## ADDENDUM TO:

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## Introduction

The present note concerns mainly restricting Schubert classes. An example of this operation was discussed in Proposition 8 of the above paper (quoted in the following as $[\mathrm{P}]$ ). This example is revisited in the present note, and a combinatorial interpretation of the restriction coefficients, based on Stembridge's results [St], is given.

Secondly, by comparing the formula appearing in the title of $[\mathrm{P}]$ with the mentioned results of Stembridge and some other combinatorial results, we deduce some new identities in Propositions 2-6. They concern (apart of the restrictions of Schubert classes to the cohomology of Lagrangian Grassmannians) also relations between $Q$-functions, Stembridge's coefficients, and various "hook numbers". Moreover, we provide some examples illustrating $[\mathrm{P}]$ and the formulas given in the present note.

In this note, any unexplained notation or quotation stems from $[\mathrm{P}]$. However, in order to make the notation maximally compatible with that used in [St] (which is our prinicipal reference here), we label strict partitions by $\lambda$, and $\mu$ usually denotes an ordinary partition, contrariwise to $[\mathrm{P}]$.

But before passing to the proper content of this note, we correct some points in [P]. Namely, due to some bugs in the computer system SCHUR [Sch], [P, Example 3(b)] was miscalculated: the quadratic expression in $Q$-functions displayed there, written as a $\mathbb{Z}$-linear combination of $Q$-functions, contains no negative summands. Consequently the sentence on p.585, lines 6-7 from the bottom, is to be withdrawn from [P]. (These corrections do not affect other results of $[\mathrm{P}]$, in particular the main formulas.)

## 1. Nonnegativity of the restriction coefficients

In fact, if

$$
\begin{equation*}
i^{*}\left(\sigma_{\mu}\right)=\sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda \mu} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $c_{\lambda \mu} \in \mathbb{Z}$, then all the coefficients $c_{\lambda \mu}$ are nonnegative. Perhaps the easiest way to see this, is the following. Let for $a \in H^{*}(G ; \mathbb{Z}), \int_{G} a$ stand for the degree of the top codimensional component of $a$, and define similarly $\int_{G^{\prime}} b$ for $b \in H^{*}\left(G^{\prime} ; \mathbb{Z}\right)$. Given a strict partition $\lambda \subset(n, n-1, \ldots, 1)$, we denote by $\lambda^{\vee}$ the strict partition whose parts complement those of $\lambda$ in $\{1, \ldots, n\}$. We record the following property [P2]:

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Lemma 1 (Duality). The basis $\left\{\sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime}\right\}$ of the group $H^{2 p}\left(G^{\prime} ; \mathbb{Z}\right)$ and the basis $\left\{\sigma_{\lambda \vee}^{\prime}\right\}$ of the group $H^{n(n+1)-2 p}\left(G^{\prime} ; \mathbb{Z}\right)$ are dual under the pairing $(a, b) \mapsto \int_{G^{\prime}} a \cdot b$ of Poincaré duality.

Now, if $i^{*}\left(\sigma_{\mu}\right)=\sum_{\lambda} c_{\lambda \mu} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime}$, with $c_{\lambda \mu} \in \mathbb{Z}$, then it follows from the duality property that

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{\lambda \mu}=\int_{G^{\prime}} i^{*}\left(\sigma_{\mu}\right) \cdot \sigma_{\lambda^{\vee}}^{\prime} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using the projection formula for $i$, this is rewritten as

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{\lambda \mu}=\int_{G} \sigma_{\mu} \cdot i_{*}\left(\sigma_{\lambda^{\vee}}^{\prime}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Regard $G$ as a homogeneous space $G L(V) / P$, where $P$ is a suitable parabolic subgroup of $G L(V)$. Let $\Omega \subset G$ be a Schubert variety representing $\sigma_{\mu}$ and let $\Omega^{\prime} \subset G^{\prime} \subset G$ be a Schubert variety representing $\sigma_{\lambda \vee}^{\prime}$. Using e.g. Kleiman's theorem on a general translate $[\mathrm{K}]$, we can replace $\Omega$ by a translate by an element $g \in G L(V)$ such that $g \cdot \Omega$ and $\Omega^{\prime}$ meet properly, and this intersection is represented as a nonnegative zero-cycle. This shows that $c_{\lambda \mu} \geq 0$.

A similar property holds in the following more general setting. Let now $G \supset$ $P \supset B$ be a semisimple linear algebraic group, a parabolic subgroup, and a Borel subgroup. In a generalized flag variety $G / P$, one has Schubert varieties $\overline{B w P / P}$ and their Schubert classes in $H^{*}(G / P ; \mathbb{Z})$ indexed by a corresponding subset of the Weyl group. These Schubert classes enjoy a similar duality property. In an analogous way, using a general translate argument, one shows that the fundamental class of any subscheme of $G / P$ is a $\mathbb{Z}$-linear combination of the Schubert classes in $H^{*}(G / P ; \mathbb{Z})$ with nonnegative coefficients. Combining this with a well-known fact about pulling back the class of a Cohen-Macaulay subscheme (see, e.g., Lemma on p. 108 in [F-P]), we get the following result (also implying the nonnegativity of the above $c_{\lambda \mu}$ ):

Proposition 1. Let $f: G / P \rightarrow Y$ be morphism to a nonsingular variety $Y$. Let $Z$ be a pure-dimensional closed Cohen-Macaulay subscheme of $Y$. Then $f^{*}([Z])$ is a $\mathbb{Z}$-linear combination of the Schubert classes in $H^{*}(G / P ; \mathbb{Z})$ with nonnegative coefficients.

## 2. Stembridge's coefficients

We recall (see the discussion after [P, Proposition 8]) that the coefficients appearing in (1) and those appearing in:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\eta\left(s_{\mu}\right)=\sum_{\lambda} g_{\lambda \mu} Q_{\lambda} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

satisfy $\quad c_{\lambda \mu}=g_{\lambda \mu}$. Here, we take suficiently large Grassmannians $i: G^{\prime} \hookrightarrow G$. To be more precise, this means that given $\mu$, we take $n \geq|\mu|$ so that any strict partition $\lambda$ with $|\lambda|=|\mu|$ is contained in $(n, n-1, \ldots, 1)$. Consequently, all the coefficients $g_{\lambda \mu}$ are nonnegative. But this result, together with a combinatorial
interpretation of the $g_{\lambda \mu}$ 's, was already established by Stembridge in [St]. ${ }^{1}$ Indeed, the last displayed (unnumbered) equality before [St, Theorem 9.3]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
" S_{\mu}=\sum_{\lambda \in D P_{n}} g_{\lambda \mu} Q_{\lambda} " \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

is identical with (4) because $S_{\mu}$ in the notation of [St] (and [M]) is equal to $\eta\left(s_{\mu}\right)$ in our notation. ${ }^{2}$ In $[\mathrm{St}],(5)$ is a consequence of the equality

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{\lambda}=\sum_{|\mu|=|\lambda|} g_{\lambda \mu} s_{\mu} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $P_{\lambda}=2^{-l(\lambda)} Q_{\lambda}$, and comparison of the canonical scalar products on the ring of all symmetric functions with that on the ring of $Q$-functions. To the nonnegativity of $g_{\lambda \mu}$ is given, in loc. cit., several interpretations in representation theory, some of which go back to Morris and Stanley.
(Observe that (4) and (6) yield the following expression for $\eta\left(P_{\lambda}\right)$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\eta\left(P_{\lambda}\right)=\sum_{|\mu|=|\lambda|} g_{\lambda \mu} \eta\left(s_{\mu}\right)=\sum_{|\mu|=|\lambda||\nu|=|\lambda|} \sum_{\lambda \mu} g_{\nu \mu} Q_{\nu} .\right) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Stembridge [St] also established a combinatorial interpretation of the numbers $f_{\mu \nu}^{\lambda}$ appearing as coefficients in the expansion:

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{\mu} P_{\nu}=\sum_{\lambda} f_{\mu \nu}^{\lambda} P_{\lambda}, \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mu, \nu$, and $\lambda$ denote now strict partitions. It will be convenient to set

$$
\begin{equation*}
e_{\mu \nu}^{\lambda}:=2^{l(\mu)+l(\nu)-l(\lambda)} f_{\mu \nu}^{\lambda} . \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

There exists a geometric analogue of (8): in the cohomology ring $H^{*}\left(G^{\prime} ; \mathbb{Z}\right)$ of a sufficiently large Lagrangian Grassmannian,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{\mu}^{\prime} \cdot \sigma_{\nu}^{\prime}=\sum_{\lambda} e_{\mu \nu}^{\lambda} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

(See [P2, Sect.6].)
Stembridge's combinatorial description of the above $f_{\mu \nu}^{\lambda}$ and $g_{\lambda \mu}$ can be summarized by the following:
Theorem [St] (version from [M]). (i) The coefficient $f_{\mu \nu}^{\lambda}$ is equal to the number of marked shifted tableaux $T$ of shape $\lambda / \mu$ and weight $\nu$ such that:
(a) The word $w(T)$ associated with $T$ [M, p.258]) has the lattice property in the sense of loc.cit.;
(b) for each $k \geq 1$, the rightmost occurence of $k^{\prime}$ in $w(T)$ precedes the last occurence of $k$.
(ii) The coefficient $g_{\lambda \mu}$ is equal to the number of unshifted marked tableaux $T$ of shape $\mu$ and weight $\lambda$ satisfying (a) and (b) above.

For all unexplained here combinatorial notions, we refer the reader to [M, III. 8 pp.255-259]; compare also [St, Sect. 6 and 8] and [P2, Sect.4]. We make no attempt to make a complete survey here. Some examples of the coefficients $g_{\lambda \mu}$ will be given below.

Summarizing the content of this section, we record:

[^0]Proposition 2. We have for a partition $\mu \subset\left(n^{n}\right)$

$$
\begin{equation*}
i^{*}\left(\sigma_{\mu}\right)=\sum_{\lambda} g_{\lambda \mu} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\lambda$ runs over strict partitions contained in $(n, n-1, \ldots, 1)$, and $g_{\lambda \mu}$ is the Stembridge coefficient described in Theorem (ii).

## 3. Quadratic relations between $Q$-functions

We pass now to some applications of the generalized Macdonald-You formula ([L-L2], [P, Corollary 2]):

$$
\begin{equation*}
2^{n} \eta\left(s_{\mu}\right)=\sum Q_{\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)} \cdot Q_{A \# B \backslash\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)} . \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Recall that here, for $\mu=\left(\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{n} \mid \beta_{1}, \ldots, \beta_{n}\right)$ in Frobenius notation,

$$
\begin{equation*}
A=\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right):=\left(\alpha_{1}+1, \ldots, \alpha_{n}+1\right), \quad B:=\left(\beta_{1}, \ldots, \beta_{n}\right) \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the sum is over all sequences $1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq n$ and $k=0,1, \ldots, n$.
Since $\eta\left(e_{i}\right)=\eta\left(h_{i}\right)$, where $h_{i}$ is the $i$ th complete homogeneous symmetric function, we have for a partition $\mu$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\eta\left(s_{\mu \sim}\right)=\eta\left(s_{\mu}\right) \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mu^{\sim}=\left(\beta_{1}, \ldots, \beta_{n} \mid \alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{n}\right)$ is the conjugate partition of $\mu$. We set in addition

$$
\begin{equation*}
C=\left(c_{1}, \ldots, c_{n}\right):=\left(\beta_{1}+1, \ldots, \beta_{n}+1\right), \quad D:=\left(\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{n}\right) \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then (12) and (14) imply the following:
Proposition 3. We have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum Q_{\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)} \cdot Q_{A \# B \backslash\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)}=\sum Q_{\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c_{i_{k}}\right)} \cdot Q_{C \# D \backslash\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c_{i_{k}}\right)}, \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the sums are over all sequences $1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq n$ and $k=0,1, \ldots, n$.
The relations (16), regarded from the side of $Q$-functions, seem to be rather nontrivial. For instance, for $\mu=\left(5^{3} 31^{3}\right)=(432 \mid 621)$, so $A=(5,4,3), B=(6,2,1)$, $C=(7,3,2)$, and $D=(4,3,2)$, we get the equation

$$
\begin{align*}
& Q_{654321}-Q_{5} \cdot Q_{64321}+Q_{4} \cdot Q_{65321}-Q_{3} \cdot Q_{65421}-Q_{54} \cdot Q_{6321} \\
& +Q_{53} \cdot Q_{6421}-Q_{43} \cdot Q_{6521}+Q_{543} \cdot Q_{621}  \tag{17}\\
& =Q_{32} \cdot Q_{7432}+Q_{732} \cdot Q_{432}
\end{align*}
$$

Using a (hopefully) debugged version of SCHUR, (16) is expressed as the following $\mathbb{Z}$-linear combination of the $Q_{\lambda}$ 's :

$$
\begin{array}{lllll}
8 Q_{1164} & +8 Q_{11631} & +8 Q_{11541} & +8 Q_{11532} & +8 Q_{10} 74 \\
+8 Q_{10} 731 & +8 Q_{10} 65 & +24 Q_{10641} & +24 Q_{10} 632 & +24 Q_{10542} \\
+8 Q_{105321} & +8 Q_{975} & +16 Q_{9741} & +16 Q_{9732} & +16 Q_{9651} \\
+48 Q_{9642} & +16 Q_{96321} & +16 Q_{9543} & +16 Q_{95421} & +8 Q_{8751} \\
+24 Q_{8742} & +8 Q_{87321} & +24 Q_{8652} & +24 Q_{8643} & +24 Q_{86421} \\
+8 Q_{85431} & +8 Q_{7653} & +8 Q_{76521} & +8 Q_{76431} &
\end{array}
$$

Consequently, taking sufficiently large Grassmannians $i: G^{\prime} \hookrightarrow G$, we have

$$
\begin{array}{lllll}
i^{*}\left(\sigma_{5^{3} 31^{3}}\right)= & & & \\
\sigma_{1164}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{11}^{\prime} 631 & +\sigma_{11541}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{11532}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{10}^{\prime} 74 \\
+\sigma_{10}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{10}^{\prime} 65 & +3 \sigma_{10}^{\prime} & +341 & +3 \sigma_{10632}^{\prime} \\
+\sigma_{105321}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{975}^{\prime} & +2 \sigma_{9741}^{\prime} & +2 \sigma_{9732}^{\prime} & +2 \sigma_{96542}^{\prime} \\
+6 \sigma_{9642}^{\prime} & +2 \sigma_{96321}^{\prime} & +2 \sigma_{9543}^{\prime} & +2 \sigma_{95421}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{8751}^{\prime} \\
+3 \sigma_{8742}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{87321}^{\prime} & +3 \sigma_{8652}^{\prime} & +3 \sigma_{8643}^{\prime} & +3 \sigma_{86421}^{\prime} \\
+\sigma_{85431}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{7653}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{76521}^{\prime} & +\sigma_{76431}^{\prime} &
\end{array}
$$

So e.g. we have: $g_{\left(5^{3} 31^{3}\right)(1164)}=1, g_{\left(5^{3} 31^{3}\right)(10641)}=3, g_{\left(5^{3} 31^{3}\right)(9741)}=2$, and $g_{\left(5^{3} 31^{3}\right)(9642)}=6$.

## 4. Linear relations between Stembridge's coefficients

Combining (4), (12), and (16), we have in the above notation, associated with a fixed $\mu$

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum Q_{\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)} \cdot Q_{A \# B \backslash\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)} \\
& =\sum Q_{\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c i_{k}\right)} \cdot Q_{C \# D \backslash\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c_{i_{k}}\right)}=2^{n} \sum_{\lambda} g_{\lambda \mu} Q_{\lambda}, \tag{18}
\end{align*}
$$

where the first two sums are over all sequences $1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq n$ and $k=$ $0,1, \ldots, n$.

The equalities (18) imply linear relations between the $e_{\mu \nu}^{\lambda}$ 's and $g_{\lambda \mu}$ 's. Given a sequence of different positive integers $K=\left(k_{1}, \ldots, k_{l}\right)$, there is a permutation $w=w_{K} \in S_{l}$ such that $k_{w(1)}>\cdots>k_{w(l)}>0$. Denote this last-mentioned strict partition by $\langle K\rangle$. Then given strict partitions $\mu, \lambda$ and a sequence $K$ as above, we set

$$
\begin{equation*}
e_{\mu K}^{\lambda}:=\operatorname{sgn}\left(w_{K}\right) e_{\mu<K>}^{\lambda} . \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (18) and (16) we get the following result:
Proposition 4. For a fixed partition $\mu$ and strict partition $\lambda$ with $|\mu|=|\lambda|$, we have in the above notation associated with $\mu$

$$
\begin{align*}
2^{n} g_{\lambda \mu} & =\sum e_{\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right), A \# B \backslash\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)}^{\lambda}  \tag{20}\\
& =\sum e_{\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c_{i_{k}}\right), C \# D \backslash\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c_{i_{k}}\right)}^{\lambda},
\end{align*}
$$

where the sums are over all sequences $1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq n$ for which $A \# B \backslash$ $\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)$ (resp. $\left.C \# D \backslash\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c_{i_{k}}\right)\right)$ is a sequence of different integers, and $k=0,1, \ldots, n$.

For instance, for any strict partition $\lambda$ with $|\lambda|=21$, and for $\mu=\left(5^{3} 31^{3}\right)=$ (432|621), we get the equations:

$$
\begin{aligned}
2^{3} g_{\lambda\left(5^{3} 31^{3}\right)}= & e_{(654321)(\emptyset)}^{\lambda}-e_{(5)(64321)}^{\lambda}+e_{(4)(65321)}^{\lambda}-e_{(3)(65421)}^{\lambda}-e_{(54)(6321)}^{\lambda} \\
& +e_{(53)(6421)}^{\lambda}-e_{(43)(6521)}^{\lambda}+e_{(543)(621)}^{\lambda} \\
= & e_{(32)(7432)}^{\lambda}+e_{(732)(432) .}^{\lambda} .
\end{aligned}
$$

## 5. The class $i_{*}\left(\sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime}\right)$ as a $\mathbb{Z}$-linear combination of the $\sigma_{\mu}$ 's

By reasoning similarly as in $\S 1$, one shows that for any proper morphism $f$ : $X \rightarrow G / P$ from a scheme $X$ to a generalized flag variety $G / P$, and for any irreducible subscheme $Y \subset X, f_{*}([Y])$ is a $\mathbb{Z}$-linear combination of Schubert classes in $H^{*}(G / P ; \mathbb{Z})$ with nonnegative coefficients.

The next proposition will give $i_{*}\left(\sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime}\right)$ as an explicit $\mathbb{Z}$-linear combination of the $\sigma_{\mu}$ 's. Given a partition $\mu \subset\left(n^{n}\right)$, we set $\mu^{\star}:=\left(n-\mu_{n}, \ldots, n-\mu_{1}\right)$. The following duality property is a well-known result of Schubert calculus [F]:

Lemma 2. The basis $\left\{\sigma_{\mu}\right\}$ of the group $H^{2 p}(G ; \mathbb{Z})$ and the basis $\left\{\sigma_{\mu^{\star}}\right\}$ of the group $H^{2\left(n^{2}-p\right)}(G ; \mathbb{Z})$ are dual under the pairing $(a, b) \mapsto \int_{G} a \cdot b$ of Poincaré duality.

We now state:
Proposition 5. For a fixed strict partition $\lambda \subset(n, n-1, \ldots, 1)$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
i_{*}\left(\sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime}\right)=\sum_{|\mu|=|\lambda|+n(n-1) / 2} g_{\lambda^{\vee}, \mu^{\star}} \sigma_{\mu}, \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mu$ runs over partitions contained in $\left(n^{n}\right)$ and $g_{\lambda^{\vee}, \mu^{\star}}$ is the Stembridge coefficient described in Theorem (ii).

Indeed, if $i_{*}\left(\sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime}\right)=\sum_{\mu} m_{\lambda \mu} \sigma_{\mu}$, with $m_{\lambda \mu} \in \mathbb{Z}$ (so that $\left.|\mu|=|\lambda|+n(n-1) / 2\right)$, then it follows from Lemma 2 that

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{\lambda \mu}=\int_{G}\left(i_{*} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime}\right) \cdot \sigma_{\mu^{\star}} \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

Using the projection formula for $i$, this is rewritten as

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{\lambda \mu}=\int_{G^{\prime}} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime} \cdot i^{*}\left(\sigma_{\mu^{\star}}\right) \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

In turn, using the description of $i^{*}\left(\sigma_{\mu^{*}}\right)$ from Proposition $2,(23)$ is rewritten as

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{\lambda \mu}=\int_{G^{\prime}} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\prime} \cdot\left(\sum_{\nu} g_{\nu \mu^{\star}} \sigma_{\nu}^{\prime}\right)=\int_{G^{\prime}} \sum_{\tau} \sum_{\nu} e_{\lambda \nu}^{\tau} g_{\nu \mu^{\star}} \sigma_{\tau}^{\prime}=g_{\lambda^{\vee}, \mu^{\star}} \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

because only $\tau=(n, n-1, \ldots, 1)$ and $\nu=\lambda^{\vee}$ give a nonzero contribution (note that for such $\tau$ and $\nu$, we have $e_{\lambda \nu}^{\tau}=1$ ).

## 6. Relations between the degrees of the ordinary and projective representations of the symmetric groups

For a partition $\mu$, we set

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{f}^{\mu}:=\prod_{x \in \mu} \frac{1}{h(x)} \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $h(x)$ is the hook-length of $\mu$ at $x=(i, j)$ defined by $h(x)=h(i, j)=\mu_{i}+\mu_{j}^{\sim}-$ $i-j+1$. If $|\mu|=m$ then $f^{\mu}:=m!\bar{f}^{\mu}$ is the degree of the irreducible representation of $S_{m}$ corresponding to $\mu$. Equivalently, $f^{\mu}$ is the number of standard tableaux of
shape $\mu$, obtained by labeling the squares of the diagram of $\mu$ with the numbers $1,2, \ldots, m$. We refer to [F] for a detailed discussion of these facts.

For a strict partition $\lambda$, we set

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{g}^{\lambda}:=\prod_{x \in S(\lambda)} \frac{1}{h(x)} \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S(\lambda)$ is the shifted diagram associated with $\lambda$ [M, p.255], and for each square $x \in S(\lambda)$ the hook-length $h(x)$ is defined to be the hook-length at $x$ in the "double diagram" $\left(\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \ldots \mid \lambda_{1}-1, \lambda_{2}-1, \ldots\right)$, containing $S(\lambda)$. If $|\lambda|=m, g^{\lambda}:=m!\bar{g}^{\lambda}$ is the number of shifted standard tableaux of shape $S(\lambda)$, obtained by labeling the squares of $S(\lambda)$ with the numbers $1,2, \ldots, m$ with strict increase along each row and down each column. The numbers $g^{\lambda}$ also admit an interpretation as the degree of suitable projective representations of $S_{m}$. We refer to $[\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{H}]$ for a detailed discussion of these results.

One has the following formulas, in terms of parts, for $\bar{f}^{\mu}$ [M, I. 1 Example 1] and $\bar{g}^{\lambda}$ [M, III. 8 Example 12]:

$$
\begin{align*}
\bar{f}^{\mu} & =\frac{\prod_{i<j}\left(\mu_{i}-\mu_{j}-i+j\right)}{\prod_{i \geq 1}\left(\mu_{i}+n-i\right)!}  \tag{27}\\
\bar{g}^{\lambda} & =\frac{1}{\prod_{i \geq 1} \lambda_{i}!} \prod_{i<j} \frac{\lambda_{i}-\lambda_{j}}{\lambda_{i}+\lambda_{j}} \tag{28}
\end{align*}
$$

We now record:
Lemma 3. (i) Under the specialization $e_{i}:=\frac{1}{i!}, s_{\mu}$ becomes $\bar{f}^{\mu}$.
(ii) Under the specialization $Q_{i}:=\frac{1}{i!}, Q_{\lambda}$ becomes $\bar{g}^{\lambda}$.
(For assertion (i), see [M, I. 3 Example 5]. Assertion (ii) stems from [DC-P, Proposition 6].)

Given a partition $\mu$, we want to apply formulas (12) and (16), so we adopt the notation of $\S 3$. Also, we follow the notation of $\S 4$ associated with a sequence $K$. For such a sequence, we set

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{g}^{K}:=\operatorname{sgn}\left(w_{K}\right) \bar{g}^{<K>} . \tag{29}
\end{equation*}
$$

From Lemma 3, (12), and (16), we get
Proposition 6. For a fixed partition $\mu$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
2^{n} \bar{f}^{\mu} & =\sum \bar{g}^{\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)} \bar{g}^{A \# B \backslash\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)} \\
& =\sum \bar{g}^{\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c_{i_{k}}\right)} \bar{g}^{C \# D \backslash\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c_{i_{k}}\right)} \tag{30}
\end{align*}
$$

where the sums are over all sequences $1 \leq i_{1}<\cdots<i_{k} \leq n$ for which $A \# B \backslash$ $\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}\right)$ (resp. $C \# D \backslash\left(c_{i_{1}}, \ldots, c_{i_{k}}\right)$ ) is a sequence of different integers, and $k=0,1, \ldots, n$.

For instance, for $\mu=\left(5^{3} 31^{3}\right)=(432 \mid 621)$, we get the equations:

$$
\begin{aligned}
2^{3} \bar{f}^{\left(5^{3} 31^{3}\right)}= & \bar{g}^{(654321)}-\bar{g}^{(5)} \bar{g}^{(64321)}+\bar{g}^{(4)} \bar{g}^{(65321)}-\bar{g}^{(3)} \bar{g}^{(65421)}-\bar{g}^{(54)} \bar{g}^{(6321)} \\
& +\bar{g}^{(53)} \bar{g}^{(6421)}-\bar{g}^{(43)} \bar{g}^{(6521)}+\bar{g}^{(543)} \bar{g}^{(621)} \\
= & \bar{g}^{(32)} \bar{g}^{(7432)}+\bar{g}^{(732)} \bar{g}^{(432)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The fact that this result was already established by Stembridge, has been learned by the author only in June 1999.
    ${ }^{2}$ Note that the map denoted in $[\mathrm{P}]$ and here by $\eta$, is denoted by $\varphi$ in $[\mathrm{M}]$.

