# A MIXED KNUTH CORRESPONDENCE FOR (A, B)-PARTIALLY STRICT TABLEAUX

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Fix finite totally ordered sets A, A'throughout this article. A pair (U, C) of subsets of A is called a division of A if it satisfies

$$U \uplus C = A$$
. (disjoint union)

Henceforth, we fix a division (U, C) of A, and we call elements of U uncircled letters and elements of C circled letters. Fix another division (A, B) of A. Set k = |A| and l = |B| so that we have |A| = k + l. We have two pairs (A, B) and (U, C) which are divisions of A. We write

$$A_u = A \cap U,$$
  $A_c = A \cap C$   
 $B_u = B \cap U,$   $B_c = B \cap C$ 

### EXAMPLE 1.1

Set  $A = \{1, 3^{\circ}, 5, 7^{\circ}\}$ ,  $B = \{2, 4^{\circ}, 6, 8^{\circ}\}$ ,  $U = \{1, 2, 5, 6\}$  and  $C = \{3^{\circ}, 4^{\circ}, 7^{\circ}, 8^{\circ}\}$ . Then (A, B) and (U, C) are divisions of [8] and we have  $A_{\mathbf{u}} = \{1, 5\}$ ,  $A_{c} = \{3^{\circ}, 7^{\circ}\}$ ,  $B_{\mathbf{u}} = \{2, 6\}$ , and  $B_{c} = \{4^{\circ}, 8^{\circ}\}$ . As in this example we write elements of A in lightface and elements of B in boldface.

We take the word "(A, B)-partially strict" from [Ok], but the original definition is due to [St]. For the definition of (k, l)-semistandard tableaux see [BR] or [Re]. A reverse plane partition  $\pi$  is a filling of a Young diagram with letters of  $\mathcal A$  wherein in each row from left to right and in each column from top to bottom the letters are arranged in weakly increasing order.

### **DEFINITION 1.1**

Let  $\pi$  be a reverse plane partition.  $\pi$  is said to be (A, B)-partially strict if it satisfies the conditions:

- (i) For any  $m \in A$ , m appears at most once in each column.
- (ii) For any  $m \in B$ , m appears at most once in each row.

We call a (A, B)-partially strict reverse plane partition a (A, B)-partially strict tableau. A  $(\mathbf{P}, \emptyset)$ -partially strict skew tableau is usually called a column-strict skew tableau and a  $(\emptyset, \mathbf{P})$ -partially strict skew tableau, a row-strict skew tableau. If  $A = \{1, 2, \ldots, k\}$  and  $B = \{1', 2', \ldots, l'\}$ , where  $1 < 2 < \ldots < k < 1' < 2' < \ldots < l'$ , then a (A, B)-partially strict tableau is called a (k, l)-semistandard tableau.

## EXAMPLE 1.2

Set (A, B) to be the division given in Example 4.1. Then

	1	1	1	2	°4	5	5	°7	
	°3	· •3	<b>°</b> 3	°4	6	°7	°7		•
$\pi =$	°4	5	5	6					
	°4	°7	°7	°8					
·	5	°8			_				

is a (A, B)-partially strict tableau.

is an exmple of (4,3)-semistandard tableau, where 1 < 2 < 3 < 4 < 1' < 2' < 3'.

### **DEFINITION 1.2**

Let  $\lambda/\mu$  be a skew diagram. Let  $\mathcal{T}_{(A,B)}(\lambda/\mu)$  denote the set of all (A,B)-partially strict skew tableaux of shape  $\lambda/\mu$ . For  $\pi \in \mathcal{T}_{(A,B)}(\lambda/\mu)$  set the weight  $wt(\pi)$  of  $\pi$  to be  $\prod_{a \in A} x_a^{m_a}$  where

 $m_a$  = the number of times a occurs in  $\pi$ 

and  $x_a$ 's are indeterminates. Set

$$HS_{\lambda/\mu}^{(A,B)}(x) = \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{T}_{(A,B)}(\lambda/\mu)} wt(\pi).$$

It is clear from the defintion that

$$HS_{\lambda/\mu}^{(A,B)}(x) = HS_{\lambda'/\mu'}^{(B,A)}(x).$$

In particular if  $A = \{1, 2, ..., k\}$  and  $B = \{1', 2', ..., l'\}$ , where 1 < 2 < ... < k < 1' < 2' < ... < l', we write  $HS_{\lambda/\mu}^{(A,B)}(x)$  as  $HS_{\lambda/\mu}^{(k,l)}(x_1, x_2, ..., x_k, y_1, y_2, ..., y_l)$ .

### Proposition 1.1

Set 
$$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$$
 and  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_l\}$ . Then

$$HS_{\lambda/\mu}^{(A,B)}(x) = HS_{\lambda/\mu}^{(k,l)}(x_{a_1}, x_{a_2}, \dots, x_{a_k}, x_{\mathbf{b_1}}, x_{\mathbf{b_2}}, \dots, x_{\mathbf{b_l}})$$

## Proof.

We can easily construct a bijection between  $T_{(A,B)}(\lambda/\mu)$  and  $T_{(\{1,2,...,k\},\{1',2',...,l'\})}(\lambda/\mu)$  using the jeu de taquin method in [Re], Section 3, pp.266. For details see [Re].

Now we define a mixed Knuth insertion.

## **DEFINITION 1.3**

Let  $\pi$  be a (A, B)-partially strict tableau and let  $x \in A$ . We define INSERT<sub>(A,B,U,C)</sub>(x) as follow.

If  $x \in U$ , insert x into the first row of  $\pi$ ; if  $x \in C$ , insert x into the first column of  $\pi$ . If the bumped elemet y is uncircled, then we insert y into the row immediately below or if the bumped element y is circled, then we insert y into the column immediately to its right by the following rules.

y replace the least element which is y if  $y \in A_u \cup B_c$ : or y replace the least element which is  $y \in B_u \cup A_c$ .

Continue until an insertion takes place at the end of a row or column, bumping no new element. This procedure terminates in a finite number of steps. Then set (s,t) to be the cell which is added to  $\pi$ .

Similarly we define  $\overline{\text{INSERT}}_{(A,B;U,C)}(x)$  by swapping U and C in the foregoing definition. If  $x \in U$ , insert x into the first column of  $\pi$ ; if  $x \in C$ , insert x into the first row of  $\pi$ . The uncircled letters which are bumped are inserted into the column immediately to its right and circled letters are inserted into the row immediately below by the following rule.

y replace the least element which is y if  $y \in A_c \cup B_u$ : or y replace the least element which is  $y \in B_c \cup A_u$ .

It is easy to see that the resulting tableau is also (A, B)-partially strict. Let  $\pi \leftarrow^m x$  (resp.  $x \rightarrow^m \pi$ ) denote the tableau which is obtained after we applied  $\text{INSERT}_{(A,B;U,C)}(x)$  (resp.  $\overline{\text{INSERT}}_{(A,B;U,C)}(x)$ ) to  $\pi$ .

#### EXAMPLE 1.3

Let  $\pi$  be the (A, B)-partially strict tableau in Example 4.2.

$$\pi \leftarrow^{m} 4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0.4 & 5 & 5 & 0.7 \\ 2 & 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 & 0.7 & 0.7 \\ 0.4 & 5 & 5 & 6 & 0.8 \\ 0.4 & 6 & 0.7 & 0.7 \\ 0.5 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

And we have (s, t) = (4, 4).

$$2 \rightarrow^{m} \pi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & °4 & 5 & 5 & °7 \\ 2 & °3 & °3 & °4 & 6 & °7 & °7 \\ \hline °3 & 5 & 5 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline °4 & °7 & °7 & °8 \\ \hline °4 & °8 \end{bmatrix}$$

And we have (s, t) = (6, 1).

### REMARK 1.1

In [Re] two insertion procedures are defined for (k, l)-semistandard tableaux. Set  $A = \{1, 2, ..., k\}$  and  $B = \{1', 2', ..., l'\}$ , where 1 < 2 < ... < k < 1' < 2' < ... < l'. If U = A and C = B, then the insertion algorithm in Definition 4.2 is called RS1 insertion in [Re]. If U = A and  $C = \emptyset$ , then the insertion algorithm is called RS2 insertion.

### **DEFINITION 1.4**

Let  $\pi$  be a (A, B)-partially strict tableau. Set  $m_x$  to be the number of times x occurs in  $\pi$  for each  $x \in A$ . Let  $m = \sum_{x \in A} m_x$  We make a partial tableau  $pt(\pi)$  with letters in [m] from  $\pi$  as follows. If  $x \in A$ , then replace  $m_x$  x's in  $\pi$  to  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x$  from left to right. If  $x \in B$ , then replace  $m_x$  x's in  $\pi$  to  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x$  from top to bottom. If  $x \in U$  then  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x$  are in U, and vice versa.

### EXAMPLE 1.4

If  $\pi$  is as in Example 4.2, then  $pt(\pi)$  is as in Example 2.2.

## **DEFINITION 1.5**

A word with repetition is a sequence  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$  of letters in  $\mathcal{A}$  wherein each  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  can appear more than once. Given a word with repetition  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$ , we make the insertion tableau  $\pi = \emptyset \leftarrow^m w$  for w as follows. For  $i = 1, 2, \dots m$  we define inductively  $\pi_0 = \emptyset$  and  $\pi_i = \pi_{i-1} \leftarrow^m w_i$ . Let  $\pi = \pi_m$ .

### EXAMPLE 1.5

$$w = ^{\circ}2 ^{\circ}2 ^{\circ}1 ^{\circ}3 ^{\circ}4 ^{\circ}3 ^{\circ}3 ^{\circ}1 ^{\circ}4 ^{\circ}2 ^{\circ}4$$

is a word with repetition and the insertion tableau for w is as follows.

## **DEFINITION 1.6**

For a given word with repetition  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$  we make a permutation p(w) of [m] as follows. For each  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  let  $m_x$  denote the number of times x appears in w. For each  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ , if  $x \in A_u \cup B_c$  then replace all x in w by  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x$  in increasing order. For each  $x \in \mathcal{A}$ , if  $x \in A_c \cup B_u$  then replace all x in w by  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x$ ,  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x - 1$ , ...,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 1$  in decreasing order. If  $x \in U$  then  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x$  are in U, and vice versa.

#### EXAMPLE 1.6

Let w be as in Example 4.5.

The following proposition is easy to see from definitions.

### Proposition 1.2

Let w be a word with repetition. Let  $\pi$  be the insertion tableau of w Then the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 & & & & & & \\
 & & & & & & \\
 & p(w) & \longleftrightarrow & pt(\pi)
\end{array}$$

where the top and bottom bijections are the mixed Knuth and mixed Robinson-Schensted maps, respectively.

#### LEMMA 1.1

Let  $\pi$  be a (A,B)-partially strict tableau and  $x,x' \in A$ . If INSERT<sub>(A,B;U,C)</sub>(x), determining s and t, is immediately followed by INSERT<sub>(A,B;U,C)</sub>(x'), determining (s',t'), then  $(Case\ 1)\ x,x' \in U$ 

- (a) If x < x' or  $x = x' \in A$  then we have  $s \ge s'$  and t < t'.
- (b) If x > x' or  $x = x' \in B$  then we have s < s' and  $t \ge t'$ . (Case 2)  $x, x' \in C$ 
  - (a) If x > x' or  $x = x' \in A$  then  $s \ge s'$  and t < t'.
  - (b) If x < x' or  $x = x' \in B$  then s < s' and  $t \ge t'$ .

(Case 3)  $x \in U$  and  $x' \in C$ , we always have s < s' and  $t \ge t'$ . (Case 4)  $x \in C$  and  $x' \in U$ , we always have  $s \ge s'$  and t < t'.

#### Proof.

Choose arbitrary word with repetition w such that  $\pi = \emptyset \leftarrow^m w$ . Let w' = wxx'. Then it is easy to verify the lemma by using Proposition 4.2, Corollary 2.2, and Lemma 1.1. For example, we verify Case 3. Assume that  $x \in U$  and  $x' \in C$ . Then  $x' \in C$  is changed into some negative letter -x' which is less than x so that we obtain s < s' and  $t \ge t'$  immediately by Lemma 1.1.

### REMARK 1.2

In the foregoing lemma by changing INSERT<sub>(A,B;U,C)</sub>(x) and INSERT<sub>(A,B;U,C)</sub>(x') into  $\overline{\text{INSERT}}_{(A,B;U,C)}(x)$  and  $\overline{\text{INSERT}}_{(A,B;U,C)}(x')$ , respectively and swapping U and C, we obtain a similar result on  $\overline{\text{INSERT}}_{(A,B;U,C)}(\cdot)$ .

Fix another finite totally orderd set A' and its divisions (A', B') and (U', C') such that |A'| = k' and |B'| = l' We write

$$A'_{\mathbf{u}} = A' \cap U', \qquad A'_{\mathbf{c}} = A' \cap C' B'_{\mathbf{u}} = B' \cap U', \qquad B'_{\mathbf{c}} = B' \cap C'$$

### **DEFINITION 1.7**

Let a be a  $(k' + l') \times (k + l)$  matrix of nonnegative integers

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \dots & a_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

whose rows are labeled by elements of A' and columns are labeled by elements of A. a is said to be addmissible if it satisfies:

$$(1) \text{ If } (i,j) \in A' \times A \cup B' \times B, \qquad a_{i,j} \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$(2) \text{ If } (i,j) \in A' \times B \cup B' \times A, \qquad a_{i,j} \in \{0,1\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{M}(A', B', A, B)$  denote the set of all admissible  $(k' + l') \times (k + l)$  matrices.

### EXAMPLE 1.7

Let  $A' = \{2, {}^{\circ}4\}, B' = \{1, {}^{\circ}3\}, A = \{{}^{\circ}3, 4\}, \text{ and } B = \{1, {}^{\circ}2\}.$  Then

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a admissibe  $4 \times 4$  matrix. As in this example we write  $a_{i,j}$  such that  $(i,j) \in A' \times A \cup B' \times B$  in italic.

### **DEFINITION 1.8**

Let  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A', B', A, B)$ . From a we make a two-line array

$$l(a) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \cdots & u_m \\ v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_m \end{pmatrix}$$

as follows. We arrange  $a_{u,v}$  pairs of row and column labels  $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$  by the following rule.

First we assume that

$$u_1 \leq u_2 \leq \cdots \leq u_m$$
.

(1) For each  $u \in A'_u \cup B'_c$  we arrenge all labels  $\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}$  such that  $u_i = u$  as follows.

$$\underbrace{v_{p_1}, v_{p_2}, v_{p_3}, \dots, \dots, v_{p_r}, v_{p_{r+1}}, v_{p_{r+2}}, \dots, \dots, v_{p_{r+s}}}_{\text{elements of } C}$$
elements of  $U$ 
in decreasing order
in increasing order

(2) For each  $u \in A'_c \cup B'_u$  we arrenge all labels  $\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}$  such that  $u_i = u$  as follows.

$$\underbrace{v_{p_1}, v_{p_2}, v_{p_3}, \dots, \dots, v_{p_r}, v_{p_{r+1}}, v_{p_{r+2}}, \dots, \dots, v_{p_{r+s}}}_{\text{elements of } U \qquad \text{elements of } C$$
in decreasing order in increasing order

It is easy to see this gives an one to one correspondence between admissible matrices and two line arrays satisfying the above conditions. We call this two line array the matrix word of a and denote by l(a). The top (resp. bottom) line of l(a) is denoted by  $\hat{l}(a) = u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  (resp.  $\check{l}(a) = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$ ).

### EXAMPLE 1.8

The two line array which correspond to the matrix a in Example 4.5 is

$$l(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{4} & \mathbf{4} & \mathbf{4} & \mathbf{4} \\ 1 & 1 & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{2} & 4 & 4 & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{4} & 4 & 1 & \mathbf{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

### **DEFINITION 1.9**

Let  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A', B', A, B)$ . From a we make a two-line array l(a) in Definition 4.8.

$$l = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \cdots & \cdots & u_m \\ v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & \cdots & v_m \end{pmatrix}$$

We construct a sequence of tableaux pairs:

$$(\emptyset,\emptyset) = (\pi_0,\sigma_0),(\pi_1,\sigma_1),\ldots,(\pi_m,\sigma_m) = (\pi,\sigma)$$

inductively as follows. For each  $i=1,2,\ldots,m$  form  $\pi_i$  from  $\pi_{i-1}$  by performing INSERT<sub>(A,B;U,C)</sub>( $v_i$ ) on  $\pi_{i-1}$  if  $u_i$  is a uncircled letter, or performing  $\overline{\text{INSERT}}_{(A,B;U,C)}(v_i)$  on  $\pi_{i-1}$  if  $u_i$  is a circled letter. Form  $\sigma_i$  from  $\sigma_{i-1}$  by placing  $u_i$  on  $\sigma_{i-1}$  in the cell added to  $\pi_i$ . By Lemma 4.1  $\sigma$  is a (A', B')-partially strict tableau and  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  have the same shape.

### EXAMPLE 1.9

Let a be as in Example 4.7. Then

## **DEFINITION 1.10**

Let  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A', B', A, B)$ . Let

$$l(a) = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \cdots & u_m \\ v_1 & v_2 & \cdots & v_m \end{pmatrix}$$

be the two line array which correspond to a. We construct a biword w from l as follow. For each  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  (resp.  $x \in \mathcal{A}'$ ) let  $m_x$  (resp.  $m_x'$ ) denote the number of times x occurs in the bottom (resp. top) line of l. Replace  $m_x'$  x's in the top line of l by  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x$  from left to right. The circles are transferred unchanged in this replacement. For each  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  let  $r_x$  (resp.  $s_x$ ) be the number of pairs  $\binom{u_i}{v_j}$  such that  $v_j = x$  and  $u_i \in U$  (resp.  $u_i \in C$ ). So we have  $r_x + s_x = m_x$ . For each  $x \in \mathcal{A}$  we replace  $v_j$ 's such that  $v_j = x$  by the following rules. The circles are transferred unchanged in this replacement.

(Case 1): 
$$x \in A_u \cup B_c$$

Replace the  $v_j$ 's of pairs  $\binom{u_i}{v_j}$  such that  $v_j = x$  and  $u_i \in C$  by  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + s_x$  from right to left. Then replace the  $v_j$ 's of pairs  $\binom{u_i}{v_j}$  such that  $v_j = x$  and  $u_i \in U$  by  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + s_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + s_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x$  from left to right.

(Case 2): 
$$x \in A_c \cup B_u$$

Replace the  $v_j$ 's of pairs  $\binom{u_i}{v_j}$  such that  $v_j = x$  and  $u_i \in U$  by  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + r_x$  from right to left. Then replace the  $v_j$ 's of pairs  $\binom{u_i}{v_j}$  such that  $v_j = x$  and  $u_i \in C$  by  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + r_x + 1$ ,  $\sum_{y < x} m_x + r_x + 2$ , ...,  $\sum_{y \le x} m_x$  from left to right. Let p(a) denote the resulting biword.

#### EXAMPLE 1.10

Let a be as Examle 4.7 and l(a) as Example 4.8. Then we have

$$p(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & °7 & °8 & °9 & °10 & °11 & °12 & °13 & °14 \\ 2 & 1 & °8 & °7 & 13 & 14 & °9 & °6 & °5 & °4 & 12 & 11 & 3 & °10 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The following proposition is easy to see from definitions.

## Proposition 1.3

Let  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A', B', A, B)$ . Then the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} a & \longleftrightarrow & (\pi,\sigma) \\ \downarrow^p & & \downarrow \\ p(a) & \longleftrightarrow & (pt(\pi),pt(\sigma)) \end{array}$$

where the top and bottom bijections are the mixed Knuth and mixed Robinson-Schensted maps, respectively.

## EXAMPLE 1.11

Let p(a) be as in Example 4.9. Then the insertion pair of p(a) is as follows.

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \circ_4 & \circ_9 & \circ_{10} & 13 & 14 \\ 2 & \circ_5 & 12 \\ 3 & \circ_8 & & & \\ & \circ_6 & 11 \\ & & & & & \\ & \circ_7 & & & & \\ \end{bmatrix} \qquad \sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \circ_7 & \circ_{14} \\ 2 & \circ_8 & \circ_{13} \\ 3 & \circ_9 & & & \\ & \circ_{10} & \circ_{12} \\ & \circ_{11} & & & \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

From Proposition 4.3 we obtain the following theorem.

### THEOREM 1.1

Fix A and its divisions (U, C) and (A, B). Fix another A' and its divisions (U', C') and (A', B'). The map in Definition 4.9 from admissible matrices  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A', B', A, B)$  to pairs  $(\pi, \sigma)$ , where  $\pi$  is (A, B)-partially strict tableau,  $\sigma$  is (A', B')-partially strict tableau and  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  have the same shape, is a bijetion.

The following proposition is also easy to see from definitions.

### Proposition 1.4

Let  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A', B', A, B)$ . If p(a) correspond to a by the map in Definition 4.10, then the inverse biword  $p(a)^{-1}$  correspond to  $a^t$ . Here  $a^t$  denote the conjugate matrix of a.

From Proposition 4.4 we obtain the following theorem.

### THEOREM 1.2

Fix A and its divisions (U,C) and (A,B). Assume that  $(\pi,\sigma)$  correspond to a by the bijection in Definition 4.9, where  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A,B,A,B)$ , and  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  are (A,B)-partially strict tableau having the same shape. Then  $(\sigma,\pi)$  correspond to  $a^t$  by the same bijection.

### EXAMPLE 1.12

Let a be as Examle 4.7. Then

$$a^{t} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$l(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & °2 & °2 & °2 & °2 & °3 & °3 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & °4 & °3 & °3 & °3 & 2 & 2 & °3 & °4 & °4 & °4 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

It's easy to make sure that

## **DEFINITION 1.11**

Fix A and its divisions (U, C) and (A, B). Let  $a = (a_{ij})_{i,j \in A} \in \mathcal{M}(A, B, A, B)$  be an admissible symmetric matrix. We define  $\operatorname{tr}_{(A,B)} a$  by

$$\operatorname{tr}_{(A,B)} a = \sum_{i \in A} a_{ii} + \sum_{i \in B} \operatorname{odd} \{a_{ii}\}\$$

where  $odd\{x\} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is even} \end{cases}$ 

### COROLLARY 1.1

Fix A and its divisions (U,C) and (A,B). The map in Definition 4.9 gives a bijection from admissible symmetric matrices  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A,B,A,B)$  onto (A,B)-partially strict tableaux  $\pi$ . In this bijection we have

$$\operatorname{tr}_{(A,B)} a = \operatorname{odd}(\lambda)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the shape of  $\pi$  and odd( $\lambda$ ) stands for the number of odd length columns in  $\lambda$ .

#### EXAMPLE 1.13

Let  $A = \{1, ^{\circ}3\}$  and  $B = \{^{\circ}2, 4\}$ . Let a be an admissible symmetric matrix given by

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$l(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & °2 & °2 & °2 & °3 & °3 & °3 & 4 & 4 \\ °3 & °3 & 1 & °3 & °2 & °2 & 4 & 1 & 1 & °2 & 4 & °3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

and

$$\pi = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline 1 & 1 & 1 & °2 & 4 \\ \hline °2 & °3 & °3 & °3 \\ \hline °2 & 4 \\ \hline °3 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

### COROLLARY 1.2

Fix A and its division (A, B).

$$\sum_{\lambda} HS_{\lambda}^{(A,B)}(x) \ t^{\text{odd}(\lambda)} = \prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in A \times A \cup B \times B \\ i < j}} \frac{1}{1 - x_i x_j} \prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in A \times B \\ (i,j) \in A \times B}} \frac{1}{1 - t x_i} \prod_{i \in B} \frac{1 + t x_i}{1 - x_i^2}$$

In particular,

$$\sum_{\substack{\lambda' \ even}} HS_{\lambda}^{(A,B)}(x) = \prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in A \times A \cup B \times B \\ i < j}} \frac{1}{1 - x_i x_j} \prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in A \times B}} (1 + x_i x_j) \prod_{i \in B} \frac{1}{1 - x_i^2}$$

Now we investigate skew case. Let  $\mathrm{PST}_{(A,B)}(\lambda/\mu)$  denote the set of (A,B)-partially strict skew tableaux which have skew shape  $\lambda/\mu$ .

## THEOREM 1.3

Fix A and its divisions (U,C) and (A,B). Fix another A' and its divisions (U',C') and (A',B'). Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be fixed partitions. Then the map

$$(a, \tau, \kappa) \leftrightarrow (\pi, \sigma)$$

defined below is a bijection between admissible matrices  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A, B, A', B')$  with  $\tau \in \mathrm{PST}_{(A,B)}(\alpha/\mu)$  and  $\kappa \in \mathrm{PST}_{(A',B')}(\beta/\mu)$ , on the one hand, and  $\pi \in \mathrm{PST}_{(A,B)}(\lambda/\beta)$  and  $\sigma \in \mathrm{PST}_{(A',B')}(\lambda/\alpha)$ , on the other, such that  $\tau \cup \tilde{l}(a) = \pi$  and  $\kappa \cup \hat{l}(a) = \sigma$ .

### Proof.

Let the largest letter of  $\kappa \cup \widehat{l}(a)$  be n. We construct  $(\pi_{\tau}, \sigma_{\tau})$  for r = 0, 1, ..., n as follows. Start with  $(\pi_0, \sigma_0) = (\tau, \emptyset_{\alpha})$ . Form  $\pi_{\tau}$  from  $\pi_{\tau-1}$  as follows.

Case 
$$1: r \in A'_u \cup B'_c$$

At first we insert all the circled letters of  $\tilde{l}(a)$  paired with r's in  $\hat{l}(a)$ , where these circled letters are arranged in decreasing order. Next we internally insert all the letters of  $\pi_{r-1}$  corresponding to r's in  $\sigma_{r-1}$ . If  $r \in A'_u$ , the insertion proceed left to right, and if  $r \in B'_c$ , the insertion proceed top to bottom. Finally we insert all the uncircled letters of  $\tilde{l}(a)$  paired with r's in  $\hat{l}(a)$ , where these uncircled letters are arranged in increasing order.

Case 
$$2: r \in A'_c \cup B'_u$$

At first we insert all the uncircled letters of  $\tilde{l}(a)$  paired with r's in  $\hat{l}(a)$ , where these uncircled letters are arranged in decreasing order. Next we internally insert all the letters of  $\pi_{r-1}$  corresponding to r's in  $\sigma_{r-1}$ . If  $r \in A'_c$ , the insertion proceed left to right, and if  $r \in B'_u$ , the insertion proceed top to bottom. Finally we insert all the circled letters of  $\tilde{l}(a)$  paired with r's in  $\hat{l}(a)$ , where these uncircled letters are arranged in increasing order.

In either case placing r's in the appropriate cells of  $\sigma_{r-1}$  result in  $\sigma_r$ . It is not hard to see that the cells where r's are placed are horizontal or vertical strip in  $\sigma_r$ . At last we put  $(\pi_n, \sigma_n) = (\pi, \sigma)$ .

### EXAMPLE 1.14

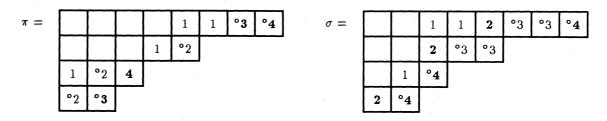
so that the matrix word of a is  $l(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{°3} & \mathbf{°3} & \mathbf{°4} \\ \mathbf{°2} & \mathbf{4} & \mathbf{°2} & 1 & 1 & \mathbf{°2} & \mathbf{°3} \end{pmatrix}$ . Let

$$\tau = 
\begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
1 \\
4
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\kappa = 
\begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
1 \\
3
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\kappa_{4}$$

Then we have



## COROLLARY 1.3

Fix A and its division (A, B). Fix another A' and its division (A', B'). Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be fixed partitions. Then

$$\sum_{\lambda} HS_{\lambda/\beta}^{(A,B)}(x) \ HS_{\lambda/\alpha}^{(A',B')}(y)$$

$$= \sum_{\mu} HS_{\alpha/\mu}^{(A,B)}(x) \ HS_{\beta/\mu}^{(A',B')}(y) \prod_{(i,j) \in A \times A' \cup B \times B'} \frac{1}{1 - x_i y_j} \prod_{(i,j) \in A \times B' \cup B \times A'} (1 + x_i y_j)$$

### THEOREM 1.4

Let A = A', (A, B) = (A', B'), (U, C) = (U', C') and  $\alpha = \beta$  in Theorem 4.3. If  $(a, \tau, \kappa)$  correspond to  $(\pi, \sigma)$  by the bijection in Theorem 4.3 then  $(a^t, \kappa, \tau)$  correspond to  $(\sigma, \pi)$  by the same bijection.

### THEOREM 1.5

Fix A and its divisions (U,C) and (A,B). Let  $\alpha$  be a fixed partition. Then the mapping in Theorem 4.3 restricts to a bijection

$$(a,\tau) \leftrightarrow \pi$$

where  $a \in \mathcal{M}(A, B, A, B)$  is a symmetric matrix,  $\tau \in \mathrm{PST}_{(A,B)}(\alpha/\mu)$ ,  $\pi \in \mathrm{PST}_{(A,B)}(\lambda/\mu)$ , and  $\check{l}(a) \cup \tau = \pi$ . In this bijection we always have

$$\operatorname{tr}_{(A,B)} a + \operatorname{odd}(\mu) = \operatorname{odd}(\lambda)$$

## EXAMPLE 1.15

Let  $A = \{1, {}^{\circ}3\}$ ,  $B = \{{}^{\circ}2, 4\}$  and  $\alpha = (221)$ . Let  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  so that the matrix word of a is  $l(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & {}^{\circ}2 & {}^{\circ}2 & {}^{\circ}2 & {}^{\circ}3 & 4 \\ {}^{\circ}3 & {}^{\circ}2 & 4 & {}^{\circ}2 & {}^{\circ}2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let

Then we have

## COROLLARY 1.4

Fix A and its division (A,B). Let  $\alpha$  be a fixed partition.

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{\lambda} HS^{(A,B)}_{\lambda/\alpha}(x) \ t^{\operatorname{odd}(\lambda)} \\ &= \sum_{\mu} HS^{(A,B)}_{\alpha/\mu}(x) \ t^{\operatorname{odd}(\mu)} \cdot \prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in A \times A \cup B \times B \\ i < j}} \frac{1}{1 - x_i x_j} \prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in A \times B}} \frac{1}{1 - t x_i x_j} \prod_{\substack{i \in A}} \frac{1}{1 - t x_i} \prod_{i \in B} \frac{1 + t x_i}{1 - x_i^2} \end{split}$$

In particular,

$$\sum_{\lambda' \ even} HS^{(A,B)}_{\lambda/\alpha}(x) = \sum_{\mu' \ even} HS^{(A,B)}_{\alpha/\mu}(x) \prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in A \times A \cup B \times B \\ i < j}} \frac{1}{1 - x_i x_j} \prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in A \times B}} (1 + x_i x_j) \prod_{i \in B} \frac{1}{1 - x_i^2} \prod_{i \in B} \frac{$$

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