

# Hook type tableaux and Partition identities

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- **Color partitions:** For a positive integer  $\ell \geq 2$ ,  $P^{(\ell)}(n)$  is the set of all partitions of  $n$  where parts multiple of  $\ell$  comes up with 2 colors.

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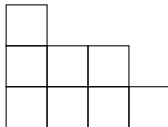
The generating function of  $p^{(\ell)}(n)$  is

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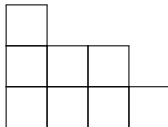
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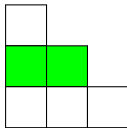


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- Explicitly, for  $\lambda := (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r) \vdash n$ , following rule (i) the trivial addition of one box corresponds to  $\mu := ((\lambda_1 + 1), \dots, \lambda_r) \vdash n + 1$  whereas by rule (ii) we have  $\mu := (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, 1) \vdash n + 1$ . Nontrivial addition of one box can be done if and only if for any two consecutive part say,  $\lambda_i$  and  $\lambda_j$  ( $\lambda_i \geq \lambda_j$ ), we have  $\lambda_i - \lambda_j \geq 1$ .

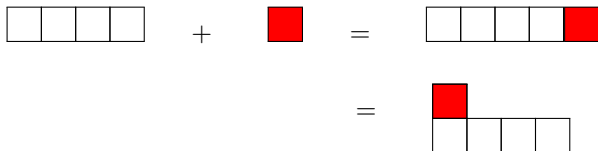
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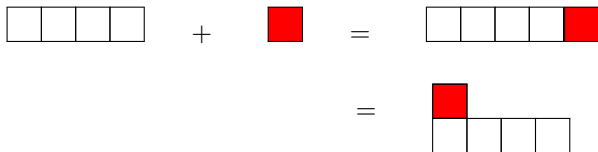
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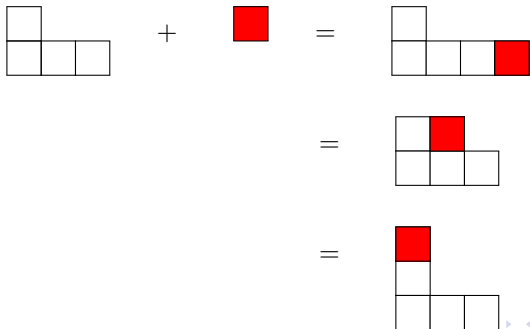
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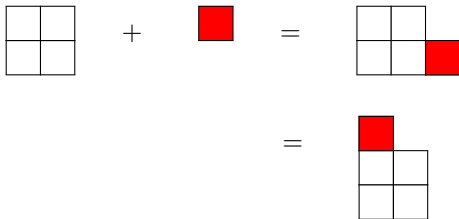


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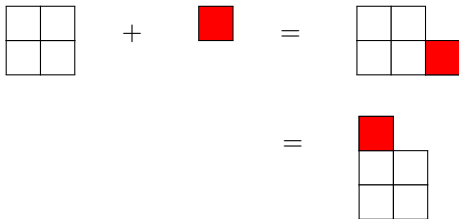
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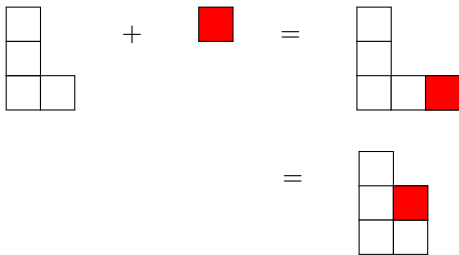


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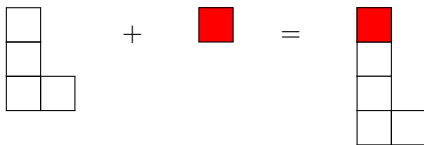
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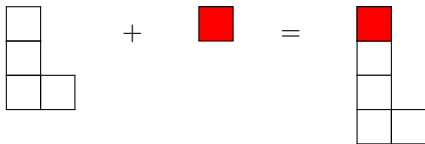
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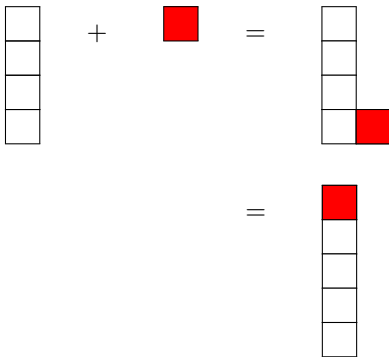


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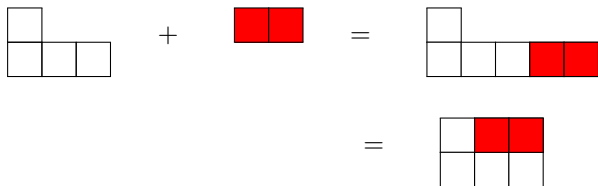
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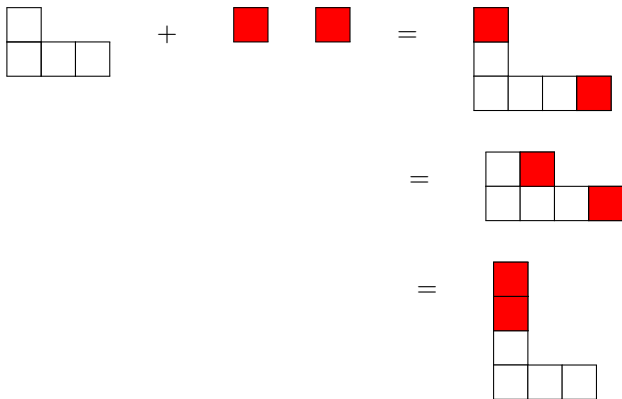
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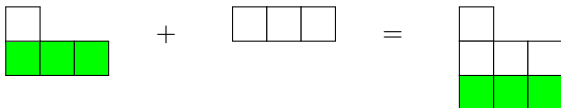
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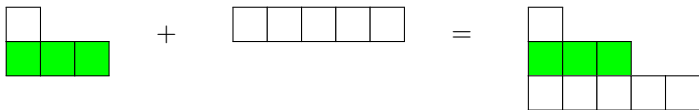


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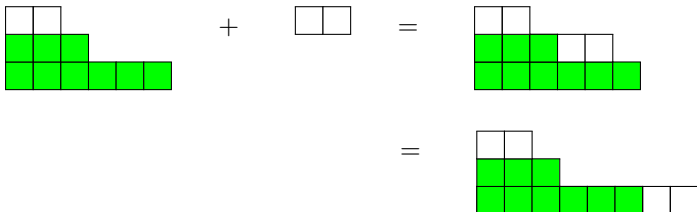
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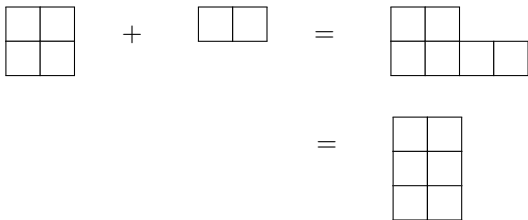
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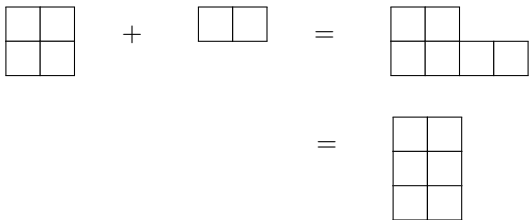
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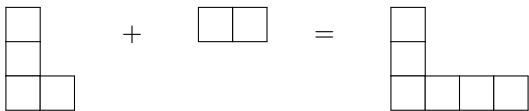


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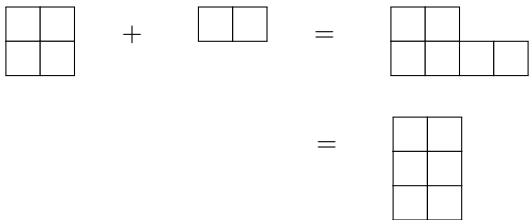


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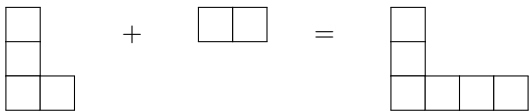


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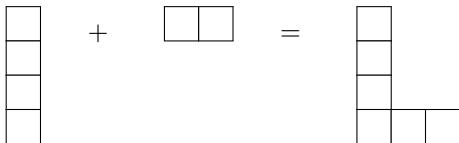
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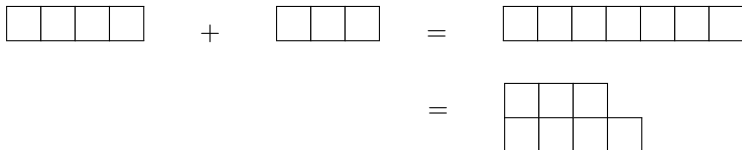
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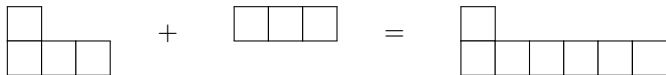
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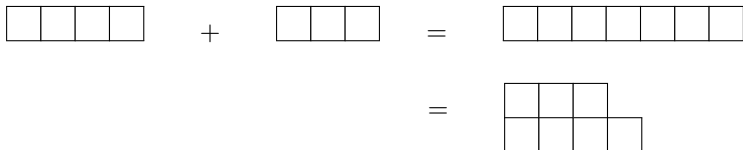
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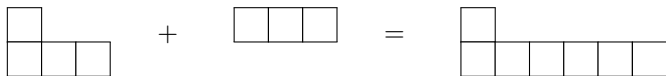
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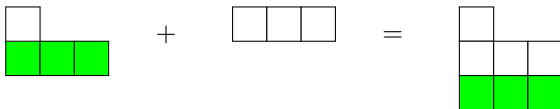
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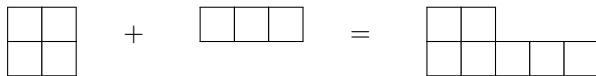
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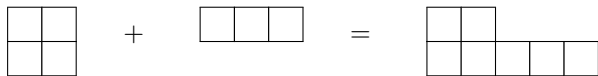


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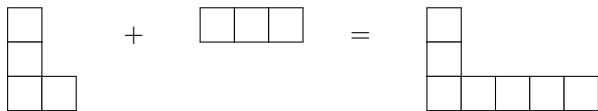


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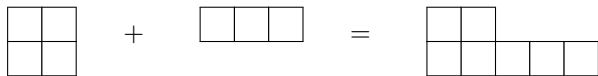


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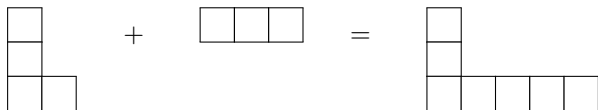


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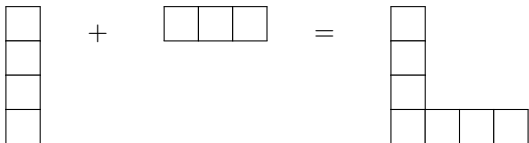
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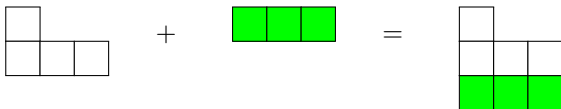
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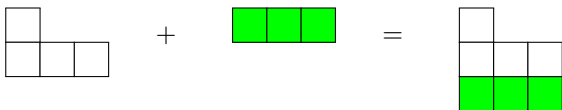
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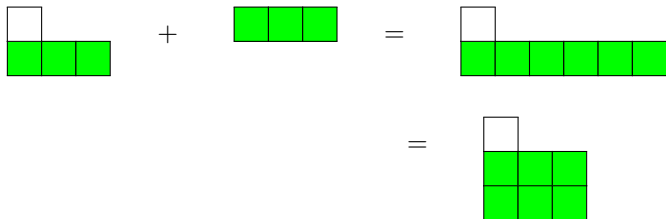
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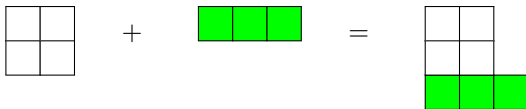


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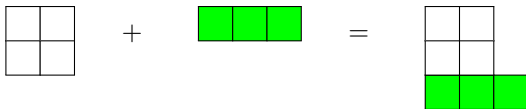
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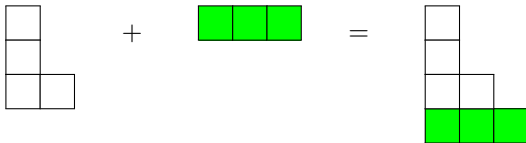


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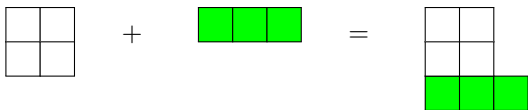


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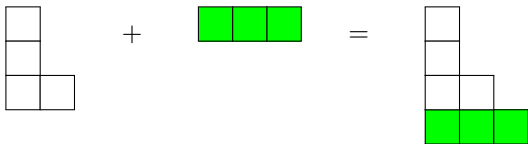


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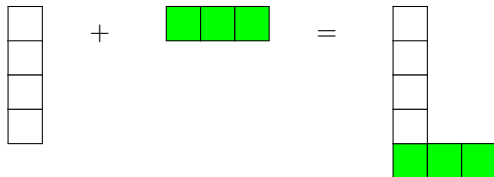
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## Lemma (B., Dastidar (2019))

*Adding a packet of  $k$  boxes to the Young diagrams of  $\lambda \in P^{(\ell)}(n)$  following the color BSP generates as many new color partitions as there are occurrences of a part  $k$  in  $P^{(\ell)}(n+k)$  subject to the condition that  $k$  is not a multiple of  $\ell$ . But if  $k$  is a multiple of  $\ell$ , then adding a packet of  $k$  boxes generates as many new color partitions which equals to half of the total number of occurrences of the part  $k$  in  $P^{(\ell)}(n+k)$ .*

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So in this context, we have to count the total number of occurrences of parts  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  but we have chosen only one representative of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  in terms of adding only a white colored packet of  $k$  boxes.

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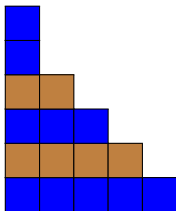
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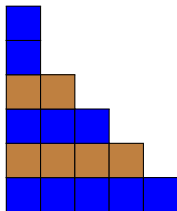
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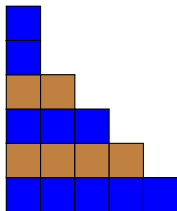
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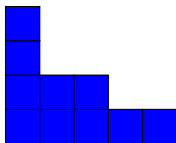
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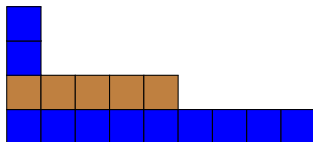
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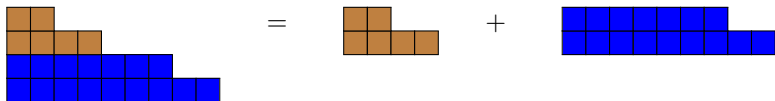
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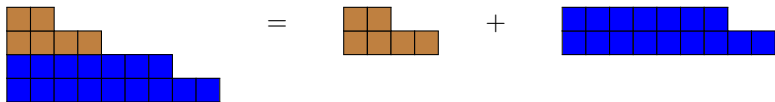
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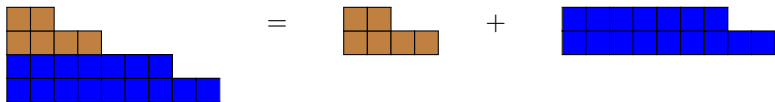


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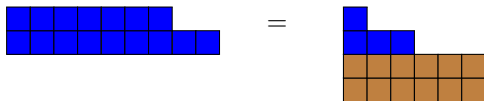
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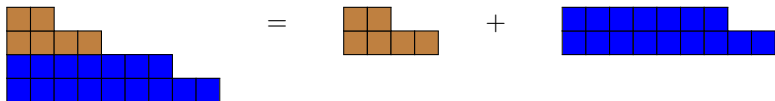
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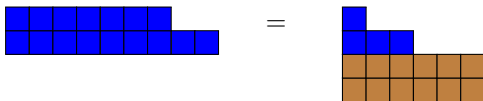
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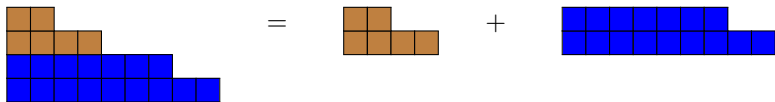


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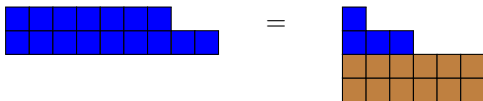
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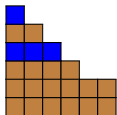
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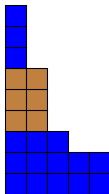
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