

Reducing partition algebras

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1 The problem

Consider a vector of n numbers $\vec{x} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$. This has a natural action of the symmetric group: for $\sigma \in S_n$

$$x_i \mapsto x_{\sigma(i)} \tag{1}$$

We will call this n -dimensional representation the *natural* representation of S_n , written $V_{\text{nat}}^{S_n}$. In the literature it is also known as the permutation representation. It happens to be reducible $V_{\text{nat}}^{S_n} = V_{[n]}^{S_n} \oplus V_{[n-1, 1]}^{S_n}$ but we won't use that property here.

k -fold tensor products of the natural representation can be decomposed into representations of S_n and its Schur-Weyl dual, the partition algebra $P_k(n)$. Since there is also an action of $\mathbb{C}S_k \subset P_k(n)$ on this space, we can further decompose each representation $V_{\lambda}^{P_k(n)}$ of the partition algebra into representations $V_{\kappa}^{S_k}$ of S_k . These generically come with a (possibly zero) multiplicity, which we will label $V_{\lambda, \kappa}^{C(S_n, S_k)}$, named such because it is somehow the rep of the commutant of $S_n \times S_k$ in the

space of endomorphisms of $(V_{\text{nat}}^{S_n})^{\otimes k}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(V_{\text{nat}}^{S_n}\right)^{\otimes k} &= \bigoplus_{\lambda \text{ of } S_n, P_k(n)} V_{\lambda}^{S_n} \otimes V_{\lambda}^{P_k(n)} \\ &= \bigoplus_{\lambda \text{ of } S_n, \kappa \text{ of } S_k} V_{\lambda}^{S_n} \otimes V_{\kappa}^{S_k} \otimes V_{\lambda, \kappa}^{C(S_n, S_k)} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

From another point of view we can think of \vec{x} as the fundamental representation \mathbf{n} of $GL(n)$ or $U(n)$ (from physics habit we will refer to the x_i as ‘fields’). Vanilla Schur-Weyl duality tells us that if we take k -fold tensor products of the fundamental of $U(n)$ this decomposes exactly into reps κ of both $U(n)$ and S_k , where κ is a partition of k into at most n parts. Since S_n is a subgroup of $U(n)$ we can further decompose each representation $V_{\kappa}^{U(n)}$ into representations $V_{\lambda}^{S_n}$ of S_n . These come with exactly the same multiplicity space as we found above.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(V_{\mathbf{n}}^{U(n)}\right)^{\otimes k} &= \bigoplus_{\kappa \text{ of } U(n), S_k} V_{\kappa}^{U(n)} \otimes V_{\kappa}^{S_k} \\ &= \bigoplus_{\lambda \text{ of } S_n, \kappa \text{ of } S_k} V_{\lambda}^{S_n} \otimes V_{\lambda, \kappa}^{C(S_n, S_k)} \otimes V_{\kappa}^{S_k} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

We will now seek to understand the multiplicity space $V_{\lambda, \kappa}^{C(S_n, S_k)}$ from this second point of view, i.e. decomposing $V_{\kappa}^{U(n)}$ into reps of S_n .

We will often write interchangeably

$$V_{\kappa}^{U(n)} \leftrightarrow \kappa \left(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k} \right) \quad (4)$$

where on the RHS we mean $V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k}$ symmetrised by the rep κ of S_k .

In Section 5 below we tabulate examples of the decompositions of $\kappa \left(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k} \right)$ into irreps of S_n ; these are worth glancing at to start with.

2 Grading $U(n)$ reps into ‘semi-standard’ reps of S_n

We can grade $V_{\kappa}^{U(n)}$ according to which fields x_i appear in each $U(n)$ state of κ . Given the Young diagram κ this corresponds to filling the boxes of κ with the x_i so that they form semi-standard tableaux (i.e. weakly increasing along the rows and strongly increasing down the columns).

2.1 Example: $U(2) \rightarrow S_2$ for $k = 2$

As a simple example consider the rep $\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}$ of $U(2)$ for $k = 2$. This has dimension 1 and the single state in this rep is given by the semi-standard tableau

$$\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix} \leftrightarrow x_1 \otimes x_2 - x_2 \otimes x_1 \quad (5)$$

As a rep of S_2 it is antisymmetric

$$\begin{aligned} (1)(2) \begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix} &= \begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix} \\ (12) \begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix} &= \begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix} = - \begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

so we have

$$V_{\square\square}^{U(2)} = V_{\square\square}^{S_2} \quad (7)$$

For the 3-dimensional rep $\square\square$ of $U(2)$ we have 3 states in total

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \leftrightarrow x_1 \otimes x_1 \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \leftrightarrow x_1 \otimes x_2 + x_2 \otimes x_1 \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \leftrightarrow x_2 \otimes x_2 \quad (10)$$

Notice that $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ is left invariant by S_2 , whereas $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$ and $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ are transformed into each other (forming the natural rep of S_2).

They decompose into S_2 reps as

$$V_{\square\square}^{S_2} \leftrightarrow x_1 \otimes x_2 + x_2 \otimes x_1 \quad (11)$$

$$V_{\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}}^{S_2} \leftrightarrow x_1 \otimes x_1 + x_2 \otimes x_2 \quad (12)$$

$$V_{\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}}^{S_2} \leftrightarrow x_1 \otimes x_1 - x_2 \otimes x_2 \quad (13)$$

so that we get finally

$$V_{\square\square}^{U(2)} = V_{\square\square}^{S_2} + \left(V_{\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}}^{S_2} + V_{\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}}^{S_2} \right) \quad (14)$$

2.2 General story

How do we generalise this story? Suppose we are given a k -box representation κ of $U(n)$ and a ‘field content’ of μ_1 x_1 ’s, μ_2 x_2 ’s, \dots μ_n x_n ’s. μ is an *ordered* partition of k into at most n parts, which we will write $\mu \in OP(k, n)$. For example in equation (8) we have $\mu = [2, 0]$, in (9) we have $\mu = [1, 1]$ and in (10) we have $\mu = [0, 2]$. Because these are ordered partitions, we count $[2, 0]$ and $[0, 2]$ separately.

The number of compatible semi-standard tableaux for a diagram of shape κ is the Kostka number $K_{\kappa, \mu}$. This Kostka number can also be defined as the number of times κ appears in the $U(k)$ tensor product of n totally symmetry $U(k)$ representations $[\mu_1] \otimes [\mu_2] \otimes \dots \otimes [\mu_n]$. Using the letter g for the Littlewood-Richardson coefficient we write this

$$K_{\kappa, \mu} = g([\mu_1], [\mu_2], \dots, [\mu_n]; \kappa) \quad (15)$$

Given an *unordered* partition M of k into n parts, which we write $M \in P(k, n)$, we define a subset of the ordered partitions $OP_M \subset OP(k, n)$ such that the $\mu \in OP_M$ correspond to M when unordered. For example, if $M = [3, 1, 0]$ then

$$OP_M = \{[3, 1, 0], [3, 0, 1], [1, 3, 0], [0, 3, 1], [1, 0, 3], [0, 1, 3]\} \quad (16)$$

First non-trivial statement: the semi-standard tableaux corresponding to each set OP_M form a (reducible) representation of S_n , which we shall call $R_{\kappa, M}$. Its size is given by

$$|R_{\kappa, M}| = |OP_M| K_{\kappa, M} \quad (17)$$

Why is this a rep? Consider a state in $V_\kappa^{U(n)}$ with field content $\mu \in OP_M$, i.e. $\mu_i x_i$'s for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. If we act on the fields with $\sigma \in S_n$ we will get another semi-standard tableaux with $\mu_i x_{\sigma(i)}$'s, or in other words $\mu_{\sigma^{-1}(i)} x_i$'s. The field content $\mu_{\sigma^{-1}}$ is also in OP_M . So if we act on the fields with S_n then we are moved to another state in $V_\kappa^{U(n)}$ with field content also in OP_M .

Thus we have graded $V_\kappa^{U(n)}$ into reducible reps of S_n

$$V_\kappa^{U(n)} = \bigoplus_{M \in P(k, n)} V_{R_{\kappa, M}}^{S_n} \quad (18)$$

For our $U(2)$ example the S_2 representation

$$R_{\kappa=[2], M=[2, 0]} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{11} \\ \boxed{22} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \otimes x_1 \\ x_2 \otimes x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (19)$$

is decomposable into two irreps of S_2 .

3 Decomposing the graded reps

Now that we have partially decomposed $V_\kappa^{U(n)}$ into a sum of reducible S_n reps $V_{R_{\kappa, M}}^{S_n}$, we want to further decompose $V_{R_{\kappa, M}}^{S_n}$ into irreps of S_n . We want to be able to write

$$V_\kappa^{U(n)} = \kappa(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k}) = \bigoplus_{M \in P(k, n)} V_{R_{\kappa, M}}^{S_n} = \bigoplus_{M \in P(k, n)} \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} c(R_{\kappa, M}, \lambda) V_\lambda^{S_n} \quad (20)$$

We will show in a few examples below that the integer coefficients $c(R_{\kappa, M}, \lambda)$ can be described in terms of Littlewood-Richardson coefficients.

First we must define some new quantities. $M \in P(k, n)$ can be written

$$M = [k^{m_k}, (k-1)^{m_{k-1}}, \dots, 1^{m_1}, 0^{m_0}] \quad (21)$$

where

$$\sum_{p=0}^k m_p = n \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{p=0}^k p m_p = k \quad (22)$$

The m_p define *both* a partition of k and of n .

We can use the m_p to define the size of the set OP_M , which is just the multinomial coefficient

$$|OP_M| = \frac{n!}{m_0! m_1! \dots m_k!} \quad (23)$$

Second non-trivial statement: Given a field content $\mu \in OP_M$, m_0 fields do not appear in the semi-standard tableaux. These fields are invariant under the action of an S_{m_0} on them. Thus $R_{\kappa, M}$ will always have the form

$$V_{R_{\kappa, M}}^{S_n} = \sum_{\alpha \vdash n - m_0} d(R_{\kappa, M}, \alpha) \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} g(\alpha, [m_0]; \lambda) V_\lambda^{S_n} \quad (24)$$

where $d(R_{\kappa, M}, \alpha)$ is an integer coefficient and $g(\alpha, [m_0]; \lambda)$ is the Littlewood-Richardson coefficient of λ in the symmetric group outer product $\alpha \otimes [m_0]$. Thus the expression (24) has the form of a

sum of non-trivial reps of $n - m_0$ in an outer product with the trivial rep of m_0 . Dropping the clumsy notation and writing $R_{\kappa,M} \equiv V_{R_{\kappa,M}}^{S_n}$ we write this

$$R_{\kappa,M} = \sum_{\alpha \vdash n - m_0} d(R_{\kappa,M}, \alpha) \quad \alpha \otimes [m_0] \quad (25)$$

where \otimes is the symmetric group outer product.

Thus we have reduced the problem to finding the coefficients $d(R_{\kappa,M}, \alpha)$ of the non-trivial reps α of $n - m_0$. This is equivalent to finding the decomposition of $R_{\kappa,M}$ when $m_0 = 0$.

We have no definitive form for the coefficients $d(R_{\kappa,M}, \alpha)$ but we will discuss a conjecture in the next section. Examples are tabulated up to $k = 3$ in Table 1 and for $k = 4$ in Table 2.

In the remainder of this section we will give examples of how equation (25) works.

For $\kappa = \square = [1]$ we have n possible fields contents μ , which are in the class given by $M = [1, 0^{n-1}]$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{[1],[1,0^{n-1}]} &= [1] \otimes [n-1] \\ &= [n] + [n-1, 1] \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

This is just the natural rep itself, compare with the result (53).

For $\kappa = \square\square$ we can have $M = [2, 0^{n-1}]$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{[2],[2,0^{n-1}]} &= [1] \otimes [n-1] \\ &= [n] + [n-1, 1] \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

and $M = [1, 1, 0^{n-2}]$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{[2],[1,1,0^{n-2}]} &= [2] \otimes [n-2] \\ &= [n] + [n-1, 1] + [n-2, 2] \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

The sum of these two reps gives us the result for the decomposition of $V_{[2]}^{U(n)}$, cf. (55),

$$V_{[2]}^{U(n)} = 2[n] + 2[n-1, 1] + [n-2, 2] \quad (29)$$

(note that this is the correct generalisation of our example for $n = 2$ in equation (14), because for $n = 2$ we get $[1] \otimes [1] + [2] \otimes [0] = 2[2] + [1, 1]$).

For $\kappa = \square\square$ because of the antisymmetry we can only have field contents given by $M = [1, 1, 0^{n-2}]$ for which

$$\begin{aligned} R_{[1,1],[1,1,0^{n-2}]} &= [1, 1] \otimes [n-2] \\ &= [n-1, 1] + [n-2, 1, 1] \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

This on its own gives $V_{[2]}^{U(n)}$, cf. (56).

A more complicated example is $\kappa = \square\square\square$.

For the field content $M = [2, 2, 0^{n-2}]$ we read off the irreps α of S_{n-m_0} from Table 2

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\kappa,M} &= [2] \otimes [n-2] \\ &= [n] + [n-1, 1] + [n-2, 2] \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

κ	M	$\sum_{\alpha} d(R_{\kappa, M}, \alpha)$	α	β
\square	$[1, 0^{n-1}]$	\square		\square
$\square\square$	$[2, 0^{n-1}]$	\square		\square
$\square\square$	$[1, 1, 0^{n-2}]$	$\square\square$		$\square\square$
$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$	$[1, 1, 0^{n-2}]$	$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$		$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$
$\square\square\square$	$[3, 0^{n-1}]$	\square		\square
$\square\square\square$	$[2, 1, 0^{n-2}]$	$\square\square + \begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$		$\square\square$
$\square\square\square$	$[1, 1, 1, 0^{n-3}]$	$\square\square\square$		$\square\square\square$
$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$	$[2, 1, 0^{n-2}]$	$\square\square + \begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$		$\square\square$ OR $\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$	$[1, 1, 1, 0^{n-3}]$	$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$		$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$	$[1, 1, 1, 0^{n-3}]$	$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$		$\begin{array}{ c } \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}$

Table 1: tables up to $k = 3$

For $M = [2, 1, 1, 0^{n-3}]$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{\kappa, M} &= [3] \otimes [n-3] + [2, 1] \otimes [n-3] \\
&= [n] + [n-1, 1] + [n-2, 2] + [n-3, 3] \\
&\quad + [n-1, 1] + [n-2, 2] + [n-2, 1, 1] + [n-3, 2, 1]
\end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

For $M = [1, 1, 1, 1, 0^{n-4}]$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{\kappa, M} &= [2, 2] \otimes [n-4] \\
&= [n-2, 2] + [n-3, 2, 1] + [n-4, 2, 2]
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

If we add all these together we get the result

$$V_{\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}}^{U(n)} = 2[n] + 3[n-1, 1] + 4[n-2, 2] + [n-2, 1, 1] + [n-3, 3] + 2[n-3, 2, 1] + [n-4, 2, 2] \tag{34}$$

cf. equation (64).

3.1 $d(R_{\kappa,M}, \alpha)$

To find the the $d(R_{\kappa,M}, \alpha)$ is equivalent to working out the decomposition of $R_{\kappa,M}$ when $m_0 = 0$.

Consider the S_n character of $R_{\kappa,M}$. Working in the basis of semi-standard tableaux (SST) the character is determined by the SST that are preserved by σ (as only these appear on the diagonal of the matrix for σ)

$$\chi_{R_{\kappa,M}}(\sigma) = \sum \pm \{ \text{SST preserved by } \sigma \} \quad (35)$$

For example, consider the SST for $\kappa = [2, 2]$, $M = [2, 1, 1]$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (36)$$

Each of these is preserved by the identity, so $\chi_{R_{[2,2],[2,1,1]}}((1)(2)(3)) = 3$, which is just the dimension. Now consider the action of $\sigma = (23)$. Only the field content of the first SST is preserved

$$(23) \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (37)$$

so that $\chi_{R_{[2,2],[2,1,1]}}((1)(23)) = 1$. 3-cycles do not preserve the field content for any of the SST, so $\chi_{R_{[2,2],[2,1,1]}}((123)) = 0$. The characters thus fix $R_{[2,2],[2,1,1]}$ as the natural representation of S_3 .

The character can also be negative, as in this example

$$(23) \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} = - \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (38)$$

which results in $\chi_{R_{[2,1,1],[2,1,1]}}((1)(23)) = -1$.

From these examples we can see that in general $\chi_{R_{\kappa,M}}(\sigma)$ is only non-zero if σ preserves the field content i.e.

$$\chi_{R_{\kappa,M}}(\sigma) \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma \in [S_{m_1} \times S_{m_2} \times \cdots \times S_{m_k}] \quad (39)$$

where $[\cdots]$ means ‘in the conjugacy class of’. This condition can be satisfied if and only if

$$R_{\kappa,M} = \lambda_1 \otimes \lambda_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \lambda_k \quad (40)$$

where for each p λ_p is a (possibly reducible) rep of S_{m_p} .

Note that the condition (39) is not \Leftarrow , because of the multiplicity of SST with the same field content. Take for example $\kappa = [3, 1]$ and $M = [2, 1, 1]$ which has $K_{[3,1],[2,1,1]} = 2$, i.e. two valid SST for each field content. The permutation $(23) \in S_3$ preserves the field content of the first SST but the result is a different valid SST

$$(23) \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (41)$$

Thus $\chi_{R_{[3,1],[2,1,1]}}((23)) = 0$.

4 Relation to plethysm

For $k = 2n$ consider, e.g. $n = 3$, $k = 6$ $\kappa \vdash 2n$ a rep of $U(n)$

$$g([2], [2], [2]; \kappa) = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} c_{\kappa, \lambda} \lambda \quad (42)$$

Here $|OP_M| = 1 = n!/n!$. Decomposing $g([2], [2], [2]; \kappa)$ into $\lambda \vdash n$ reps is equivalent to solving the plethysm problem

$$\lambda([2]^{\otimes n}) = \sum_{\kappa \vdash 2n} c_{\kappa, \lambda} \kappa \quad (43)$$

5 Tensor products of the natural

It is very easy to take tensor products of V_{nat} because

$$V_{\lambda}^{S_n} \otimes V_{\text{nat}}^{S_n} = \bigoplus_{\mu=(\lambda^-)^+} V_{\mu}^{S_n} \quad (44)$$

Knock a box off λ and then add it back somewhere. $V_{\lambda}^{S_n}$ itself appears with a multiplicity equal to the number of boxes free to remove, e.g. for $\lambda = [3, 2]$ it appears twice, for $\lambda = [2, 2, 2]$ it appears once.

For example

$$\begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} \otimes \text{nat} = 3 \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \\ \square \square \square \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} \oplus \begin{array}{c} \square \square \square \\ \square \square \end{array} \quad (45)$$

This gives us an expansion

$$V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k} = \bigoplus_{\lambda \vdash n} V_{\lambda}^{S_n} \otimes V_{\lambda}^{P_k(n)} \quad (46)$$

where the dimension of $V_{\lambda}^{P_k(n)}$, which is the multiplicity of $V_{\lambda}^{S_n}$, is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dim V_{\lambda}^{P_k(n)} &= \text{tr}_{V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k}}(P_{\lambda}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \chi_{\lambda}(\sigma) [\chi_{\text{nat}}(\sigma)]^k \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

If we break down $P_k(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}S_k$ then we can break $V_{\lambda}^{P_k(n)}$ into reps $V_{\kappa}^{S_k}$ of S_k so we get

$$\left(V_{\text{nat}}^{S_n}\right)^{\otimes k} = \bigoplus_{\lambda \text{ of } S_n, \kappa \text{ of } S_k} V_{\lambda}^{S_n} \otimes V_{\kappa}^{S_k} \otimes V_{\lambda, \kappa}^{C(S_n, S_k)} \quad (48)$$

where the dimension of $V_{\lambda, \kappa}^{C(S_n, S_k)}$, which is the multiplicity of $V_{\lambda}^{S_n} \otimes V_{\kappa}^{S_k}$, is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dim V_{\lambda, \kappa}^{C(S_n, S_k)} &= \text{tr}_{V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k}}(P_{\lambda} \otimes P_{\kappa}) \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \chi_{\lambda}(\sigma) \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\tau \in S_k} \chi_{\kappa}(\tau) \prod_i (\text{tr}_{V_{\text{nat}}}(\sigma^i))^{c_i(\tau)} \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

where $c_i(\tau)$ is the number of cycles in τ of length i . We have put this formula into a computer to obtain the examples below.

We're often interest in expanding the $V_{\lambda}^{S_n}$ for a particular κ of S_k , which we'll often write

$$\kappa(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k}) = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} \dim V_{\lambda, \kappa}^{C(S_n, S_k)} V_{\lambda}^{S_n} \quad (50)$$

For example we know that the antisymmetric product of naturals is always

$$[1^k](V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k}) \equiv [n - k + 1, 1^{k-1}] + [n - k, 1^k] \quad (51)$$

It's also true that for $\kappa(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k})$, where κ is a k -box Young diagram, the only rep of the form $[n - k, *]$ in $\kappa(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes k})$ is $[n - k, \kappa]$.

5.1 $k = 1$

$$V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 1} = [n] + [n - 1, 1] \quad (52)$$

$$\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 1}) = [n] + [n - 1, 1] \quad (53)$$

5.2 $k = 2$

$$V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 2} = 2[n] + 3[n - 1, 1] + [n - 2, 2] + [n - 2, 1, 1] \quad (54)$$

$$\square\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 2}) = 2[n] + 2[n - 1, 1] + [n - 2, 2] \quad (55)$$

$$\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 2}) = [n - 1, 1] + [n - 2, 1, 1] \quad (56)$$

5.3 $k = 3$

$$V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 3} = 5[n] + 10[n - 1, 1] + 6[n - 2, 2] + 6[n - 2, 1, 1] + [n - 3, 3] + 2[n - 3, 2, 1] + [n - 3, 1, 1, 1] \quad (57)$$

$$\square\square\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 3}) = 3[n] + 4[n - 1, 1] + 2[n - 2, 2] + [n - 2, 1, 1] + [n - 3, 3] \quad (58)$$

$$\square\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 3}) = [n] + 3[n - 1, 1] + 2[n - 2, 2] + 2[n - 2, 1, 1] + [n - 3, 2, 1] \quad (59)$$

$$\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 3}) = [n - 2, 1, 1] + [n - 3, 1, 1, 1] \quad (60)$$

5.4 $k = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 4} = & 15[n] + 37[n - 1, 1] + 31[n - 2, 2] + 31[n - 2, 1, 1] \\ & + 10[n - 3, 3] + 20[n - 3, 2, 1] + 10[n - 3, 1, 1, 1] \\ & + [n - 4, 4] + 3[n - 4, 3, 1] + 2[n - 4, 2, 2] + 3[n - 4, 2, 1, 1] + [n - 4, 1, 1, 1, 1] \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \square\square\square\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 4}) = & 5[n] + 7[n - 1, 1] + 5[n - 2, 2] + 2[n - 2, 1, 1] \\ & + 2[n - 3, 3] + [n - 3, 2, 1] + [n - 4, 4] \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \square\square\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 4}) = & 2[n] + 7[n - 1, 1] + 5[n - 2, 2] + 6[n - 2, 1, 1] \\ & + 2[n - 3, 3] + 3[n - 3, 2, 1] + [n - 3, 1, 1, 1] + [n - 4, 3, 1] \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

$$\square\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 4}) = 2[n] + 3[n - 1, 1] + 4[n - 2, 2] + [n - 2, 1, 1] + [n - 3, 3] + 2[n - 3, 2, 1] + [n - 4, 2, 2] \quad (64)$$

$$\square\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 4}) = [n - 1, 1] + [n - 2, 2] + 3[n - 2, 1, 1] + 2[n - 3, 2, 1] + 2[n - 3, 1, 1, 1] + [n - 4, 2, 1, 1] \quad (65)$$

$$\square(V_{\text{nat}}^{\otimes 4}) = [n - 3, 1, 1, 1] + [n - 4, 1, 1, 1, 1] \quad (66)$$





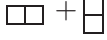





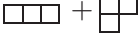





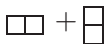





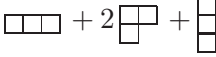








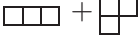





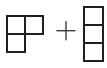







κ	M	$\sum_{\alpha} d(R_{\kappa, M}, \alpha) \alpha$	β
	$[4, 0^{n-1}]$		
	$[3, 1, 0^{n-2}]$		
	$[2, 2, 0^{n-2}]$		
	$[2, 1, 1, 0^{n-3}]$		
	$[1, 1, 1, 1, 0^{n-4}]$		
	$[3, 1, 0^{n-2}]$		
	$[2, 2, 0^{n-2}]$		
	$[2, 1, 1, 0^{n-3}]$		
	$[1, 1, 1, 1, 0^{n-4}]$		
	$[2, 2, 0^{n-2}]$		
	$[2, 1, 1, 0^{n-3}]$		
	$[1, 1, 1, 1, 0^{n-4}]$		
	$[2, 1, 1, 0^{n-3}]$		
	$[1, 1, 1, 1, 0^{n-4}]$		
	$[1, 1, 1, 1, 0^{n-4}]$		

Table 2: table of $k = 4$

κ	M	β
	[4, 1]	OR
	[3, 2]	OR
	[3, 1, 1]	
	[2, 2, 1]	
	[2, 1, 1, 1]	
	[3, 2]	OR
	[3, 1, 1]	
	[2, 2, 1]	
	[2, 1, 1, 1]	
	[3, 1, 1]	
	[2, 2, 1]	
	[2, 1, 1, 1]	
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Table 3: table of $k = 5$, only non-obvious examples listed