

# Horn inequalities for nonzero Kronecker coefficients

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## Abstract

The Kronecker coefficients  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  and the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma$  are nonnegative integers depending on three partitions  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ . By definition,  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  (resp.  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma$ ) are the multiplicities of the tensor product decomposition of two irreducible representations of symmetric groups (resp. linear groups). By a classical Littlewood-Murnaghan's result the Kronecker coefficients extend the Littlewood-Richardson ones.

The nonvanishing of the Littlewood-Richardson coefficient  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma$  implies that  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  satisfies some linear inequalities called Horn inequalities. In this paper, we extend the essential Horn inequalities to the triples of partitions corresponding to a nonzero Kronecker coefficient.

Along the way, we describe the set of tripless  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of partitions such that  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma \neq 0$  and  $l(\alpha) \leq e$ ,  $l(\beta) \leq f$  and  $l(\gamma) \leq e + f$ , for some given positive integers  $e$  and  $f$ . This set is the natural analogue of the classical Horn semigroup when one thinks about  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma$  as the branching multiplicities for the subgroup  $\mathrm{GL}_e \times \mathrm{GL}_f$  of  $\mathrm{GL}_{e+f}$ .

## 1 Introduction

If  $\alpha = (\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_e \geq 0)$  is a partition, we set  $|\alpha| = \sum_i \alpha_i$  in such a way  $\alpha$  is a partition of  $|\alpha|$ . Consider the symmetric group  $S_n$  on  $n$  letters. The irreducible representations of  $S_n$  are parametrized by the partitions of  $n$ , see *e.g.* [Mac95, I. 7]. Let  $[\alpha]$  denote the representation of  $S_{|\alpha|}$  corresponding to  $\alpha$ . The Kronecker coefficients  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ , depending on three partitions  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  of the same integer  $n$ , are defined by

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$$[\alpha] \otimes [\beta] = \sum_{\gamma} g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} [\gamma]. \quad (1)$$

The length  $l(\alpha)$  of the partition  $\alpha$  is the number of nonzero parts  $\alpha_i$ . Let  $V$  be a complex vector space of dimension  $d$ . If  $l(\alpha) \leq d$  then  $S^\alpha V$  denotes the Schur power (see *e.g.* [FH91]): it is an irreducible polynomial representation of the linear group  $\mathrm{GL}(V)$ . Let  $\beta$  be a second partition such that  $l(\beta) \leq d$ . Then the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma$  are defined by

$$S^\alpha V \otimes S^\beta V = \sum_{\gamma} c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma S^\gamma V. \quad (2)$$

The partition obtained by suppressing the first part of  $\alpha$  is denoted by  $\bar{\alpha} = (\alpha_2 \geq \alpha_3 \dots)$ . Observe that  $\bar{\alpha}_1 = \alpha_2$ . We state a classical result due to Littlewood and Murnaghan (see for example [JK81]).

**Proposition 1** *Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be three partitions of the same integer  $n$ .*

(i) *If  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$  then*

$$(n - \alpha_1) + (n - \beta_1) \geq n - \gamma_1. \quad (3)$$

(ii) *If  $(n - \alpha_1) + (n - \beta_1) = n - \gamma_1$  then*

$$g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = c_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}^{\bar{\gamma}}. \quad (4)$$

In this paper, we prove many other inequalities similar to the identity (3), that are consequences of the nonvanishing of  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ . For the partitions  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  satisfying equality in such an inequality, we prove a reduction rule for  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  similar to the identity (4).

Observe that the formula (4) shows that the Kronecker coefficients extend the Littlewood-Richardson ones. Indeed, given  $\bar{\alpha}$ ,  $\bar{\beta}$  and  $\bar{\gamma}$ , one can find  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \bar{\alpha})$ ,  $\beta = (\beta_1, \bar{\beta})$  and  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \bar{\gamma})$  such that  $|\alpha| = |\beta| = |\gamma| =: n$ ,  $(n - \alpha_1) + (n - \beta_1) = n - \gamma_1$ . Then  $c_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}^{\bar{\gamma}} = g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  is a Kronecker coefficient. If  $c_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}^{\bar{\gamma}} \neq 0$  then  $(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\gamma})$  satisfy the Horn inequalities (see *e.g.* [Ful00] or below for details). If  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$ , our inequalities for  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  extend some Horn inequalities. Fix such an inequality  $\varphi(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\gamma}) \geq 0$ . We want to find an inequality  $\tilde{\varphi}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \geq 0$  such that

(i) If  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$  then  $\tilde{\varphi}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \geq 0$ ;

(ii) If  $(n - \alpha_1) + (n - \beta_1) = n - \gamma_1$  then  $\tilde{\varphi}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \varphi(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\gamma})$ .

For example, a Weyl's theorem [Wey12] asserts that if  $c_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}^{\bar{\gamma}} \neq 0$  then

$$\bar{\gamma}_{e+j-1} \leq \bar{\beta}_{j-1}, \quad (5)$$

whenever  $l(\bar{\alpha}) \leq e$  and  $j \geq 2$ .

Before stating our extension of Weyl's theorem, we introduce some notation. Let  $\mathcal{S}(r, d)$  denote the set of subsets of  $\{1, \dots, d\}$  with  $r$  elements. Given  $I = \{i_1 < \dots < i_r\} \in \mathcal{S}(r, d)$  and  $\alpha = (\alpha_1 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_d)$  a partition of length at most  $d$ , we set  $\alpha_I = (\alpha_{i_1} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_{i_r})$ . Observe that  $\bar{\alpha}_I = (\alpha_{i_1+1} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_{i_r+1})$ .

**Theorem 1** *Let  $e$  and  $f$  be two positive integers. Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be three partitions of the same integer  $n$  such that*

$$l(\alpha) \leq e + 1, \quad l(\beta) \leq f + 1, \quad \text{and} \quad l(\gamma) \leq e + f + 1. \quad (6)$$

Let  $j \in \{2, \dots, f + 1\}$ .

(i) *If  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$  then*

$$n + \gamma_1 + \gamma_{e+j} \leq \alpha_1 + \beta_1 + \beta_j \quad (7)$$

(ii) *Set  $J = \{1, \dots, f\} - \{j - 1\}$  and  $K = \{1, \dots, e + f\} - \{e + j - 1\}$ . If  $n + \gamma_1 + \gamma_{e+j} = \alpha_1 + \beta_1 + \beta_j$  then*

$$g(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \sum_{l(x) \leq 2e, l(y) \leq 2} c(x, \bar{\beta}_J; \bar{\gamma}_K) \cdot c(\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_j, y; \beta_1 \geq \beta_j) \cdot g(\bar{\alpha}, x, y).$$

**Remark.** In the statement of Theorem 1 (and sometimes below) we denote  $c_{\alpha\beta}^{\gamma}$  and  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  respectively by  $c(\alpha, \beta; \gamma)$  and  $g(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .

Theorem 1 extends Weyl's theorem in the sense that if  $(n - \alpha_1) + (n - \beta_1) = n - \gamma_1$  then the inequality (7) is equivalent to  $\gamma_{e+j} \leq \beta_j$ , that is to the inequality (5).

For  $I \in \mathcal{S}(r, d)$ , consider the partition

$$\tau^I = (d - r + 1 - i_1 \geq d - r + 2 - i_2 \geq \dots \geq d - i_r).$$

Set  $|\alpha_I| := \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i$ . Observe that  $|\bar{\alpha}_I| := \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_{i+1}$ . We can now state our main result.

**Theorem 2** Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be three partitions of the same integer  $n$  satisfying the conditions (6).

Assume that  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$ . Then

$$n + |\bar{\alpha}_I| - \alpha_1 + |\bar{\beta}_J| - \beta_1 \geq |\bar{\gamma}_K| - \gamma_1, \quad (8)$$

for any  $0 < r < e$ ,  $0 < s < f$ ,  $I \in \mathcal{S}(r, e)$ ,  $J \in \mathcal{S}(s, f)$  and  $K \in \mathcal{S}(r+s, e+f)$  such that

$$c_{\tau I \tau J}^{\tau K} = 1. \quad (9)$$

If  $(n - \alpha_1) + (n - \beta_1) = n - \gamma_1$  then the inequality (8) is equivalent to

$$|\bar{\alpha}_I| + |\bar{\beta}_J| \geq |\bar{\gamma}_K|, \quad (10)$$

which is a Horn inequality (see [Ful00] or Section 4).

**Remark.** Since inequalities (3), (7) and (8) are linear in  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , the condition  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$  in Proposition 1 and Theorem 1 and 2 can be replaced by the weaker condition  $g_{k\alpha k\beta k\gamma} \neq 0$  for some positive  $k$ .

We get a reduction formula for the coefficients  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  if the inequality (8) is saturated. If  $I \in \mathcal{S}(r, d)$ , we denote by  $I_- \in \mathcal{S}(d-r, d)$  the complement of  $I$  in  $\{1, \dots, d\}$ . By symmetry we also set  $I_+ = I$ .

**Theorem 3** Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be three partitions of the same integer  $n$  satisfying the conditions (6).

Let  $(I, J, K)$  be a triple that appears in Theorem 2 (in particular satisfying the condition (9)). We assume that

$$n + |\bar{\alpha}_I| - \alpha_1 + |\bar{\beta}_J| - \beta_1 = |\bar{\gamma}_K| - \gamma_1. \quad (11)$$

Then  $g(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is equal to

$$\sum_{a,b,x,y,u,v} c(\bar{\alpha}_{I_-}, \bar{\beta}_{J_-}; y) \cdot c(x, y; \bar{\gamma}_{K_+}) \cdot c(u, v; \bar{\gamma}_{K_-}) \cdot c(a, u; \bar{\alpha}_I) \cdot c(b, v; \bar{\beta}_J) \cdot g(a, b, x), \quad (12)$$

where the sum runs over the partitions  $a, b, x, y, u, v$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} l(x) &\leq (e-r)(f-s), & l(a) &\leq e-r, & l(u) &\leq e-r, \\ l(y) &\leq r+s, & l(b) &\leq f-s, & l(v) &\leq f-s. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Note that in Theorem 3, we needn't assume that  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$ .

Let  $\text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$  denote the set of triples  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of partitions such that  $|\alpha| = |\beta| = |\gamma|$ ,  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$  and  $l(\alpha) \leq e+1$ ,  $l(\beta) \leq f+1$ ,  $l(\gamma) \leq e+f+1$ . Then  $\text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$  is a finitely generated semigroup in  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{2e+2f+3}$ . In particular, the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$  generated by  $\text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$  is a closed convex polyhedral cone.

**Theorem 4** *The inequalities (7) in Theorem 1 and the inequalities (8) in Theorem 2 are essential, that is correspond to codimension one faces of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$ .*

One can guess to describe the complete minimal list  $\mathcal{L}$  of inequalities characterizing  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$ . Such a list is known for the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients (see Theorem 7 below for details). In principle, [Res10] gives  $\mathcal{L}$ . Nevertheless, it is known to be untractable to make this description very explicit. Indeed, one first need to describe the so-called adapted one-parameter subgroups by describing the collection of hyperplanes spanned by subsets of a given set: a tricky combinatorial problem. And secondly one need to understand an unknown Schubert problem. In this paper we describe a natural subset of  $\mathcal{L}$  related with the Horn cone.

Inequality (3) defines a codimension one face  $\mathcal{F}_{LM}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$ . Here “LM” stands for Littlewood-Murnaghan. Each Horn inequality (10) or Weyl inequality (5) define a face  $\mathcal{F}$  of codimension two contained in  $\mathcal{F}_{LM}$ . By convex geometry  $\mathcal{F}$  has to be contained in a second codimension one face  $\mathcal{F}'$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$ . Basically, Theorem 1 and 2 describe this face  $\mathcal{F}'$ .

**Comparison between Theorems 1 and 2.** With  $I, J$  and  $K$  respectively equal to  $\{1, \dots, e\}$ ,  $\{1, \dots, f\} - \{j-1\}$ , and  $\{1, \dots, e+f\} - \{e+j-1\}$  (where  $j \in \{2, \dots, f+1\}$ ), we have  $c_{\tau_I \tau_J}^{\tau_K} = 1$ . The inequality (8) gives

$$2n + 2\gamma_1 + \gamma_j \geq 2\alpha_1 + 2\beta_1 + \beta_j. \quad (14)$$

This inequality is satisfied if  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$ . But the corresponding face has codimension 2 in  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$ . Hence the inequality (14) is not essential. More precisely, it is a consequence of inequalities (3) and (7).

In Section 2, we define and compare several semigroups. In Section 3, we recall some results from [Res10] that allows to describe some cones generated

by these semigroups. In Section 4, we describe the support of the LR-coefficients  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma$  for partitions satisfying  $l(\alpha) \leq e$ ,  $l(\beta) \leq f$  and  $l(\gamma) \leq e + f$ , for fixed positive integers  $e$  and  $f$ . Note that these assumptions are natural if one thinks about the LR-coefficients as multiplicities for the branching from  $\mathrm{GL}_e \times \mathrm{GL}_f$  to  $\mathrm{GL}_{e+f}$ . It is a variation of the classical Horn problem. The next sections contain the proofs of the statements of the introduction.

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## 2 Semigroups

### 2.1 Definitions

#### 2.1.1 Kronecker semigroups

We extend the definition of  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  to any triple  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of partitions by setting  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = 0$  if the condition  $|\alpha| = |\beta| = |\gamma|$  does not hold. Let  $e$ ,  $f$ , and  $g$  be three positive integers. We define  $\mathrm{Kron}(e, f, g)$  to be the set of triples  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of partitions such that  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$  and  $l(\alpha) \leq e$ ,  $l(\beta) \leq f$ ,  $l(\gamma) \leq g$ . It is well known that  $\mathrm{Kron}(e, f, g)$  is a finitely generated semigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{e+f+g}$ .

#### 2.1.2 Littlewood-Richardson semigroups

We define  $\mathrm{LR}(e, f, g)$  to be the set of triples  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of partitions such that  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma \neq 0$  and  $l(\alpha) \leq e$ ,  $l(\beta) \leq f$ ,  $l(\gamma) \leq g$ . It is well known that  $\mathrm{LR}(e, f, g)$  is a finitely generated semigroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^{e+f+g}$ .

#### 2.1.3 Branching semigroups

Let  $G$  be a connected reductive subgroup of a complex connected reductive group  $\hat{G}$ . Fix maximal tori  $T \subset \hat{T}$  and Borel subgroups  $B \supset T$  and  $\hat{B} \supset \hat{T}$  of  $G$  and  $\hat{G}$ . Let  $X(T)$  denote the group of characters of  $T$  and let  $X(T)^+$  denote the set of dominant characters. The irreducible representation of highest weight  $\nu \in X(T)^+$  is denoted by  $V_\nu$ . Similarly, we use the notation  $X(\hat{T})$ ,  $X(\hat{T})^+$ ,  $V_{\hat{\nu}}$  relatively to  $\hat{G}$ . The subspace of  $G$ -fixed vectors of the

$G$ -module  $V$  is denoted by  $V^G$ . Set

$$c_{\nu \hat{\nu}} = \dim(V_{\nu}^* \otimes V_{\hat{\nu}})^G. \quad (15)$$

The branching problem is equivalent to the knowledge of these coefficients since

$$V_{\hat{\nu}} = \sum_{\nu \in X(T)^+} c_{\nu \hat{\nu}} V_{\nu}, \quad (16)$$

as a  $G$ -module. Consider the set

$$\text{LR}(G, \hat{G}) = \{(\nu, \hat{\nu}) \in X(T)^+ \times X(\hat{T})^+ : c_{\nu \hat{\nu}} \neq 0\}.$$

By a result of Brion and Knop (see [É92]),  $\text{LR}(G, \hat{G})$  is a finitely generated semigroup.

#### 2.1.4 GIT semigroups

Let  $G$  be a complex reductive group acting on an irreducible projective variety  $X$ . Let  $\text{Pic}^G(X)$  denote the group of  $G$ -linearized line bundles on  $X$ . The space  $H^0(X, \mathcal{L})$  of regular sections of  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $G$ -module. Consider the set

$$\text{LR}(G, X) = \{\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}^G(X) : H^0(X, \mathcal{L})^G \neq \{0\}\}. \quad (17)$$

Since  $X$  is irreducible, the product of two nonzero  $G$ -invariant sections is a nonzero  $G$ -invariant section and  $\text{LR}(G, X)$  is a semigroup.

## 2.2 Relations between these semigroups

### 2.2.1 Kronecker semigroups as branching semigroups.

Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two complex vector spaces of dimension  $e$  and  $f$ . Consider the group  $G = \text{GL}(E) \times \text{GL}(F)$ . Using Schur-Weyl duality, the Kronecker coefficient  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  can be interpreted in terms of representations of  $G$ . Namely (see for example [Mac95, FH91])  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  is the multiplicity of  $S^{\alpha}E \otimes S^{\beta}F$  in  $S^{\gamma}(E \otimes F)$ . More precisely, let  $\gamma$  be a partition such that  $l(\gamma) \leq ef$ . Then the simple  $\text{GL}(E \otimes F)$ -module  $S^{\gamma}(E \otimes F)$  decomposes as a sum of simple  $G$ -modules as follows

$$S^{\gamma}(E \otimes F) = \sum_{\substack{\text{partitions } \alpha, \beta \text{ s.t.} \\ l(\alpha) \leq e, l(\beta) \leq f}} g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} S^{\alpha}E \otimes S^{\beta}F. \quad (18)$$

As a consequence

$$\text{Kron}(e, f, ef) = \text{LR}(\text{GL}(E) \times \text{GL}(F), \text{GL}(E \otimes F)) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^e \times \mathbb{Z}^f \times (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^{ef}). \quad (19)$$

### 2.2.2 Littlewood-Richardson semigroups as branching semigroups

Since the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients are multiplicities for the tensor product decomposition of  $\mathrm{GL}_n$ , we have

$$\mathrm{LR}(e, e, e) = \mathrm{LR}(\mathrm{GL}_e, \mathrm{GL}_e \times \mathrm{GL}_e) \cap ((\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^e)^3. \quad (20)$$

The Littlewood-Richardson coefficients have another interpretation in terms of representations of linear groups. Consider the embedding of  $\mathrm{GL}(E) \times \mathrm{GL}(F)$  in  $\mathrm{GL}(E \oplus F)$  as a Levi subgroup by its natural action on  $E \oplus F$ . Then (see[Mac95, Chapter I, 5.9])

$$S^\gamma(E \oplus F) = \sum_{\substack{\text{partitions } \alpha, \beta \text{ s.t.} \\ l(\alpha) \leq e, l(\beta) \leq f}} c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma S^\alpha E \otimes S^\beta F. \quad (21)$$

In particular

$$\mathrm{LR}(e, f, e + f) = \mathrm{LR}(\mathrm{GL}_e \times \mathrm{GL}_f, \mathrm{GL}_{e+f}) \cap (\mathbb{Z}^e \times \mathbb{Z}^f \times (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^{e+f}). \quad (22)$$

### 2.2.3 Branching semigroups as GIT semigroups

We use notation of Section 2.1.3 and we assume that  $G$  and  $\hat{G}$  are semisimple simply connected. Consider the diagonal action of  $G$  on  $X = G/B \times \hat{G}/\hat{B}$ . Note that  $\mathrm{Pic}^G(X)$  identifies with  $X(T) \times X(\hat{T})$ . Then Borel-Weyl's theorem implies that  $\mathrm{LR}(G, \hat{G}) = \mathrm{LR}(G, X)$ .

### 2.2.4 Kronecker semigroups as GIT semigroups

If  $V$  is a complex finite dimensional vector space, let  $\mathcal{F}l(V)$  denote the variety of complete flags of  $V$ . Given integers  $a_i$  such that  $1 \leq a_1 < \dots < a_s \leq \dim(V) - 1$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{F}l(a_1, \dots, a_s; V)$  the variety of flags  $V_1 \subset \dots \subset V_s \subset V$  such that  $\dim(V_i) = a_i$  for any  $i$ . If  $\alpha$  is a partition with at most  $\dim(V)$  parts then  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha$  (resp.  $\mathcal{L}^\alpha$ ) denotes the  $\mathrm{GL}(V)$ -linearized line bundle on  $\mathcal{F}l(V)$  such that the space  $H^0(\mathcal{F}l(V), \mathcal{L}_\alpha)$  (resp.  $H^0(\mathcal{F}l(V), \mathcal{L}^\alpha)$ ) is isomorphic to  $S^\alpha V^*$  (resp.  $S^\alpha V$ ) as a  $\mathrm{GL}(V)$ -module.

Assume that  $E$  and  $F$  are two linear spaces of dimension  $e + 1$  and  $f + 1$ . Set  $G = \mathrm{GL}(E) \times \mathrm{GL}(F)$ . Consider the variety

$$X = \mathcal{F}l(E) \times \mathcal{F}l(F) \times \mathcal{F}l(1, \dots, e + f + 1; E \otimes F)$$



endowed with its natural  $G$ -action. Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be three partitions such that  $l(\alpha) \leq e + 1$ ,  $l(\beta) \leq f + 1$ , and  $l(\gamma) \leq e + f + 1$ . Consider the  $\mathrm{GL}(E)$ -linearized line bundle  $\mathcal{L}^\alpha$  on  $\mathcal{F}l(E)$ , and respectively  $\mathcal{L}^\beta$  on  $\mathcal{F}l(F)$ . Since  $l(\gamma) \leq e + f + 1$ , the line bundle  $\mathcal{L}_\gamma$  on  $\mathcal{F}l(E \otimes F)$  is the pullback of a line bundle (still denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_\gamma$ ) on  $\mathcal{F}l(1, \dots, e + f + 1; E \otimes F)$ . Consider the line bundle  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}_\gamma$  on  $X$  endowed with its natural  $G$ -action. Then

$$\mathrm{H}^0(X, \mathcal{L}) \simeq S^\alpha E \otimes S^\beta F \otimes S^\gamma(E \otimes F)^*,$$

and, by the formula (18),

$$g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \dim(\mathrm{H}^0(X, \mathcal{L})^G). \quad (23)$$

The map  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \mapsto \mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}_\gamma$  extends to a linear isomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}^{2e+2f+3}$  onto  $\mathrm{Pic}^G(X)$ . This isomorphism allows to identify  $\mathrm{LR}(G, X)$  with a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^{2e+2f+3}$ . The equality (23) implies that

$$\mathrm{Kron}(e + 1, f + 1, e + f + 1) = (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0})^{2e+2f+3} \cap \mathrm{LR}(G, X).$$

### 3 Descriptions of branching and GIT cones

#### 3.1 GIT cones

Assume that the connected reductive group  $G$  acts on the smooth projective variety  $X$  and that  $\mathrm{Pic}^G(X)$  has finite rank. Consider the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \mathrm{LR}(G, X)$  generated in  $\mathrm{Pic}^G(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  by the points of  $\mathrm{LR}(G, X)$ . The  $G$ -linearized ample line bundles on  $X$  generated an open convex cone  $\mathrm{Pic}^G(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}^+$  in  $\mathrm{Pic}^G(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ . In this section, we recall from [Res10] a description of the faces of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \mathrm{LR}(G, X)$  that intersect  $\mathrm{Pic}^G(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}^+$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a  $G$ -linearized line bundle on  $X$ . Consider the associated set of semistable points

$$X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L}) = \{x \in X : \exists k > 0 \text{ and } \sigma \in \mathrm{H}^0(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes k})^G \quad \sigma(x) \neq 0\}.$$

Assume that  $X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})$  is nonempty. Then the projective variety  $\mathrm{Proj}(\bigoplus_{k \geq 0} \mathrm{H}^0(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes k})^G)$  is denoted by  $X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})//G$ . For later use, observe that  $\dim(\mathrm{H}^0(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes k})^G)$  is  $O(k^{\dim(X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})//G)})$ . If moreover  $\mathcal{L}$  is ample,  $X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})//G$  is the categorical quotient of  $X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})$  by  $G$ . In general, there is a canonical  $G$ -invariant regular map

$$\pi : X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L}) \longrightarrow X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})//G. \quad (24)$$

Let  $\lambda$  be a one parameter subgroup of  $G$ . The set

$$P(\lambda) = \{g \in G : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \lambda(t)g\lambda(t^{-1}) \text{ exists in } G\}$$

is a parabolic subgroup of  $G$ . Consider an irreducible component  $C$  of the fixed point set  $X^\lambda$  of  $\lambda$  in  $X$ . Set

$$C^+ = \{x \in X : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \lambda(t)x \in C\}.$$

By Białynicki-Birula's theorem,  $C^+$  is an irreducible smooth locally closed subvariety of  $X$ . Moreover it is stable by the action of  $P(\lambda)$ . Consider on  $G \times C^+$  the following action of the group  $P(\lambda)$ :

$$p.(g, x) = (gp^{-1}, px).$$

There exists a quotient variety denoted by  $G \times_{P(\lambda)} C^+$ . We denote by  $[g : x]$ , the class of  $(g, x) \in G \times C^+$ . The following formula

$$h.[g : x] = [hg : x] \quad \forall h \in G,$$

endows  $G \times_{P(\lambda)} C^+$  with a  $G$ -action. Consider the  $G$ -equivariant morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \eta : G \times_{P(\lambda)} C^+ &\longrightarrow X \\ [g : x] &\longmapsto gx. \end{aligned}$$

The pair  $(C, \lambda)$  is said to be *well covering* if there exists a  $P(\lambda)$ -stable open subset  $\Omega$  of  $C^+$  such that

- (i) the restriction of  $\eta$  to  $G \times_{P(\lambda)} \Omega$  is an open immersion;
- (ii)  $\Omega$  intersects  $C$ .

For any  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}^G(X)$ , there exists an integer  $\mu^{\mathcal{L}}(C, \lambda)$  such that

$$\lambda(t)\tilde{z} = t^{-\mu^{\mathcal{L}}(C, \lambda)}\tilde{z},$$

for any  $t \in \mathbb{C}^*$ ,  $z \in C$  and  $\tilde{z}$  in the fiber  $\mathcal{L}_z$  over  $z$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Theorem 5** (see [Res10])

- (i) For any well covering pair  $(C, \lambda)$  and any  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{LR}(G, X)$ , we have  $\mu^{\mathcal{L}}(C, \lambda) \leq 0$ .
- (ii) For any face  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(G, X)$  intersecting  $\text{Pic}^G(X)_{\mathbb{Q}}^+$  there exists a well covering pair  $(C, \lambda)$  such that  $(\mathcal{L} \otimes 1) \in \mathcal{F}$  if and only if  $\mu^{\mathcal{L}}(C, \lambda) = 0$ , for any ample  $\mathcal{L}$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(G, X)$ .
- (iii) Let  $(C, \lambda)$  be a well covering pair and  $\mathcal{L}$  be ample in  $\text{LR}(G, X)$ . Then  $\mu^{\mathcal{L}}(C, \lambda) = 0$  if and only if  $X^{\text{ss}}(\mathcal{L}) \cap C$  is not empty.

### 3.2 Branching cones

With notation of Section 2.1.3, we want to describe the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(G, \hat{G})$  generated by  $\text{LR}(G, \hat{G})$ . We assume that no nonzero ideal of the Lie algebra  $\text{Lie}(G)$  of  $G$  is an ideal of that  $\text{Lie}(\hat{G})$  of  $\hat{G}$ : this assumption implies that the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(G, \hat{G})$  has nonempty interior in  $(X(T) \times X(\hat{T})) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ .

Consider the natural pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  between the one parameter subgroups and the characters of tori  $T$  or  $\hat{T}$ . Let  $W$  (resp.  $\hat{W}$ ) denote the Weyl group of  $T$  (resp.  $\hat{T}$ ). If  $\lambda$  is a one parameter subgroup of  $T$  (and thus of  $\hat{T}$ ), we denote by  $W_\lambda$  (resp.  $\hat{W}_\lambda$ ) the stabilizer of  $\lambda$  for the natural action of the Weyl group.

The cohomology group  $H^*(G/P(\lambda), \mathbb{Z})$  is freely generated by the Schubert classes  $\sigma_w$  parameterized by the elements  $w \in W/W_\lambda$ . Assume that  $\lambda$  is dominant. Let  $w_0$  be the longest element of  $W$ . If  $w \in W/W_\lambda$ , we denote by  $w^\vee \in W/W_\lambda$  the class of  $w_0 w$ . By this way  $\sigma_{w^\vee}$  and  $\sigma_w$  are Poincaré dual. We consider  $\hat{G}/\hat{P}(\lambda)$ ,  $\sigma_{\hat{w}}$  as above but with  $\hat{G}$  in place of  $G$ . Consider also the canonical  $G$ -equivariant immersion  $\iota : G/P(\lambda) \rightarrow \hat{G}/\hat{P}(\lambda)$ ; and the corresponding morphism  $\iota^*$  in cohomology.

Recall from [RR11], the definition of Levi-movability for the pair  $(\sigma_w, \sigma_{\hat{w}})$ . For the purpose of this paper it is only useful to know that if  $(\sigma_w, \sigma_{\hat{w}})$  is Levi-movable then  $\iota^*(\sigma_{\hat{w}}) \cdot \sigma_w$  is a nonzero multiple of the class  $[pt]$  of the point. Moreover the converse is true if  $\hat{G}/\hat{P}(\lambda)$  is minuscule.

Consider the set  $\text{Wt}_T(\text{Lie}(\hat{G})/\text{Lie}(G))$  of nontrivial weights of  $T$  in  $\text{Lie}(\hat{G})/\text{Lie}(G)$  and the set of hyperplanes  $H$  of  $X(T) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$  spanned by some elements of  $\text{Wt}_T(\text{Lie}(\hat{G})/\text{Lie}(G))$ . For each such hyperplane  $H$  there exist exactly two opposite indivisible one parameter subgroups  $\pm \lambda_H$  which are orthogonal (for the pairing  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ) to  $H$ . The so obtained one parameter subgroups are called *admissible* and form a  $W$ -stable set.

**Theorem 6** (see [Res10])

*Recall that no nonzero ideal of  $\text{Lie}(G)$  is an ideal of  $\text{Lie}(\hat{G})$ . Then, the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(G, \hat{G})$  has nonempty interior in  $X(T \times \hat{T}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ .*

*A dominant weight  $(\nu, \hat{\nu})$  belongs to  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(G, \hat{G})$  if and only if*

$$\langle \hat{w}\lambda, \hat{\nu} \rangle \leq \langle w\lambda, \nu \rangle \quad (25)$$

*for any dominant admissible one parameter subgroup  $\lambda$  of  $T$  and for any pair  $(w, \hat{w}) \in W/W_\lambda \times \hat{W}/\hat{W}_\lambda$  such that*

*(i)  $\iota^*(\sigma_{\hat{w}}) \cdot \sigma_{w^\vee} = [pt] \in H^*(G/P(\lambda), \mathbb{Z})$ , and*

*(ii) the pair  $(\sigma_{w^\vee}, \sigma_{\hat{w}})$  is Levi-movable.*

Moreover, the inequalities (25) are pairwise distinct and no one can be omitted.

## 4 Description of $\text{LR}(e, f, e + f)$

### 4.1 The statement

**Theorem 7** *Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be three partitions such that  $l(\alpha) \leq e$ ,  $l(\beta) \leq f$  and  $l(\gamma) \leq e + f$ .*

*Then  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma \neq 0$  if and only if*

$$|\alpha| + |\beta| = |\gamma|, \quad (26)$$

and

$$\gamma_{f+i} \leq \alpha_i \leq \gamma_i, \quad \gamma_{e+j} \leq \beta_j \leq \gamma_j, \quad (27)$$

for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, e\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, f\}$ , and

$$|\gamma_K| \leq |\alpha_I| + |\beta_J|, \quad (28)$$

for any  $0 < r < e$  and  $0 < s < f$ , for any  $I \in \mathcal{S}(r, e)$ ,  $J \in \mathcal{S}(s, f)$  and  $K \in \mathcal{S}(r + s, e + f)$  such that

$$c_{\tau_I \tau_J}^{\tau_K} = 1. \quad (29)$$

Moreover, the inequalities (27) or (28) are pairwise distinct and no one can be omitted.

The partitions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in the statement of Theorem 7 are also partitions of length at most  $e + f$ . Hence the nonvanishing of  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma$  is equivalent to  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(e + f, e + f, e + f)$ . But, by the classical Horn conjecture (see *e.g.* [Ful00]), this cone is characterized by the inequalities

$$|\gamma_{K'}| \geq |\alpha_{I'}| + |\beta_{J'}| \quad (30)$$

where  $\#I' = \#J' = \#K'$  and

$$c_{\tau_{I'} \tau_{J'}}^{\tau_{K'}} = 1. \quad (31)$$

In some sense, Theorem 7 selects among the inequalities (30) those that remain essential when one imposes  $l(\alpha) \leq e$  and  $l(\beta) \leq f$ .

Each inequality (28) has to be consequence of at least one Horn inequality (30). Indeed, by setting  $\tilde{I} = I_- \cup \{e + s + 1, \dots, e + f\}$  and  $\tilde{J} = J_- \cup \{f + r + 1, \dots, e + f\}$ , one can check that, under the assumptions of Theorem 7 and modulo the equality (26), the inequality (28) is equivalent to

$$|\gamma_{K_-}| \geq |\alpha_{\tilde{I}}| + |\beta_{\tilde{J}}|. \quad (32)$$

But  $\#\tilde{I} = \#\tilde{J} = \#K_- = e + f - r - s$ . One can check that

$$c_{\tau I \tau J}^{\tau K} = c_{\tau \tilde{I} \tau \tilde{J}}^{\tau K_-}.$$

Hence the assumption (29) implies that the condition (32) is an Horn inequality (30) for the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(e + f, e + f, e + f)$ .

For the proof of Theorem 7, we need to recall some notations and results on Schubert calculus on Grassmannians.

## 4.2 Schubert Calculus

Let  $\mathbb{G}(r, n)$  be the Grassmann variety of  $r$ -dimensional linear subspaces of  $V = \mathbb{C}^n$ . Let  $F_\bullet: \{0\} = F_0 \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots \subset F_n = V$  be a complete flag of  $V$ . Let  $I = \{i_1 < \dots < i_r\} \in \mathcal{S}(r, n)$ . The Schubert variety  $X_I(F_\bullet)$  in  $\mathbb{G}(r, n)$  is defined to be

$$X_I(F_\bullet) = \{L \in \mathbb{G}(r, n) : \dim(L \cap F_{i_j}) \geq j \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq r\}.$$

The Poincaré dual of the homology class of  $X_I(F_\bullet)$  is denoted by  $\sigma_I$ . It does not depend on  $F_\bullet$ . The classes  $\sigma_I$  form a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of the cohomology ring of  $\mathbb{G}(r, n)$ . Recall from the introduction the definition of the partition  $\tau^I$ . Then  $\sigma_I$  has degree  $2|\tau^I|$ . A first cohomological interpretation of the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients is given by the formula (see *e.g.* [Man01])

$$\sigma_I \cdot \sigma_J = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{S}(r, n)} c_{\tau I \tau J}^{\tau K} \sigma_K, \quad (33)$$

for any  $I, J$  in  $\mathcal{S}(r, n)$ .

Let  $r$  and  $s$  be two integers such that  $0 < r < e$  and  $0 < s < f$ . Fix an identification  $\mathbb{C}^{e+f} = \mathbb{C}^e \oplus \mathbb{C}^f$  and consider the morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{r,s} : \mathbb{G}(r, e) \times \mathbb{G}(s, f) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{G}(r+s, e+f) \\ (F, G) &\longmapsto F \oplus G. \end{aligned}$$

The associated comorphism in cohomology is

$$\phi_{r,s}^* : \mathbb{H}^*(\mathbb{G}(r+s, e+f), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{H}^*(\mathbb{G}(r, e) \times \mathbb{G}(s, f), \mathbb{Z}).$$

By Kuneth's formula, the family  $(\sigma_I \otimes \sigma_J)_{(I,J) \in \mathcal{S}(r,e) \times \mathcal{S}(s,f)}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{H}^*(\mathbb{G}(r, e) \times \mathbb{G}(s, f), \mathbb{Z})$ . A second cohomological interpretation of the Littlewood-Richardson coefficients is given by the formula

$$\phi_{r,s}^*(\sigma_K) = \sum_{(I,J) \in \mathcal{S}(r,e) \times \mathcal{S}(s,f)} c_{\tau^I \tau^J}^{\tau^K} (\sigma_I \otimes \sigma_J), \quad (34)$$

for any  $K \in \mathcal{S}(r+s, e+f)$ .

### 4.3 Proof of Theorem 7

By the Knutson-Tao theorem of saturation (see [KT99]),  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma \neq 0$  if and only if  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  belongs to the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(e, f, e+f)$ . It remains to prove that the inequalities (27) and (28) characterize the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(e, f, e+f)$  in a minimal way.

Let us fix bases for the two vector spaces  $E$  and  $F$  of dimension  $e$  and  $f$ . Consider the group  $\hat{G} = \text{SL}(E \oplus F)$ , its subgroup  $G = S(\text{GL}(E) \times \text{GL}(F))$  and on  $E \oplus F$  the basis obtained by concatenating the bases of  $E$  and  $F$ . Let  $\hat{T}$  be the maximal torus of  $\hat{G}$  consisting in diagonal matrices. It is contained in  $G$ ; set  $T = \hat{T}$ . Let  $\hat{B}$  be the Borel subgroup of  $\hat{G}$  consisting in upper triangular matrices. Set  $B = \hat{B} \cap G$ . Let  $\varepsilon_i$  be the character of  $\hat{T}$  mapping a matrix in  $\hat{T}$  to its  $i^{\text{th}}$  diagonal entry. Since  $\sum_i \varepsilon_i = 0$ ,  $(\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{e+f-1})$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $X(\hat{T})$ .

Let  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be three partitions of length less or equal to  $e, f$ , and  $e+f$ . The highest weight of the  $\hat{G}$ -module  $S^\gamma(E \oplus F)$  is  $\tilde{\gamma} = (\gamma_1 - \gamma_{e+f})\varepsilon_1 + \dots + (\gamma_{e+f-1} - \gamma_{e+f})\varepsilon_{e+f-1}$ . The highest weight of the  $G$ -module  $S^\alpha E \otimes S^\beta F$  is  $(\alpha, \beta) = (\alpha_1 - \beta_f)\varepsilon_1 + \dots + (\alpha_e - \beta_f)\varepsilon_e + (\beta_1 - \beta_f)\varepsilon_{e+1} + \dots + (\beta_{f-1} - \beta_f)\varepsilon_{e+f-1}$ . Then, by the formula (21)

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \text{LR}(e, f, e+f) &\iff (S^\alpha E^* \otimes S^\beta F^* \otimes S^\gamma(E \oplus F))^{\text{GL}(E) \times \text{GL}(F)} \neq 0, \\ &\iff |\alpha| + |\beta| = |\gamma| \\ &\text{and } (S^\alpha E^* \otimes S^\beta F^* \otimes S^\gamma(E \oplus F))^G \neq 0, \\ &\iff |\alpha| + |\beta| = |\gamma| \\ &\text{and } ((\alpha, \beta), \tilde{\gamma}) \in \text{LR}(G, \hat{G}). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, to determine the inequalities for the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(e, f, e+f)$ , it is sufficient to describe  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(G, \hat{G})$ . We do this using Theorem 6.

The set of weights of  $T$  acting on  $\text{Lie}(\hat{G})/\text{Lie}(G)$  is the set of weights of  $T$  acting on  $F^* \otimes E$  and their opposite. Explicitly  $\text{Wt}_T(\text{Lie}(\hat{G})/\text{Lie}(G)) = \pm\{\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{e+j} \mid 1 \leq i \leq e \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq f\}$ . Let  $(a_1, \dots, a_e, b_1, \dots, b_f) \in \mathbb{Z}^{e+f}$  be the exponents of a one parameter subgroup  $\lambda$  of  $T$ ; they satisfy  $\sum_i a_i + \sum_j b_j = 0$ . Then  $\langle \lambda, \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{e+j} \rangle = 0$  if and only if  $a_i = b_j$ . It follows that if  $\lambda$  is admissible then the integers  $a_i$  and  $b_j$  take at most two values. If moreover  $\lambda$  is dominant then there exist integers  $r, s$ , and  $c > d$  such that  $a_1 = \dots = a_r = b_1 = \dots = b_s = c$  and  $a_{r+1} = \dots = a_e = b_{s+1} = \dots = b_f = d$ . If moreover  $\lambda$  is indivisible,  $c = \frac{e+f-r-s}{(r+s)\wedge(e+f)}$  and  $d = \frac{-r-s}{(r+s)\wedge(e+f)}$ , where  $\wedge$  denotes the gcd. Let  $\lambda_{r,s}$  denote the so obtained one-parameter subgroup of  $T$ . Conversely, one easily checks that  $\lambda_{r,s}$  is an admissible dominant one-parameter subgroup of  $T$ , if  $0 < r < e$  and  $0 < s < f$  or if the pair  $(r, s)$  is one of the four exceptional ones  $\{(1, 0), (0, 1), (e-1, f), (e, f-1)\}$ .

The inclusions  $G/P(\lambda_{r,s}) \subset \hat{G}/\hat{P}(\lambda_{r,s})$  associated to the four exceptional cases are  $\mathbb{P}(E) \subset \mathbb{P}(E \oplus F)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(F) \subset \mathbb{P}(E \oplus F)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(E^*) \subset \mathbb{P}(E^* \oplus F^*)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(F^*) \subset \mathbb{P}(E^* \oplus F^*)$ . Consider  $\mathbb{P}(E) \subset \mathbb{P}(E \oplus F)$ . The restriction of  $\sigma_{\{f+i\}} \in \mathbb{H}^*(\mathbb{P}(E \oplus F), \mathbb{Z})$  in  $\mathbb{H}^*(\mathbb{P}(E), \mathbb{Z})$  is  $\sigma_{\{i\}}$ . Then Theorem 6 implies that

$$(e+f)\alpha_i - |\alpha| - |\beta| \geq (e+f)\gamma_{f+i} - |\gamma|.$$

Modulo the identity (26), this is equivalent to  $\gamma_{f+i} \leq \alpha_i$ . Similarly, we get the three other inequalities (27).

Fix now  $0 < r < e$  and  $0 < s < f$ . The inclusion  $G/P(\lambda_{r,s}) \subset \hat{G}/\hat{P}(\lambda_{r,s})$  is the morphism  $\phi_{r,s}$  defined in Section 4.2. Consider  $\sigma_I \otimes \sigma_J \in \mathbb{H}^*(\mathbb{G}(r, e) \times \mathbb{G}(s, f), \mathbb{Z})$  and  $\sigma_K \in \mathbb{H}^*(\mathbb{G}(r+s, e+f), \mathbb{Z})$  such that  $\phi_{r,s}^*(\sigma_K) \cdot (\sigma_I \otimes \sigma_J)^\vee = [pt]$ . Here the Levi movability is automatic since  $\hat{G}/\hat{P}(\lambda_{r,s})$  is cominusculé. Modulo (26), the inequality (25) of Theorem 6 corresponding to  $\sigma_I \otimes \sigma_J$  and  $\sigma_K$  is the inequality (28). Then the theorem follows from Theorem 6.  $\square$

#### 4.4 Complement on stretched Littlewood-Richardson coefficients

**Lemma 1** *Let  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be three partitions such that  $l(\alpha) \leq e$ ,  $l(\beta) \leq f$  and  $l(\gamma) \leq e+f$ .*

*Then, the map  $n \mapsto c_{n\alpha n\beta}^{n\gamma}$  is polynomial of degree not greater than*

$$\binom{e}{2} + \binom{f}{2} + \binom{e+f}{2} - e^2 - f^2 + 1,$$

where  $\binom{e}{2} = \frac{e(e-1)}{2}$ .

**Proof.** Since  $c_{\alpha\beta}^\gamma = c_{\beta\alpha}^\gamma$ , we may assume that  $e \leq f$ . By [DW02], the function  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $n \mapsto c_{n\alpha n\beta}^{n\gamma}$  is polynomial.

Recall that  $E$  and  $F$  are complex vector spaces of dimension  $e$  and  $f$ . Set  $G = \mathrm{GL}(E) \times \mathrm{GL}(F)$  and  $X = \mathcal{F}l(E) \times \mathcal{F}l(F) \times \mathcal{F}l(E \oplus F)$ . Consider on  $X$  the line bundle  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}^\gamma$ . Since  $c_{n\alpha n\beta}^{n\gamma} = \dim(\mathrm{H}^0(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n})^G)$ , the degree of  $c_{n\alpha n\beta}^{n\gamma}$  is equal to the dimension of  $X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})//G$ .

Consider the map  $\pi$  defined in (24). By Chevalley Theorem, since  $\pi$  is dominant, for any general  $y \in X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})$ , one has

$$\dim \pi^{-1}(\pi(y)) = \dim(X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})) - \dim(X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})//G).$$

But,  $\pi$  is  $G$ -invariant and  $\pi^{-1}(\pi(y))$  contains  $G.y$ . Then

$$\dim \pi^{-1}(\pi(y)) \geq \dim(G.y) = \dim(G) - \dim(G_y),$$

where  $G_y$  is the stabilizer of  $y$  in  $G$ . But, for any  $x \in X$ , we have  $\dim(G.x) \leq \dim(G.y)$  and

$$\dim(X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})//G) \leq \dim(X) - \dim(G) + \dim(G_x).$$

We now claim that there exists  $x$  such that  $\dim(G_x) = 1$ . Then the lemma follows.

We now prove the claim by constructing explicitly  $x$ , that is, defining complete flags of  $E$ ,  $F$  and  $E \oplus F$ . Fix bases  $(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_e)$  and  $(\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_f)$  of  $E$  and  $F$ . On  $E$  and  $F$ , we consider the two standard flags  $F_\bullet^E$  and  $F_\bullet^F$  in these bases. Consider on  $E \oplus F$ , the following base

$$(\eta_e + \zeta_f, \eta_e + \eta_{e-1} + \zeta_{f-1}, \dots, \eta_e + \dots + \eta_1 + \zeta_{f-e+1}, \eta_1 + \zeta_{f-e}, \dots, \eta_1 + \zeta_1)$$

and the associated flag  $F_\bullet^{E \oplus F}$ . One easily checks that  $x = (F_\bullet^E, F_\bullet^F, F_\bullet^{E \oplus F})$  works.  $\square$

## 5 Faces of $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \mathrm{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$

### 5.1 Murnaghan's face

The cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \mathrm{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$  is contained in the linear subspace of points  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \mathbb{Q}^{e+1} \times \mathbb{Q}^{f+1} \times \mathbb{Q}^{e+f+1}$  that satisfy  $|\alpha| = |\beta| = |\gamma|$ . In particular its dimension is at most  $2e + 2f + 1$ .



Recall that  $\bar{\alpha} = (\alpha_2 \geq \alpha_3 \cdots)$ , if  $\alpha = (\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \cdots)$ . By Proposition 1, the points  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$  satisfy

$$|\bar{\alpha}| + |\bar{\beta}| \geq |\bar{\gamma}|. \quad (35)$$

The set of points of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$  such that equality holds in the inequality (35) is a face  $\mathcal{F}^M$  ( $M$  stands for Murnaghan) of the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$ . Consider the linear map

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : \mathbb{Q}^{2e+2f+3} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}^{2e+2f} \\ (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) &\longmapsto (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\gamma}). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2** *The face  $\mathcal{F}^M$  maps by  $\pi$  to  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(e, f, e+f)$ . Moreover each fiber of  $\pi$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(e, f, e+f)$  contains an unbounded interval.*

*The cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$  has dimension  $2e+2f+1$  and the face  $\mathcal{F}^M$  has dimension  $2e+2f$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that equality holds in the formula (35). Assume also that the coordinates of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are nonnegative integers. Then

$$g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = c_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}^{\bar{\gamma}}. \quad (36)$$

Thus the face  $\mathcal{F}^M$  maps by  $\pi$  on  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(e, f, e+f)$ . Conversely let  $(\lambda, \mu, \nu) \in \text{LR}(e, f, e+f)$ . Let  $a$  be an integer and set  $b = a + |\lambda| - |\mu|$  and  $c = a + |\lambda| - |\nu|$ . If  $a$  is big enough then  $a \geq \lambda_1$ ,  $b \geq \mu_1$  and  $c \geq \nu_1$ . Therefore  $\alpha := (a, \lambda)$ ,  $\beta = (b, \mu)$  and  $\gamma = (c, \nu)$  are three partitions of the same integer such that equality holds in the inequality (35). Thus the equality (36) holds and  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{F}^M$ . In particular the fiber  $\pi^{-1}(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  contains an unbounded segment.

Since  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(e, f, e+f)$  has dimension  $2e+2f-1$  and the fibers of  $\pi$  have dimension at least one, the cone  $\mathcal{F}^M$  has dimension at least  $2e+2f$ . We had already noticed that  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$  has dimension at most  $2e+2f+1$ . These two inequalities (and the fact that  $\mathcal{F}^M$  is a strict face of the cone  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$ ) imply the lemma.  $\square$

## 5.2 Proof of Theorem 2

Let  $r, s, I, J$ , and  $K$  be like in Theorem 2. To such a triple  $(I, J, K)$ , Theorem 7 associates a codimension one face of  $\text{LR}(e, f, e+f)$ . Using Lemma 2, this face corresponds to a face  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e+1, f+1, e+f+1)$

of codimension two. Explicitly,  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}$  is the set of  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e + 1, f + 1, e + f + 1)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} |\bar{\gamma}| = |\bar{\alpha}| + |\bar{\beta}|, \\ |\bar{\gamma}_K| = |\bar{\alpha}_I| + |\bar{\beta}_J|. \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

This face  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}$  is contained in two codimension one faces,  $\mathcal{F}^M$  and another one  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}^M$  that we want to determine.

Let  $\varphi_\tau$  denote the linear form defined by

$$\varphi_\tau(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \tau(|\bar{\alpha}| + |\bar{\beta}| - |\bar{\gamma}|) + (|\bar{\alpha}_I| + |\bar{\beta}_J| - |\bar{\gamma}_K|),$$

where  $\tau$  is any rational number. Set also

$$\varphi_\infty(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = |\bar{\alpha}| + |\bar{\beta}| - |\bar{\gamma}|.$$

By the theory of convex polyhedral cones, there exists  $\tau_0$  such that for any  $\tau > \tau_0$ ,  $\varphi_\tau$  is nonnegative on the cone and the associated face is  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}$ , and,  $\varphi_{\tau_0}$  corresponds to  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}^M$ .

Here,  $E$  and  $F$  are two linear spaces of dimension  $e + 1$  and  $f + 1$  and  $G = \text{GL}(E) \times \text{GL}(F)$ . Consider the variety

$$X = \mathcal{F}l(E) \times \mathcal{F}l(F) \times \mathcal{F}l(1, \dots, e + f + 1; E \otimes F).$$

We identify  $\text{Pic}^G(X)$  with  $\mathbb{Z}^{2e+2f+3}$  like in Section 2.2.4.

**Geometric description of  $\varphi_\infty$ .** The inequality corresponding to  $\mathcal{F}^M$  is  $\varphi_\infty \geq 0$ . By Section 2.2.4,  $\mathcal{F}^M$  generates a face of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{LR}(G, X)$ . Theorem 5 shows that there exists a well covering pair  $(C_\infty, \lambda_\infty)$  of  $X$  such that  $\varphi_\infty(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = -\mu^{\mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}^\gamma}(C_\infty, \lambda_\infty)$ .

To describe such a pair  $(C_\infty, \lambda_\infty)$ , fix decompositions  $E = \bar{E} \oplus l$  and  $F = \bar{F} \oplus m$ , where  $\bar{E}$  and  $\bar{F}$  are hyperplanes and  $l$  and  $m$  are lines. Let  $\lambda_\infty$  be the one-parameter subgroup of  $G$  acting with weight 1 on  $\bar{E}$  and  $\bar{F}$ , and with weight 0 on  $l$  and  $m$ . Let  $C_\infty$  be the set of points in  $X$  such that

- the hyperplanes of the complete flags of  $E$  and  $F$  are respectively  $\bar{E}$  and  $\bar{F}$ ,
- the line of the partial flag of  $E \otimes F$  is  $l \otimes m$ ,
- the  $(e + f + 1)$ -dimensional subspace of the partial flag of  $E \otimes F$  is  $(l \otimes m) \oplus (\bar{E} \otimes m) \oplus (l \otimes \bar{F})$ .

One can check that  $(C_\infty, \lambda_\infty)$  works (see [Res11c] for details).

**Geometric description of  $\varphi_\tau$ .** Fix decompositions  $\bar{E} = E_+ \oplus E_-$  and  $\bar{F} = F_+ \oplus F_-$ , where  $E_+$  and  $F_+$  have dimension  $r$  and  $s$ . Assume that  $\tau > 1$  and write  $\tau = \frac{p}{q}$  with two integers  $p$  and  $q$  satisfying  $p \wedge q = 1$  and  $q > 0$ . Let  $\lambda_\tau$  be the one parameter subgroup of  $G$  acting with weight  $q + p$  on  $E_+$  and  $F_+$ , with weight  $p$  on  $E_-$  and  $F_-$  and with weight 0 on  $l$  and  $m$ . The weight spaces of the action of  $\lambda_\tau$  on  $E \otimes F$  are

Space	$E_+ \otimes F_+$	$E_+ \otimes F_- \oplus E_- \otimes F_+$	$E_- \otimes F_-$	$E_+ \oplus F_+$	$E_- \oplus F_-$	$l \otimes m$
Weight	$2p + 2q$	$2p + q$	$2p$	$p + q$	$p$	$0$

where some “ $\otimes m$ ” and “ $l \otimes$ ” have been forgotten.

To  $I^\vee = \{e + 1 - i : i \in I\}$  is associated an embedding  $\iota_{I^\vee}$  of  $\mathcal{F}l(E_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(E_-)$  in  $\mathcal{F}l(\bar{E})$ . Explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} \iota_{I^\vee} : \mathcal{F}l(E_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(E_-) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{F}l(\bar{E}) \\ ((V_i), (W_j)) &\longmapsto (V_{\#I^\vee \cap [1, k]} \oplus W_{k - \#I^\vee \cap [1, k]})_{1 \leq k \leq e}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we consider  $\iota_{J^\vee}$  and  $\iota_K$ . Observe that  $C_\infty$  is canonically isomorphic to  $\mathcal{F}l(\bar{E}) \times \mathcal{F}l(\bar{F}) \times \mathcal{F}l(\bar{E} \oplus \bar{F})$ . Consider the embedding  $(\iota_{I^\vee}, \iota_{J^\vee}, \iota_K)$  of

$$\mathcal{F}l(E_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(E_-) \times \mathcal{F}l(F_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(F_-) \times \mathcal{F}l(E_+ \oplus F_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(E_- \oplus F_-)$$

in  $C_\infty$ . Denote by  $C_\tau$  its image. Using for example [Res11b, Proposition 1 and Theorem 1], one can check that, for  $\tau$  big enough,  $(C_\tau, \lambda_\tau)$  is a well covering pair. Moreover,  $\varphi_\tau(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = -q\mu^{\mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}^\gamma}(C_\tau, \lambda_\tau)$ .

For any  $\tau > 1$ ,  $C_\tau$  is an irreducible component of  $\lambda_\tau$ . Moreover,  $C_\tau^+$  and  $P(\lambda_\tau)$  do not depend on  $\tau > 1$ . In Particular,  $(C_\tau, \lambda_\tau)$  is a well covering pair for any  $\tau > 1$ .

Theorem 5 shows that the face determined by the inequality  $\varphi_\tau$  only depends on  $C_\tau$ , and so does not depend on  $\tau > 1$ : it is  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}$ . This implies that  $\varphi_1 \geq 0$  on  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \text{Kron}(e + 1, f + 1, e + f + 1)$ . Theorem 2 follows.  $\square$

**Remark.** Let  $\mathcal{F}_1$  denote the face associated to  $\varphi_1$ . Up to now, we have not proved that  $\mathcal{F}_1$  has codimension 1 or equivalently that  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \mathcal{F}_{IJK}^M$ . This is the aim of Section 7.

## 6 Proof of Theorem 3

Keeping the notation of Section 5.2, we give a geometric description of  $\varphi_1$ . The weight spaces of the action of  $\lambda_1$  on  $E \otimes F$  are

$E_+ \otimes F_+$	$E_+ \otimes F_- \oplus E_- \otimes F_+$	$E_- \otimes F_- \oplus E_+ \oplus F_+$	$E_- \oplus F_-$	$l \otimes m$
4	3	2	1	0

The irreducible component  $C_1$  of  $X^{\lambda_1}$  containing  $C_\tau$  (for  $\tau > 1$ ) is isomorphic to

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{F}l(E_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(E_-) \times \mathcal{F}l(F_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(F_-) \\ & \times \mathcal{F}l(1, \dots, r+s; E_- \otimes F_- \oplus E_+ \oplus F_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(E_- \oplus F_-). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $C_1^+ = C_\tau^+$  and  $P(\lambda_1) = P(\lambda_\tau)$ . In particular the pair  $(C_1, \lambda_1)$  is well covering.

Let  $G^{\lambda_1}$  denote the centralizer of  $\lambda_1$  in  $G$ . Note that  $G^{\lambda_1} = \mathrm{GL}(E_+) \times \mathrm{GL}(E_-) \times \mathbb{C}^* \times \mathrm{GL}(F_+) \times \mathrm{GL}(F_-) \times \mathbb{C}^*$ . By [Res11c, Theorem 2],  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  is the dimension of

$$H^0(C_1, (\mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}^\gamma)|_{C_1})^{G^{\lambda_1}}.$$

We have to determine the restriction  $(\mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}^\gamma)|_{C_1}$  via the identification of  $C_1$  with a product of flag varieties. Fix a basis of  $\bar{E}$  starting with a basis of  $E_+$  followed by a basis of  $E_-$ . For the group  $\mathrm{GL}(\bar{E})$  we consider standard maximal tori and Borel subgroups in this basis. Similarly, we choose subgroups of  $\mathrm{GL}(\bar{F})$ .

The maximal torus of  $\mathrm{GL}(E)$  acts on the fiber in  $\mathcal{L}^\alpha$  over the base point of  $\mathcal{F}l(E)$  with weight  $(\alpha_{e+1}, \dots, \alpha_1)$ . The maximal torus  $\bar{T}$  of  $\mathrm{GL}(\bar{E})$  acts on the fiber in  $\mathcal{L}^\alpha$  over the base point of  $\mathcal{F}l(\bar{E})$  (embedded in  $\mathcal{F}l(E)$  like  $C_\infty$  is embedded in  $X$ ) with weight  $(\alpha_{e+1}, \dots, \alpha_2)$ . Let  $w_{I^\vee}$  in the symmetric group  $S_e$  associated to  $I^\vee$  ( $w_{I^\vee}(k)$  is the  $k^{\mathrm{th}}$  elements of  $I^\vee$  and  $w_{I^\vee}(r+k)$  is the  $k^{\mathrm{th}}$  elements of  $I^\vee$ ). Then  $\iota_{I^\vee}$  maps the base point of  $\mathcal{F}l(E_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(E_-)$  to the image by  $w_{I^\vee}^{-1}$  of the base point of  $\mathcal{F}l(\bar{E})$ . It follows that  $\bar{T}$  acts on the fiber in  $\iota_{I^\vee}^*(\mathcal{L}_{C_\infty}^\alpha)$  by the weight  $w_{I^\vee}^{-1}(\alpha_{e+1}, \dots, \alpha_2)$ . After computation this gives

$$H^0(C_1, (\mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^0 \otimes \mathcal{L}_0)|_{C_1}) = S^{\bar{\alpha}_{I^+} E_+} \otimes S^{\bar{\alpha}_{I^-} E_-}.$$

Similarly

$$H^0(C_1, (\mathcal{L}^0 \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}_0)|_{C_1}) = S^{\bar{\beta}_{J^+} F_+} \otimes S^{\bar{\beta}_{J^-} F_-},$$

and

$$H^0(C_1, (\mathcal{L}^0 \otimes \mathcal{L}^0 \otimes \mathcal{L}^\gamma)|_{C_1}) = S^{\bar{\gamma}_{K^+} (E_- \otimes F_- \oplus E_+ \oplus F_+)^*} \otimes S^{\bar{\gamma}_{K^-} (E_- \oplus F_-)^*}.$$

We deduce that  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  is the multiplicity of the  $\mathrm{GL}(E_+) \times \mathrm{GL}(E_-) \times \mathrm{GL}(F_+) \times \mathrm{GL}(F_-)$ -simple module

$$S^{\bar{\alpha}_{I_+}} E_+ \otimes S^{\bar{\alpha}_{I_-}} E_- \otimes S^{\bar{\beta}_{J_+}} F_+ \otimes S^{\bar{\beta}_{J_-}} F_-$$

in the module

$$S^{\bar{\gamma}_{K_+}} (E_- \otimes F_- \oplus E_+ \oplus F_+) \otimes S^{\bar{\gamma}_{K_-}} (E_- \oplus F_-). \quad (38)$$

Now the theorem is obtained by using repeatedly the formulas (2), (18) and (21) to decompose the module (38).

## 7 Proof of Theorem 4

Recall that the aim is to prove that  $\mathcal{F}_1$  has codimension one. Since  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}$  has codimension two and it is contained in  $\mathcal{F}_1$ , it remains to prove that  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK} \neq \mathcal{F}_1$ .

Assume now that  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  belongs  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK}$  is contained in  $\mathcal{F}^M$ ,  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = c_{\bar{\alpha}\bar{\beta}}^{\bar{\gamma}}$ . Then (see *eg* [DW11, Theorem 7.4])  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = c_{\bar{\alpha}_I \bar{\beta}_J}^{\bar{\gamma}_{K_+}} \cdot c_{\bar{\alpha}_{I_-} \bar{\beta}_{J_-}}^{\bar{\gamma}_{K_-}}$ . In particular, Lemma 1 shows that  $g_{n\alpha n\beta n\gamma}$  is a polynomial function of  $n$  of degree at most

$$d_{max} = \binom{r}{2} + \binom{s}{2} + \binom{r+s}{2} + \binom{a}{2} + \binom{b}{2} + \binom{a+b}{2} - r^2 - s^2 - a^2 - b^2 + 2, \quad (39)$$

where  $a = e - r$  and  $b = f - s$ .

Given an algebraic group  $\Gamma$  acting on an irreducible variety  $Y$ , we denote by  $\mathrm{mod}(\Gamma, Y)$  the minimal codimension of the  $\Gamma$ -orbits. By [Res11a, Lemma 2], for any  $\mathcal{L}$  in the relative interior of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \mathrm{LR}(G^{\lambda_1}, C_1)$ , the dimension of  $C_1^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{L})//G^{\lambda_1}$  is equal to  $\mathrm{mod}(G^{\lambda_1}, C_1)$ .

By [Res10, Theorem 4], there exists a line bundle  $\mathcal{M}$  on  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{M}|_{C_1}$  belongs to the relative interior of  $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} \mathrm{LR}(G^{\lambda_1}, C_1)$ . We may assume that  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}^\gamma$  for three partitions  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . But, by [Res10, Theorem 8],  $X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{M})//G \simeq C_1^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{M}|_{C_1})//G^{\lambda_1}$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a point on  $\mathcal{F}_1$  satisfying  $\dim(X^{\mathrm{ss}}(\mathcal{M})//G) = \mathrm{mod}(G^{\lambda_1}, C_1)$ . In particular,

$$n \mapsto g_{n\alpha n\beta n\gamma} \quad \text{cannot be a polynomial function} \\ \text{of degree less than } \mathrm{mod}(G^{\lambda_1}, C_1). \quad (40)$$

Regarding the assertions (39) and (40), to prove that  $\mathcal{F}_{IJK} \neq \mathcal{F}_1$  it is sufficient to prove the claim:  $\text{mod}(G^{\lambda_1}, C_1) > d_{max}$ . The center of  $G^{\lambda_1}$  contains a dimension 3 torus acting trivially on  $C_1$ . Hence

$$\text{mod}(G^{\lambda_1}, C_1) \geq \dim(C_1) - \dim(G^{\lambda_1}) + 3.$$

After simplification, we get

$$\text{mod}(G^{\lambda_1}, C_1) - d_{max} \geq ab(r + s) - 1.$$

Since  $a, b, r,$  and  $s$  are positive integers, the claim follows.

## 8 Proof of Theorem 1

We keep notation of Section 5.2, but now  $r = e$  and  $I = \{1, \dots, e\}$ . In particular  $E_-$  is trivial and the weight spaces of the action of  $\lambda_\tau$  of  $E \otimes F$  are

$\bar{E} \otimes F_+$	$\bar{E} \otimes F_-$	$\bar{E} \oplus F_+$	$F_-$	$l \otimes m$
$2p + 2q$	$2p + q$	$p + q$	$p$	$0$

Hence  $C_\tau \simeq \mathcal{F}l(\bar{E}) \times \mathcal{F}l(F_+) \times \mathcal{F}l(\bar{E} \oplus F_+)$  for  $\tau$  big enough. Then, for any  $\tau > 0$ ,  $(C_\tau, \lambda_\tau)$  is a well covering pair. We conclude like in Section 5.2 that  $\varphi_0$  is nonnegative on the Kronecker cone. This proves the first assertion of the theorem.

Consider now the limit case  $\tau = 0$ . The weight spaces are

$\bar{E} \otimes F_+$	$\bar{E} \otimes (F_- \oplus m) \oplus F_+$	$l \otimes (F_- \oplus m)$
$2$	$1$	$0$

Hence  $C_0 \simeq \mathcal{F}l(\bar{E}) \times \mathcal{F}l(F_+) \times \mathbb{P}(F_- \oplus m) \times \mathcal{F}l(1, \dots, e + f - 1; \bar{E} \otimes (F_- \oplus m) \oplus F_+) \times \mathbb{P}(F_- \oplus m)$ . Moreover  $G^{\lambda_0} \simeq \text{GL}(\bar{E}) \times \mathbb{C}^* \times \text{GL}(F_+) \times \text{GL}(F_- \oplus m)$ . By [Res11c, Theorem 2]

$$g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \dim(\text{H}^0(C_0, (\mathcal{L}^\alpha \otimes \mathcal{L}^\beta \otimes \mathcal{L}^\gamma)|_{C_0})^{G^{\lambda_0}}).$$

The computation of this dimension is made using the formulas (2), (18) and (21) like in Section 6.

## 9 A final inequality

All but two of the inequalities of Theorem 7 had been extended to the Kronecker coefficients by Theorems 1 and 2. The two exceptions are  $\alpha_i \leq \gamma_i$  and  $\beta_j \leq \gamma_j$ . Consider the second one, up to permuting  $(\alpha, e)$  and  $(\beta, f)$ . The extended inequality is

$$\alpha_1 + \beta_1 - \beta_j - n \leq \gamma_1 - \gamma_j,$$

for any  $f + 1 \geq j \geq 2$ .

This inequality is satisfied if  $g_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \neq 0$ . The proof is obtained by considering  $I = \emptyset$  and  $J = K = \{j - 1\}$  in Section 5.2.

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