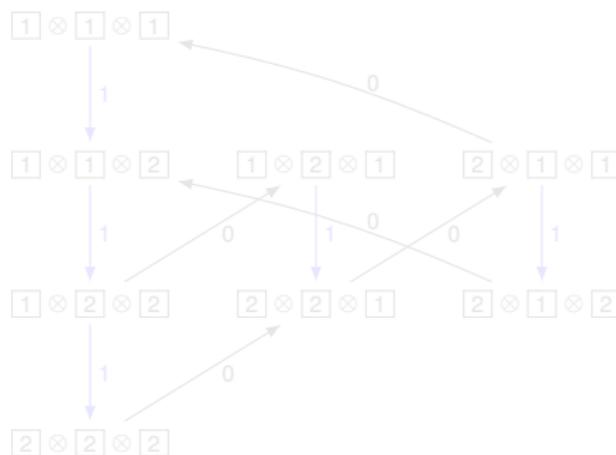
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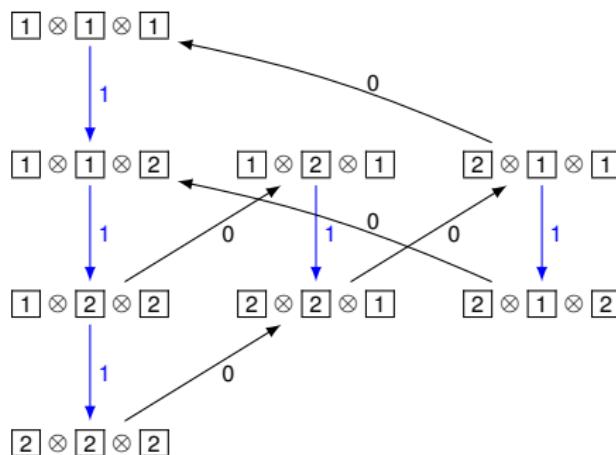


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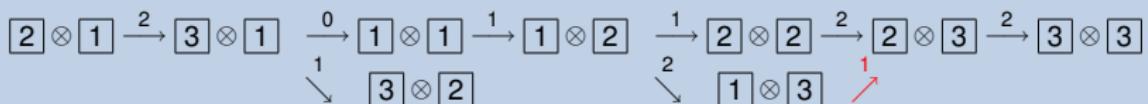
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- generators  $A_1, \dots, A_{n-1}$
- relations

$$A_i A_j = A_j A_i \quad \text{for } |i - j| \geq 2$$

$$A_i A_{i+1} A_i = A_{i+1} A_i A_{i+1}$$

$$A_i^2 = 0$$

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