## A uniform model for Kirillov-Reshetikhin crystals

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#### Theorem (LNSSS 2012)

For all untwisted affine root systems,

$$P_{\lambda}(x;q,0)=X_{\lambda}(x;q)\,,$$

where  $X_{\lambda}(x; q)$  is the (graded) character of a tensor product of one-column Kirillov-Reshetikhin (KR) modules.

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Fact. V has a crystal basis B (vertices)  $\implies$  in the limit  $q \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$\begin{array}{ll} f_i, \widetilde{\mathbf{e}}_i \ : \ B \to B \sqcup \{\mathbf{0}\}\,, \\ \\ \widetilde{f}_i \, b = b' & \Longleftrightarrow \quad \widetilde{\mathbf{e}}_i \, b' = b \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad b \to b'\,. \end{array}$$

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The action of the crystal operators:

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Comes from the multiplication of Schubert classes in the quantum cohomology of flag varieties  $QH^*(G/B)$  (Fulton and Woodward).

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Construction. (L. and Lubovsky, generalization of L.-Postnikov, Gaussent-Littelmann) Crystal operators  $\tilde{f}_1, \ldots, \tilde{f}_r$  and  $\tilde{f}_0$  on  $\mathcal{A}(\lambda)$ .

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Example in type  $A_2$ .

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Theorem. (LNSSS) Given  $J \in \mathcal{A}(\lambda)$ , which is identified with  $B^{\otimes \mathbf{p}}$ , we have

$$D_B(J) = -\mathrm{height}(J).$$

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Remarks. (1) In type A, the height statistic translates into the Lascoux–Schützenberger charge statistic on Young tableaux (L.).
Example. Consider the running example:  $\lambda = \omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_2 + \omega_1$  in type  $A_2$ .

We considered the  $\lambda$ -chain  $\Gamma$  and  $J = \{1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8\} \in \mathcal{A}(\Gamma)$ :

$$\Gamma = (\underline{(1,2)}, \underline{(1,3)} | \underline{(2,3)}, (1,3) | (2,3), \underline{(1,3)} | \underline{(1,2)}, \underline{(1,3)}), (h_i) = (2, 4 | 2, 3 | 1, 2 | 1, 1).$$

We have

$$\operatorname{height}(J) = 2.$$

Remarks. (1) In type A, the height statistic translates into the Lascoux–Schützenberger charge statistic on Young tableaux (L.).

(2) A similar charge statistic was defined in type C (L. and Schilling), and one is being developed in type B (Briggs and L.).