# Enumeration of Fillings of Ferrers diagrams 

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## Dedication



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## Ferrers diagram

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \lambda=\left(\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{k}\right) \text { with } \lambda_{1} \geq \ldots \geq \lambda_{k} \geq 0 \\
& \lambda=(7,5,5,3,0)
\end{aligned}
$$



Length $=$ number of rows + number of columns $=\lambda_{1}+k$

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Number of Ferrers diagrams of length $n: 2^{n-1}$

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& \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_{n}} q^{i n v(\sigma)}=\prod_{i=1}^{n}\left(1+\ldots+q^{i-1}\right)=[n]_{q}!
\end{aligned}
$$

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Crossings $\leftrightarrow$ Inversions

$$
\sum_{m \in \mathfrak{M}_{2 n}} q^{c r(m)}=\sum_{\text {rook placement }} q^{i n v(R)}
$$

## Example I (cont.)



$$
\sum_{\text {rook placement }} q^{i n v(R)}=\langle W|(D+U)^{2 n}|V\rangle
$$

$$
\text { where } D U=q U D+I, \quad\langle W| U=0, \quad D|V\rangle=0, \quad\langle W \| V\rangle=1
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$$

(Touchard 50s, Riordan 70s)

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$q$-Log concavity (Leroux 88)

$$
S_{q}(n, k)^{2}-S_{q}(n, k-1) S_{q}(n, k+1) \geq_{q} 0 .
$$

## Example II (cont.)



Enumeration

$$
S_{q}(n, k)=\left[y^{k}\right]\langle W|(y D+U)^{n}|V\rangle
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(Wachs and White 88)

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Alternative tableaux (Viennot 08, Nadeau 09)

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| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $4^{3}$ | 2 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | $7^{6}$ | 5 |  |  |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |  |  |  |
| 11 | 10 | 9 |  |  |  |  |

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## Other bijections

- Postnikov 01, Steingrimsson and Williams 05 : excedances and crossings.
- Burstein 05 : cycles
- C. and Nadeau 07 : descents and 31-2.
- Viennot 07 : descents


## Enumeration of PT

- $u(\mathcal{T})$ : number of unrestricted rows minus one
- $f(\mathcal{T})$ : number of ones in the first row


$$
\sum_{\text {length }} x^{u(\mathcal{T})} y^{f(\mathcal{T})}=\prod_{i=0}^{n-1}(x+y+i)=(x+y)_{n}
$$

(C. and Nadeau 07)

## q-enumeration of PT of a given shape

$w t(\mathcal{T})$ : number of ones minus number of columns

| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

$F_{\lambda}(q)=\sum_{\mathcal{T} \text { shape } \lambda} q^{w t(\mathcal{T})}$
For any $\lambda$ and a given corner, we define smaller Young diagrams:

$F_{\lambda}(q)$ is defined by the recurrence

$$
F_{\lambda}=q F_{\lambda^{(1)}}+F_{\lambda^{(2)}}+F_{\lambda^{(3)}} ; \quad F_{\emptyset}=1
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\begin{array}{r}
I(\lambda)=(1,3,3,1,3) \\
F_{\lambda}(q)=e_{I(\lambda)}(q)=\sum_{J \preceq I}(-q)^{\ell(J)-\ell(I)} q^{-s t^{\prime}(I, J)} \prod_{k=1}^{p}[k]_{q}^{j_{k}} . \\
(\text { Novelli, Thibon, Williams 08) }
\end{array}
$$

## $q$-enumeration (cont.)

$$
E_{k, n}(q)=\sum_{\substack{\lambda \\ \ell(\lambda)=k \\ \text { length } n}} F_{\lambda}(q)
$$

$q$-enumeration of PT of length $n$ with $k$ rows

$$
E_{k, n}(q)=q^{n-k^{2}} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1}(-1)^{i}[k-i]_{q}^{n}\left(\binom{n}{i} q^{k-i}+\binom{n}{i-1}\right)
$$

(Williams 05)
$q$-analogue of Eulerian numbers
$q=0$ Narayana numbers, $q=-1$ Binomial numbers

Moments of $q$-Laguerre polynomials

## PT permutation tableaux and Motzkin paths



$$
F_{n}(q)=\sum_{\lambda \text { length } n} F_{\lambda}(q)=\frac{1}{(1-q)^{n}} \sum_{p \text { length } n} w(p)
$$

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\text { (C. Josuat-Vergès, Prellberg, Rubey 09) }
\end{array}
$$

## PT permutation tableaux and Matrix Ansatz

$$
F_{n+1}(q, \alpha, \beta)=\sum_{\mathcal{T} \text { length } n+1} q^{\mathrm{wt}(\mathcal{T})} \alpha^{-f(\mathcal{T})} \beta^{-u(\mathcal{T})}
$$

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(Brak, C. Essam, Parviainen, Rechnitzer 05)


## Enumeration of PT (The end)

$$
F_{n+1}(q, \alpha, \beta)=\frac{1}{(1-q)^{n}} \sum_{m=0}^{n} R_{n, m}(q) B_{m}(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta} ; q),
$$

with

$$
\begin{gathered}
D_{n, k}=\binom{2 n}{n-k}-\binom{2 n}{n-k-2} ; \quad B_{m}(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta} ; q)=\sum_{k=0}^{m}\left[\begin{array}{c}
m \\
k
\end{array}\right]_{q} \tilde{\alpha}^{m-k} \tilde{\beta}^{k} ; \\
R_{n, m}=\sum_{k=0}^{\left\lfloor\frac{n-m}{2}\right\rfloor}(-1)^{k} D_{n, m+2 k} q^{\binom{k+1}{2}}\left[\begin{array}{c}
m+k \\
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\quad \text { (Josuat-Vergès 09) }
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Markov chain $n=2$


## Stationary distribution of the PASEP chain

$$
\leftrightarrow \quad \tau=(0,0,1,0,0,1,1,0,0)
$$

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Let $P_{n}^{q, \alpha, \beta}(\tau)$ be the probability to be in state $\tau=\left(\tau_{1}, \ldots, \tau_{n}\right)$. Theorem. (Derrida et al. 93) The probability to be in state $\tau=\left(\tau_{1}, \ldots, \tau_{n}\right)$ is

$$
P_{n}(\tau)=\frac{\langle W|\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n}\left(\tau_{i} D+\left(1-\tau_{i}\right) E\right)\right)|V\rangle}{Z_{n}}
$$

with $Z_{n}=\langle W|(D+E)^{n}|V\rangle, D$ and $E$ are infinite matrices, $V$ is a column vector, and $W$ is a row vector, such that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& D E-q E D=D+E \\
& \beta D|V\rangle=|V\rangle \\
& \alpha\langle W| E=\langle W|
\end{aligned}
$$

## Permutation tableaux

$$
\tau=(0,0,1,0,0,1,1,0,0) \leftrightarrow \lambda(\tau)=\begin{array}{|l|l|l}
\hline & & \\
\hline & & \\
\hline & & \\
\hline & & \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

Theorem. Fix $\tau=\left(\tau_{1}, \ldots, \tau_{n}\right) \in\{0,1\}^{n}$, and let $\lambda:=\lambda(\tau)$. The probability of finding the PASEP chain in configuration $\tau$ in the steady state is

$$
\frac{F_{\lambda}(q, \alpha, \beta)}{F_{n+1}(q, \alpha, \beta)}
$$

(C. and Williams 06)

Markov chain on Permutation tableaux
(C. and Williams 07)

## Ongoing work

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