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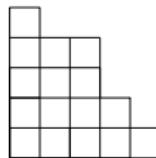


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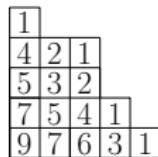


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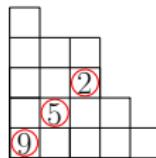


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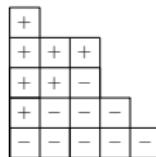


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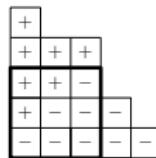


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$\mathcal{H}_t(\lambda)$ the multi-set of hook lengths which are multiple of t

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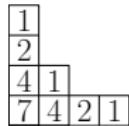


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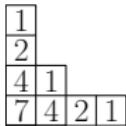


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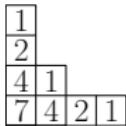


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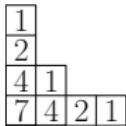


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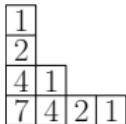


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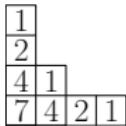


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Coefficients of expansion of η^{24} are nonzero.

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Theorem (Macdonald, 1972)

For any odd integer t , we have:

$$\eta(x)^{t^2-1} = c_0 \sum_{(v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{t-1})} \prod_{i < j} (v_i - v_j) x^{(v_0^2 + v_1^2 + \dots + v_{t-1}^2)/2t}, \quad (1)$$

where the sum is over t -tuples of integers $(v_0, \dots, v_{t-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}^t$ such that $v_0 + \dots + v_{t-1} = 0$ and $v_i \equiv i \pmod{t}$.

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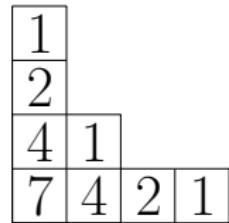
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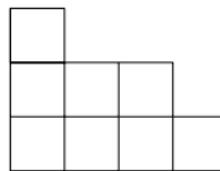
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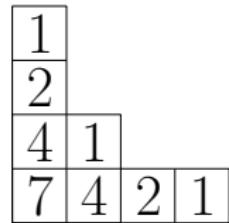
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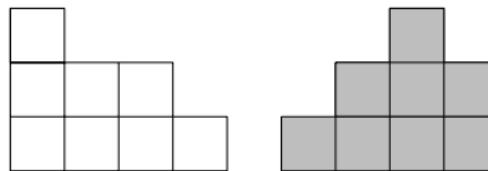
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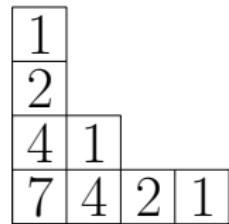
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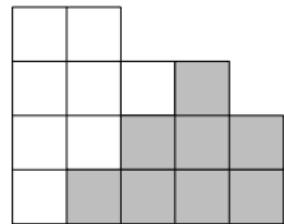
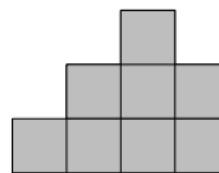
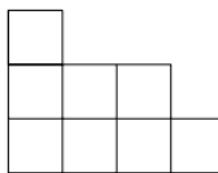
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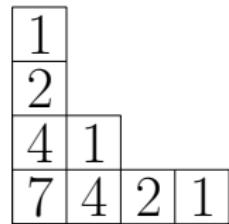
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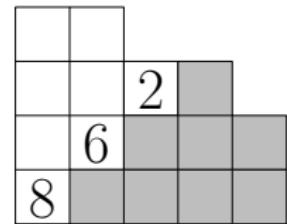
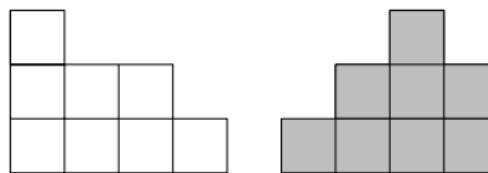
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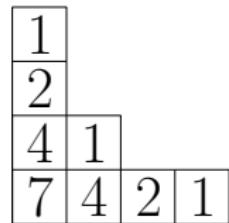
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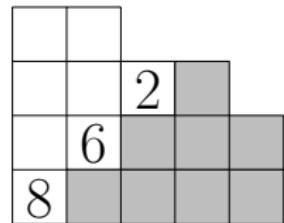


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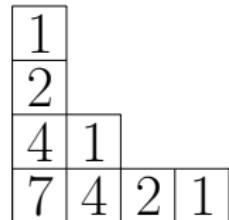


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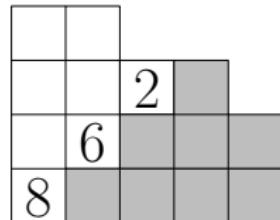


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Theorem (P., 2014)

The generating function for pairs of self-conjugate and doubled distinct t -cores is:

$$\sum_{(\lambda, \mu) \in SC_{(t)} \times DD_{(t)}} q^{|\lambda| + |\mu|} = \frac{(q^2; q^2)_\infty (q^t; q^t)_\infty (q^{2t-1}; q^{2t-1})_\infty^{t-2}}{(q; q)_\infty}$$

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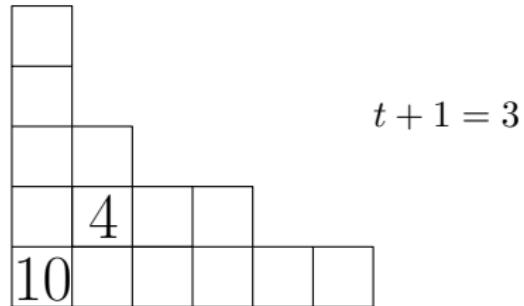
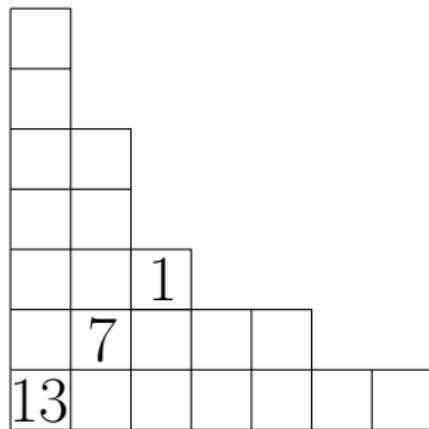
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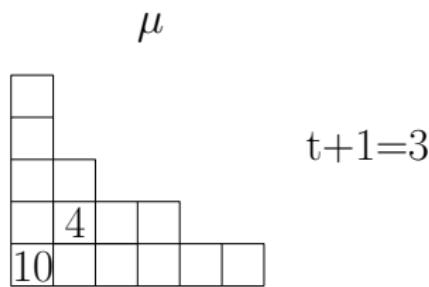
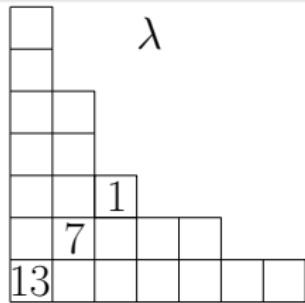
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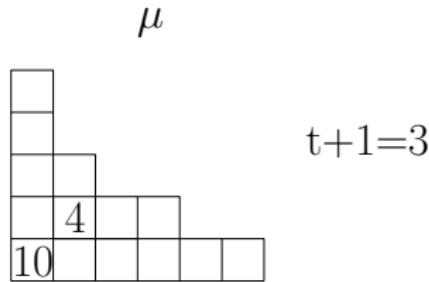
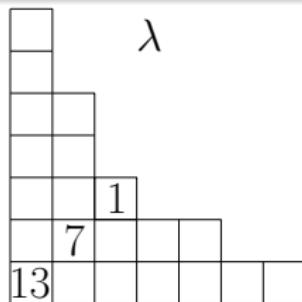


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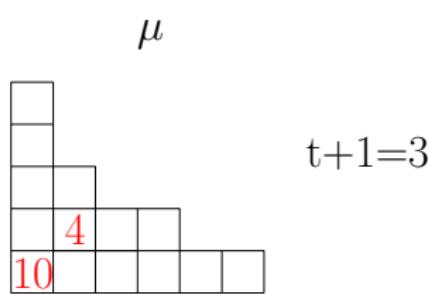
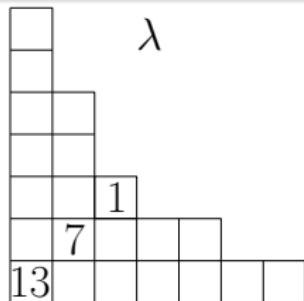
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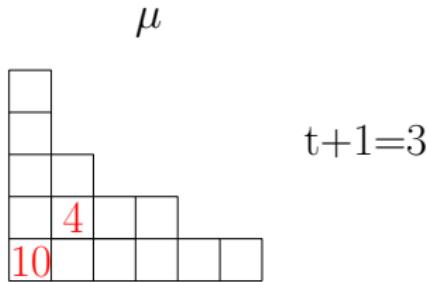
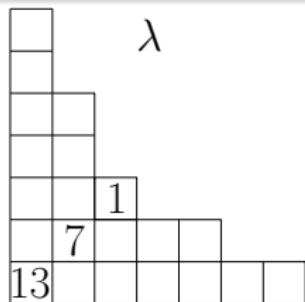
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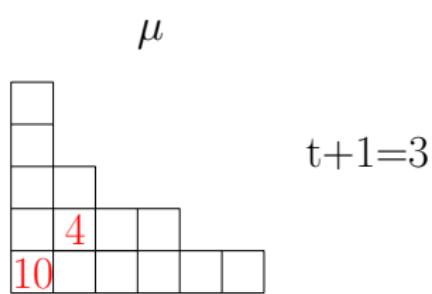
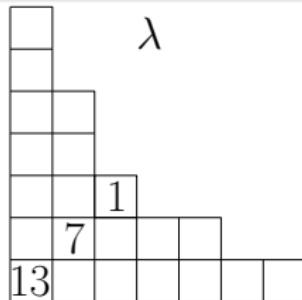
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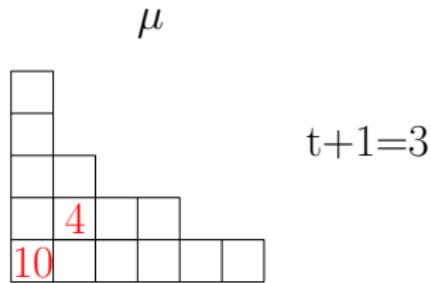
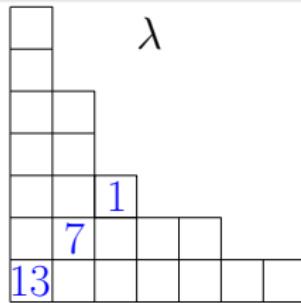
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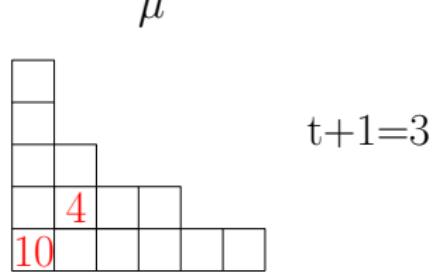
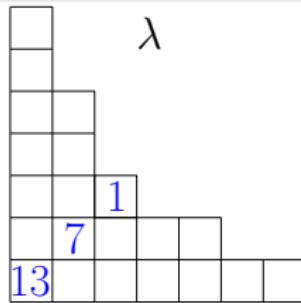
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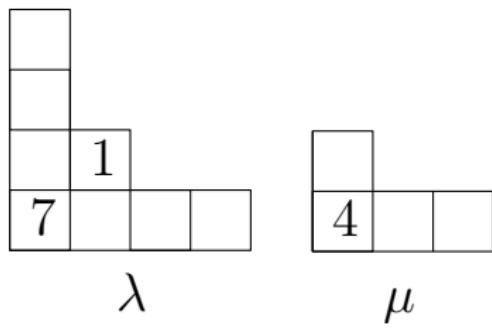
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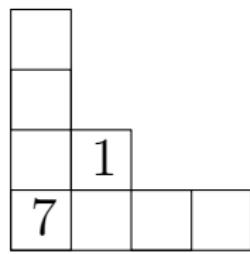
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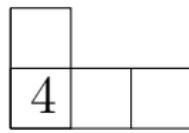
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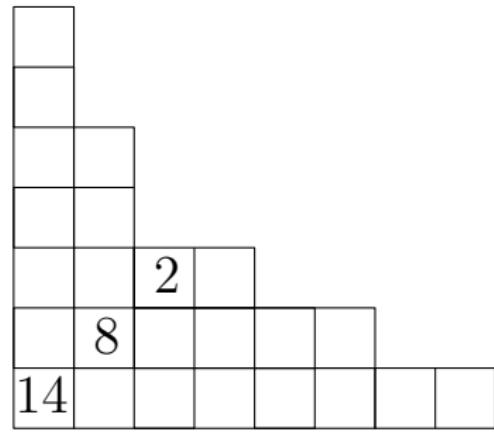
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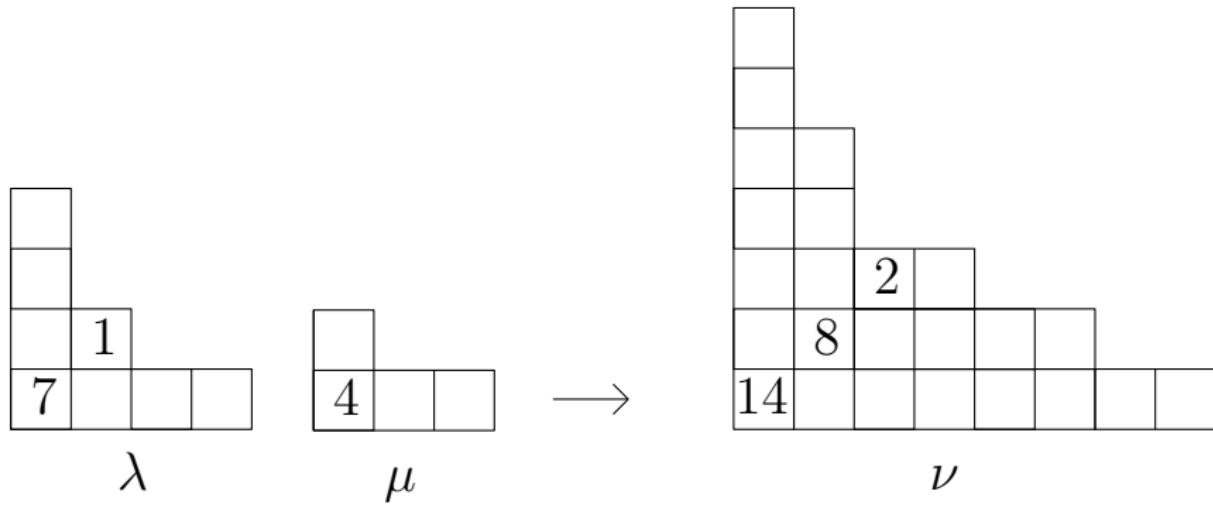


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This is a symplectic analogous of the **hook formula**.

Extensions to other types

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The previous Theorem generalized the following families of formula:

- (i) Macdonald's formula in type \widetilde{C}
- (ii) the Macdonald's formula in type \widetilde{B}

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- (iii) the Macdonald's formula in type \widetilde{BC}

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A generalization of Nekrasov-Okounkov formula in type \tilde{C}

Theorem (P., 2015)

Let $t = 2t' + 1$ be an odd positive integer. For any complex numbers y and z we have

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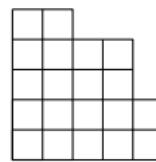
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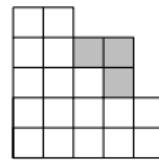
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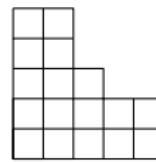
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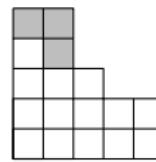
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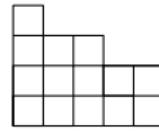
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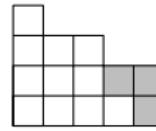
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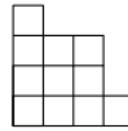
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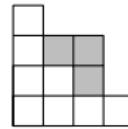
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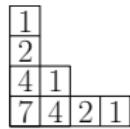
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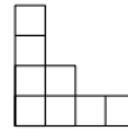
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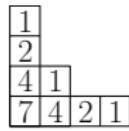
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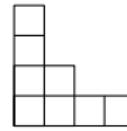
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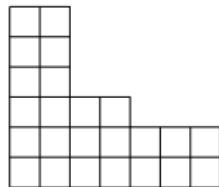
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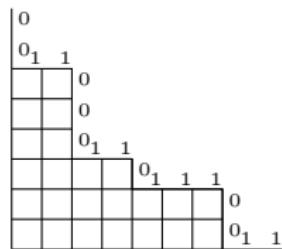


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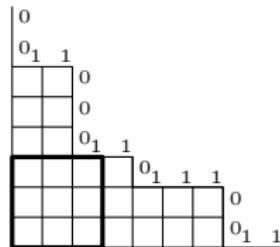


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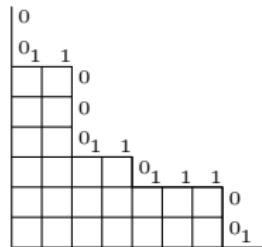
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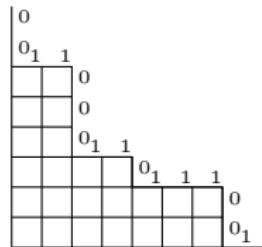
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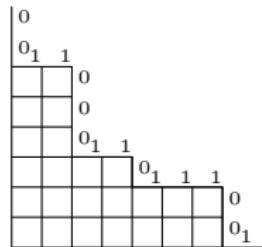
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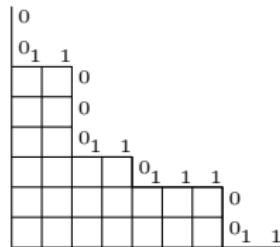
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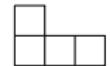
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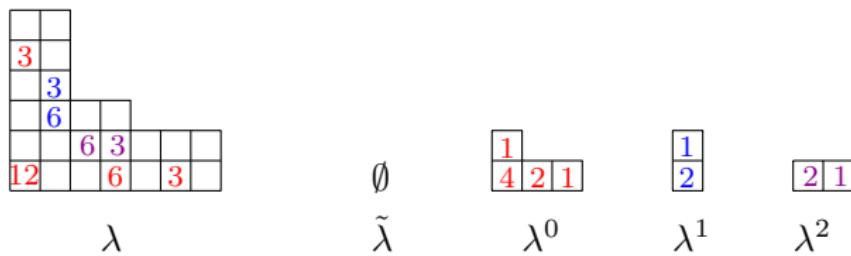
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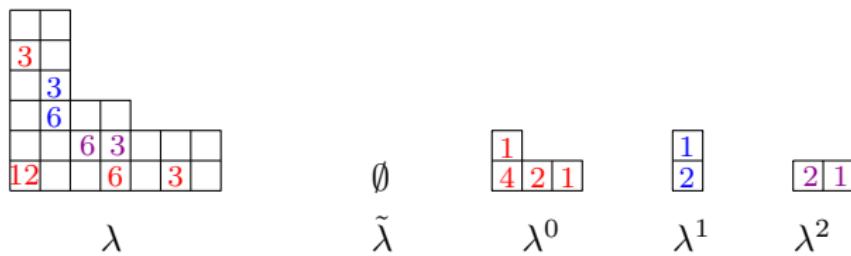


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