

## On an Isomorphism between Specht Module and Left Cell of $\mathfrak{S}_n$

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### Introduction.

The irreducible representations of the symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  are classically known and they are parametrized by the partitions of  $n$ . One of their realizations is so called Specht module which is defined over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and has a natural base (Young's natural base). On the other hand, Kazhdan and Lusztig [3] constructed another realization, the  $W$ -graph representation which is obtained from a left cell of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  and it also has a natural  $\mathbb{Z}$ -base (the vertices of the  $W$ -graph). We give in this paper an explicit isomorphism between the above two modules and show that the base change matrix is uni-triangular for some ordering of the base. Using this isomorphism, if a partition  $\lambda$  satisfies certain condition, we can construct the  $W$ -graph of the left cell of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  (without some edges which connect vertices having the same  $I$ -set) corresponding to  $\lambda$  not using the Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomials  $P_{v,w}$  but using the relations in Specht module (the Garnir relations) inductively.

### § 1. The $\lambda$ -diagram.

**1.1. Notations.** Let  $P(n)$  be the set of partitions  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r)$ , where  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i = n$ . For a partition  $\lambda$ , the Young frame of  $\lambda$  is the arrangement of  $n$  squares; the first row  $\lambda_1$ , the second row  $\lambda_2, \dots$ , the last row  $\lambda_r$  parts, and line up to the left. Young tableau of shape  $\lambda$  has the frame  $\lambda$  and each square is numbered from 1 to  $n$ . A Young tableau of shape  $\lambda$  is called standard if its numbering is increasing from left to right in each row and from top to bottom in

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each column. We write  $\text{Tab}_\lambda$  the set of all Young tableaux of shape  $\lambda$  and  $\text{STab}_\lambda$  the set of all standard Young tableaux of shape  $\lambda$ . The transposition of the partition  $\lambda$  is denoted by  $'\lambda$ . For a Young tableau  $D$  of shape  $\lambda$ ,  $'D$  denotes the transposition of  $D$  whose shape is  $'\lambda$ . We denote by  $D_{\lambda, \text{Top}}$  the standard Young tableau of shape  $\lambda$ , whose numbering is 1 to  $\lambda_1$  for the first row,  $\lambda_1+1$  to  $\lambda_1+\lambda_2$  for the second row and so on. We set  $D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}} = '(D_{\lambda, \text{Top}})$ . For a Young tableau  $D$ , we put

$$I(D) = \{i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1, i+1 \text{ is in a lower position than } i \text{ in } D\},$$

$$I_0(D) = \{i \in I(D) \mid i+1 \text{ is in the left side of } i \text{ in } D\},$$

$$I_1(D) = \{i \in I(D) \mid i+1 \text{ is directly below } i \text{ in } D\}.$$

Then we have

**LEMMA 1.** *For a standard Young tableau  $D$  of shape  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in P(n)$ ,*

(1)  $I(D) = I_0(D) \sqcup I_1(D)$  (disjoint union).

(2)  $I(D) \sqcup I('D) = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ .

(3)  $I_0(D) = \emptyset$  if and only if  $D = D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}$ .

(4)  $I_0('D) = \emptyset$  if and only if  $D = D_{\lambda, \text{Top}}$ .

**PROOF.** (1) The equality follows immediately from the definitions.

(2) We see easily that  $i+1$  is either in  $A$  or in  $B$  (see Fig. 1).

Hence  $i+1 \in A$  iff  $i \in I('D)$  and  $i+1 \in B$  iff  $i \in I(D)$ .

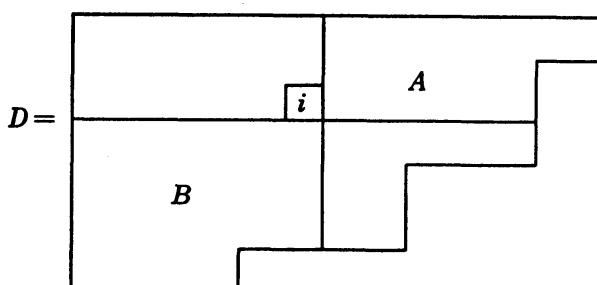


FIGURE 1

(3) The if part clearly follows. On the other hand, if  $I_0(D) = \emptyset$ ,  $i+1$  must be directly below  $i$  or in the right side of  $i$ , hence  $D$  must have the form  $D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}$ .

(4) Note that  $'D_{\lambda, \text{Top}} = D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}$ . Then (4) follows from (3).

**1.2. The Robinson-Schensted correspondence.** The following fact is well known.

**PROPOSITION 1** (cf. [4]). *There is a bijection from  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  to  $\bigsqcup_{\lambda \in P(n)} (\text{STab}_\lambda \times \text{STab}_\lambda)$  which is called Robinson-Schensted's correspondence. By this, if  $x$  corresponds to  $(P(x), Q(x))$ , then  $P(x^{-1}) = Q(x)$ .*

We denote by  $s_i$  the transposition  $(i, i+1) \in \mathfrak{S}_n$ . The set  $S = \{s_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n-1}$  generates  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  as a Coxeter group. Let  $l(x)$  be the length of  $x \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  with respect to this generator set  $S$ .

**LEMMA 2.** *For  $x$  in  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ , we have*

- (1)  $l(s_i x) = l(x) - 1$  if and only if  $i \in I(P(x))$ ,
- (2)  $l(x s_i) = l(x) - 1$  if and only if  $i \in I(Q(x))$ .

**PROOF.** (1) Suppose  $x \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  has a form  $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \cdots & n \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $l(s_i x) = l(x) - 1$  iff  $i$  appears after  $i+1$  in  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ , which is equivalent to the condition  $i \in I(P(x))$  by the construction of  $P(x)$ .

(2) As  $l(x^{-1}) = l(x)$ , (2) follows from (1).

**1.3.** For  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ , we define  $x(D) \in \mathfrak{S}_n$  by

$$x(D) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \cdots & n \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } D = \boxed{\begin{array}{c|c} a_s & \\ \vdots & \\ a_2 & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_{s+1} \end{array}}$$

**LEMMA 3.** *For  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ , we have*

- (1) *By the Robinson-Schensted correspondence,  $x(D)$  corresponds to  $(D, D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}})$ .*
- (2)  $l(s_i x(D)) = l(x(D)) - 1$  if and only if  $i \in I(D)$ .

**PROOF.** (1) It is clear from the definition of  $x(D)$  and the construction of the Robinson-Schensted correspondence.

(2) Clear from (1) and Lemma 2.

**LEMMA 4.**

$$(1) \quad l(x(D_{\lambda, \text{Top}})) = \frac{n^2 - \sum \lambda_i^2}{2} - \frac{\sum (i-1)\lambda_i(\lambda_i-1)}{2}.$$

$$(2) \quad l(x(D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}})) = \sum (i-1)\lambda_i.$$

**1.4.** For  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r) \in P(n)$ , we put

$$N = l(x(D_{\lambda, \text{Top}})) - l(x(D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}})) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{\sum i\lambda_i(\lambda_i+1)}{2}.$$

For  $0 \leq k \leq N$ , we define a subset  $\mathcal{D}_k^\lambda$  of  $\text{STab}_\lambda$  inductively from  $N$  to 0. We put

$$\mathcal{D}_N^\lambda = \{D_{\lambda, \text{Top}}\},$$

and for  $0 \leq k < N$ , we put

$$\mathcal{D}_k^\lambda = \{D \in \text{STab}_\lambda \mid D = s_j D' \text{ for some } D' \in \mathcal{D}_{k+1}^\lambda, j \in I_0(D')\},$$

where  $s_j D'$  is the standard tableau interchanging  $j$  and  $j+1$  in  $D'$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.**

- (1)  $\bigcup_{0 \leq k \leq N} \mathcal{D}_k^\lambda = \text{STab}_\lambda$  (disjoint union).
- (2)  $\mathcal{D}_0^\lambda = \{D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}\}.$

**PROOF.** For  $D \in \mathcal{D}_k^\lambda$ , we can show inductively that

$$l(x(D)) = l(x(D_{\lambda, \text{Top}})) - (N - k).$$

Hence if  $k \neq l$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_k^\lambda \cap \mathcal{D}_l^\lambda = \emptyset$  i.e. disjoint. For  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ , compare it with  $D_{\lambda, \text{Top}}$  for the top row from left to right then for the second row in the same manner and so on. If the first difference is  $a$  in  $D$ , we must have  $a-1 \in I_0({}^t D)$  and  $D' = s_{a-1} D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ . For this  $D'$ , instead of  $D$ , do the same operation. Continuing this, we finally get  $D_{\lambda, \text{Top}}$ . If it takes  $m$  times, then  $D \in \mathcal{D}_{N-m}^\lambda$ . If we do the same operation on  ${}^t D$  (compare with  ${}^t D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}$ ), we get  ${}^t D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}$  after  $k$  times interchange. Transposing all of them, if  $D \in \mathcal{D}_k^\lambda$  then  ${}^t D \in \mathcal{D}_{N-k}^\lambda$ . Therefore we get (1) and (2).

For  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ , we define  $\text{ht}(D) = k$  if  $D \in \mathcal{D}_k^\lambda$ .

**1.5. Partial orders on  $\text{STab}_\lambda$ .** We define three partial orders on  $\text{STab}_\lambda$ .

(1) For  $D, D' \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ , if  $\text{ht}(D') = \text{ht}(D) + 1$  and  $D' = (i, j)D$ , for some transposition  $(i, j)$ , we define  $D < D'$ . Let  $\leqq$  be the transitive closure of this relation, thus  $\leqq$  is a partial order on  $\text{STab}_\lambda$ .

(2) We define a partial order  $\leqq$  on  $\text{STab}_\lambda$  as follows. For  $D, D' \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ ,

$$D \leqq D' \text{ if and only if } m_{ir}(D) \leqq m_{ir}(D') \text{ for all } i \text{ and all } r,$$

where  $m_{ir}(D) = \#\{j \mid j \leqq i \text{ and } j \text{ appears in the first } r \text{ rows of } D\}$  (cf. James [2; 3.10]). This order can be interpreted as follows. For  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$  and  $1 \leqq i \leqq n$ , we define  $D_{\leqq i}$  the sub-diagram of  $D$  whose entries are less than or equal to  $i$ . Then this is also a standard Young tableau of size  $i$ . We also define for a Young tableau  $D$ ,  $\lambda(D) = (\lambda_1(D), \lambda_2(D), \dots, \lambda_r(D))$  where  $\lambda_i(D)$  is the length of  $i$ -th row of  $D$ , hence  $D$  has a Young frame of shape  $\lambda(D)$ . For two partitions  $\lambda, \mu \in P(n)$ , we define  $\lambda \leqq \mu$  iff

$\lambda_1 \leq \mu_1, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 \leq \mu_1 + \mu_2, \dots, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_s \leq \mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_s$  and  $r \geq s$  ( $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r)$ ,  $\mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_s)$ ). Then  $D \sqsubseteq D'$  iff  $\lambda(D_{\leq i}) \leq \lambda(D'_{\leq i})$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

(3) We define the third partial order  $\leq$  on  $\text{STab}_{\lambda}$ .  $D \leq D'$  if and only if  $x(D) \leq x(D')$ , where  $\leq$  is the Bruhat order on  $\mathfrak{S}_n$ . Then we have

PROPOSITION 3. For  $D, D' \in \text{STab}_{\lambda}$ ,

$$D \leq D' \text{ if and only if } D \sqsubseteq D', \text{ and these imply } D \leq D'.$$

PROOF. Clearly  $D \leq D'$  implies  $D \sqsubseteq D'$ . The partial order  $\leq$  is generated by the relation  $D_1 < D_2$ ,  $D_2 = (p, q)D_1$ . If  $p$  is in the  $k$ -th row and  $q$  is in the  $l$ -th row in  $D_1$ , and if  $p > q$ , then  $k < l$ . It is easy to see that

$$m_{ir}(D_1) = m_{ir}(D_2) \quad \text{for } i < q \text{ or } i \geq p \text{ or } r < k \text{ or } r \geq l,$$

and

$$m_{ir}(D_1) + 1 = m_{ir}(D_2) \quad \text{for } q \leq i < p \text{ and } k \leq r < l,$$

therefore  $D_1 \triangleleft D_2$ . Hence  $D \leq D'$  implies  $D \sqsubseteq D'$ . On the other hand, using the lemma below inductively, we can prove that  $D \sqsubseteq D'$  implies  $D \leq D'$ .

LEMMA 5. For  $D, D' \in \text{STab}_{\lambda}$  such that  $D \triangleleft D'$ , there exists  $D'' \in \text{STab}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\text{ht}(D'') = \text{ht}(D) + 1$  and  $D < D'' \sqsubseteq D'$ .

PROOF. Compare  $D$  and  $D'$  for the first row from left to right then for the second row in the same manner and so on. If the first difference is  $a$  in  $D$  and  $b$  in  $D'$  in the  $p$ -th row, then  $a > b$  by  $D \triangleleft D'$ . A corner of a Young tableau is a square that there is no square attached to the right of and below it. We put

$$C_D = \{j \mid b \leq j < a, j \text{ is in a corner of } D_{\leq a-1}, \\ \text{and } j \text{ is a lower square than } a \text{ in } D\}.$$

As  $b$  is in the lower position than  $a$  in  $D$ ,  $C_D \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $c \in C_D$  be in the highest position among  $C_D$ . Then  $b \leq c < a$ , and if we put  $D'' = (a, c)D$  then  $D'' \in \text{STab}_{\lambda}$  and  $\text{ht}(D'') = \text{ht}(D) + 1$  by the definition of  $c$ , therefore  $D < D''$ . We must show  $D'' \sqsubseteq D'$ . If  $c$  is in the  $q$ -th row of  $D$ ,

$$m_{ir}(D'') = m_{ir}(D) \leq m_{ir}(D') \quad \text{if } i < c \text{ or } i \geq a \text{ or } r < p \text{ or } r \geq q,$$

and

$$m_{ir}(D'') = m_{ir}(D) + 1 \quad \text{if } c \leq i < a \text{ and } p \leq r < q .$$

Therefore it is enough to show that

$$(1.5.1) \quad m_{ir}(D) < m_{ir}(D') \quad \text{if } c \leq i < a \text{ and } p \leq r < q .$$

We fix  $i$ ,  $c \leq i < a$ , and move  $r$  from  $p$  to  $q-1$ . If the first negation of (1.5.1) occurs for  $r=r_0$ , then  $m_{ir_0}(D)=m_{ir_0}(D')$ . We define  $s$  to be the smallest  $j$  such that  $\lambda_j(D_{\leq a-1})=\lambda_q(D_{\leq a-1})$ . For  $p \leq k < s$ ,

$$m_{ik}(D)=m_{b-1,k}(D) \leq m_{b-1,k}(D') < m_{b,k}(D') \leq m_{ik}(D') .$$

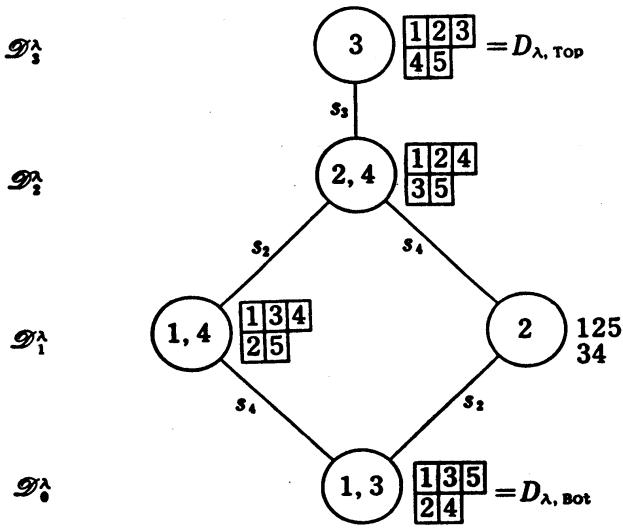
Therefore  $r_0$  must satisfy  $s \leq r_0 < q$ . But then,

$$\lambda_{r_0+1}(D_{\leq i})=\lambda_{r_0}(D_{\leq i}) > \lambda_{r_0}(D'_{\leq i}) \geq \lambda_{r_0+1}(D'_{\leq i}) ,$$

hence  $m_{i,r_0+1}(D) > m_{i,r_0+1}(D')$  which contradicts the fact  $D \triangleleft D'$ . Therefore we have (1.5.1) and finally we get  $D'' \leq D'$ .

**1.6.** We define the  $\lambda$ -diagram to be the Hasse diagram of  $(\text{STab}_\lambda, \leq)$  whose vertices have two data  $D$  and  $I(D)$ . If  $D \in \mathcal{D}_k^\lambda$ ,  $D' \in \mathcal{D}_{k+1}^\lambda$  and  $s_j D' = D$  then we label the edge  $\{D, D'\}$  as  $s_j$ . An edge may have no label (cf. Example 5.1).

EXAMPLE.  $\lambda=(3, 2)$ .



## § 2. The left cells of $\mathfrak{S}_n$ .

By Kazhdan and Lusztig [3], the left cells of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  are determined as follows. For  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ , we define

$X_D = \{x \in \mathfrak{S}_n \mid Q(x) = D \text{ for the Robinson-Schensted correspondence}\}$ .

We denote by  $\Gamma_D$  the  $W$ -graph corresponding to  $X_D$  with edge and multiplicity defined by  $\mu(x, y)$  (cf. [3]). Then  $\{\Gamma_D \mid D \in \text{STab}_\lambda, \lambda \in P(n)\}$  is the set of all left cells of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  and if  $D, D' \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ , then  $\Gamma_D$  and  $\Gamma_{D'}$  are isomorphic as  $W$ -graphs ([3; Theorem 1.4]). We particularly consider  $\Gamma^\lambda = \Gamma_{D_\lambda, \text{Bot}}$  on  $X^\lambda = X_{D_\lambda, \text{Bot}}$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.** *The  $\lambda$ -diagram can be identified with the induced subgraph which is obtained from the Hasse diagram of the Bruhat order of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  by restricting vertices to  $X^\lambda$ .*

**PROOF.** For  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ ,  $x(D)$  corresponds to  $(D, D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}})$ . For  $D, D' \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ ,  $l(x(D')) = l(x(D)) + 1$  if and only if  $\text{ht}(D') = \text{ht}(D) + 1$ , and in this case  $x(D') > x(D)$  if and only if  $D' > D$  (cf. Hiller [1; Definition 6.0]).

**LEMMA 6.** *If  $x \leq y$  and  $l(y) - l(x) \geq 2$ , then*

$$\mu(x, y) \neq 0 \text{ implies } \mathcal{L}(y) \subset \mathcal{L}(x),$$

where  $\mathcal{L}(x) = \{s \in S \mid sx < x\}$ .

**PROOF.** By [3; (2.3.g)], for  $s \in S$ ,

$$P_{x,y} = P_{sx,y} \quad \text{if } x < y, sy < y, sx > x,$$

where  $P_{x,y}$  is the Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The degree of } P_{sx,y} &\leq \frac{1}{2}(l(y) - l(sx) - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(l(y) - l(x) - 2) \\ &< \frac{1}{2}(l(y) - l(x) - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore if  $\mu(x, y) \neq 0$  and  $sy < y$  then we must have  $sx < x$ . Hence  $\mathcal{L}(y) \subset \mathcal{L}(x)$ .

**COROLLARY 1.**  $\Gamma^\lambda$  is obtained from  $\lambda$ -diagram by adding some edges  $\{D, D'\}$  for  $D \in \mathcal{D}_k^\lambda$ ,  $D' \in \mathcal{D}_l^\lambda$ ,  $l-k=\text{odd} \geq 3$ ,  $I(D') \subset I(D)$ .

**PROOF.** For  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ ,  $I(D) = \{i \mid s_i \in \mathcal{L}(x(D))\}$ , thus it is clear from the lemma above.

For  $x \in X^\lambda$  we denote by  $g_x$  the base element of  $\Gamma^\lambda$  corresponding

to  $x$ , where  $D=P(x)$ . Thus  $\{g_D\}_{D \in \text{Tab}_\lambda}$  is the natural  $\mathbb{Z}$ -base for  $\Gamma^\lambda$ .

### § 3. Specht modules.

In this section we will quote some results of James [2].

**3.1.** We define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $\text{Tab}_\lambda$  by  $D \sim D'$  if and only if  $i$ -th rows of  $D$  and  $D'$  are equal as sets for all  $i$ . We define

$$\text{Tabloid}_\lambda = \text{Tab}_\lambda / \sim \quad (\text{the set of equivalence classes under } \sim).$$

We denote by  $[D]$  the equivalence class containing  $D$ . And we put

$$M_\lambda = \text{the free } \mathbb{Z}\text{-module on Tabloid}_\lambda.$$

Then  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  acts naturally on  $M_\lambda$ . We also define for  $D \in \text{Tab}_\lambda$

$$V_D = \{x \in \mathfrak{S}_n \mid x \text{ stabilizes each column of } D\},$$

$$k_D = \sum_{x \in V_D} \text{sgn}(x)x \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathfrak{S}_n],$$

$$e_D = k_D[D] \in M_\lambda,$$

$$S^\lambda = \langle e_D \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}, D \in \text{Tab}_\lambda} \subset M_\lambda.$$

$S^\lambda$  is called the Specht module corresponding to the partition  $\lambda$ .

**LEMMA 7.** *The  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathfrak{S}_n]$  module  $S^\lambda$  is a cyclic module generated by any  $e_D$ ,  $D \in \text{Tab}_\lambda$ .*

It is also known that

**PROPOSITION 5** ([2; Theorem 8.4]).  *$\{e_D\}_{D \in \text{STab}_\lambda}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -base of  $S^\lambda$ .*

The action of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  on  $S^\lambda$  with respect to this base  $\{e_D\}_{D \in \text{STab}_\lambda}$  is determined by the action of  $s_i = (i, i+1)$  on  $e_D$  for  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ .

**PROPOSITION 6** (James [2; 25.1]). *The action of  $s_i$  on  $e_D$  is calculated as follows ( $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ ):*

- (1) *If  $i \in I_1(D)$ , then  $s_i e_D = -e_D$ .*
- (2) *If  $i \in I_0(D) \cup I_0(^t D)$ , then  $s_i e_D = e_{s_i D}$ .*
- (3) *If  $i \in I_1(^t D)$ , then  $s_i e_D = e_D + \sum_{D' < D} a_{D'} D'$ .*

The case (3) is calculated by the Garnir relations.

**3.2. The Garnir relations.** For  $D \in \text{Tab}_\lambda$ , let  $X$  be a subset of the  $i$ -th column of  $D$  and  $Y$  be a subset of the  $(i+1)$ -th column of  $D$ . We define, for  $Z \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}_Z$  to be the permutation group on the set  $Z$ . We fix a coset representative of  $\mathfrak{S}_{X \cup Y} / \mathfrak{S}_X \times \mathfrak{S}_Y$  and denote it by

$\{\sigma_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq r}$ . Then we define

$$G_{x,y} = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq r} \text{sgn}(\sigma_i) \sigma_i \in \mathbb{Z}[\mathfrak{S}_n].$$

**PROPOSITION 7** (James [2; Theorem 7.2]). *If  $|X \cup Y| >$  the number of squares in the  $i$ -th column of  $D$ , then*

$$G_{x,y} e_D = 0$$

which is called the Garnir relation.

#### § 4. The isomorphism.

**4.1.** Now we can state the main result of this paper. We consider two  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathfrak{S}_n]$  modules with natural bases,  $S^\lambda = \langle e_D \rangle_{Z, D \in \text{STab}_\lambda}$  and  $\Gamma^\lambda = \langle g_D \rangle_{Z, D \in \text{STab}_\lambda}$ .

**THEOREM.** *There exists a unique isomorphism  $\varphi$  from  $S^\lambda$  to  $\Gamma^\lambda$  such that*

$$\varphi(e_D) = g_D + \sum_{D' \prec D} a_{D',D} g_{D'} \quad (a_{D',D} \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

**PROOF.** Let  $W_I$  be the subgroup of  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  generated by a subset  $I \subset S$ . For  $\mu \in P(n)$ , we set  $I(\mu) = I(D_{\mu, \text{Bot}})$  and regard it as a subset of  $S$  by identifying  $i$  with  $s_i$ . Then  $W_{I(\mu)}$  is the horizontal subgroup of  $D_{\mu, \text{Top}}$ . We also set  $S'_Q = S^\lambda \otimes Q$  and  $\Gamma'_Q = \Gamma^\lambda \otimes Q$ . By Stanley [5; 4.1]

$$\langle \text{Ind}_{W_{I(\mu)}}^{\mathfrak{S}_n} 1, S'_Q \rangle = \#\{D \in \text{STab}_\lambda \mid I(D) \subset \widehat{I(\mu)}\}$$

where  $\widehat{I(\mu)} = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\} - I(\mu)$ . This multiplicity is the Kostka number  $K_{\lambda, \mu}$ . On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{Ind}_{W_{I(\mu)}}^{\mathfrak{S}_n} 1, \Gamma'_Q \rangle &= \langle 1, \Gamma'_Q |_{W_{I(\mu)}} \rangle \\ &= \#\{D \in \text{STab}_\lambda \mid I(D) \cap I(\mu) = \emptyset\} \\ &= \#\{D \in \text{STab}_\lambda \mid I(D) \subset \widehat{I(\mu)}\}. \end{aligned}$$

As the matrix  $(K_{\lambda, \mu})_{\lambda, \mu \in P(n)}$  is invertible, we get  $S'_Q \cong \Gamma'_Q$  as  $Q[\mathfrak{S}_n]$  modules. The  $-1$  eigenspace of  $s_i$  in  $\Gamma'_Q$  is  $\sum_{i \in I(D)} Qg_D$ , and it is easy to see that if  $I(D) \supset I(D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}})$  for  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ , then  $D = D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}$ . Therefore the common  $-1$  eigenspace of  $I(D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}})$  in  $\Gamma'_Q$  is  $Qg_{D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}}$ . But since  $e_{D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}}$  is a common  $-1$  eigenvector of  $I(D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}})$  in  $S'_Q$ , there is an isomorphism  $\tilde{\varphi}: S'_Q \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma'_Q$  such that  $\tilde{\varphi}(e_{D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}}) = g_{D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}}$ .

By Lemma 7, we can define  $\varphi = \tilde{\varphi}|_{S^\lambda}: S^\lambda \rightarrow \Gamma^\lambda$ , which is a  $\mathbb{Z}[\mathfrak{S}_n]$  homo-

morphism. We will show that this homomorphism  $\varphi$  has the required property by induction on  $\text{ht}(D)$ . If  $\text{ht}(D)=0$ , then  $D=D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}$  and by the construction  $\varphi(e_D)$  has the required form. If  $\text{ht}(D)>0$ , take  $j \in I_0(D)$  and define  $D'=s_j D$ . Then by induction

$$\varphi(e_{D'}) = g_{D'} + \sum_{D'' < D'} a_{D'', D'} g_{D''}.$$

As  $\varphi$  is a  $Z[\mathfrak{S}_n]$  homomorphism,

$$\varphi(e_D) = \varphi(s_j e_{D'}) = s_j \varphi(e_{D'}).$$

On the other hand

$$s_j g_{D'} = g_D + g_{D'} + \sum_{D^* < D'} b_{D^*} g_{D^*}$$

and

$$s_j g_{D''} = \begin{cases} -g_{D''} & \text{if } j \in I(D'') \\ g_{D''} + \text{lower} & \text{if } j \in I_1(^t D'') \\ g_{D''} + g_{D''} + \text{lower} & \text{if } j \in I_0(^t D'') \end{cases}$$

where  $D^\circ = s_j D''$  and  $D'' < D^\circ < D$ . Therefore  $\varphi(e_D)$  also has the required form.  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism by this form, and uniqueness is clear.

#### 4.2. Construction of left cells. For $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ we define

$$B_D = \{D' \in \text{STab}_\lambda \mid \text{ht}(D) - \text{ht}(D') = \text{odd} \geq 3 \text{ and } I(D') \supset I(D)\}$$

and

$$C(D) = \left( \bigcup_{D' \in B_D} I(D') \right) - I(D) \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}.$$

For  $\lambda \in P(n)$ , we define a condition  $(C_\lambda)$  as follows:

$(C_\lambda)$  For all  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda - \{D_{\lambda, \text{Bot}}\}$ , there exists  $j \in I_0(D)$  such that  $j \notin C(s_j D)$ .

REMARK. For  $n \leq 7$ , all partitions  $\lambda \in P(n)$  satisfy the condition  $(C_\lambda)$ . But there are partitions which do not satisfy the condition for  $n \geq 8$ , e.g.  $\lambda = (2, 2, 2, 1, 1)$ .

COROLLARY 2. If a partition  $\lambda$  satisfies the condition  $(C_\lambda)$ , we can construct sub-W-graph of the left cell  $\Gamma^\lambda$  from the  $\lambda$ -diagram using the Garnir relations.

**PROOF.** We construct  $\Gamma^\lambda$  inductively on  $\text{ht}(D)$ ,  $D \in \text{STab}_\lambda$ . For  $\text{ht}(D) < 3$ ,  $\lambda$ -diagram is equal to  $\Gamma^\lambda$ . For  $k \geq 3$ , assume that  $\Gamma^\lambda$  is already constructed for  $\text{ht}(D) < k$ , so the action of  $s_i$  on  $g_D$  is already defined for  $\text{ht}(D) < k$  and all  $i$ . Take  $D \in \mathcal{D}_k^\lambda$ . If  $C(D) = \emptyset$ , then no edges are added and take another  $D \in \mathcal{D}_k^\lambda$ . For  $i \in C(D)$ , we have two cases.

(1) If  $i \in I_0(t^*D)$ , put  $D' = s_i D$ . By the condition  $(C_\lambda)$  for  $D'$ , there exists  $j \in I_0(D')$  such that  $j \notin C(s_j D')$ . Then  $\varphi(e_{D'}) = s_j \varphi(e_{s_j D'})$  is already determined in terms of  $g_{D'}$ ,  $D' \leq D$ . On the other hand  $\varphi(e_D) = g_D + \text{lower}$  is also determined. As  $\varphi(e_{D'}) = s_i \varphi(e_D)$ , we get  $s_i g_D = g_{D'} + g_D + \sum_{D'' < D} \alpha_{D''} g_{D''}$ . Then add all the edges  $\{D, D''\}$  for  $\alpha_{D''} \neq 0$  and define  $\mu(D'', D) = \alpha_{D''}$ .

(2) If  $i \in I_1(t^*D)$ , then  $s_i e_D = e_D + \sum_{D'' < D} \beta_{D''} e_{D''}$  (calculated by the Garnir relations).  $\varphi(e_D)$  is already determined and as  $s_i \varphi(e_D) = \varphi(s_i e_D)$ , we get  $s_i g_D = g_D + \sum_{D'' < D} \gamma_{D''} g_{D''}$ . Then add all the edges  $\{D, D''\}$  for  $\gamma_{D''} \neq 0$  and define  $\mu(D'', D) = \gamma_{D''}$ .

Do this operation for all  $i \in C(D)$ . For all  $D \in \mathcal{D}_k^\lambda$  do the same operation and we get  $\Gamma^\lambda$  for  $\text{ht}(D) \leq k$ . Thus inductively we get  $\Gamma^\lambda$ . (If there are vertices with the same  $I$ -set, some edges may be added to become the left cell.)

## § 5. Examples.

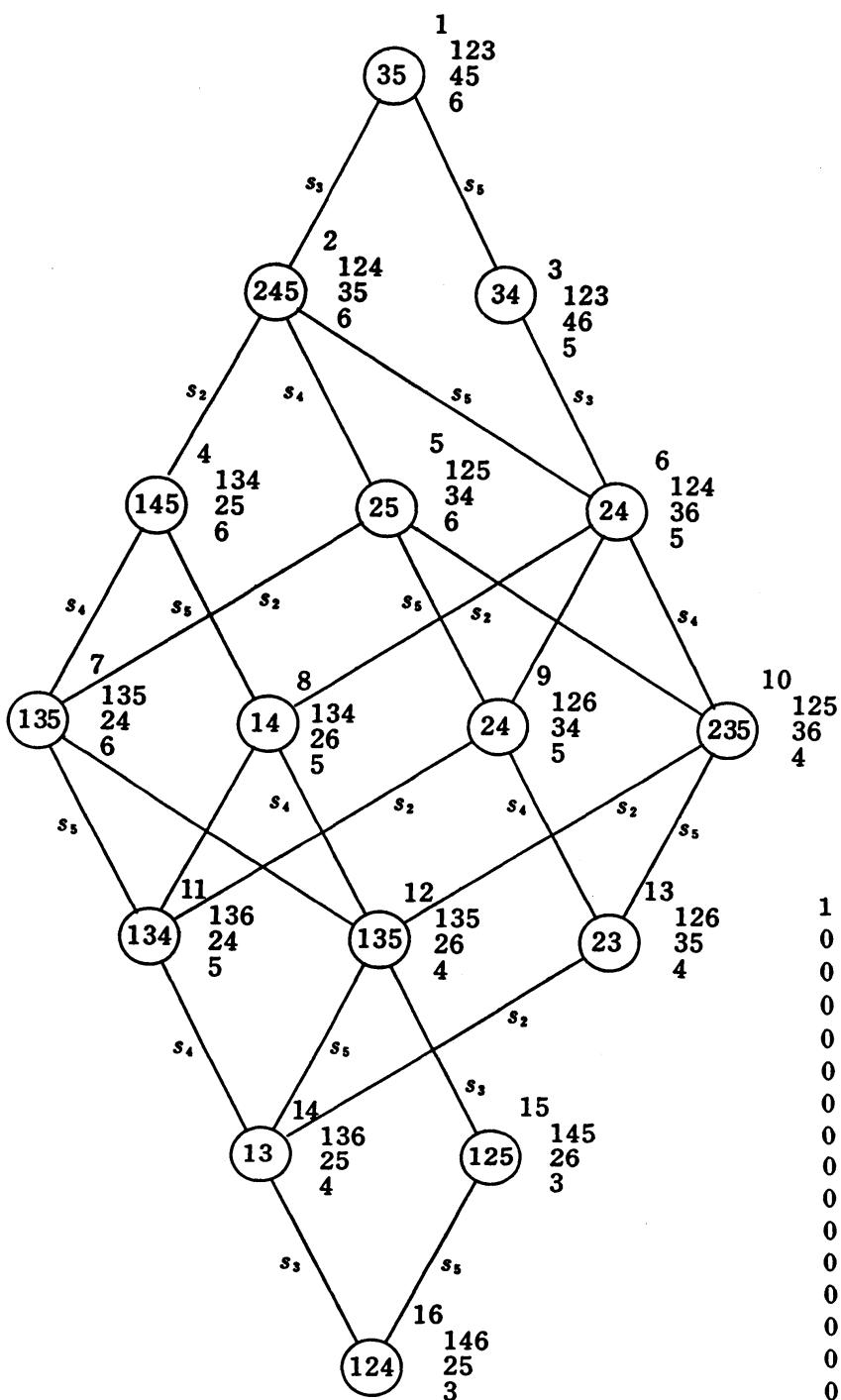
In this section we calculate  $W$ -graphs (the left cells) and transition matrices for  $\lambda = (3, 2, 1)$  and for all partitions of  $n = 7$  using Corollary 2.

**5.1.**  $\lambda = (3, 2, 1)$ . The  $\lambda$ -diagram is indicated below. We label the Young tableaux  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{16}$  from top to bottom. We also write  $e_i = e_{D_i}$  and  $g_j = g_{D_j}$ . As the action of  $s_i$  on  $g_D$  is already known for  $\text{ht}(D) \leq 2$ , we can calculate  $\varphi(e_D)$  for  $\text{ht}(D) \leq 3$  inductively:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(e_{16}) &= g_{16} \quad \text{by definition of } \varphi, \\ \varphi(e_{15}) &= s_5 \varphi(e_{16}) = s_5 g_{16} = g_{15} + g_{16}, \\ \varphi(e_{14}) &= s_3 \varphi(e_{16}) = s_3 g_{16} = g_{14} + g_{16}, \\ \varphi(e_{13}) &= s_2 \varphi(e_{14}) = s_2(g_{14} + g_{16}) = g_{13} + g_{14}, \\ &\vdots \\ \varphi(e_7) &= s_5 \varphi(e_{11}) = g_7 + g_{11} + g_{12} + g_{14}. \end{aligned}$$

We define the action of  $s_i$  on  $g_D$  for  $\text{ht}(D) = 3$ .  $C(D_9) = \{1\}$  and this is the case (2) of Corollary 2.

$$s_1 e_9 = e_9 - e_{11} - e_{16} \quad \text{by Garnir relation ,}$$

 $\lambda$ -diagram for  $\lambda = (3, 2, 1)$ 

1	11	111	1111	110	01	1
0	10	111	1111	111	11	1
0	01	001	0110	100	00	1
0	00	100	1100	110	10	1
0	00	010	1011	111	11	1
0	00	001	0111	111	10	1
0	00	000	1000	110	10	0
0	00	000	0100	110	11	1
0	00	000	0010	101	10	1
0	00	000	0001	011	10	0
0	00	000	0000	100	10	0
0	00	000	0000	010	11	1
0	00	000	0000	001	10	0
0	00	000	0000	000	10	1
0	00	000	0000	000	01	1
0	00	000	0000	000	00	1

transition matrix for  $\lambda = (3, 2, 1)$

and

$$s_1\varphi(e_9) = \varphi(e_9 - e_{11} - e_{18}) = g_9 + g_{13} \dots$$

### On the other hand

$$s_1\varphi(e_9) = s_1g_9 + s_1(g_{11} + e_{13} + g_{14} + g_{16}) = s_1g_9 - g_{11} + g_{13} - g_{16}.$$

Therefore  $s_1g_9 = g_9 + g_{11} + g_{16}$  and we get  $\mu(D_{16}, D_9) = 1$ .  $C(D_8) = \{2\}$  and this is the case (1) of Corollary 2.  $s_2e_8 = e_6 = s_4e_{10}$  and the action of  $s_4$  on  $g_{10}$  is known:

$$s_4\varphi(e_{10}) = s_4(g_{10} + g_{12} + g_{18} + g_{14}) \\ = g_6 + g_8 + g_9 + g_{10} + g_{11} + g_{12} + g_{13} + g_{14} + g_{16}.$$

On the other hand

$$s_2\mathcal{P}(e_8) = s_2g_8 + s_2(g_{11} + g_{12} + g_{14} + g_{15} + g_{16}) \\ = s_2g_8 + g_8 + g_{10} + g_{11} + g_{12} + g_{13} + g_{14},$$

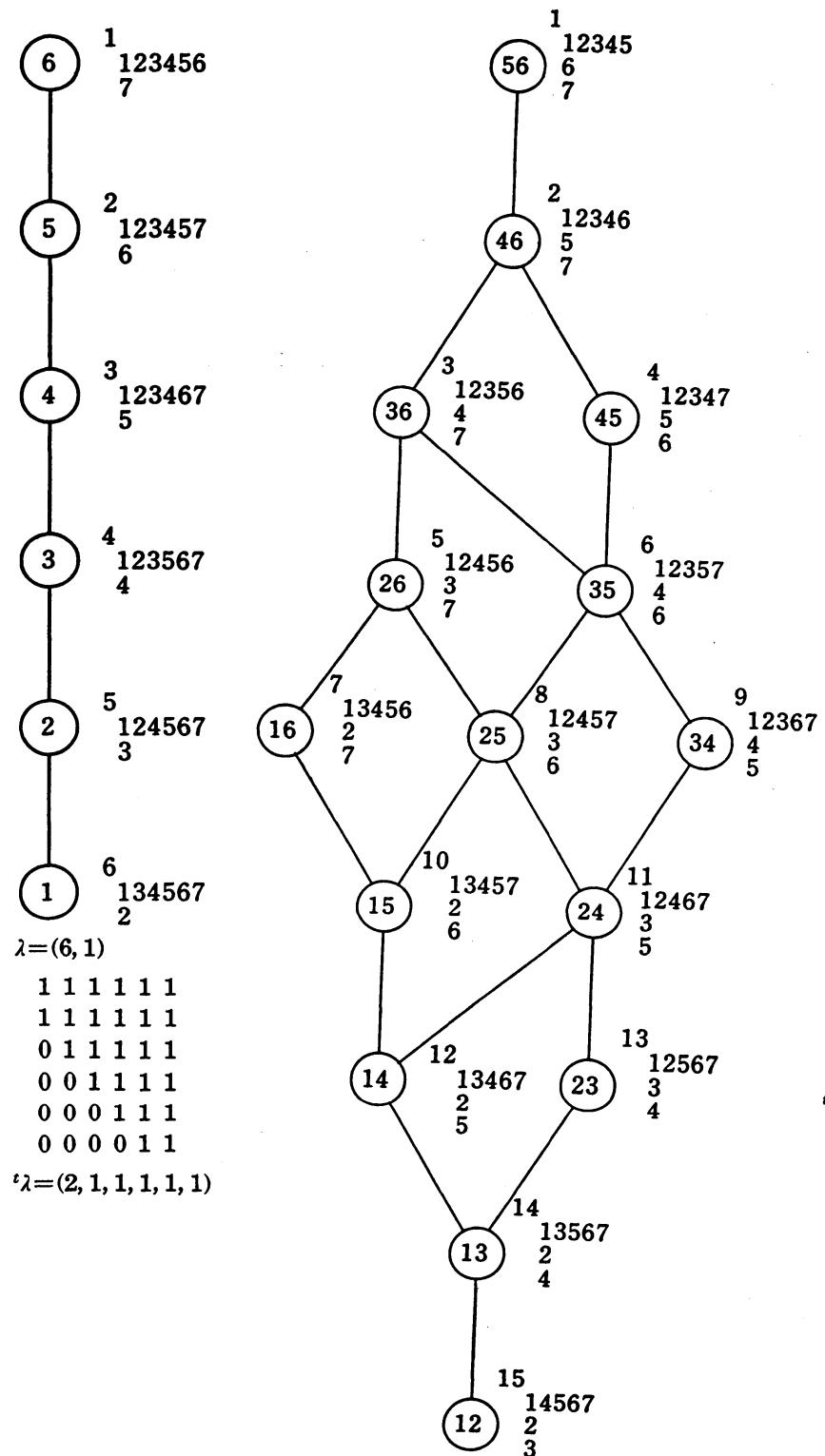
therefore  $s_2g_8 = g_6 + g_8 + g_{18}$  and we get  $\mu(D_{18}, D_8) = 1$ . As we defined all the actions of  $s_i$  on  $g_D$  for  $\text{ht}(D) \leq 3$ , we can calculate  $\varphi(e_D)$  for  $\text{ht}(D) = 4$ . In this way we get transition matrix and  $W$ -graph simultaneously. The added edges are

$$D_8 \text{---} D_{16}, \quad D_9 \text{---} D_{16}, \quad D_5 \text{---} D_{15}, \quad D_3 \text{---} D_{11}, \quad D_1 \text{---} D_7, \quad D_4 \text{---} D_{10}$$

with multiplicities 1. This  $W$ -graph is also the left cell.

**5.2.**  $n=7$ . We indicate only half of the cases. For transposed partition  ${}^t\lambda$ , the Young tableaux are  ${}^tD$  with the same numbering. The edges are the same and the  $I$ -sets are  $I({}^tD)=\{1, 2, \dots, 6\}-I(D)$ . The transition matrix is indicated in lower triangle, e.g. for  ${}^t\lambda=(2, 2, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\varphi(e_8)=g_8+g_6+g_5+g_3$ . Dotted edges are added for the  $W$ -graph to become the left cell.

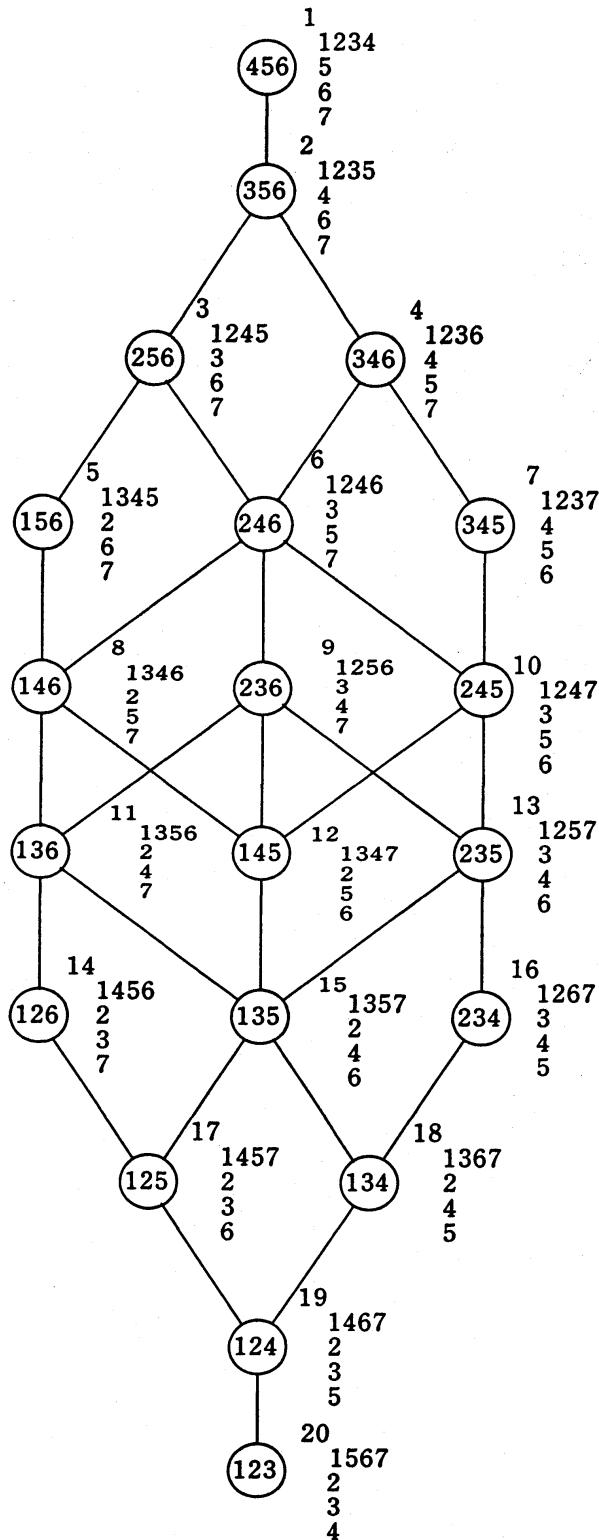
$$\textcircled{\varnothing} \quad \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1234567 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \lambda = (7) \\ 1 \\ \lambda = (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) \end{matrix}$$



$\lambda = (5, 1, 1)$

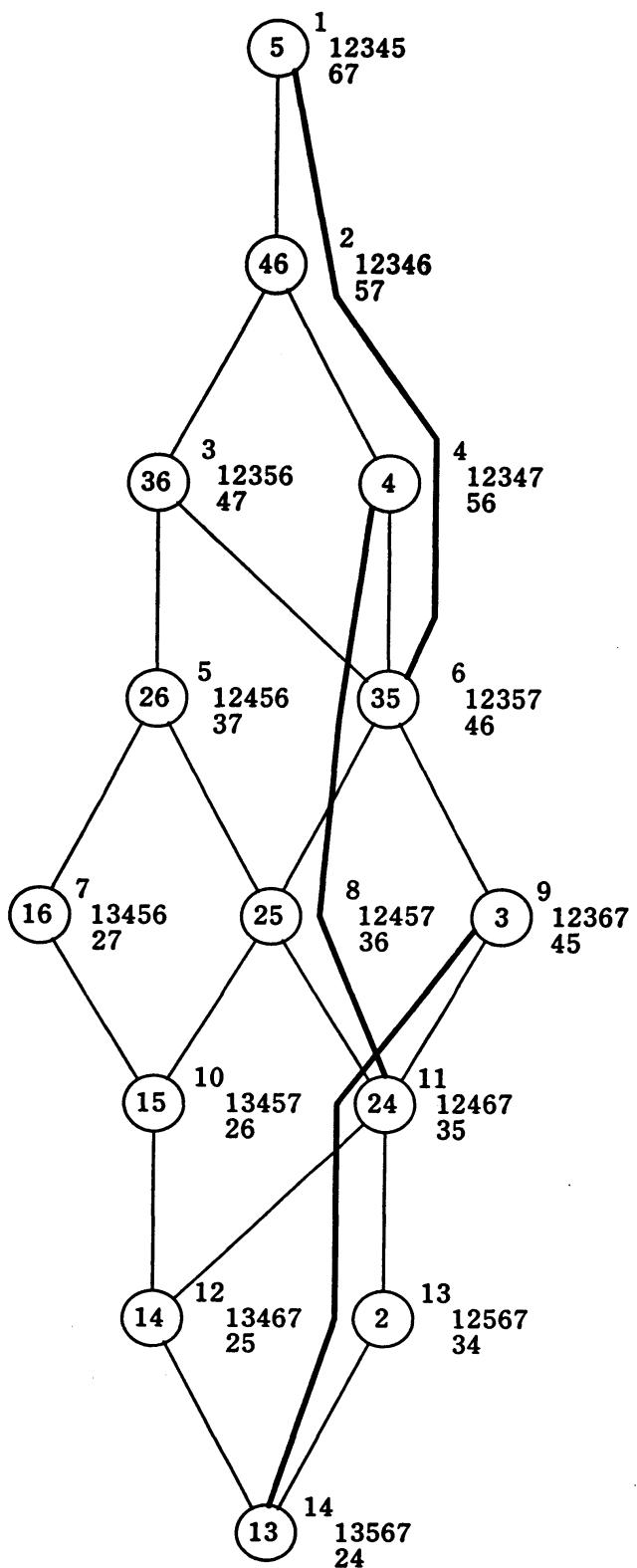
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0	1	11	01	011	11	10	00	00
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0	0	10	11	010	11	11	10	00
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0	0	00	00	001	01	01	10	00
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$\lambda = (3, 1, 1, 1, 1)$

 $\lambda = (4, 1, 1, 1)$ 

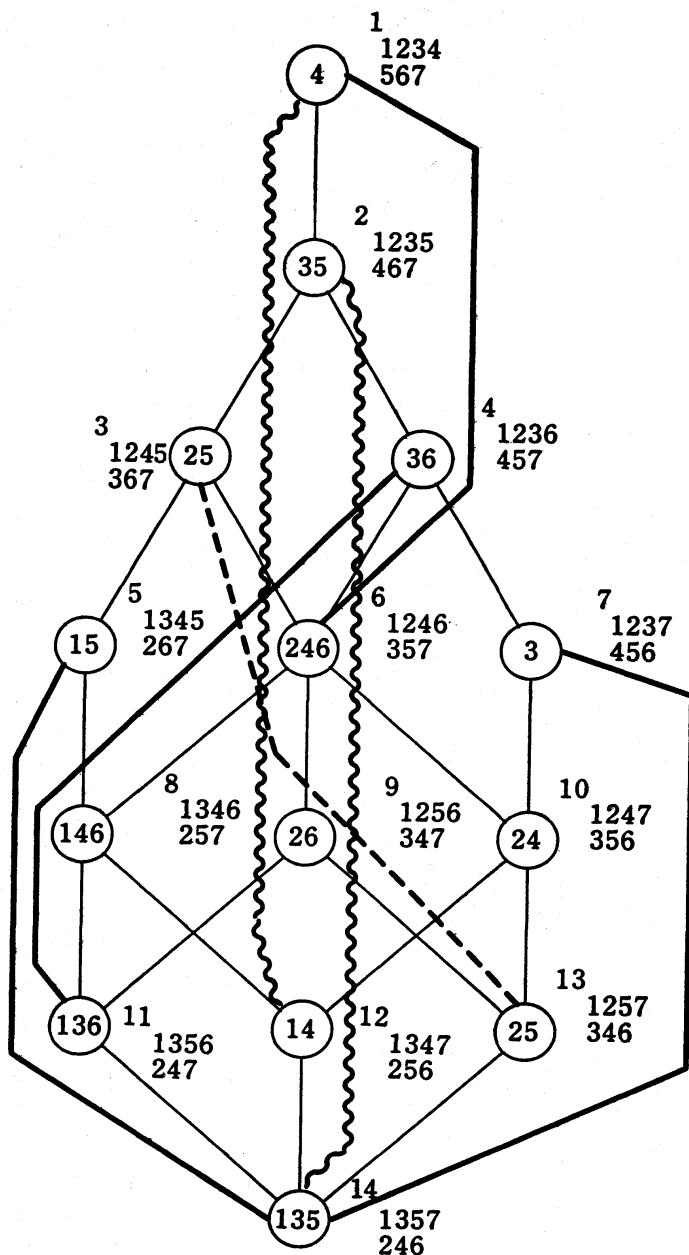
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0	0	10	110	100	110	110	10	00	00	00	00
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 $\lambda = (4, 1, 1, 1)$


 $\lambda = (5, 2)$ 

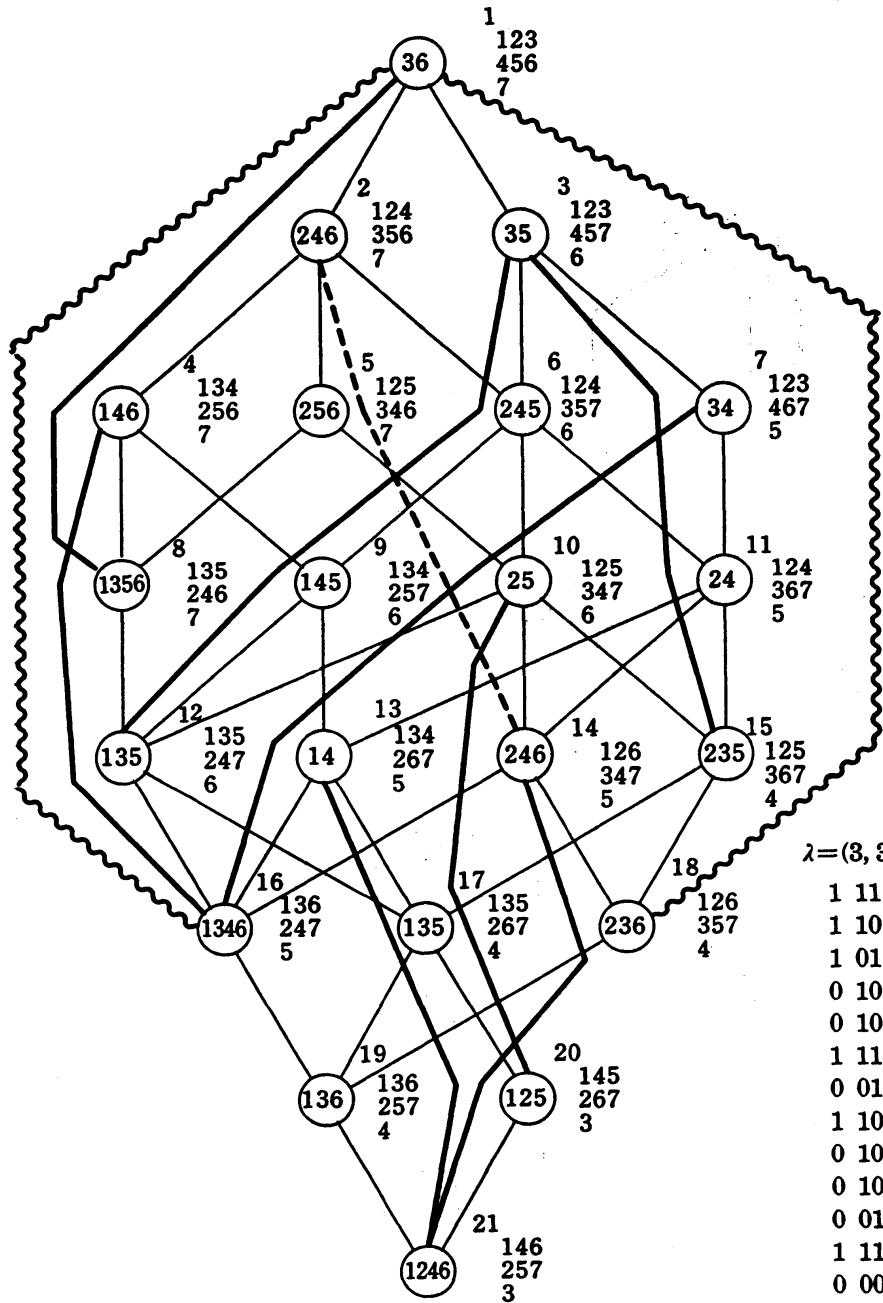
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0	0	01	01	011	01	11	1
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0	0	00	00	001	01	11	1

 $\lambda' = (2, 2, 1, 1, 1)$

 $\lambda = (4, 3)$ 

1	1	11	121	111	111	2
1	1	11	111	111	111	2
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0	1	01	011	111	111	1
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0	0	10	110	100	110	1
1	0	00	010	010	101	1
0	0	01	011	001	011	1
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1	1	11	111	111	111	1

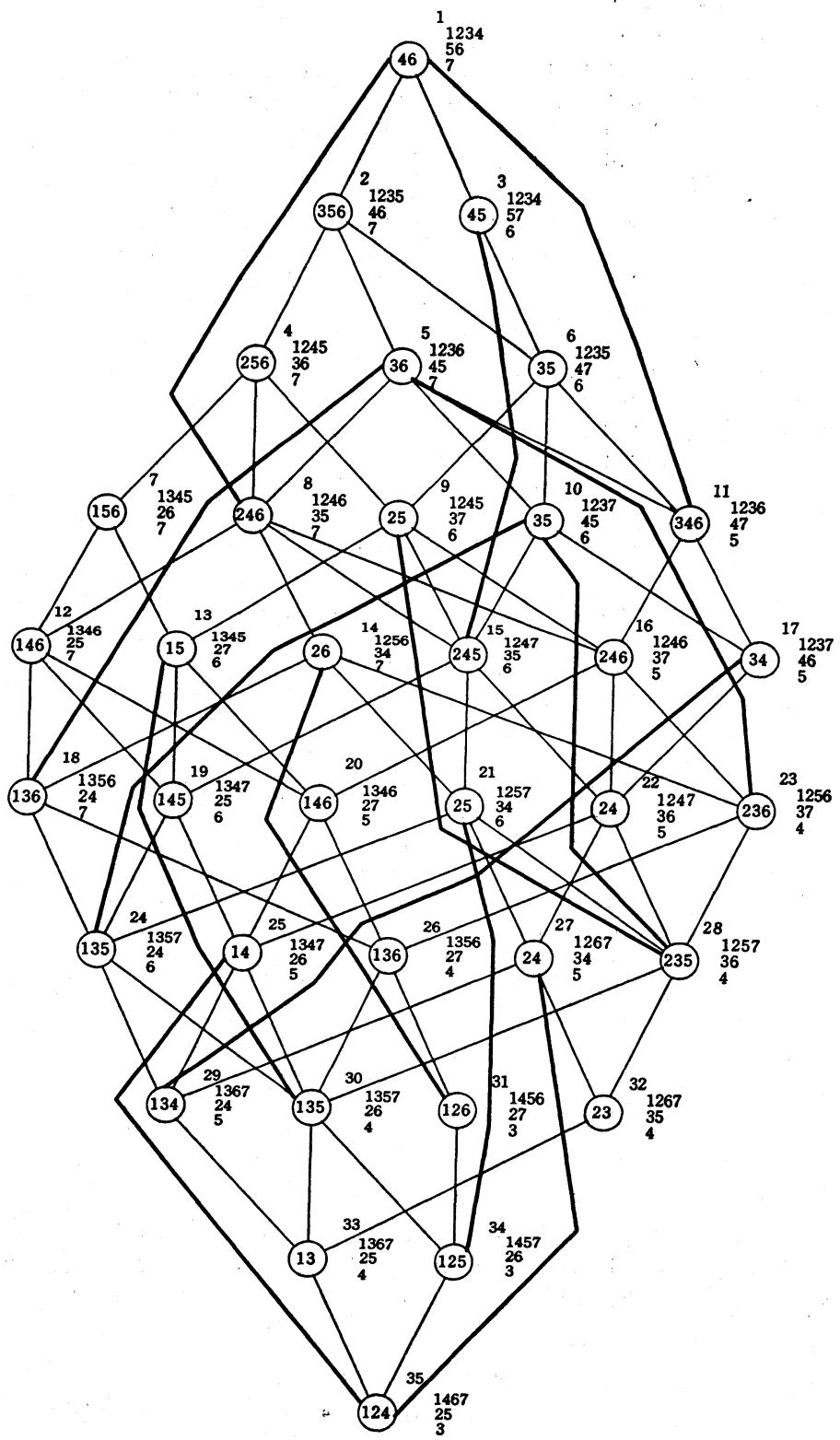
 $\lambda = (2, 2, 2, 1)$



$$\lambda = (3, 3, 1)$$

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0	10	1000	1100	1100	110	00	0
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0	01	0001	0001	0110	100	00	1
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0	10	1010	0100	1100	110	10	1
0	10	0110	0010	1011	111	11	1
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1	11	1111	1111	1110	100	10	0
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1	01	0001	0011	1111	111	11	1

$$^t\lambda = (3, 2, 2)$$



$\lambda=(4, 2, 1)$

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1 11 111 12111 111210 111101 10101 0110 01 0
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1 01 001 00110 010200 010100 10001 0100 01 0
0 10 100 11100 111110 111111 11112 1211 11 1
0 10 010 01011 101111 111111 1110 01 1
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$\lambda=(3, 2, 1, 1)$

**5.3. Remark.** The algorithm of Corollary 2 can be ameliorated and we get  $W$ -graphs for all partitions of  $n \leq 9$ . We have a microcomputer program to calculate these  $W$ -graphs. In these cases, the transition matrices are all nonnegative.

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