

**MATH 668 PROBLEM SET 9:  
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LAST PROBLEM SET!**

**Problem 1.** Let  $V_{311}$  be the irreducible representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_3$  with character  $s_{31}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ . We'll write  $\rho : \mathrm{GL}_3 \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(V_{311})$  for the representation homomorphism.

- (1) Write down a basis of  $V_{311}$  in terms of your favorite construction of  $V_{311}$ . Hint:  $\dim V_{311}$  is 15.
- (2) Write down the action of  $\rho \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  on your basis. (It should break into many small blocks, so there isn't as much to write as you might fear.)
- (3) Let  $r : \mathrm{Mat}_{3 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathrm{End}(V)$  be the corresponding Lie algebra map. Write down the action of  $\rho \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$  on your basis.

**Problem 2.** Let  $\lambda$  be a partition of  $n$ . We first review our construction of  $V_\lambda$  in terms of products of matrix minors.

We work with  $n \times n$  matrices whose entries are variables  $z_{ij}$ . For  $J = \{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k\}$  a  $k$ -element subset of  $[n]$ , let

$$\Delta_J = \det \begin{bmatrix} z_{1j_1} & z_{1j_2} & \cdots & z_{1j_k} \\ z_{2j_1} & z_{2j_2} & \cdots & z_{2j_k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{kj_1} & z_{kj_2} & \cdots & z_{kj_k} \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $T$  is a tableau (semistandard or not) with columns  $J^1, J^2, \dots, J^m$ , then we put  $\Delta(T) = \prod_j \Delta_{J^j}$ . We showed that the span of  $\Delta(T)$ , with  $T$  of shape  $\lambda$ , is  $V_\lambda$ . In this problem, we will show that the  $\Delta(T)$  with  $T$  semi-standard form a basis of  $V_\lambda$ .

- (1) To check that you understand the definitions, write down

$$\Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \right), \Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \right), \Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \right), \Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \right), \Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \text{ and } \Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 4 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$$

explicitly as polynomials in the  $z_{ij}$ .

- (2) Write  $\Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$  as a linear combination of  $\Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$  and  $\Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$ . Write  $\Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 4 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$

as a linear combination of  $\Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$  and  $\Delta \left( \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \right)$ .

Choose any matrix  $w_{ij}$  of positive integers such that, for  $i_1 < i_2$  and  $j_1 < j_2$ , we always have  $w_{i_1 j_1} + w_{i_2 j_2} > w_{i_1 j_2} + w_{i_2 j_1}$ . An explicit example is to take  $w_{ij} = ij$ . Put an order on the set of monomials  $\{\prod z_{ij}^{A_{ij}}\}$  by defining  $\prod z_{ij}^{A_{ij}} \succ \prod z_{ij}^{B_{ij}}$  if  $\sum A_{ij} w_{ij} > \sum B_{ij} w_{ij}$  (and breaking ties arbitrarily). For a nonzero polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{C}[z_{11}, z_{12}, \dots, z_{nn}]$ , we define the **leading monomial** of  $f$  to be the largest monomial with nonzero coefficient in  $f$ .

- (3) Let  $T$  be a tableau with strictly increasing columns. Describe the leading term of  $\Delta(T)$ .
- (4) Show that, if  $T$  and  $U$  are distinct semistandard Young tableaux, then  $\Delta(T)$  and  $\Delta(U)$  have different terms. Conclude that  $\{\Delta(T) : T \in \mathrm{SSYT}(\lambda)\}$  is a basis for  $V_\lambda$ .