# A new hook formula due to a generalization of Nekrasov-Okounkov identity 

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Question: can we prove this by using the RSK algorithm?

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## Thank you for your attention

