

# Stuttering multipartitions and blocks of Ariki–Koike algebras

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The theory of *cellular algebras* gives a general framework to construct Specht modules. The algebra  $\mathcal{H}_n^B$  is cellular, and the above problem appears when studying the cellularity of  $\mathcal{H}_n^D$ .

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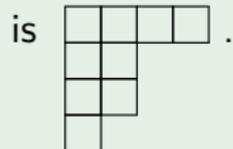
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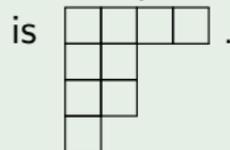
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$$e = 4 \text{ by } \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} .$$

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We have  $\sigma \cdot \alpha = (\alpha_\eta, \alpha_{\eta+1}, \dots, \alpha_{e-1}, \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\eta-1})$ .

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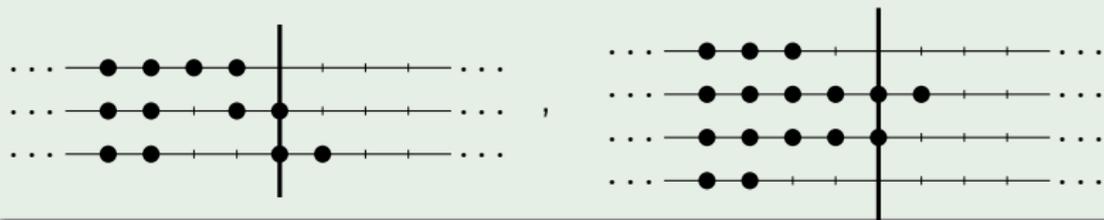
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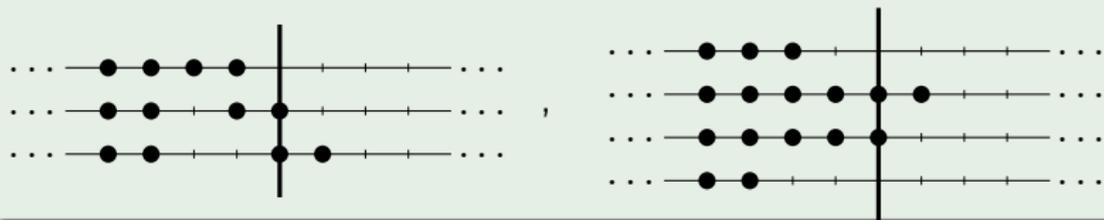
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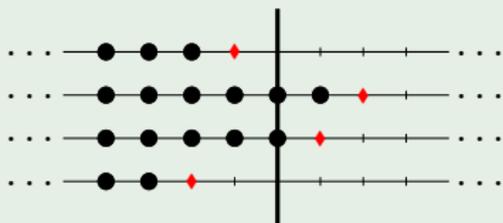
If no runner of the  $e$ -abacus of a partition  $\lambda$  has a gap between its beads, we say that  $\lambda$  is an  $e$ -core.

The partition of the above example is not a 3-core but a 4-core.

To the  $e$ -abacus of an  $e$ -core  $\lambda$ , we associate the coordinates  $x(\lambda) \in \mathbb{Z}^e$  of the first gaps.

## Example

For the 4-core  $(6, 4, 4, 2, 2)$  we have



where each  $\blacklozenge$  denote a first gap, hence  $x = (-1, 2, 1, -2)$ .

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$$q : \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{Q}^e \times \mathbb{Q}^e \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q} \\ (x, y) \longmapsto \frac{1}{2} \|x\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2 - y_0 - \cdots - y_{\eta-1} \end{array} .$$

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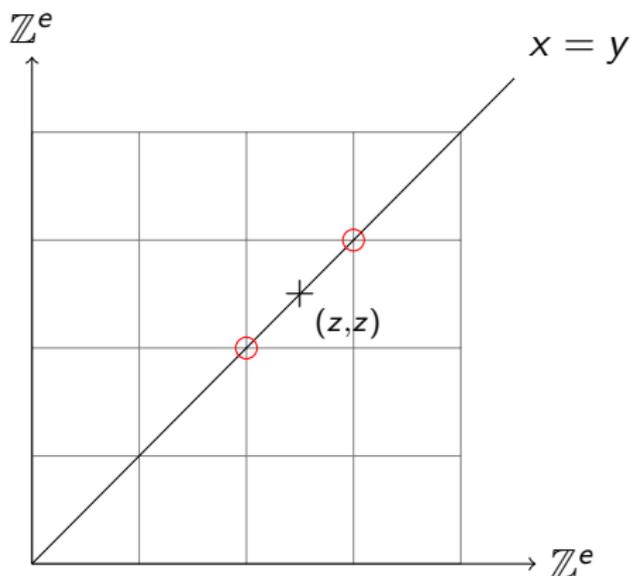
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Thanks to the convexity of  $q$ , the element  $z := \frac{x+y}{2}$  satisfies (E). However, we may have  $z \notin \mathbb{Z}^e$  : in general  $z \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}^e$ .

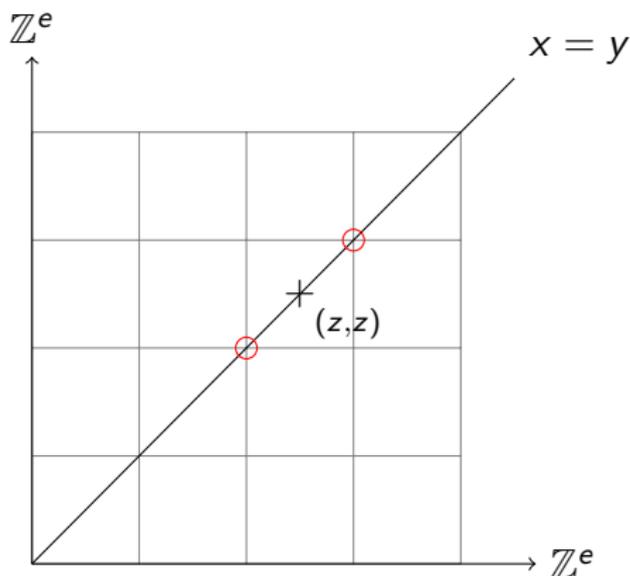
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