

## RSK Type Correspondence of Pictures and Littlewood-Richardson Crystals

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**Abstract.** We present a Robinson-Schensted-Knuth type one-to-one correspondence between the set of pictures and the set of pairs of Littlewood-Richardson crystals.

### 1. Introduction

Combinatorics of pictures has been initiated in [1, 2, 6, 14]. Picture is a certain bijective order morphism between two skew Young diagrams with some partial/total orders. The remarkable result for pictures is that there exists a kind of RSK type one to one correspondence as follows. Let  $\kappa^i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) be skew Young diagrams with  $|\kappa^1| = |\kappa^2| (= N)$ . There exists a bijection:

$$\mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \coprod_{\mu} (\mathbf{P}(\mu, \kappa^1) \times \mathbf{P}(\mu, \kappa^2)), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\mu$  runs over the set of Young diagrams with  $|\mu| = N$  and  $\mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  is a set of pictures from  $\kappa^1$  to  $\kappa^2$ . Since some set of pictures can be identified with a set of permutations, this correspondence can be seen as an analogue of the RSK correspondence. In [3, 13], certain generalizations have been done using various combinatorial methods.

In [11, 12], we introduced the one to one correspondence between “Littlewood-Richardson crystals” and pictures.

$$\mathbf{P}(\mu, \nu \setminus \lambda) \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda}^{\nu}, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\lambda, \mu, \nu$  are Young diagrams with  $|\lambda| + |\mu| = |\nu|$ . This seems to give a new interpretation of pictures from the view point of the theory of crystal bases.

In this article, we shall describe the following bijections

$$\mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) \xleftrightarrow{1:1} \coprod_{\mu} (\mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{\nu^1} \times \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{\nu^2}), \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  is the set of pictures from  $\kappa^1$  to  $\kappa^2$ ,  $\mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  is the set of Littlewood-Richardson skew tableaux associated with  $(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$ ,  $\mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  is the set of lexicographic two-rowed array (of column type) associated with  $(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  and the last one is a set of pairs of Littlewood-Richardson crystals. Thus, applying (1.2) to the last one in (1.3) we obtain the original correspondence (1.1). The pictures treated in this article are defined by the order  $J$  (see Sect.2), which is a kind of admissible orders. More general setting, namely defined by general admissible orders will be discussed elsewhere.

As is well known that the crystal  $\mathbf{B}(\mu)$  of type  $\mathfrak{gl}_n$  (or  $\mathfrak{sl}_n$ ) is realized as the set of Young tableaux [9] and the Littlewood-Richardson crystal  $\mathbf{B}(\mu)_\lambda^\nu$  is a subset of  $\mathbf{B}(\mu)$  with the certain special conditions 'highest conditions' [10, 11, 12]. Thus, the last term in (1.3) is a set of pairs of same shaped Young tableaux and then bijections in (1.3) turn out to be a generalization of the RSK correspondence.

As claimed in [11, 12], these methods would open the door to generalize the theory of pictures to wider classes. Indeed, in preparing this manuscript, we received the preprint 'Admissible pictures and  $U_q(\mathfrak{gl}(m; n))$ - Littlewood-Richardson tableaux' by J. H. Jung, S-J. Kang and Y-W. Lyoo, which gives the first bijection in (1.3) and generalizes it to the the super case  $U_q(\mathfrak{gl}(m; n))$ . This is a kind of the evidence of our claims, unfortunately, which was not done by us.

The organizations of the article is as follows: in Sect.2 and 3, the basics of pictures and crystals are reviewed. In Sect.4, we introduce several combinatorial procedures and notions required in this article; column bumping, RSK correspondence, Knuth equivalence, crystal equivalence and etc. The main theorem is given in Sect.5. and its proof is described separately in the subsequent sections.

## 2. Pictures

**2.1. Young diagrams and Young tableaux.** Let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m)$  be a Young diagram or a partition, which satisfies  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m \geq 0$ . For Young diagrams  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  with  $\mu \subset \lambda$ , a *skew diagram*  $\lambda \setminus \mu$  is obtained by subtracting set-theoretically  $\mu$  from  $\lambda$ .

In this article we frequently consider a (skew) Young diagram as a subset of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  by identifying the box in  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column with  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.1.** A Young diagram  $\lambda = (2, 2, 1)$  is expressed by  $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 1)\}$ .

As in [4], in the sequel, a "(skew) Young tableau" means a semi-standard (skew) tableau. For a skew Young tableau  $S$  of shape  $\lambda \setminus \mu$ , we also consider a "coordinate" in  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  like as a skew diagram  $\lambda \setminus \mu$ . Then an entry of  $S$  in  $(i, j)$  is denoted by  $S_{i,j}$  and called  $(i, j)$ -entry. For  $k > 0$ , define ([11])

$$S^{(k)} = \{(l, m) \in \lambda \setminus \mu \mid S_{l,m} = k\}. \quad (2.1)$$

There is no two elements in one column in  $S^{(k)}$ . For a skew Young tableau  $S$  with  $(i, j)$ -entry  $S_{i,j} = k$ , we define  $p(S; i, j)$  ([11]) as the number of  $(i, j)$ -entry from the right in  $S^{(k)}$ .

**2.2. Picture.** First, we shall introduce the original notion of “picture” as in [14].

We define the following two kinds of orders on a subset  $X \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ : For  $(a, b), (c, d) \in X$ ,

- (i)  $(a, b) \leq_P (c, d)$  iff  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$ .
- (ii)  $(a, b) \leq_J (c, d)$  iff  $a < c$ , or  $a = c$  and  $b \geq d$ .

Note that the order  $\leq_P$  is a partial order and  $\leq_J$  is a total order.

DEFINITION 2.2 ([14]). Let  $X, Y \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ .

- (i) A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *PJ-standard* if it satisfies

$$\text{For } (a, b), (c, d) \in X, \text{ if } (a, b) \leq_P (c, d), \text{ then } f(a, b) \leq_J f(c, d).$$

- (ii) A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a *picture* if it is bijective and both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are PJ-standard.

Taking two skew Young diagrams  $\kappa^1, \kappa^2 \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ , denote the set of pictures by:

$$\mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) := \{f : \kappa^1 \rightarrow \kappa^2 \mid f \text{ is a picture.}\}$$

Next, we shall generalize the notion of pictures by using a total order on a subset  $X \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ , called an “*admissible order*”, though we do not treat this generalization in this article:

DEFINITION 2.3. (i) A total order  $\leq_A$  on  $X \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  is called *admissible* if it satisfies:

$$\text{For any } (a, b), (c, d) \in X \text{ if } a \leq c \text{ and } b \geq d \text{ then } (a, b) \leq_A (c, d).$$

- (ii) For  $X, Y \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  and a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , if  $f$  satisfies that if  $(a, b) \leq_P (c, d)$ , then  $f(a, b) \leq_A f(c, d)$  for any  $(a, b), (c, d) \in X$ , then  $f$  is called *PA-standard*.
- (iii) Let  $\leq_A$  (resp.  $\leq_{A'}$ ) be an admissible order on  $X$  (resp.  $Y$ )  $\subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . A bijective map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called an  $(A, A')$ -*admissible picture* or simply, an *admissible picture* if  $f$  is *PA-standard* and  $f^{-1}$  is *PA'-standard*.

### 3. Crystals

The basic references for the theory of crystals are [7], [8].

**3.1. Readings and Additions.** Let  $\mathbf{B} = \{\boxed{i} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n+1\}$  be the crystal of the vector representation  $V(\Lambda_1)$  of the quantum group  $U_q(A_n)$  ([9]). As in [11], we shall identify a dominant weight of type  $A_n$  with a Young diagram in the standard way, e.g., the fundamental weight  $\Lambda_1$  is identified with a square box  $\square$ . For a Young diagram  $\lambda$ , let  $B(\lambda)$  be the crystal of the finite-dimensional irreducible  $U_q(A_n)$ -module  $V(\lambda)$ . Set  $N := |\lambda|$ . Then there exists an embedding of crystals:  $B(\lambda) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}^{\otimes N}$  and an element in  $B(\lambda)$  is realized by a Young tableau of shape  $\lambda$  ([9]). Note that this embedding can be extended to skew tableaux, that is,

there exists an embedding of crystals  $S(\kappa) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}^{\otimes N}$ , where  $S(\kappa)$  is the set of skew tableaux of shape  $\kappa$  with  $N = |\kappa|$  ([5]). Indeed, there are some dominant weights  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  such that  $S(\kappa) \cong B(\lambda_1) \oplus \dots \oplus B(\lambda_k)$ . Such an embedding is not unique, which is called a ‘reading’ and described by:

DEFINITION 3.1 ([5]). Let  $A$  be an admissible order on a (skew) Young diagram  $\lambda$  with  $|\lambda| = N$ . For  $T \in B(\lambda)$  (resp.  $S(\lambda)$ ), by reading the entries in  $T$  according to  $A$ , we obtain the map

$$R_A : B(\lambda) (\text{resp. } S(\lambda)) \longrightarrow \mathbf{B}^{\otimes N} \quad (T \mapsto \boxed{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{i_N}),$$

which is called an *admissible reading* associated with the order  $A$ . The map  $R_A$  is an embedding of crystals. In particular, in case that taking the order  $J$  as an admissible order, we denote the embedding  $R_J$  by ME and call it a *middle-eastern reading*.

DEFINITION 3.2. For  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$  and a Young diagram  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , we define

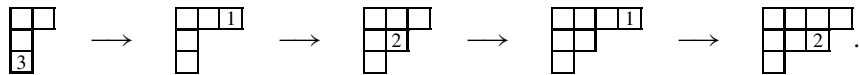
$$\lambda[i] := (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_i + 1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

which is said to be the *addition* of  $i$  to  $\lambda$ . In general, for  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$  and a Young diagram  $\lambda$ , we define

$$\lambda[i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N] := (\dots((\lambda[i_1])[i_2])\dots)[i_N],$$

which is called the *addition* of  $i_1, \dots, i_N$  to  $\lambda$ .

EXAMPLE 3.3. For a sequence  $\mathbf{i} = 31212$ , the addition of  $\mathbf{i}$  to  $\lambda = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}$  is:



REMARK. For a Young diagram  $\lambda$ , the addition  $\lambda[i_1, \dots, i_N]$  is not necessarily a Young diagram. For instance, a sequence  $\mathbf{i}' = 22133$  and  $\lambda = (2, 2)$ , the addition  $\lambda[\mathbf{i}'] = (3, 3, 2)$  is a Young diagram. But, in the second step of the addition, it becomes the diagram  $\lambda[2, 2] = (2, 3)$ , which is not a Young diagram.

**3.2. Littlewood-Richardson Crystal.** As an application of the description of crystal bases of type  $A_n$ , we see the so-called ‘‘Littlewood-Richardson rule’’ of type  $A_n$ .

For a sequence  $\mathbf{i} = i_1 i_2 \dots i_N$  ( $i_j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$ ) and a Young diagram  $\lambda$ , let  $\tilde{\lambda} := \lambda[i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N]$  be an addition of  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N$  to  $\lambda$ . Then set

$$\mathbf{B}(\lambda : \mathbf{i}) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{B}(\tilde{\lambda}) & \text{if } \lambda[i_1, \dots, i_k] \text{ is a Young diagram for any } k = 1, 2, \dots, N, \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**THEOREM 3.4** ([5, 10]). *Let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be Young diagrams with at most  $n$  rows. Then we have*

$$\mathbf{B}(\lambda) \otimes \mathbf{B}(\mu) \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{T \in \mathbf{B}(\mu), \\ \text{ME}(T) = \boxed{i_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{i_N}}} \mathbf{B}(\lambda : i_1, i_2, \dots, i_N). \quad (3.1)$$

Define

$$\mathbf{B}(\mu)_\lambda^\nu := \left\{ T \in \mathbf{B}(\mu) \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{ME}(T) = \boxed{i_1} \otimes \boxed{i_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{i_k} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{i_N}. \\ \text{For any } k = 1, \dots, N, \\ \lambda[i_1, \dots, i_k] \text{ is a Young diagram and} \\ \lambda[i_1, \dots, i_N] = \nu. \end{array} \right. \right\},$$

which is called the *Littlewood-Richardson crystal* associated with a triplet  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$ .

#### 4. Robinson-Schensted-Knuth(RSK) correspondence

In this section we review the Robinson-Schensted-Knuth(RSK) correspondence with respect to the column bumping procedure. For the contents of this section see [4] (in particular, Appendix A.).

**4.1. Column Bumping and RSK Correspondence.** For an integer  $x$  and a Young tableau  $T$ , we define the column bumping procedure:

**DEFINITION 4.1.** (i) (a) If all entries in the 1-st column of  $T$  are greater than  $x$ , put  $x$  just beneath the 1-st column and the procedure is over.

(b) Otherwise, let  $y$  be the top entry in the 1-st column that is equal to or smaller than  $x$  and put  $x$  in the box and bump the entry  $y$  out.

(c) Do the same one for  $y$  and the second column. If it does not stop at the last column, make a new box next to the last column and put the entry in the new box.

We denote the resulting tableau by  $x \rightarrow T$ .

(ii) The shape of  $x \rightarrow T$  is a diagram added one box to the original shape of  $T$ . We shall denote the added new box by  $\text{New}(x)$  and call the new box by  $x$ .

The following lemma is known as the ‘column bumping lemma’.

**LEMMA 4.2.** *Let  $T$  be a tableau and  $x, x'$  positive integers. In the column bumping  $x' \rightarrow (x \rightarrow T)$ , we have:*

(i) *If  $x < x'$ , then  $\text{New}(x')$  is weakly left of and strictly below  $\text{New}(x)$ .*

(ii) *If  $x \geq x'$ , then  $\text{New}(x)$  is strictly left of and weakly below  $\text{New}(x')$ .*

It is shown similarly to the row bumping lemma ([4]).

As is well-known that there is the reverse operation of this procedure, which is called an reverse (column) bumping.

DEFINITION 4.3. A two-rowed array  $w = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 u_2 \cdots u_m \\ v_1 v_2 \cdots v_m \end{pmatrix}$  is in lexicographic order (of column type) if it satisfies: (i)  $u_1 \leq u_2 \leq \cdots \leq u_m$ . (ii) If  $u_k = u_{k+1}$ , then  $v_k \geq v_{k+1}$ .

Let  $w$  be a two-rowed array in the lexicographic order with length  $m$  as above. We call the following procedure the RSK procedure:

- (i) Set  $P_1 = v_1$  and  $Q_1 = u_1$ .
- (ii) We obtain  $(P_{k+1}, Q_{k+1})$  from  $(P_k, Q_k)$  by  $P_{k+1} = v_{k+1} \rightarrow P_k$  and put  $u_{k+1}$  to the same place in  $Q_k$  as the new box by  $v_{k+1}$  in  $P_{k+1}$ .
- (iii) Set  $R(w) := (P, Q) = (P_m, Q_m)$ .

Note that  $P$  and  $Q$  are Young tableaux with entries  $1, \dots, m$  and the same shape. We call the tableau  $Q$  the recording tableau of  $P$ . This procedure is reversible by using the reverse column bumping: For a pair of Young tableaux  $(P, Q)$ , we apply the reverse bumping to  $P$  starting from the box in  $P$  which is in the same position as the box with the right-most maximum entry in  $Q$  and remove the entry from  $Q$ . Repeat this procedure until the tableaux become empty. We obtain the two-rowed array from  $(P, Q)$ , which gives the reverse of the RSK procedure.

THEOREM 4.4 (RSK correspondence). *Let  $\mathbf{W}[n; m]$  be the set of two-rowed array in the lexicographic order (of column type) with length  $m$  and entries  $1, \dots, n$  and  $\mathbf{P}[n; m]$  be the set of pairs of same-shaped Young tableaux with  $m$  boxes and entries  $1, \dots, n$ . Then the map  $R$  as above gives a bijection between  $\mathbf{W}[n; m]$  and  $\mathbf{P}[n; m]$ .*

**4.2. Knuth equivalence and Crystal equivalence.** In this article, a *word* means a finite sequence of non-negative integers.

DEFINITION 4.5 (Knuth equivalence).

- (i) Each of the following transformations between 3-letter words is called an elementary Knuth transformation:
  - (a)  $K : yxz \longleftrightarrow yzx$  if  $x < y \leq z$
  - (b)  $K' : xzy \longleftrightarrow zxy$  if  $x \leq y < z$ .
- (ii) If two words with same length  $w$  and  $w'$  are Knuth equivalent if one can be transformed to the other by a sequence of the elementary Knuth transformations and we denote it by  $w \stackrel{k}{\sim} w'$ .

Here let us mention the relation between the crystal  $\mathbf{B}$  and the Knuth equivalence. The following lemma is well-known:

LEMMA 4.6. *There exists the following non-trivial isomorphism of crystals:  $\mathbf{R} : \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B}$  by :*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}(\boxed{b} \otimes \boxed{a} \otimes \boxed{c}) &= \boxed{b} \otimes \boxed{c} \otimes \boxed{a}, & \mathbf{R}(\boxed{b} \otimes \boxed{c} \otimes \boxed{a}) &= \boxed{b} \otimes \boxed{a} \otimes \boxed{c} & \text{if } a \leq b < c, \\ \mathbf{R}(\boxed{c} \otimes \boxed{a} \otimes \boxed{b}) &= \boxed{a} \otimes \boxed{c} \otimes \boxed{b}, & \mathbf{R}(\boxed{a} \otimes \boxed{c} \otimes \boxed{b}) &= \boxed{c} \otimes \boxed{a} \otimes \boxed{b} & \text{if } a < b \leq c, \\ \mathbf{R} &= \text{id}, & & & \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

This is known as a combinatorial R matrix. Indeed,

$$\mathbf{B}^{\otimes 3} \cong B(\square\square\square) \oplus B\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}\right)^{\oplus 2} \oplus B\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}\right),$$

and the map  $\mathbf{R}$  flips two components  $B\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \end{array}\right)$  each other. Using this, we induce certain equivalent relation between elements in  $\mathbf{B}^{\otimes m}$ .

**DEFINITION 4.7** (Crystal equivalence). Two elements  $b, b'$  in  $\mathbf{B}^{\otimes m}$  are *crystal equivalent*, denoted by  $b \stackrel{c}{\sim} b'$  if one is obtained by the others by applying a sequence of  $\mathbf{R}$ 's.

The following is trivial by the theory of crystal bases:

**PROPOSITION 4.8.** *If  $b \stackrel{c}{\sim} b'$  ( $b, b' \in \mathbf{B}^{\otimes m}$ ), then  $\tilde{e}_i b \stackrel{c}{\sim} \tilde{e}_i b'$  or  $\tilde{e}_i b = \tilde{e}_i b' = 0$  (resp.  $\tilde{f}_i b \stackrel{c}{\sim} \tilde{f}_i b'$  or  $\tilde{f}_i b = \tilde{f}_i b' = 0$ ) for any  $i$ .*

By the definitions we can easily see:

**LEMMA 4.9.** *For words  $w = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m$  and  $w' = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_m$ , set  $b := \boxed{a_m} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{a_1}$  and  $b' := \boxed{b_m} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{b_1}$ . Then we have  $w \stackrel{k}{\sim} w'$  if and only if  $b \stackrel{c}{\sim} b'$ .*

**DEFINITION 4.10.** For a skew Young tableau  $S$ , a word  $w(S)$  is defined by reading the entries in each row from left to right and from the bottom row to the top row, which is called a *skew tableau word* of  $S$ .

The following is given in [4].

**PROPOSITION 4.11.** *For a Young tableau  $T$  and a positive integer  $x$ , we have  $w(x \rightarrow T) \stackrel{k}{\sim} x \cdot w(T)$ , and furthermore, for positive integers  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  we have*

$$w(x_1 \rightarrow (x_2 \rightarrow (\cdots (x_{m-1} \rightarrow x_m)))) \stackrel{k}{\sim} x_1 x_2 \cdots x_{m-1} x_m.$$

## 5. Main Theorem

Let  $\kappa^i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) be skew diagrams with  $|\kappa^1| = |\kappa^2| =: N$  and  $\lambda^i, \nu^i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) be Young diagrams satisfying  $\kappa^i = \nu^i \setminus \lambda^i$ . Now, let us define the map  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$\mathcal{S} : \mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) \rightarrow \coprod_{\mu} \left( \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{\nu^1} \times \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{\nu^2} \right) \quad (f \mapsto (T^1, T^2)),$$

where  $\mu$  runs over the set of Young diagrams with  $|\kappa^1| = |\kappa^2| = |\mu| (= N)$ .

Set

$$\mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) := \left\{ S \left| \begin{array}{l} S \text{ is a skew tableau of shape } \kappa^1 \text{ and the number of entry } i \text{ is } \kappa_i^2, \\ ME(S) = \boxed{i_1} \otimes \boxed{i_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{i_k} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{i_N} \text{ satisfies that } \lambda^2[i_1, \dots, i_k] \text{ is} \\ \text{a Young diagram for } k = 1, \dots, N \text{ and } \lambda^2[i_1, \dots, i_N] = \nu^2. \end{array} \right. \right\},$$

$$\mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) := \left\{ w = \begin{pmatrix} w^1 \\ w^2 \end{pmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{l} w \text{ is a lexicographic two-rowed array of length } N, \\ \#\{i \in w^j\} = \kappa_i^j \ (j = 1, 2), \\ \text{the column bumping of } w^2 \text{ is in } \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{v^2} \text{ and} \\ \text{the recording tableau by } w^1 \text{ is in } \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{v^1}. \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

where an element in  $\mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  is called a Littlewood-Richardson skew tableau associated with  $(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$ . Let us define maps:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_1 : \mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) &\rightarrow \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2), & \mathcal{S}_2 : \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) &\rightarrow \mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2), \\ \mathcal{S}_3 : \mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) &\rightarrow \coprod_{\mu} (\mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{v^1} \times \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{v^2}). \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION 5.1. (i) For a picture  $f = (f_1, f_2) \in \mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  (where  $f_1, f_2$  mean a coordinate of a box in  $\kappa^2$ ), let  $S$  be a skew tableau of shape  $\kappa^1$  whose  $(i, j)$ -entry  $S_{i,j} = f_1(i, j)$ . Define  $\mathcal{S}_1(f) := S$ .

(ii) For  $S \in \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$ , writing  $ME(S) = \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{a_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{a_N}$ , define a word  $w^2 = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_N$ . Let  $b_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ) be the row number of the place of  $a_i$  in  $S$  and set  $w^1 = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_N$ . Define

$$\mathcal{S}_2(S) := w = \begin{pmatrix} w^1 \\ w^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_N \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_N \end{pmatrix}.$$

(iii) For a two-rowed array  $w = \begin{pmatrix} w^1 \\ w^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_N \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_N \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$ , applying the column bumping procedure to  $w^2$ , obtain the tableau  $T^2 = a_N \rightarrow (\cdots (a_2 \rightarrow a_1))$ . Let  $T^1$  be the recording tableau of  $T^2$  using  $w^1$ . Define  $\mathcal{S}_3(w) = (T^1, T^2)$ .

(iv) Finally, define  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}_3 \circ \mathcal{S}_2 \circ \mathcal{S}_1$ .

Next, let us define a map  $\mathcal{C}$

$$\mathcal{C} : \coprod_{\mu} (\mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{v^1} \times \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{v^2}) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2).$$

To carry out this task, we define the following maps:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_3 : \coprod_{\mu} (\mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{v^1} \times \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{v^2}) &\rightarrow \mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2), \\ \mathcal{C}_2 : \mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) &\rightarrow \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2), & \mathcal{C}_1 : \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2) &\rightarrow \mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2). \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION 5.2. (i) For a pair of tableaux  $(T^1, T^2) \in \coprod_{\mu} (\mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{v^1} \times \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{v^2})$ , apply the reverse column bumping to  $T^2$  by using  $T^1$  as a recording tableau and set  $c_N c_{N-1} \cdots c_1$  the sequence obtained from  $T^2$  ( $c_i$  is the  $N + 1 - i$ -th entry bumped out from



$T^2$ ). Set  $w^2 := c_1 \cdots c_N$  and let  $d_i$  be the entry in the same place in  $T^1$  as the  $(N - i + 1)$ -th removed box in  $T^2$  and set  $w^1 := d_1 \cdots d_N$ . Define  $\mathcal{C}_3(T^1, T^2) = w = \begin{pmatrix} w^1 \\ w^2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(ii) For

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} w^1 \\ w^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 d_2 \cdots d_N \\ c_1 c_2 \cdots c_N \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2),$$

put  $c_1 c_2 \cdots c_N$  to  $\kappa^1$  according to the middle-eastern ordering and set  $S$  the resulting skew tableau, whose shape is  $\kappa^1$ . Define  $\mathcal{C}_2(w) = S$ .

(iii) For  $S \in \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$ , define  $\mathcal{C}_1(S) = f$  by  $f(i, j) := (S_{ij}, \lambda_{S_{ij}}^2 + p(S; i, j))$  for  $(i, j) \in \kappa^1$ , where  $p(S; i, j)$  is as above and  $S_{ij}$  is the  $(i, j)$ -entry of  $S$ .

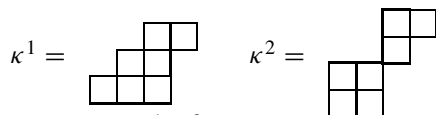
(iv) Finally, we define  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 \circ \mathcal{C}_2 \circ \mathcal{C}_3$ .

Note that well-definedness of each map will be shown later.

**THEOREM 5.3.** *In the above setting, the maps  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  are both well-defined bijective maps between  $\mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  and  $\coprod_{\mu} (\mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{\nu^1} \times \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{\nu^2})$ , and inverse each other.*

Here note that the set  $\coprod_{\mu} (\mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{\nu^1} \times \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{\nu^2})$  consists of pairs of same shaped Young tableaux, which means that this theorem is an analogue of the RSK correspondence.

**EXAMPLE 5.4.** We take the following skew diagrams:



Let  $f_a \in \mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  be

$$f_a = \frac{\kappa^1}{\kappa^2} \parallel \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c} (1, 3) & (1, 4) & (2, 2) & (2, 3) & (3, 1) & (3, 2) & (3, 3) \\ \hline (1, 3) & (3, 1) & (1, 4) & (3, 2) & (2, 3) & (4, 2) & (4, 1) \end{array}$$

Here we have

$$S_a = \mathcal{S}_1(f_a) = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{and then } \text{ME}(S_a) = \boxed{3} \otimes \boxed{1} \otimes \boxed{3} \otimes \boxed{1} \otimes \boxed{4} \otimes \boxed{4} \otimes \boxed{2}.$$

Then we get  $w_a = \mathcal{S}_2(S_a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1122333 \\ 3131442 \end{pmatrix}$  and then finally, we have

$$T^2 : \boxed{3} \dashrightarrow \boxed{13} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 13 \\ \hline 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 13 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & & \\ \hline 4 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 13 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline 4 & \\ \hline \end{array} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 4 & & \\ \hline \end{array} = T_a^2,$$

$$T^1 : \boxed{1} \dashrightarrow \boxed{11} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline \end{array} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & & \\ \hline 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 12 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline \end{array} \dashrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array} = T_a^1,$$

that is,  $\mathcal{S}_3(w_a) = (T_a^1, T_a^2)$ .

Conversely, for  $(T^1, T^2) = \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 3 \\ \hline 3 & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline 4 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$ , applying the reverse column bumping to  $T^2$  using  $T^1$ , we get  $c_7 = 2$ ,  $c_6 = 4$ ,  $c_5 = 4$ ,  $c_4 = 1$ ,  $c_3 = 3$ ,  $c_2 = 1$ ,  $c_1 = 3$  and  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$ ,  $d_3 = d_4 = 2$ ,  $d_5 = d_6 = d_7 = 3$  and then

$$w = \mathcal{C}_3(T^1, T^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1122333 \\ 3131442 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We obtain

$$S = \mathcal{C}_2(w) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & c_2 & c_1 \\ \hline c_4 & c_3 & \\ \hline c_7 & c_6 & c_5 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{and then finally, we have}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_1(S) = \frac{\kappa^1}{\kappa^2} \left\| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline (1, 3) \\ \hline \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline (1, 4) \\ \hline \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline (2, 2) \\ \hline \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline (2, 3) \\ \hline \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline (3, 1) \\ \hline \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline (3, 2) \\ \hline \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline (3, 3) \\ \hline \end{array} \right\| = f_a.$$

To show the theorem, it suffices to prove:

- (i) The well-definedness of  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- (ii) The well-definedness of  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- (iii) Bijectivity of  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ .

We shall show these in the subsequent sections.

## 6. Well-definedness of $\mathcal{S}$

For the well-definedness of  $\mathcal{S}$ , we shall prove the following:

PROPOSITION 6.1. *The maps  $\mathcal{S}_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are well-defined.*

Indeed, the well-definedness of  $\mathcal{S}_3$  is obvious by the definition.

**6.1. Well-definedness of  $\mathcal{S}_1$ .** For  $f \in \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$ , by the similar argument in [11, 12], we can show that  $S := \mathcal{S}_1(f)$  is a skew tableau. Thus, we may show:

LEMMA 6.2. *For any  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and the skew tableau  $S = \mathcal{S}_1(f)$ , we have*

$$\tilde{e}_k(ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(S)) = 0,$$

where  $Y_{\lambda^2}$  is a Young tableau of shape  $\lambda^2$  satisfying that all the entries in  $k$ -th row are  $k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ), which is called a highest tableau.

PROOF. Write

$$ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(S) = \boxed{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{n}.$$

By the rule of the action of  $\tilde{e}_k$ , we may show

$$\sharp\{j | i_j = k, j \leq p\} \geq \sharp\{j | i_j = k + 1, j \leq p\} \quad (6.1)$$

for any  $p = 1, \dots, N$ . In the skew diagram  $\kappa^2$ , we have

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \overbrace{\phantom{C}}^{\lambda_k^2 - \lambda_{k+1}^2} & A & D \\ \hline C & B & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow k\text{-th row} \\ \leftarrow k+1\text{-th row} \end{array} \quad (\text{in } \kappa^2)$$

For boxes  $(k, j), (k + 1, j) \in \kappa^2$ , by the fact  $(k, j) \leq_P (k + 1, j)$ , we have

$$(x_1, y_1) := f^{-1}(k, j) \leq_J f^{-1}(k + 1, j) =: (x_2, y_2).$$

It is evident from the definition of the map  $\mathcal{S}_1$  that

$$S_{x_1, y_1} = k, \quad S_{x_2, y_2} = k + 1.$$

This implies that in the tensor product  $ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(S) = \boxed{k} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{N}$ ,  $k$ 's from  $A$  appear earlier than  $k + 1$ 's from  $B$  and then they are cancelled each other with respect to the action of  $\tilde{e}_k$ . In  $ME(Y_{\lambda^2})$ , the number of  $k$  exceeds the one of  $k + 1$  by  $\lambda_k^2 - \lambda_{k+1}^2$ . Thus,  $k + 1$ 's from the part  $C$  in the figure also have been cancelled by  $k$ 's in  $ME(Y_{\lambda^2})$ . Hence we obtain (6.1) and then  $\tilde{e}_k(ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(S)) = 0$  for any  $k$ .  $\square$

Thus, we have the well-definedness of  $\mathcal{S}_1$ .

**6.2. Well-definedness of  $\mathcal{S}_2$ .** First, let us show that the two-rowed array  $w := \mathcal{S}_2(S)$  ( $S \in \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$ ) is in the lexicographic order, that is,  $b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_N$  and  $a_j \geq a_{j+1}$  if  $b_j = b_{j+1}$ , where  $a_j, b_j$  are as in Definition 5.1. It follows immediately from the definition of  $b_i$ 's that  $b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_N$ . Let  $k$  satisfy  $b_1 \leq k \leq b_N$  and  $\{b_i, b_{i+1}, \dots, b_{i+r}\}$  the maximal subsequence of  $w^1$  such that  $b_i = \dots = b_{i+r} = k$ , which implies that  $a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{i+r}$  are the entries in the  $k$ -th row of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is a skew tableau, we obtain that  $a_i \geq a_{i+1} \geq \dots \geq a_{i+r}$ , which means that  $w$  is in the lexicographic order. Let  $T^2$  be the tableau from  $w^2$  by the column bumping and show that  $T^2 \in \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{v^2}$ , i.e.,

$$\tilde{e}_k(ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(T^2)) = 0$$

for any  $k = 1 \dots, n$ . For this purpose, we see the following lemma.

LEMMA 6.3.  $ME(S)$  is crystal equivalent to  $ME(T^2)$ .

PROOF. For  $w^2 = a_1 a_2 \dots a_N$ , since  $T^2$  is obtained by the column bumping procedure of  $a_N \dots a_1$ , we know that  $w(S) = a_N a_{N-1} \dots a_1 \stackrel{k}{\sim} w(T^2)$ , which means  $ME(S) \stackrel{c}{\sim} ME(T^2)$  by Lemma 4.9.  $\square$

By the Lemma 6.3, we have  $ME(S) \stackrel{c}{\sim} ME(T^2)$  and then  $ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(S) \stackrel{c}{\sim} ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(T^2)$ . We also have

$$\tilde{e}_k(ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(S)) = 0,$$

for any  $k$  by Lemma 6.2. This and Proposition 4.8 show that

$$\tilde{e}_k(ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(T^2)) = 0,$$

for any  $k$  and then we have  $T^2 \in \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{\nu^2}$ .

For  $w := \mathcal{S}_2(S)$ , we set  $(T^1, T^2) := \mathcal{S}_3(w)$ . For our purpose, it suffices to show  $T^1 \in \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{\nu^1}$ , that is,  $\tilde{e}_k(ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(T^1)) = 0$  for any  $k$ .

LEMMA 6.4. *Let  $1 \leq c_1, \dots, c_k \leq n$ . For some  $i \in \{1, \dots, k-1\}$  assume that*

$$b_1 := \dots \otimes \boxed{c_{i-1}} \otimes \boxed{c_i} \otimes \boxed{c_{i+1}} \otimes \boxed{c_{i+2}} \otimes \dots \stackrel{c}{\sim} \dots \otimes \boxed{c_{i-1}} \otimes \boxed{c_{i+1}} \otimes \boxed{c_i} \otimes \boxed{c_{i+2}} \otimes \dots =: b_2.$$

*Applying the column bumping procedure to both  $b_1$  and  $b_2$ , the place of the new box  $\text{New}(c_i)$  (resp.  $\text{New}(c_{i+1})$ ) from  $b_1$  coincides with the one of the new box  $\text{New}(c_{i+1})$  (resp.  $\text{New}(c_i)$ ) from  $b_2$ .*

PROOF. Set  $x := c_i$ ,  $y := c_{i-1}$  and  $z := c_{i+1}$ . First we consider the case  $x \leq y < z$ . Let  $T_p$  (resp.  $T_q$ ) be the tableau obtained from  $b_1$  (resp.  $b_2$ ) by the column bumping procedure. It follows immediately from the condition  $x \leq y < z$  that

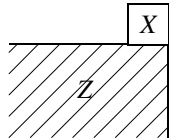
$$w(T_p) \stackrel{k}{\sim} c_k \cdots zxy \cdots c_1 \stackrel{k}{\sim} c_k \cdots xzy \cdots c_1 \stackrel{k}{\sim} w(T_q),$$

which shows that  $T_p = T_q$ . Define the tableau  $T'$  by the column bumping

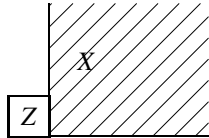
$$T' := z \rightarrow (x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow (\cdots (c_2 \rightarrow c_1)))) \tag{6.2}$$

$$= x \rightarrow (z \rightarrow (y \rightarrow (\cdots (c_2 \rightarrow c_1)))) . \tag{6.3}$$

Let  $X = \text{New}(x)$  and  $Z = \text{New}(z)$  be the new boxes in each column bumping. Since  $x < z$ , applying the column bumping lemma to the bumping (6.2) we have:



Similarly, in (6.3), we have



These mean that  $X$  (resp.  $Z$ ) in (6.2) coincides with  $X$  (resp.  $Z$ ) in (6.3). We can show the case  $x < y \leq z$  and the case  $x = c_i$ ,  $z = c_{i+1}$  and  $y = c_{i+2}$  similarly.  $\square$

To show  $\tilde{e}_k(ME(Y_{\lambda^1}) \otimes ME(T^1)) = 0$  for any  $k$ , we see the  $k$ -th and  $k+1$ -th rows of  $S$ .

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & a_1 & \cdots & a_m | a_{m+1} \cdots a_n \\ \hline d_1 \cdots d_j & b_1 & \cdots & b_m \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow k\text{-th row} \\ \leftarrow k+1\text{-th row} \end{array} \quad (\text{in } S)$$

By this figure, we know that for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$

$$a_1 < b_{i-1} \leq b_i.$$

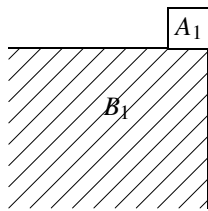
This induces the following transformations of  $ME(S)$  by the map  $\mathbf{R}$  in Lemma 4.6:

$$\begin{aligned} ME(S) &= \dots \otimes \boxed{a_2} \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{d_j} \otimes \dots \\ &\stackrel{\zeta}{\sim} \dots \otimes \boxed{a_2} \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{d_j} \otimes \dots \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ &\stackrel{\zeta}{\sim} \dots \otimes \boxed{a_2} \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_2} \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{d_j} \otimes \dots \end{aligned}$$

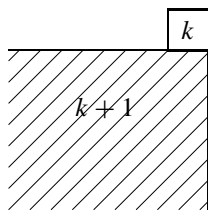
Furthermore, we have  $a_j < b_{i-1} \leq b_i$  for  $2 \leq j < i \leq m$ . Thus, repeating the above transformations we get

$$ME(S) \stackrel{\zeta}{\sim} \dots \otimes \boxed{a_m} \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{a_{m-1}} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_2} \otimes \boxed{b_2} \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{d_j} \otimes \dots =: w', \quad (6.4)$$

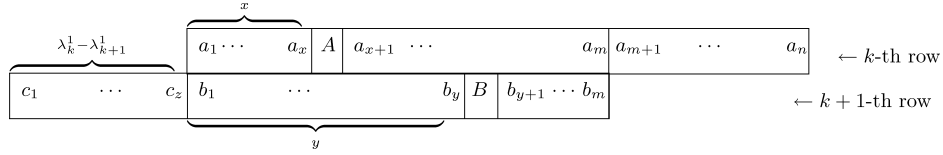
which means that the resulting tableaux by column bumping of  $ME(S)$  and  $w'$  are same as  $T^2$  by Lemma 6.4. Considering the column bumping of  $w'$ , set  $A_1 := \text{New}(a_1)$  and  $B_1 := \text{New}(b_1)$  in  $T^2$ . We have



Since the entry  $a_1$  (resp.  $b_1$ ) has been placed at the  $k$  (resp.  $k + 1$ )-th row in  $S$ , in  $T^1$  we have



So, in  $ME(T^1)$  the  $k$  as above appears earlier than the  $k + 1$ . We know that the positions of  $\text{New}(a_i)$  and  $\text{New}(b_i)$  in  $T^1$  are in the similar relation to the one of  $\text{New}(a_1)$  and  $\text{New}(b_1)$  and then in  $ME(T^1)$  the  $k$ 's from  $a_1, \dots, a_m$  cancel the  $k + 1$ 's from  $b_1, \dots, b_m$ . Moreover, in  $ME(Y_{\lambda^1})$  we have  $\#\{k\} - \#\{k + 1\} = \lambda_k^1 - \lambda_{k+1}^1$ . Thus,  $k + 1$ 's from  $d_1, \dots, d_j$  have been cancelled in  $ME(T^1)$  and this implies  $\tilde{e}_k(ME(Y_{\lambda^2}) \otimes ME(T^1)) = 0$  for any  $k$ . Now, we obtain  $T^1 \in \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{v^1}$  and the well-definedness of the map  $\mathcal{S}_2$  and then  $\mathcal{S}$ , which completes the



proof of Proposition 6.1. □

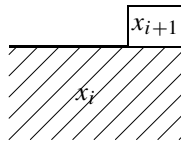
### 7. Well-definedness of $\mathcal{C}$

To show the well-definedness of the map  $\mathcal{C}$ , we should prove that  $f := \mathcal{C}(T^1, T^2)$  is a PJ-picture from  $\kappa^1$  to  $\kappa^2$ . In the course of the proof, we shall also show that the maps  $\mathcal{C}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_2$  and  $\mathcal{C}_3$  are well-defined. Indeed, the well-definedness of  $\mathcal{C}_3$  is immediate from the definition.

**PROPOSITION 7.1.** *Let  $S$  be the filling of shape  $\kappa^1$  appearing in the definition of  $\mathcal{C}_2$ . Then  $S$  is a skew tableau of shape  $\kappa^1$ .*

**PROOF.** For  $w = \begin{pmatrix} w^1 \\ w^2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$ , set  $(T^1, T^2) := \mathcal{S}_3(w)$ , which is in  $\coprod_{\mu} (\mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{v^1} \times \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^2}^{v^2})$  as we have seen in the previous section. Since  $T^1$  is in  $\mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{v^1}$ , the number of entry  $k$ 's ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ) is  $h := v_k^1 - \lambda_k^1$ . Let  $X_1, \dots, X_h$  be the positions of all  $k$ 's in  $T^1$  from right to left. Note that  $(T^1)^{(k)} = \{X_1, \dots, X_h\}$ . And let  $x_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, h$ ) be the entry in  $T^2$  at the same position as  $X_j$ . By the definition of  $\mathcal{C}_2$ , the entries in  $k$ -th row of  $S$  consist of the elements obtained by reverse column bumping, that is, the entry  $S_{k, \lambda^1+i}$  is the element by the inverse column bumping of  $x_i$ .

Now, assume that  $S_{k, \lambda^1+i} > S_{k, \lambda^1+i+1}$ . In the column bumping of  $w^2 = ME(S)$  to  $T^2$ , the new box by  $S_{k, \lambda^1+i}$  (resp.  $S_{k, \lambda^1+i+1}$ ) has  $x_i$  (resp.  $x_{i+1}$ ) as an entry and it is placed at  $X_i$  (resp.  $X_{i+1}$ ). Applying the column bumping lemma (Lemma 4.2) to these new boxes, we have



This contradicts to the fact that  $x_i$  is on the right side of  $x_{i+1}$  and shows that  $S_{k, \lambda^1+i} \leq S_{k, \lambda^1+i+1}$ .

Next, let us check the condition for vertical directions in  $S$ . Suppose that  $S_{k,j} \geq S_{k+1,j}$ . Then in  $S$  we obtain the following  $A, B$ : satisfying  $A \geq B$ ,  $a_i < b_j$  for  $i \leq j$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, x$  and  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Indeed, we get these by the following way.

- (i) Find the left-most pair  $(a_s, b_s)$  with  $a_s \geq b_s$ .

- (ii) If  $a_s \geq b_m$ , then set  $A := a_s$  and  $B := b_m$ .
- (iii) Otherwise, compare  $a_s$  and  $b_{m-1}$  and if  $a_s \geq b_{m-1}$ , then set  $A := a_s$  and  $B := b_{m-1}$ .
- (iv) Otherwise, repeat the above procedure until getting  $a_s \geq b_l$  for  $l \geq s$ . Then set  $A := a_s$  and  $B := b_l$ .

Since we have  $a_1 < b_{j-1} \leq b_j$  for  $j = 2, \dots, m$ , and  $a_1 < B \leq b_{y+1}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
ME(S) &= \dots \otimes \boxed{a_n} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_{x+1}} \otimes \boxed{A} \otimes \boxed{a_x} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \\
&\quad \dots \otimes \boxed{b_{y+1}} \otimes \boxed{B} \otimes \boxed{b_y} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{c_z} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{c_1} \otimes \dots \\
&\stackrel{c}{\sim} \dots \otimes \boxed{a_n} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_{x+1}} \otimes \boxed{A} \otimes \boxed{a_x} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \\
&\quad \dots \otimes \boxed{b_{y+1}} \otimes \boxed{B} \otimes \boxed{b_y} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{c_z} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{c_1} \otimes \dots \\
&\stackrel{c}{\sim} \dots \otimes \boxed{a_n} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_{x+1}} \otimes \boxed{A} \otimes \boxed{a_x} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_2} \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \\
&\quad \dots \otimes \boxed{b_{y+1}} \otimes \boxed{B} \otimes \boxed{b_y} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_2} \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{c_z} \otimes \dots .
\end{aligned}$$

Due to the conditions  $a_i < b_{k-1} \leq b_k$  and  $a_i < B \leq b_{y+1}$  for  $2 \leq k < i \leq x$ , we can repeat the transformations above and get

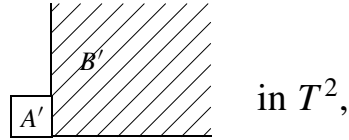
$$\begin{aligned}
ME(S) &\stackrel{c}{\sim} \dots \otimes \boxed{a_n} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_{x+1}} \otimes \boxed{A} \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_{y+1}} \otimes \boxed{B} \otimes \boxed{b_y} \otimes \dots \\
&\quad \dots \otimes \boxed{b_{x+1}} \otimes \boxed{a_x} \otimes \boxed{b_x} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_2} \otimes \boxed{b_2} \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{c_z} \otimes \dots .
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from the conditions  $A < b_i \leq b_{i+1}$  for  $i = y+1, \dots, m$  and  $B \leq A < b_{y+1}$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
ME(S) &\stackrel{c}{\sim} \dots \otimes \boxed{a_n} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_{x+1}} \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_{y+2}} \otimes \boxed{A} \otimes \boxed{b_{y+1}} \otimes \boxed{B} \otimes \boxed{b_y} \otimes \dots \\
&\quad \dots \otimes \boxed{b_{x+1}} \otimes \boxed{a_x} \otimes \boxed{b_x} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{c_z} \otimes \dots \\
&\stackrel{c}{\sim} \dots \otimes \boxed{a_n} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_{x+1}} \otimes \boxed{b_m} \otimes \boxed{b_{m-1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{b_{y+2}} \otimes \boxed{A} \otimes \boxed{B} \otimes \boxed{b_{y+1}} \otimes \boxed{b_y} \otimes \dots \\
&\quad \dots \otimes \boxed{b_{x+1}} \otimes \boxed{a_x} \otimes \boxed{b_x} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{a_1} \otimes \boxed{b_1} \otimes \boxed{c_z} \otimes \dots \otimes \boxed{c_1} \otimes \dots . \quad (7.1)
\end{aligned}$$

Now, let us see the following Claim 1–3:

CLAIM 1. In (7.1) one can find that  $A$  and  $B$  ( $A \geq B$ ) are neighboring each other. Thus, applying the column bumping of (7.1), by the column bumping lemma (Lemma 4.2) we obtain



where  $A' := \text{New}(A)$  and  $B' := \text{New}(B)$ .

CLAIM 2. Next, in the column bumping of  $ME(S)$ , since  $a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_x \leq A$ , by the column bumping lemma (Lemma 4.2) the new boxes by  $a_1, \dots, a_x$  are placed on the right-side of  $A'$ . Similarly, since  $c_1 \leq \dots \leq c_z \leq b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_y \leq B$ , the new boxes by  $c_1, \dots, c_z, b_1, \dots, b_x$  are placed on the right-side of  $B'$ .

CLAIM 3. As the definition of the map  $\mathcal{S}_3$ , the tableau  $T^1$  is the recording tableau of  $T^2$ . Then, it follows from Claim 2 that there are  $x$  entries  $k$ 's on the right-side of  $A'$  and  $z + y$  entries  $k + 1$ 's on the right-side of the same place as  $B'$  in  $T^1$ . We also know from Claim 1 that  $B'$  is on the right-side of  $A'$  and then there exist  $z + y + 1$  entries  $k + 1$ 's on the right-side of  $A'$ .

In  $ME(Y_{\lambda^1}) \otimes ME(T^1)$  let  $n_1$  (resp.  $n_2$ ) be the number of  $k$  (resp.  $k + 1$ ) on the left-side of  $A'$ . Claim 3 implies that

$$n_1 = \lambda^1 + x, \quad n_2 = \lambda^1 + z + y + 1. \quad (7.2)$$

Since  $z = \lambda_k^1 - \lambda_{k+1}^1$  and  $x \leq y$ , one gets

$$n_2 - n_1 = (\lambda_{k+1}^1 + z + y + 1) - (\lambda_k^1 + x) \geq 1,$$

which contradicts that  $T^1 \in \mathbf{B}(\mu)_{\lambda^1}^{v^1}$  and the case  $S_{k,j} \geq S_{k+1,j}$  never occur. Thus,  $S$  is a skew tableau. It is immediate from the definition of  $\mathcal{C}_2$  that  $w(S) \stackrel{k}{\sim} w(T)$ , which means  $S$  is a Littlewood-Richardson skew tableau and then  $\mathcal{C}_2$  is well-defined.  $\square$

PROOF OF WELL-DEFINEDNESS OF  $\mathcal{C}$ . For the purpose we may show that  $f$  is bijective,  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are PJ-picture. The bijectivity of  $f$  is obtained by the similar way to that in [11, 12]. In order to show that  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are PJ-picture, we may see for any  $(i, j), (i, j + 1), (i + 1, j) \in \kappa^1$  and any  $(a, b), (a, b + 1), (a + 1, b) \in \kappa^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(i, j) \leq_J f(i, j + 1), \quad f(i, j) \leq_J f(i + 1, j), \\ f^{-1}(a, b) \leq_J f^{-1}(a, b + 1), \quad f^{-1}(a, b) \leq_J f^{-1}(a + 1, b). \end{aligned}$$

These are also shown by the similar way to those in [11, 12].  $\square$



### 8. Bijectivity of $\mathcal{S}$ and $\mathcal{C}$

It suffices to show that  $\mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{S} = \text{id}$  and  $\mathcal{S} \circ \mathcal{C} = \text{id}$ . To carry out these, we shall prove that  $\mathcal{C}_i \circ \mathcal{S}_i = \text{id}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_i \circ \mathcal{C}_i = \text{id}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

**8.1.  $\mathcal{S}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_1$ .** Take  $S \in \mathbf{S}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  and set  $S' := \mathcal{S}_1 \circ \mathcal{C}_1(S)$ . We have  $\mathcal{C}_1(S)(i, j) = (S_{ij}, \lambda_{S_{ij}}^2 + p(S; i, j))$ . Hence, by the definition of  $\mathcal{S}_1$  we have  $S'_{ij} = S_{ij}$ , which implies  $S' = S$  and then  $\mathcal{S}_1 \circ \mathcal{C}_1 = \text{id}$ .

For  $f \in \mathbf{P}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$ , set  $g := \mathcal{C}_1 \circ \mathcal{S}_1(f)$ . The following lemma can be proved similarly to [11, Lemma 5.2], [12, Lemma 5.4].

**LEMMA 8.1.** *Set  $S = \mathcal{S}_1(f)$ . Considering  $Y_{\lambda^2} \otimes ME(S)$ , the entry  $\boxed{S_{ij}}$  is added to the position  $f(i, j) \in \kappa^2$ .*

Since  $S_{ij} = f_1(i, j)$  and  $g(i, j) = (S_{ij}, \lambda_{S_{ij}}^2 + p(S; i, j))$ , we get  $g_1(i, j) = f_1(i, j)$ . We know that  $S_{ij}(= k)$  is the  $p(S; i, j)$ -th entry equal to  $k$  and  $f_2(i, j) = \lambda_{S_{ij}}^2 + p(S; i, j) = g_2(i, j)$ , which shows  $f = g$  and then  $\mathcal{C}_1 \circ \mathcal{S}_1 = \text{id}$ .

**8.2.  $\mathcal{S}_2$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$ .** Set  $w' := \mathcal{S}_2 \circ \mathcal{C}_2(w)$  for  $w \in \mathbf{W}(\kappa^1, \kappa^2)$  and write

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 d_2 \cdots d_N \\ c_1 c_2 \cdots c_N \end{pmatrix}, \quad w' = \begin{pmatrix} w'_1 \\ w'_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 b_2 \cdots b_N \\ a_1 a_2 \cdots a_N \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that the number of  $i$  in  $w_1$  is just equal to  $\kappa_i^1$ . For  $S := \mathcal{C}_2(w)$ , we have  $ME(S) = \boxed{c_1} \otimes \boxed{c_2} \otimes \cdots \otimes \boxed{c_N}$  and then  $w_2 = w'_2$  by the definition of  $\mathcal{S}_2$ . The number  $b_i$  is the row number of  $a_i$  in  $S$ . Thus, since the number of  $i$  in  $w'_1$  is  $\kappa_i^1$ ,  $d_1 \leq \cdots \leq d_N$  and  $b_1 \leq \cdots \leq b_N$ , we have  $w_1 = w'_1 = 1$  and then  $w = w'$ , which means  $\mathcal{S}_2 \circ \mathcal{C}_2 = \text{id}$ .

It is trivial from the definition of the maps  $\mathcal{S}_2$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  that  $\mathcal{C}_2 \circ \mathcal{S}_2 = \text{id}$ .

**8.3.  $\mathcal{S}_3$  and  $\mathcal{C}_3$ .** We have seen the well-definedness of the maps  $\mathcal{S}_3$  and  $\mathcal{C}_3$  and these maps are certain restriction of usual RSK correspondence in terms of column bumping. Thus, we obtain  $\mathcal{S}_3 \circ \mathcal{C}_3 = \text{id}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_3 \circ \mathcal{S}_3 = \text{id}$ .

Now, we obtain  $\mathcal{S}_i \circ \mathcal{C}_i = \text{id}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_i \circ \mathcal{S}_i = \text{id}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and then  $\mathcal{S} \circ \mathcal{C} = \text{id}$  and  $\mathcal{C} \circ \mathcal{S} = \text{id}$ . So, we have completed the proof of Theorem 5.3.  $\square$

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