

Symmetric Functions in **MAGMA**

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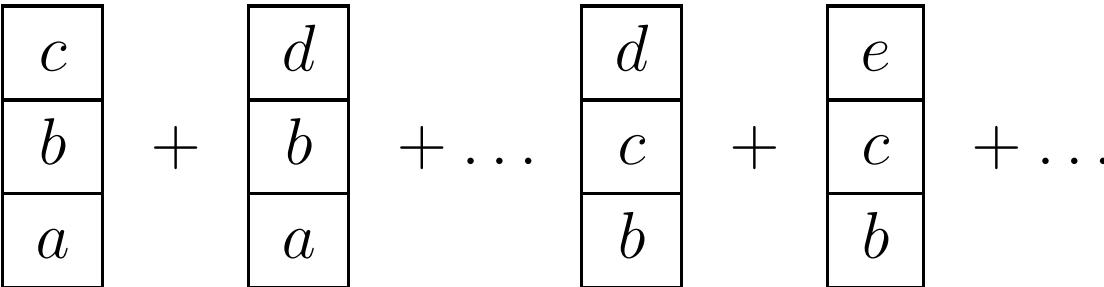
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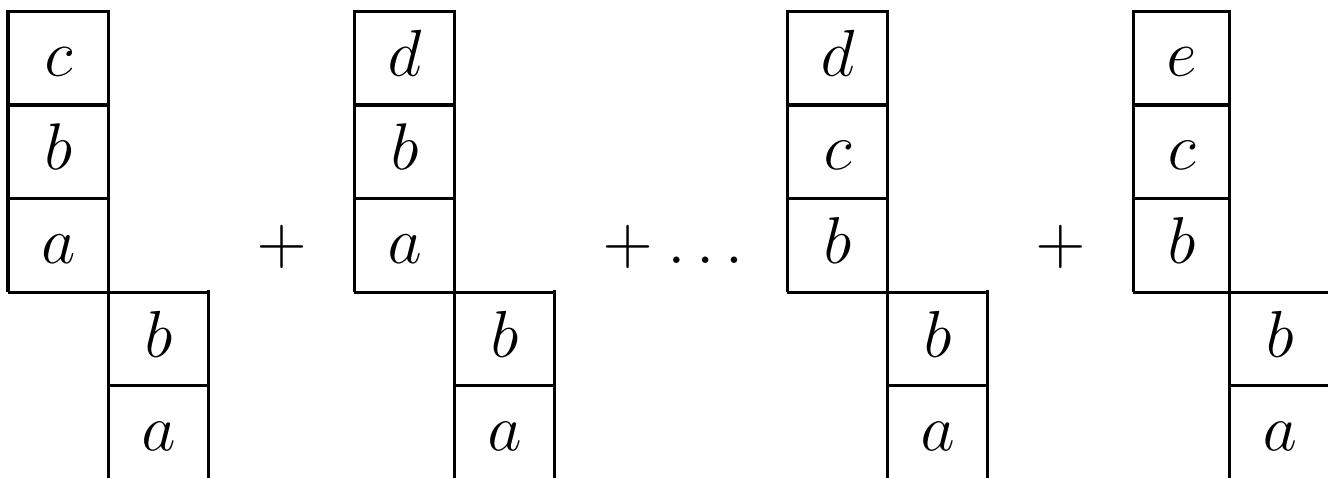
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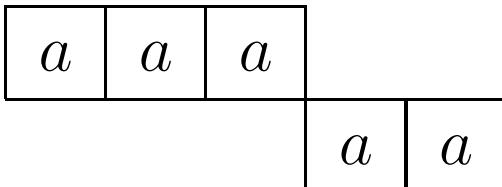
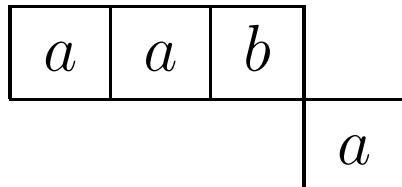
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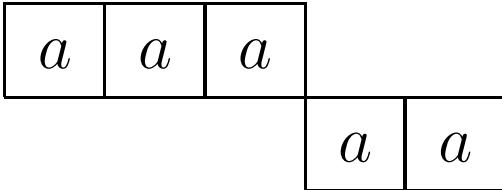
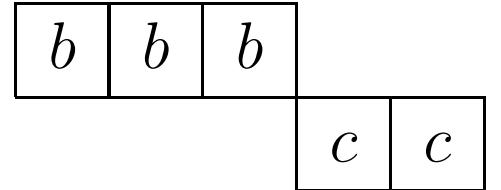
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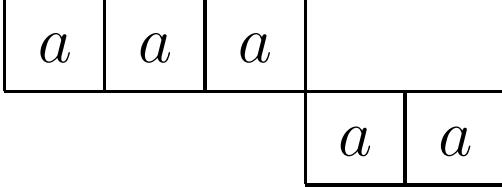
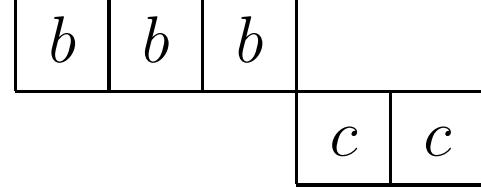
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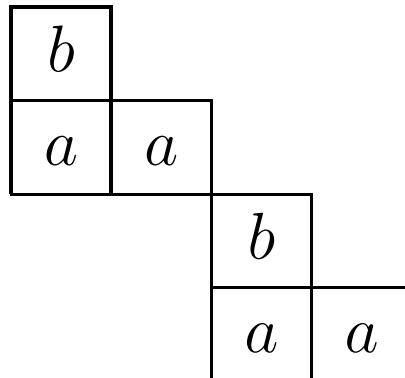
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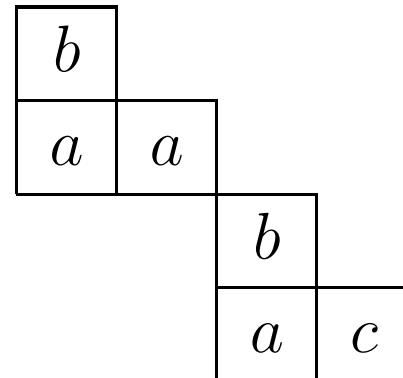
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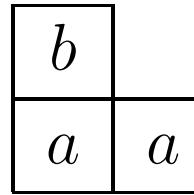


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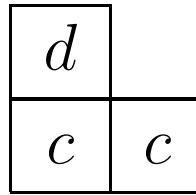
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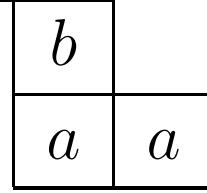
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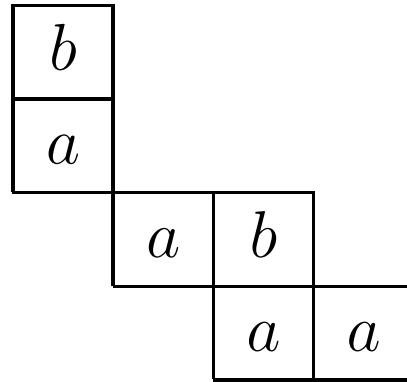
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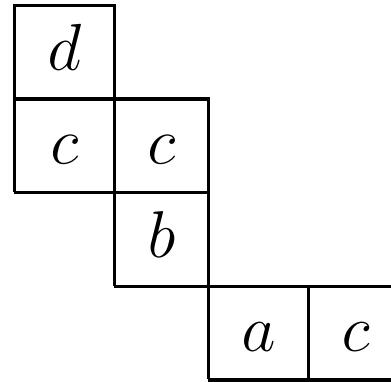
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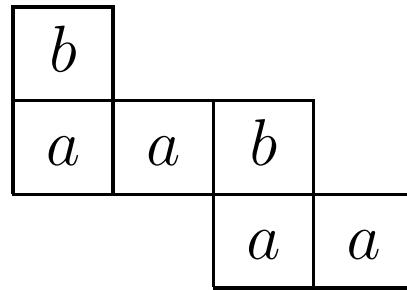
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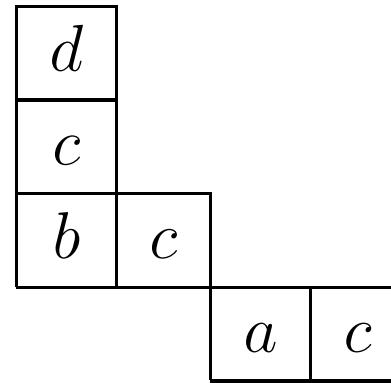
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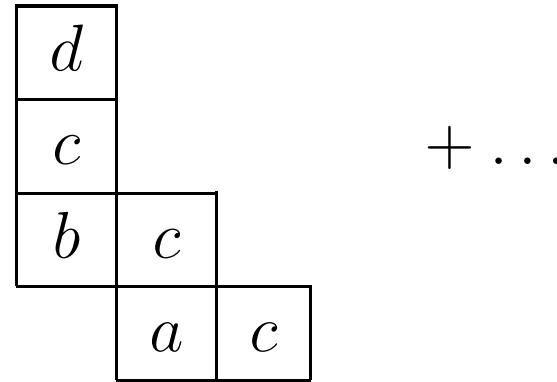
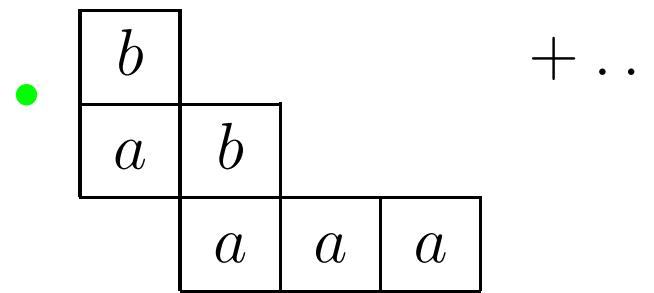
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$$= S_{4,2} + \dots + S_{3,1,1,1} + \dots$$

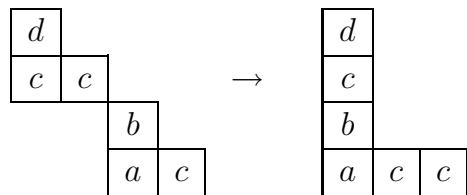
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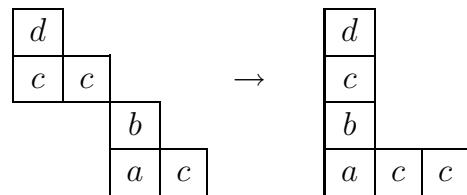
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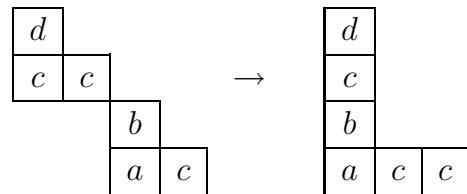


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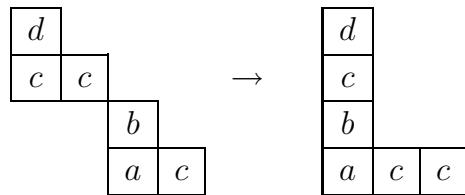
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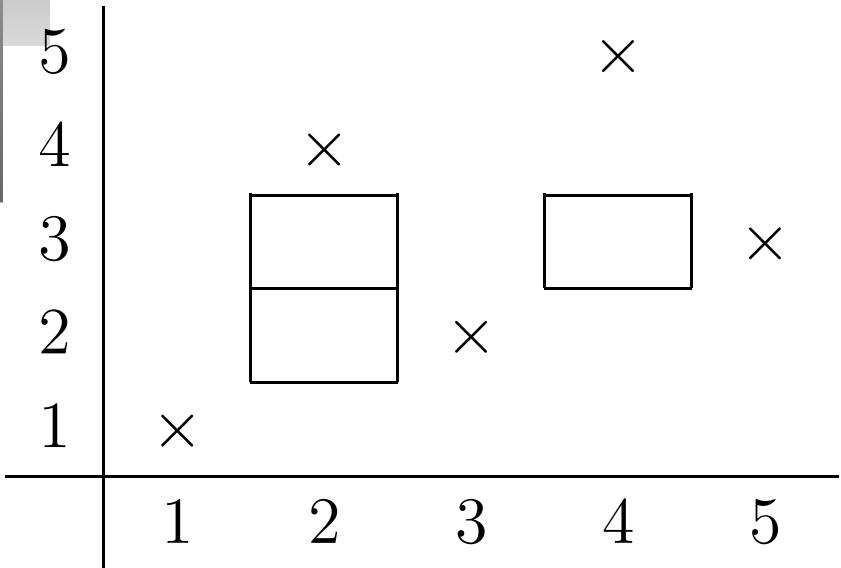
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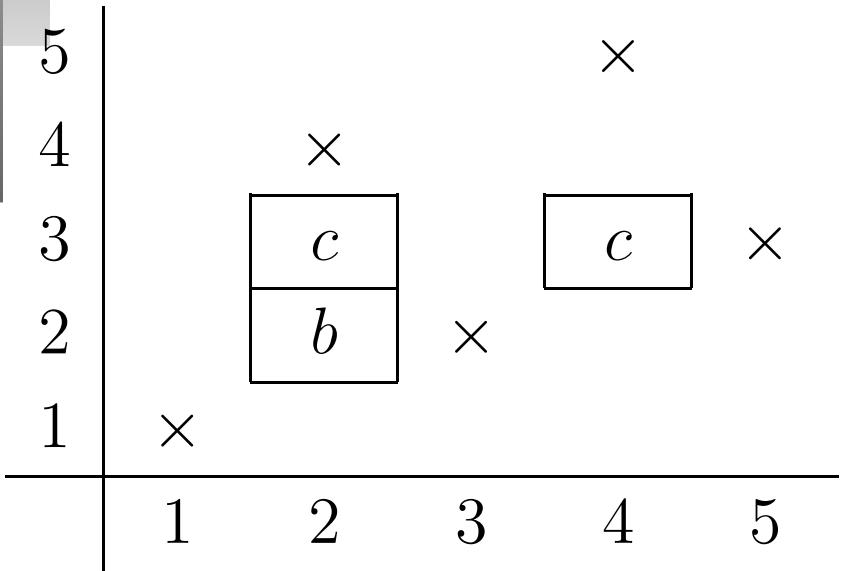
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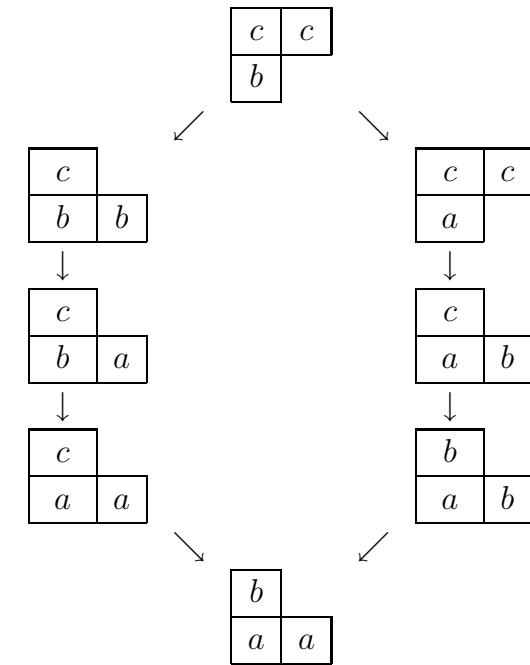
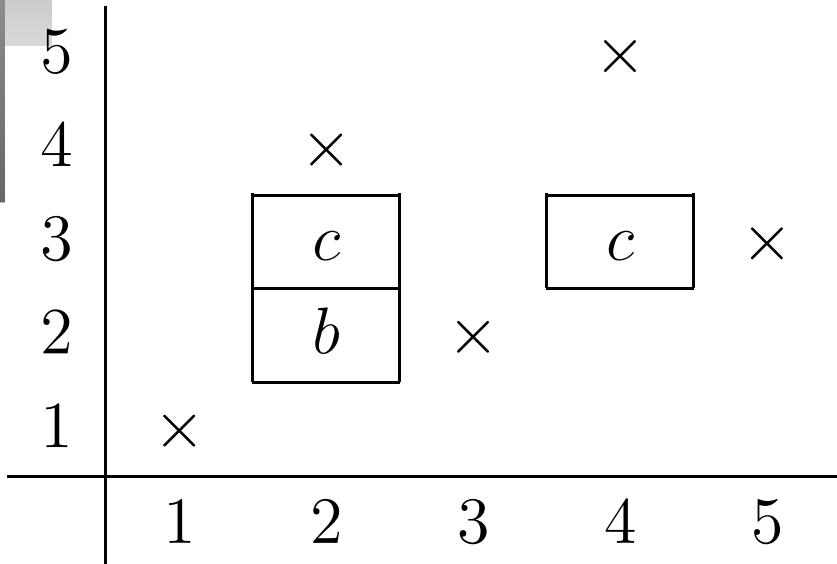


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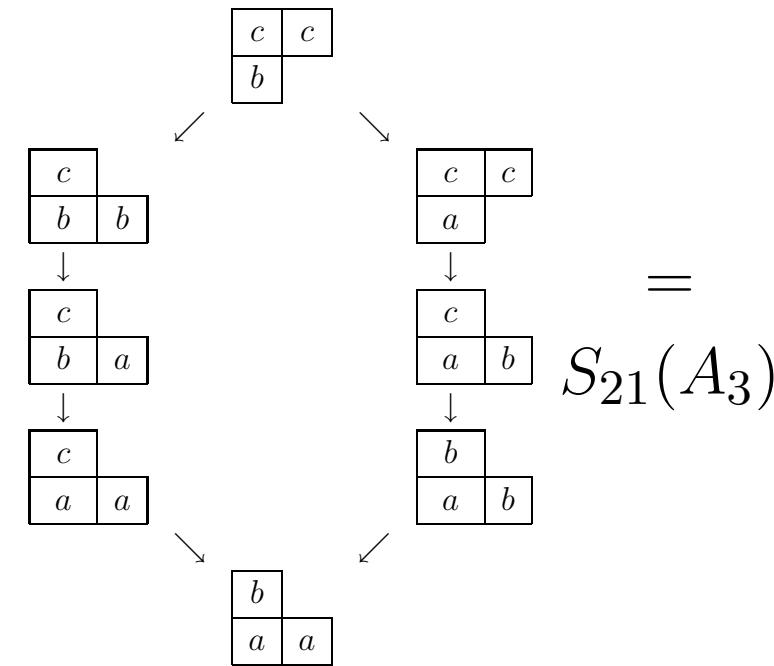
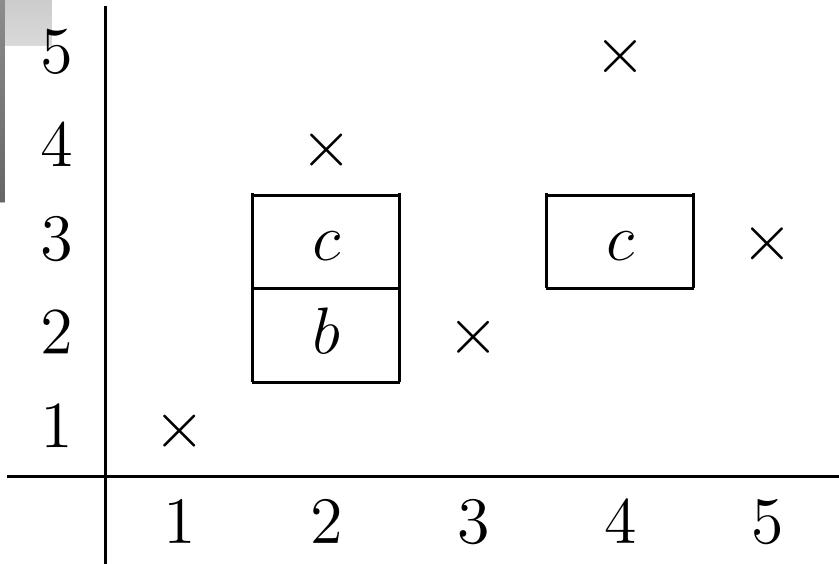
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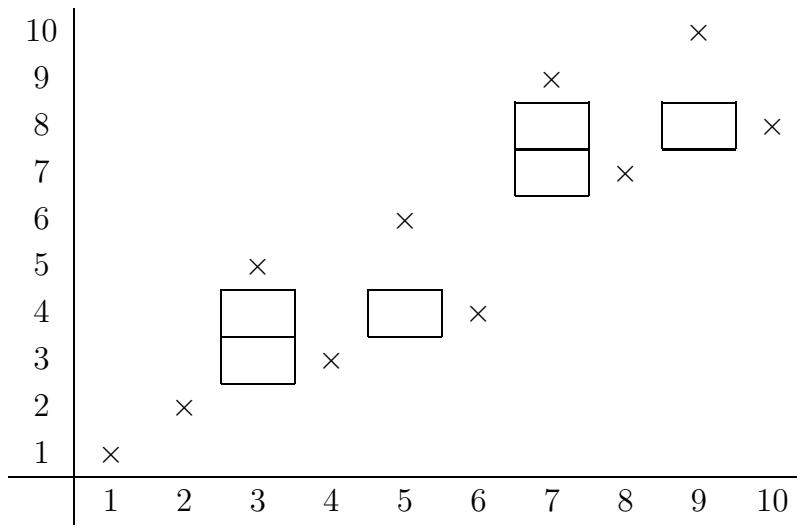
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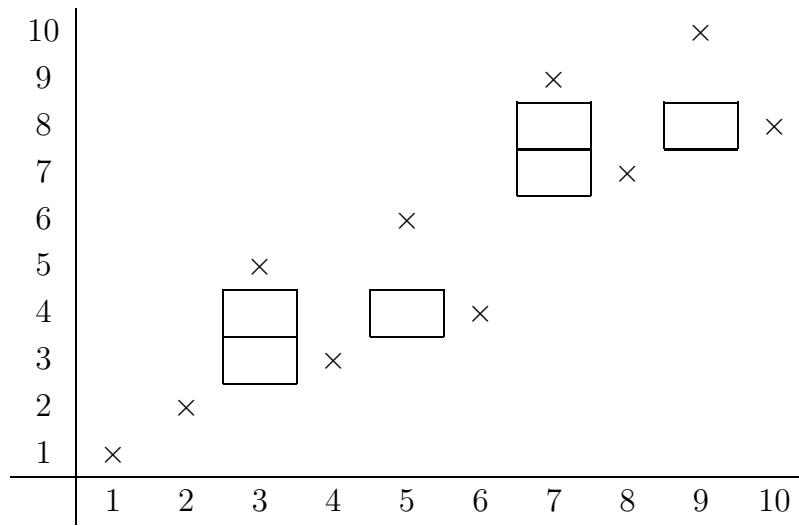
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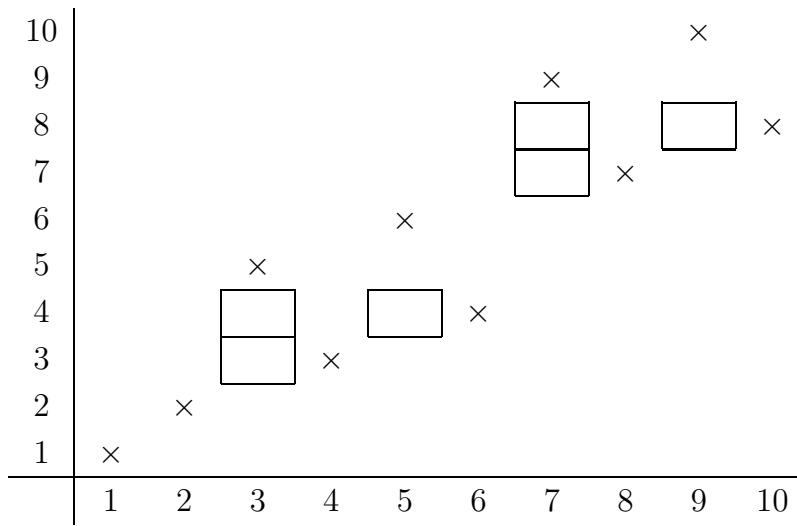


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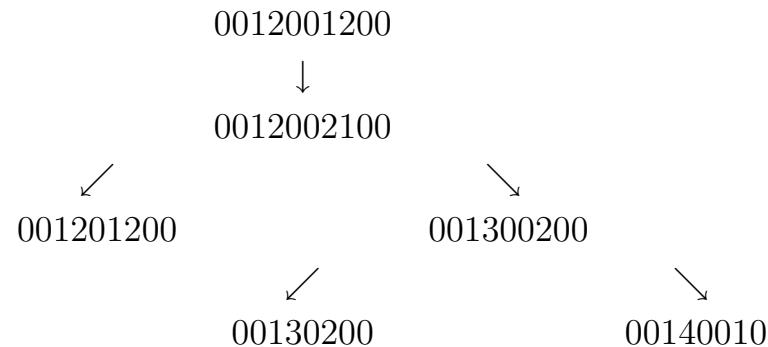
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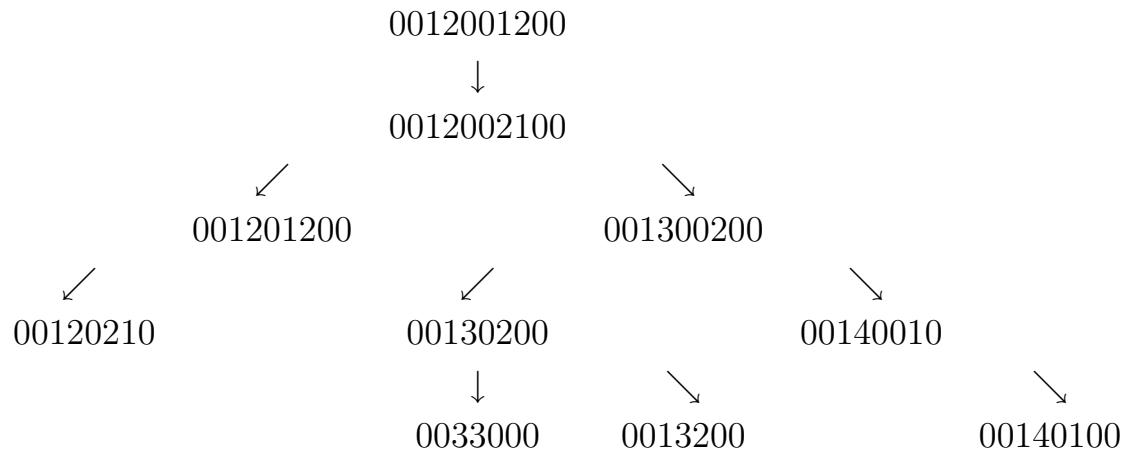
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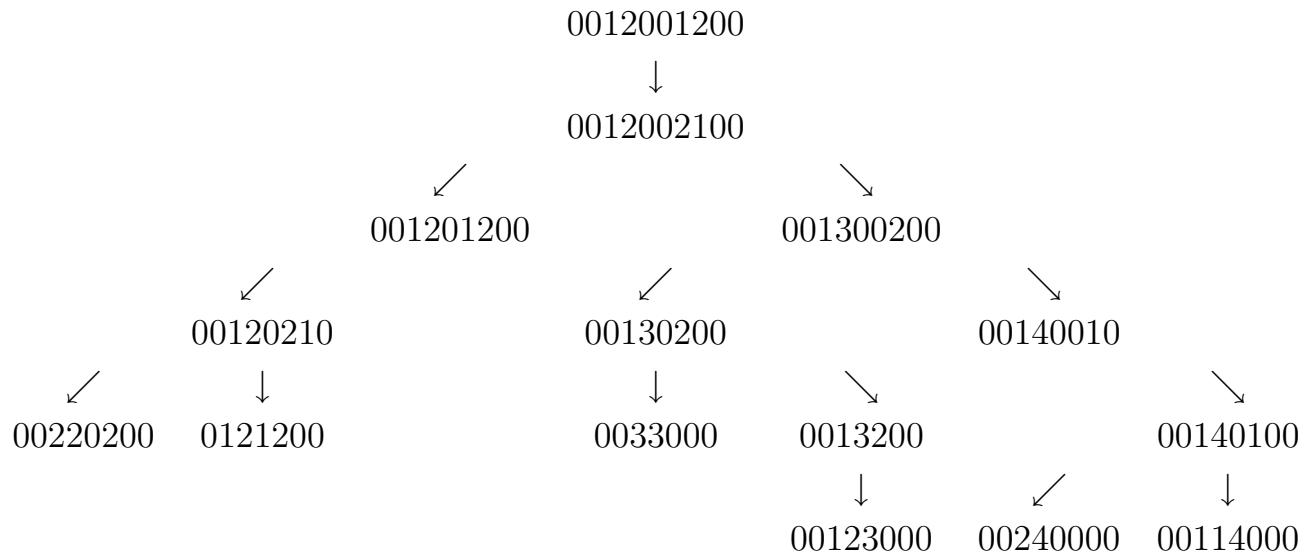
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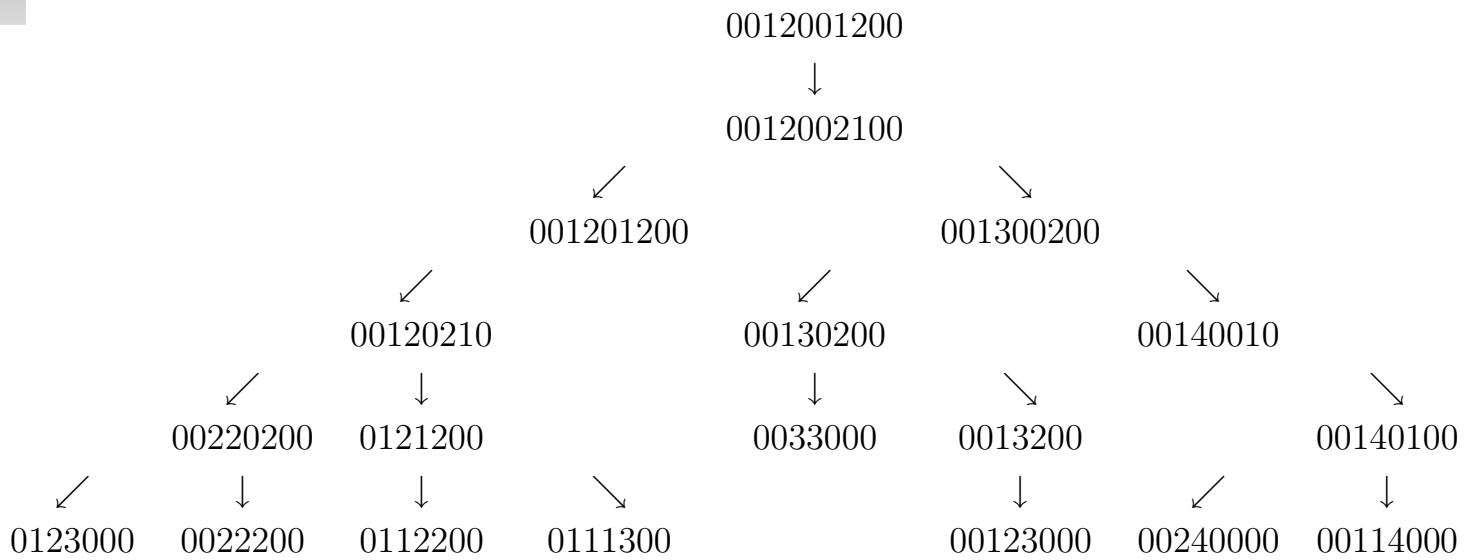
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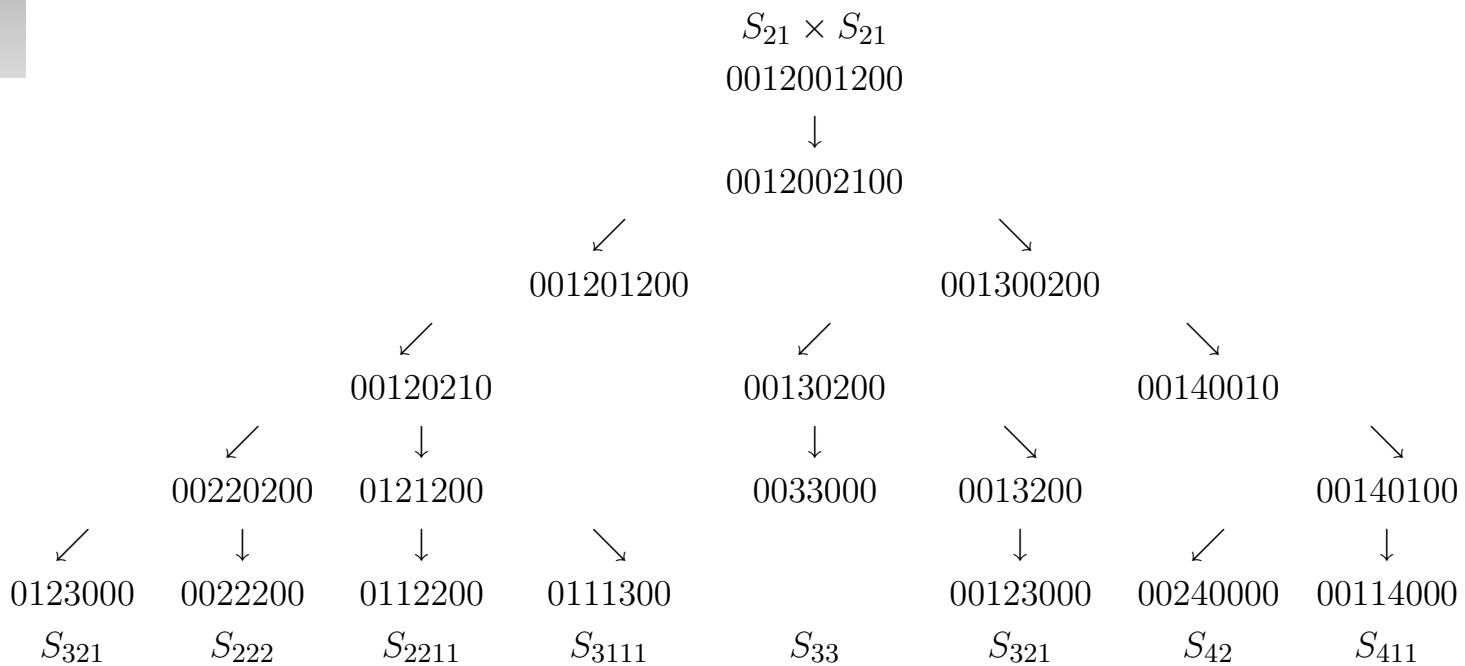
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MAGMA

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>s21 := S.[2,1];  
>s21*s21;  
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- $h_2[e_2] = S_2[S_{11}] = S_{22} + S_{1111}$

MAGMA

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a	a	a	a	a	b	a	b	c	b	b	b	c	c	c	c	c	c	...	
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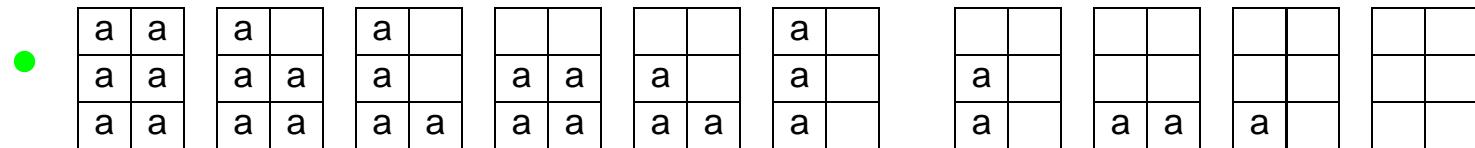
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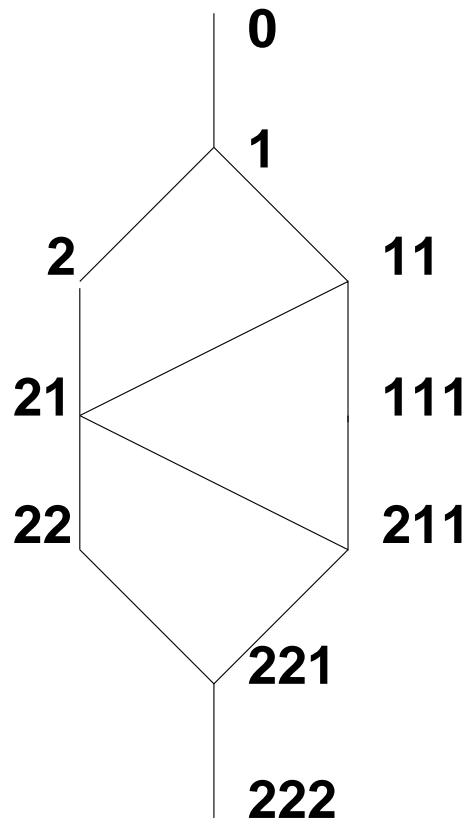
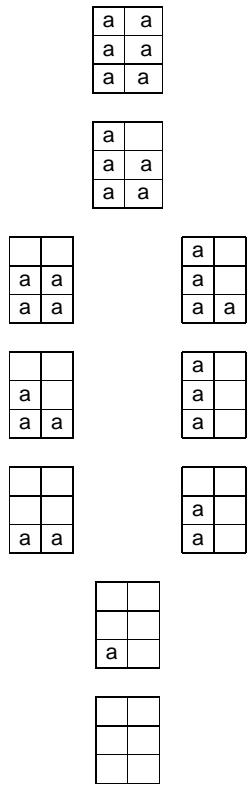
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- third step

P_2	
a	a
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a	
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a a

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a
a
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$$S_3[S_2]$$

level	result	current	needed	new
5	S_6	$S_{6/5} = S_1$	S_1	0
4	S_6	$S_{6/4} = S_2$	$2S_2$	S_{42}
3	$S_6 + S_{42}$	$S_{6/3} + S_{42/3} =$ $2S_3 + S_{21}$	$2S_3 + S_{21}$	0
2	$S_6 + S_{42}$	$S_{6/2} + S_{42/2} =$ $2S_4 + S_{22} + S_{31}$	$2S_4 + 2S_{22} + S_{31}$	S_{222}

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MAGMA

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>PowerSumToSchurMatrix(5);  
[ 1 -1 0 1 0 -1 1 ]  
[ 1 0 -1 0 1 0 -1 ]  
[ 1 -1 1 0 -1 1 -1 ]  
[ 1 1 -1 0 -1 1 1 ]  
[ 1 0 1 -2 1 0 1 ]  
[ 1 2 1 0 -1 -2 -1 ]  
[ 1 4 5 6 5 4 1 ]
```

MAGMA

```
>S := SFASchur(Rationals());  
>P:=SFAPower(Rationals());  
>S!P.[1,1,1,1,1];  
S.[1,1,1,1,1] + 4*S.[2,1,1,1] + 5*S.[2,2,1]  
+ 6*S.[3,1,1] + 5*S.[3,2] + 4*S.[4,1] + S.[5]
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Murnaghan Nakayama rule

Thank you very much for your attention.