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#### Abstract

We consider the Grothendieck polynomials appearing in the K-theory of Grassmannians, which are analogs of Schur polynomials. This paper aims to establish a version of the Murnaghan-Nakayama rule for Grothendieck polynomials of the Grassmannian type. This rule allows us to express the product of a Grothendieck polynomial with a power sum symmetric polynomial into a linear combination of other Grothendieck polynomials.

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### 1 Introduction

The K-theory of flag varieties was studied by Kostant and Kumar [KK87], and by Demazure [Dem74]. In [Las07], [LS82], Lascoux and Schutzenberger introduced the Grothendieck polynomials as representatives for the structure sheaves of the Schubert varieties in a flag variety. For any permutation  $w \in \bigcup_{m\geq 1} S_m$ , the Grothendieck polynomial  $\mathfrak{G}_w := \mathfrak{G}_w(x_1, x_2, \ldots)$  is defined by isobaric divided difference operators. Fomin and Kirilov found combinatorial insight of these polynomials in [FK94], [FK96].

Let  $s_{\lambda}$  be the Schur function associated with a partition  $\lambda$ , and  $p_k$  be the powersum symmetric functions of degree k [Mac91]. The classical Murnaghan-Nakayama rule describes the decomposition of the product  $s_{\lambda}p_k$  to the sum of Schur functions [Mac91] as follows. We have

$$s_{\lambda} p_k = \sum_{\mu} (-1)^{r(\mu/\lambda)+1} s_{\mu},$$

where the sum runs over all partitions  $\mu$  such that  $\mu/\lambda$  is a ribbon of size k,  $r(\mu/\lambda)$  is the number of rows of skew shape  $\mu/\lambda$ .

The classical Murnaghan-Nakayama rule plays an important role in the representation theory of the symmetric groups. It gave a formula for the character table (see [Mur37], [Nak40a], [Nak40b]). For this reason, many extensions and generalizations of classical Murnaghan-Nakayama rule were studied. Indeed, a version for non-commutative symmetric functions is given by Fomin and Green in [FG98] (it led to formulas for characters of representations associated with stable Schubert and Grothendieck polynomials). A skew version and its generalization of multiplication with quantum power sum function are given by [AM11], [Kon12]. A version for noncommutative Schur functions can be found in [Tew16]. A plethystic version is given by [Wil16]. A version for loop Schur functions is given by [Ros14] (it provides a fundamental step in the orbifold Gromov–Witten/Donaldson–Thomas correspondence in [RZ13]). A version in the cohomology of an affine Grassmannian can be found in [BSZ11]. An extended version to Schubert polynomials and the quantum cohomology of Grassmannians can be found in [MS18].

In this paper, we restrict our attention on the simplest complex flag variety: the Grassmann variety of n dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+m}$ . The Grothendieck polynomials in this case are indexed by Grassmanian permutations [Buc02]. Namely, let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n)$  be a partition of length at most n. The Grassmannian permutation  $w_{\lambda}$  of descent n is defined by  $w_{\lambda}(i) = i + \lambda_{n+1-i}$  for  $i \in [1,n]$  and  $w_{\lambda}(i) < w_{\lambda}(i+1)$  for all  $i \neq n$ . Set  $G_{\lambda} = \mathfrak{G}_{w_{\lambda}}$ . There are several new formulas for  $G_{\lambda}$ , for example, in the terms of set-valued tableaux [Buc02] or Jacobi-Trudy identity [Kir16]. We here recall the Weyl identity given by Ikeda and Naruse [IN13] (see also [IS14]). Namely,

$$G_{\lambda} = \frac{\det(x_i^{\lambda_j + n - j} (1 + \beta x_i)^{j-1})_{n \times n}}{\prod_{1 \le i < j \le n} (x_i - x_j)},$$

where  $\beta$  is a formal parameter. Remind that, if  $\beta = 0$ , then  $G_{\lambda}$  is identified with the Schur function  $s_{\lambda}$ . The products of  $G_{\lambda}$  with other special symmetric polynomials  $e_k, h_k$  are mentioned in [Len00], in which Lenart studied the Pieri rules of the Grassmannian Grothendieck polynomials. Our work on the product  $G_{\lambda}p_k$  can be considered as a K-theoretic version of the classical Murnaghan-Nakayama rule.

Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be partions of length at most n and  $\lambda \leq \mu$ . Let  $|\mu/\lambda|, c(\mu/\lambda), r(\mu/\lambda)$  be the size, number of columns, number of rows of the skew shape  $\mu/\lambda$ . We say two boxes in a skew shape are *adjacent* whenever they share an edge, and we say a skew shape  $\mu/\lambda$  is *connected* whenever every pair of its boxes is connected by a sequence of adjacent boxes. A *ribbon* is a connected skew shape with no  $2 \times 2$  square. The main result of this paper is stated as follows.

**Theorem 1.** For any partition  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$G_{\lambda}p_{k} = \sum_{\mu} (-\beta)^{|\mu/\lambda|-k} (-1)^{k-c(\mu/\lambda)} \binom{r(\mu/\lambda)-1}{k-c(\mu/\lambda)} G_{\mu}, \tag{1}$$

where the sum runs over all partitions  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $\mu \geq \lambda$  such that  $c(\mu/\lambda) \leq k$ ,  $\mu/\lambda$  is connected and contains at least a ribbon of size k along with its northwest border.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we recall the basic knowledge related to symmetric polynomials, partitions, diagrams, binary tableaux, Grothendieck polynomials of Grassmannian type. In Section 3 we prove our main result.

# 2 Preliminaries

#### 2.1 Symmetric polynomials

A polynomial  $f(x_1, ..., x_n)$  in n variables is said to be *symmetric* if for all permutations  $\sigma \in S_n$ , we have

$$f(x_{\sigma(1)},\ldots,x_{\sigma(n)})=f(x_1,\ldots,x_n).$$

There are some fundamental symmetric polynomials: The k-th elementary symmetric polynomial

$$e_k = \sum_{1 \le i_1 < \dots < i_k \le n} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k},$$

the k-th complete homogeneous symmetric polynomial

$$h_k = \sum_{1 \le i_1 \le \dots \le i_k \le n} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k},$$

and the k-th power sum symmetric polynomial

$$p_k = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k.$$

The next lemma gives us a way to write the power sum symmetric polynomial in terms of elementary and complete homogeneous symmetric polynomials. It is one of the important keys in the proof of Theorem 1.

**Lemma 1.** Let k be a positive integer. Then we have

$$p_k = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^i (k-i) e_i h_{k-i}.$$
(2)

*Proof.* Consider the following generating functions

$$H(t) = \sum_{k \ge 0} h_k t^k = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1 - x_i t},$$

$$E(t) = \sum_{k>0} e_k t^k = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i t),$$

$$P(t) = \sum_{k \ge 1} p_k t^{k-1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{1 - x_i t}.$$

By (2.6), (2.10) in [Mac98], we have

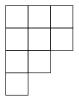
$$P(t) = H'(t)/H(t) = H'(t)E(-t).$$

Compare the coefficients of  $t^{k-1}$  in both sides of the identity, we get the conclusion.  $\Box$ 

### 2.2 Partitions, diagrams and binary tableaux

A non-negative integer sequence  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$  is called a partition if  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots$ . If  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l)$  with  $\lambda_l > 0$  and  $\sum\limits_{i=1}^l \lambda_i = m$ , we write  $l(\lambda) = l$ ,  $|\lambda| = m$ . We call  $l(\lambda)$  the length, and  $|\lambda|$  the size of the partition  $\lambda$ . Each partition  $\lambda$  is presented by a Young diagram that is a collection of boxes such that: The leftmost boxes of each row are in a column, and the numbers of boxes from top row to bottom row are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ , respectively.

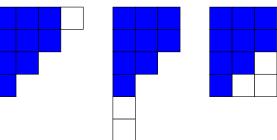
**Example 1.** The Young diagram associated to the partition  $\lambda = (3, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0)$  is



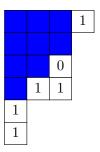
Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$  and  $\nu = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots)$  be partitions. We define the sum of two partitions by  $\lambda + \nu = (\lambda_1 + \nu_1, \lambda_2 + \nu_2, \dots)$ . For a non-negative integer n, we denote  $\mathcal{P}_n$  the set of all partition of length at most n. Let  $(1^n)$  be the n-tuple partition  $(1, \dots, 1)$ , and  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathcal{P}_n$ , then we have  $\lambda + (1^n) = (\lambda_1 + 1, \dots, \lambda_n + 1)$ .

Let  $\lambda=(\lambda_1,\lambda_2,\dots)$  and  $\mu=(\mu_1,\mu_2,\dots)$  be two partitions. We say that  $\lambda$  is smaller than  $\mu$  if and only if  $\lambda_i \leq \mu_i$  for all i, and we write  $\lambda \leq \mu$ . In this case, we define the skew Young diagram  $\mu/\lambda$  as the result of removing boxes in the Young diagram  $\lambda$  from the Young diagram  $\mu$ . We write  $|\mu/\lambda|=|\mu|-|\lambda|$  for the size, and  $r(\mu/\lambda), c(\mu/\lambda)$  for the number of rows, columns of the skew Young diagram  $\mu/\lambda$  respectively. We say two boxes in a skew shape are adjacent whenever they share an edge, and we say a skew shape  $\mu/\lambda$  is connected whenever every pair of its boxes is connected by a sequence of adjacent boxes. A ribbon is a connected skew shape with no  $2\times 2$  square. A binary tableau T of skew shape  $\mu/\lambda$  is a result of filling the skew Young diagram  $\mu/\lambda$  by the alphabet  $\{0,1\}$  such that the entry in the bottom of each column is 1. A binary tableau T is said to have content  $\alpha(T)=(\alpha_0,\alpha_1)$  if  $\alpha_i=\alpha_i(T)$  is the number of entries i in T. We write  $\mathrm{sh}(T)$  for the shape of the tableau T.

**Example 2.** We consider partitions in  $\mathcal{P}_6$ :  $\lambda = (3,3,2,1,0,0)$  and  $\mu = (4,3,3,3,1,1)$ . Then  $\mu \geq \lambda$  and the skew diagram  $\mu/\lambda$  has  $r(\mu/\lambda) = 5$  rows,  $c(\mu/\lambda) = 4$  columns. In this case  $\mu/\lambda$  is not connected and is not a ribbon. However, it contains ribbons of size 1,2,3, for example



The following tableau T is a binary tableau of skew shape  $sh(T) = \mu/\lambda$ .



Here the diagram in blue means the Young diagram  $\lambda$  removed from the Young diagram  $\mu$ . The content of the binary tableau T is  $\alpha(T) = (1, 5)$ .

### 2.3 Grothendieck polynomials of Grassmannian type

The K-theory of flag varieties was studied by Kostant and Kumar [KK87], and by Demazure [Dem74]. The Grothendieck polynomials were introduced by Lascoux and Schutzenberger as representatives for the structure sheaves of the Schubert varieties in a flag variety (see [Las07], [LS82]). For any permutation  $w \in \bigcup_{m\geq 1} S_m$ , the Grothendieck polynomial  $\mathfrak{G}_w := \mathfrak{G}_w(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  is defined by isobaric divided difference operators (see [Las07], [LS82]). In particular, for Grassmann varieties of n dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+m}$ , the Grothendieck polynomials are indexed by Grassmanian permutations [Buc02]. Namely, let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  be a partition of length at most n. The Grassmannian permutation  $w_\lambda$  of descent n is defined by  $w_\lambda(i) = i + \lambda_{n+1-i}$  for  $i \in [1, n]$  and  $w_\lambda(i) < w_\lambda(i+1)$  for all  $i \neq n$ . Set  $G_\lambda = \mathfrak{G}_{w_\lambda}$ . By [IN13], the polynomial can be defined by the following bi-alternant formula

$$G_{\lambda} = \frac{\det(x_i^{\lambda_j + n - j} (1 + \beta x_i)^{j-1})_{n \times n}}{\det(x_i^{n-j})_{n \times n}},$$

where the denominator

$$\det(x_i^{n-j})_{n \times n} = \prod_{1 \le i < j \le n} (x_i - x_j)$$

is the well-known Vandermonde determinant.

**Example 3.** For n=2 and  $\lambda=(2,1)$ , we have

$$G_{(2,1)}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_1^3 & x_1(1 + \beta x_1) \\ x_2^3 & x_2(1 + \beta x_2) \end{vmatrix}}{x_1 - x_2}$$
$$= x_1^2 x_2 + x_1 x_2^2 + \beta x_1^2 x_2^2$$

**Remark 1.** For  $\beta = 0$ , the Grothendieck polynomial  $G_{\lambda}$  is coincide with the Schur polyninomial  $s_{\lambda}$ .

### 3 Proof of the main theorem

We only need to focus on the case  $\beta \neq 0$ . Indeed, if  $\beta = 0$ , then  $G_{\lambda}$  is the Schur function associated with partition  $\lambda$ . The Murnaghan-Nakayama rule for Schur polynomials is very well-known (see [Mac91]). When  $\beta \neq 0$ , set

$$\widetilde{G}_{\lambda}(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \beta^{|\lambda|} G_{\lambda}\left(\frac{x_1}{\beta},\ldots,\frac{x_n}{\beta}\right).$$

Theorem 1 can be reduced to the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** For any partition  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\widetilde{G}_{\lambda} p_k = \sum_{\mu} (-1)^{|\mu/\lambda| - c(\mu/\lambda)} \binom{r(\mu/\lambda) - 1}{k - c(\mu/\lambda)} \widetilde{G}_{\mu}, \tag{3}$$

where the sum runs over all partitions  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $\mu \geq \lambda$  such that  $c(\mu/\lambda) \leq k$ ,  $\mu/\lambda$  is connected and contains a ribbon of size k along with its northwest border.

Before going to the proof, we need to restate the following lemma. It was used in [Len00] as one of the important keys to obtain the Pieri rules for Grothendieck polynomials of Grassmannian type.

**Lemma 2.** [Len00, Theorem 3.2] For any partition  $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}_n$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\widetilde{G}_{\lambda} e_k = \sum_{T: \operatorname{sh}(T) = \mu/\lambda} (-1)^{\alpha_0(T)} \widetilde{G}_{\mu}, \tag{4}$$

$$\widetilde{G}_{\lambda} h_k = \sum_{T: \operatorname{sh}(T) = \mu/\lambda} (-1)^{\alpha_0(T)} \widetilde{G}_{\mu}. \tag{5}$$

The first sum runs over all binary tableaux T of shape  $\mu/\lambda$  with  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq \lambda + (1^n)$ ,  $\alpha_1(T) = k$ . The second sum runs over all binary tableaux T of shape  $\mu/\lambda$  with  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $\lambda \leq \mu$ ,  $\alpha_1(T) = k$ , no two 1's in the same column.

*Proof of Theorem 2.* By Lemmas 1 and 2, we have

$$\widetilde{G}_{\lambda}p_{k} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^{i} (k-i)\widetilde{G}_{\lambda}e_{i}h_{k-i}$$

$$\tag{6}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^i (k-i) \sum_{T_1: \operatorname{sh}(T_1) = \nu/\lambda} (-1)^{\alpha_0(T_1)} \widetilde{G}_{\nu} h_{k-i}$$
 (7)

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^i (k-i) \sum_{T_1: \operatorname{sh}(T_1) = \nu/\lambda} (-1)^{\alpha_0(T_1)} \sum_{T_2: \operatorname{sh}(T_2) = \mu/\nu} (-1)^{\alpha_0(T_2)} \widetilde{G}_{\mu}$$
(8)

$$= \sum_{\mu} \sum_{T=T_1 \cup T_2: \operatorname{sh}(T)=\mu/\lambda} (-1)^{|\mu/\lambda|-\alpha_1(T_2)} \alpha_1(T_2) \widetilde{G}_{\mu}.$$
 (9)

The last sum runs over binary tableaux  $T = T_1 \cup T_2$  of shape  $\mu/\lambda$ , with  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_n$ ,  $\mu \geq \lambda$ ,  $\alpha_1(T) = k$ , and  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  are of the forms mentioned in the equalities (4), (5), respectively. Fix such a shape  $\mu$  containing  $\lambda$ , we are going to determine the form of  $\mu$  and the coefficient of  $\widetilde{G}_{\mu}$  appearing in the decomposition of  $\widetilde{G}_{\lambda}p_k$ .

First step: Construct all tableaux T mentioned in (9). We proceed as follows.

- First, we numbering all boxes in the bottom of each column of the skew diagram  $\mu/\lambda$  by 1. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the set of boxes we have created.
- Now, we will choose a subset of boxes in  $\mathcal{B}$  and decide it as the set of boxes in bottom of  $T_2$ , say  $\mathcal{B}_2$ . In fact, we can not choose such subset randomly because its completion in  $\mathcal{B}$ , say  $\mathcal{B}_1$ , will be a subset of boxes in bottom of  $T_1$ . Hence, it must satisfy a strict condition that the boxes in  $\mathcal{B}_1$  is located in the skew diagram  $(\lambda + (1^n))/\lambda$ . So, to choose a subset  $\mathcal{B}_2$ , we should start from choosing  $\mathcal{B}_1$ . Fix a number of entries 1 in  $T_2$ , say  $\alpha_1(T_2) = j$ , we have

- The cardinal of  $\mathcal{B}_1$  is  $c(\mu/\lambda) j$ .
- The elements in  $\mathcal{B}_1$  are chosen randomly from  $\gamma := \mathcal{B} \cap (\lambda + (1^n))/\lambda$ .

Hence for a fixed  $\alpha_1(T_2) = j$ , the number of choices of  $\mathcal{B}_2$  is equal the number of choices of  $\mathcal{B}_1$  and it is

$$\binom{|\gamma|}{c(\mu/\lambda) - j}.$$
 (10)

Since  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{B} \setminus \mathcal{B}_1$ , we have

$$j = |\mathcal{B}_2| \in [|\mathcal{B} \setminus \mathcal{B}_1|, |\mathcal{B}|] = [c(\mu/\lambda) - |\gamma|, c(\mu/\lambda)]. \tag{11}$$

- Now, the last step to construct tableau T is locating remaining entries 1 of T which is not in the bottom  $\mathcal{B}$  in the skew diagram  $(\lambda + (1^n)/\lambda) \cap (\mu/\lambda)$ . We have
  - The number of remaining entries 1 is  $k c(\mu/\lambda)$ .
  - Such entries 1 are chosen randomly from  $\eta := (\lambda + (1^n)/\lambda) \cap (\mu/\lambda) \setminus \gamma$ .

Hence the number of choice of this step is

$$\binom{|\eta|}{k - c(\mu/\lambda)}.$$
 (12)

So, we have described a way to construct tableaux T of given skew shape  $\mu/\lambda$  such that the numbers of entries 1 in  $T_2$  is a fixed number j.

Second step: Substitute (11), (10), (12) to (9) and simplify it. We have

$$\widetilde{G}_{\lambda} p_{k} = \sum_{\mu} \sum_{j=c(\mu/\lambda)-|\gamma|}^{c(\mu/\lambda)} (-1)^{|\mu/\lambda|-j} j \binom{|\gamma|}{c(\mu/\lambda)-j} \binom{|\eta|}{k-c(\mu/\lambda)} \widetilde{G}_{\mu}. \tag{13}$$

Note that the binomial coefficient

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\eta| \\ k - c(\mu/\lambda) \end{pmatrix}$$

depends only on  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$  and k. Thus, in order to simplify the coefficient of  $\widetilde{G}_{\mu}$ , we only need to determine the sum

$$\sum_{j=c(\mu/\lambda)-|\gamma|}^{c(\mu/\lambda)} (-1)^{|\mu/\lambda|-j} j \binom{|\gamma|}{c(\mu/\lambda)-j}.$$

Obviously,  $|\gamma| \geq 1$ . We prove the following lemma.

Lemma 3. The sum

$$\sum_{j=c(\mu/\lambda)-|\gamma|}^{c(\mu/\lambda)} (-1)^{c(\mu/\lambda)-j} j \binom{|\gamma|}{c(\mu/\lambda)-j}$$
(14)

is equal to 0 if  $|\gamma| > 1$  and 1 if  $|\gamma| = 1$ .

*Proof.* Set  $i = c(\mu/\lambda) - j$  and  $c = c(\mu/\lambda)$ . Then (14) can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{i=0}^{|\gamma|} (-1)^i (c-i) \binom{|\gamma|}{i} = c \sum_{i=0}^{|\gamma|} (-1)^i \binom{|\gamma|}{i} - \sum_{i=0}^{|\gamma|} (-1)^i i \binom{|\gamma|}{i}.$$

Since  $|\gamma| \geq 1$ , then

$$\sum_{i=0}^{|\gamma|} (-1)^i \binom{|\gamma|}{i} = (1-1)^{|\gamma|} = 0.$$

If  $|\gamma| > 1$ , then

$$\sum_{i=0}^{|\gamma|} (-1)^i i \binom{|\gamma|}{i} = |\gamma| (1-1)^{|\gamma|-1} = 0.$$

If  $|\gamma| = 1$ , then

$$\sum_{i=0}^{|\gamma|} (-1)^i i \binom{|\gamma|}{i} = \sum_{i=0}^1 (-1)^i i \binom{1}{i} = -1.$$

We obtain the result as desired.

Now, we consider two cases.

• If  $|\gamma| = 1$  then  $|(\lambda + (1^n)/\lambda) \cap (\mu/\lambda)| = r(\mu/\lambda)$  because if not, then  $|\gamma| > 1$ . So  $|\eta| = r(\mu/\lambda) - 1$ . The coefficient of  $\widetilde{G}_{\mu}$  in (13) is

$$(-1)^{|\mu/\lambda|-c(\mu/\lambda)} \binom{r(\mu/\lambda)-1}{k-c(\mu/\lambda)}.$$

• If  $|\gamma| > 1$ , the coefficient of  $\widetilde{G}_{\mu}$  in (13) is 0.

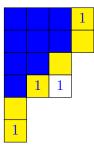
We see that, the condition  $|\gamma| = 1$  is equivalent to the condition  $\mu/\lambda$  is connected. When  $|\gamma| = 1$ , the conditions  $\mu/\lambda$  is a shape of a tableau  $T = T_1 \cup T_2$ , where  $T_1, T_2$  are of form in (4), (5) and  $\alpha_1(T) = k$  are equivalent to the conditions  $c(\mu/\lambda) \leq k$  (entries 1 in bottom  $\mathcal{B}$  is a part of all entries 1 of T),  $k - c(\mu/\lambda) \leq r(\mu/\lambda) - 1$  (entries 1 not in bottom  $\mathcal{B}$  can be filled into  $\eta$ ). The last inequality condition can be rewritten as

$$k \le c(\mu/\lambda) + r(\mu/\lambda) - 1. \tag{15}$$

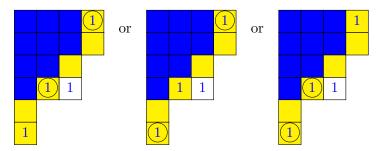
Since  $\mu/\lambda$  is connected, the right hand side of (15) counts the boxes of the maximal ribbon contained in skew shape  $\mu/\lambda$  along with its northwest border. Hence, the conditions of  $\mu$  such that  $\tilde{G}_{\mu}$  appears in the decomposition of  $\tilde{G}_{\lambda}p_{k}$  are:  $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_{n}, \mu \geq \lambda$  such that  $c(\mu/\lambda) \leq k, \ \mu/\lambda$  is connected and contains at least a ribbon of size k along with its northwest border.

The example below visualize the first step: constructing tableaux T, in the proof of Theorem 2.

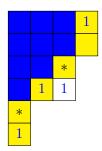
**Example 4.** We continue Example 2. In the picture below,  $\mathcal{B}$  is the set of four boxes  $\boxed{1}$ , and the skew diagram  $(\lambda + (1^n))/\lambda$  is colored in yellow. So  $\gamma$  is the set of three yellow boxes with blue entries 1 inside.



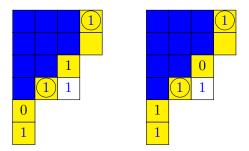
The range of the number of entries 1 in  $T_2$  is  $j \in [1,4]$ . If we fix j = 2, then there are three choices of  $\mathcal{B}_1$  (also  $\mathcal{B}_2$ ) as in the picture below (the entries 1 in  $\mathcal{B}_1$  are circled).



The skew shape  $\eta$  contains two boxes where we put \* inside in the picture below.



If k = 5, then we just need to put only one remaining entry 1 randomly to the boxes marked by \*. The remaining boxes of  $\mu/\lambda$  are numbered by 0. For example, if we fix the first choice of  $\mathcal{B}_1$  in the picture above (j = 2), we have two tableaux below (empty yellow boxes are not counted in tableaux).



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