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
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
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
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
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
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**Schur functions:** characters of  $V_\lambda$

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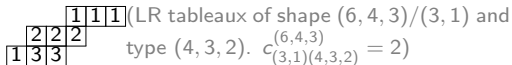
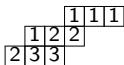
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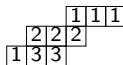
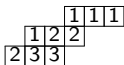
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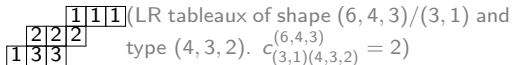
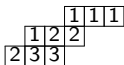
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Any answers: known only for very, very special cases...





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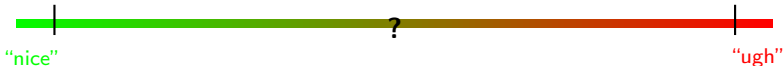
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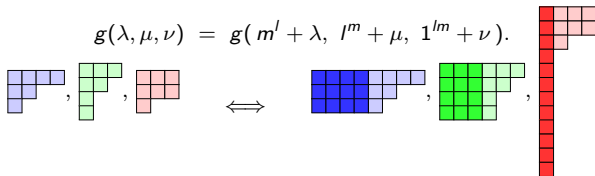


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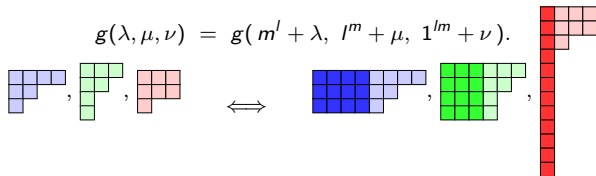
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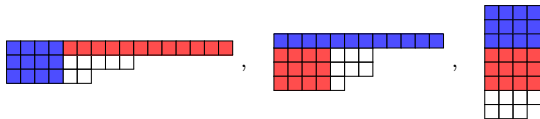
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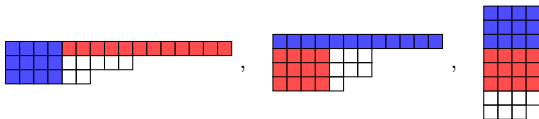
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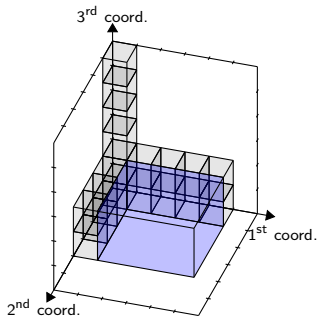
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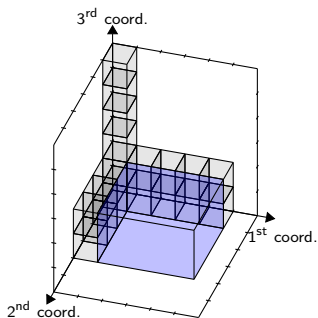
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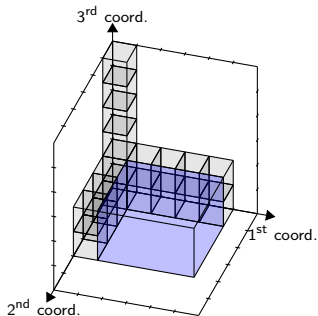
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