A refinement of the skew length statistic

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Cores – where do they come from?

• The Murnaghan–Nakayama formula allows for a recursive computation of the value of an irreducible character χ^{λ} of \mathfrak{S}_n at a permutation $\pi \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ of cycle type ρ by removing a rim-hook from λ and a cycle from π .



• Cores also appear in the modular representation theory of \mathfrak{S}_n .

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- Thiel and Williams generalise *n*, *p*-cores to other affine Weyl groups and have results on the maximal size, the expected size and the variance of the size in simply-laced types.

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Theorem (Thomas, Williams) The map $\zeta : \mathfrak{C}_{n,p} \to \mathfrak{D}_{n,p}$ is a bijection.

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