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- The PASEP is studied through objects called staircase tableaux
- Labeled tree-like tableaux reveal an underlying tree structure in staircase tableaux
- Combinatorial properties

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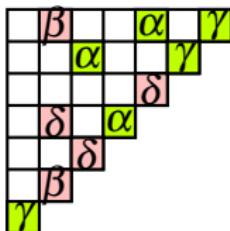
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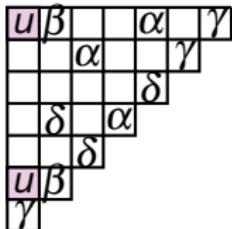
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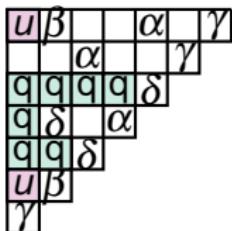
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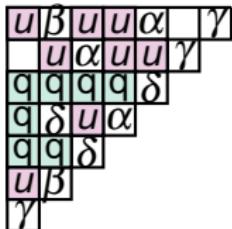
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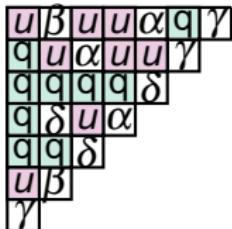
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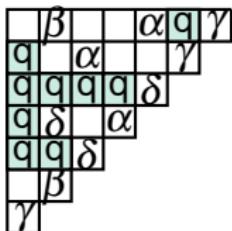
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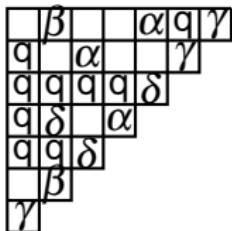
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- $\text{wt}(T) = \alpha^3\beta^2\gamma^3\delta^3q^9$
- $Z_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, q) = \sum_{T \in T_n} \text{wt}(T)$
- $Z_n(y; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, q) = \sum_{T \in T_n} \text{wt}(T)y^{t(T)}$

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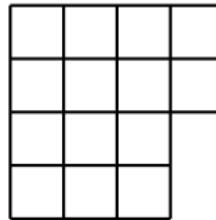
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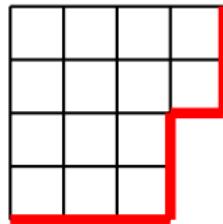
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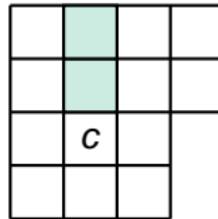
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$$L_D(c)$$

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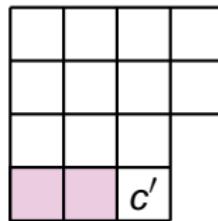
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$$A_D(c')$$

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## Labeled tree-like tableau

A labeled tree-like tableau  $T$  of size  $n$  is a Ferrers diagram of half-perimeter  $n+1$  such that some boxes and all border edges are labeled with  $1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ , and satisfying the conditions :

- the Northwestern-most box (root box) is labeled by  $1$ ;
- the labels in the first row and the first column are the only labels  $1$ ;
- in each row and column, there is at least one labeled box;
- for each label  $\alpha$  or  $\gamma$ , all boxes in  $L_T(c)$  are empty and at least one box in  $A_T(c)$  is labeled;
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# A labeled tree-like tableau

1		1	1
1			$\alpha$
			$\alpha$
1	$\alpha$	$\gamma^\beta$	

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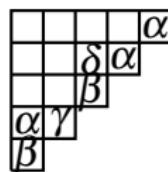
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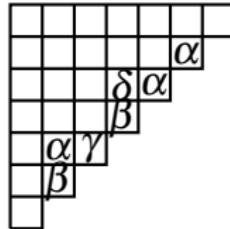
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1			$\alpha$
		$\delta$	$\alpha$
			$\beta$
1	$\alpha$	$\gamma$	
		$\beta$	
1			

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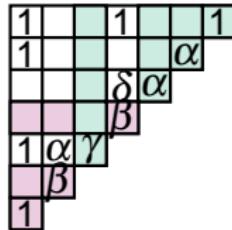
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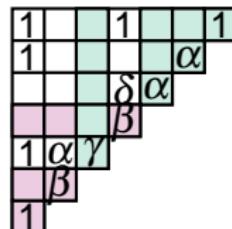
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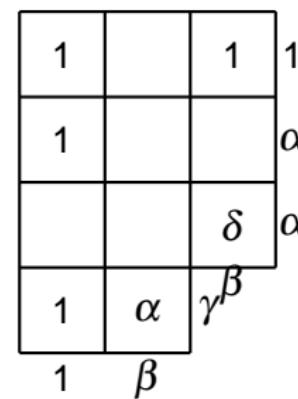
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The insertion algorithm induces a bijection between

- LTLTs of size  $n$  together with the choice of a border edge and a compatible bi-label
- LTLTs of size  $n + 1$

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# Row/column addition

1		1	1
1			$\alpha$
			$\alpha$
		$\delta$	$\alpha$
1	$\alpha$	$\gamma^{\beta}$	
1	$\beta$		

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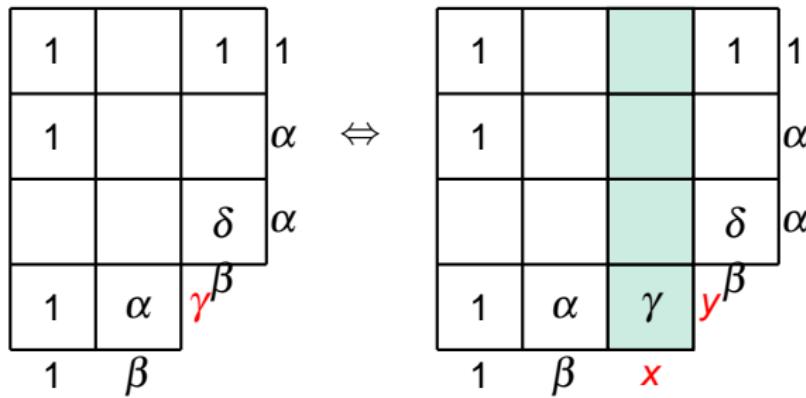
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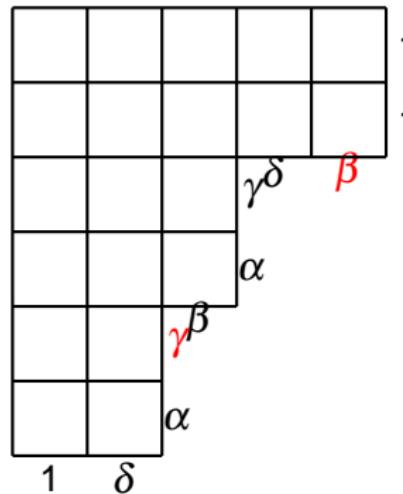
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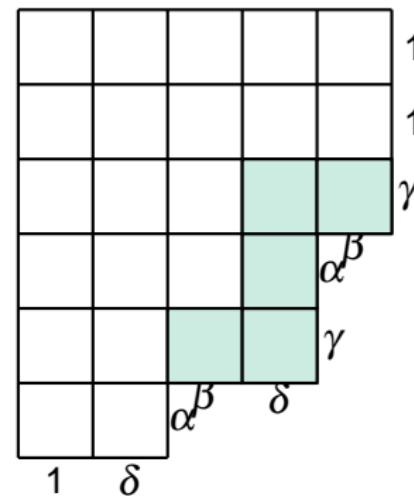
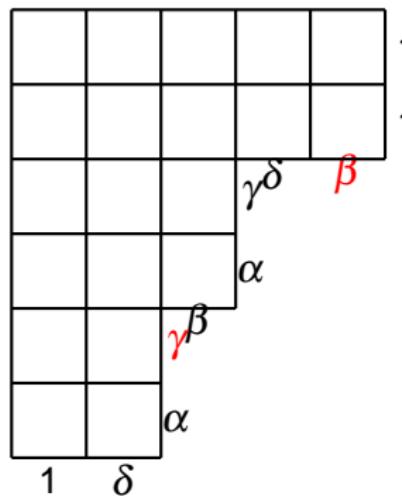
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# The special box

## Definition

The special box of a LTLT is the Northeastern-most labeled box among those that occur at the bottom of a column.

1		1	1
1	$\alpha$		$\alpha$
			$\delta$
1		$\gamma^\beta$	
1	$\beta$		

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# The insertion algorithm

**Require :** a LTLT  $T$  of size  $n$ , one of its border edges  $e$ , a compatible bi-label  $(x, y)$ .

- ① Find the special box  $s$  of  $T$ .
- ② Add a row/column to  $T$  at edge  $e$  with new bi-label  $(x, y)$ .
- ③ If  $e$  is to the left of  $s$ , perform a ribbon addition between  $e$  and  $s$ .

**Ensure :** A final LTLT  $T'$  of size  $n+1$ .

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1	$\gamma$	$\delta$	$\beta$
1			
1	$\alpha$		
1			

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			$\beta$	$\alpha$
1		$\gamma^\delta$	$\beta$	
1	$\alpha$		$x$	
1	$y$			

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1	$\alpha$	x		
1	y			

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1				
1	$\alpha$	x	$\beta$	$\gamma$
1	y		$\delta$	x

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$$Z_n(1; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta; 1) = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} (\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta + j(\alpha + \gamma)(\beta + \delta))$$

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$$\text{Let } Q(y, t) = \sum_n P_n(y) \frac{t^n}{n!}, \text{ then } Q(y, t) = \left( \frac{y-1}{2y-(y+1)e^{t(y-1)}} \right)^{3/2} e^{\frac{t(y-1)}{2}}$$

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# A lazy path

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- starting at  $(0, 0)$ , ending at  $(2n, 0)$
- whose steps are  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(1, -1)$  or  $(2, 0)$
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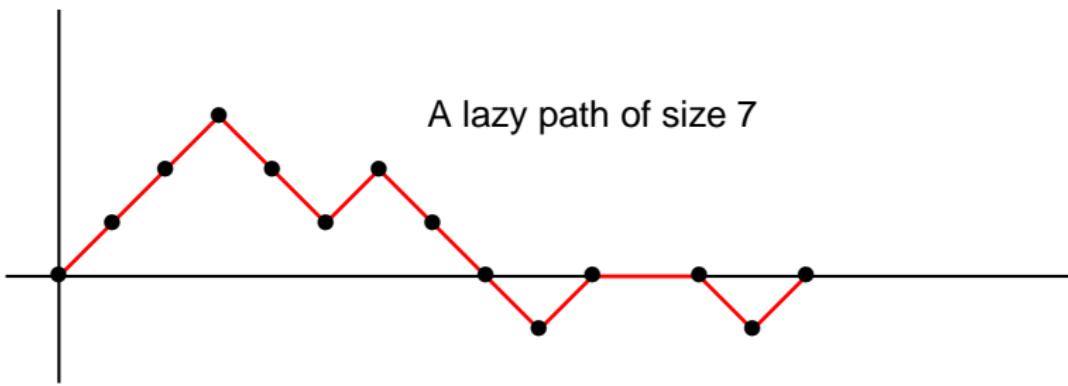
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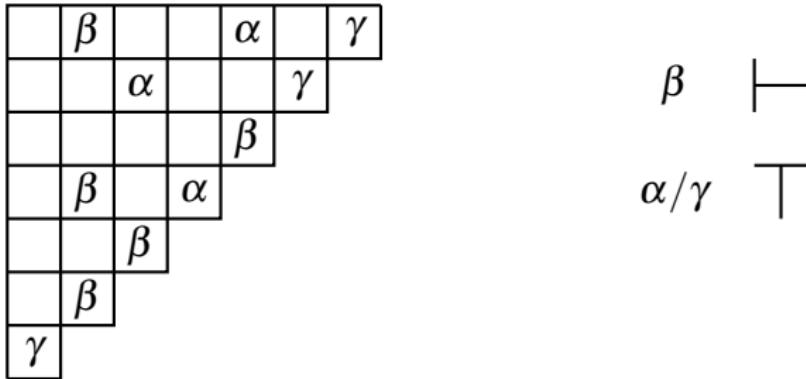
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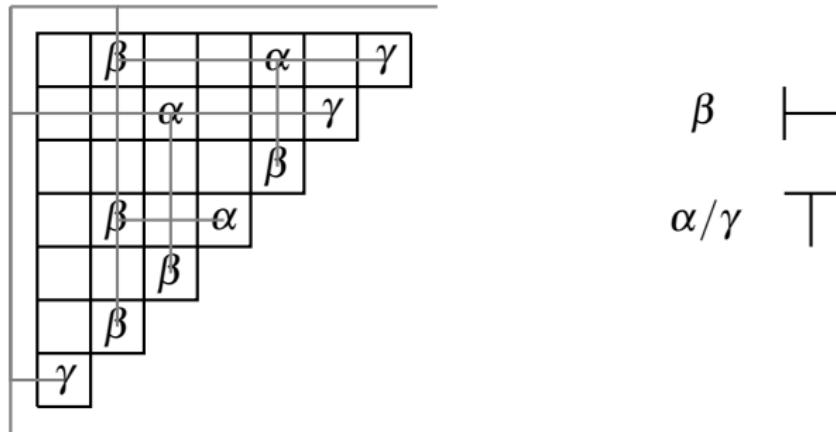
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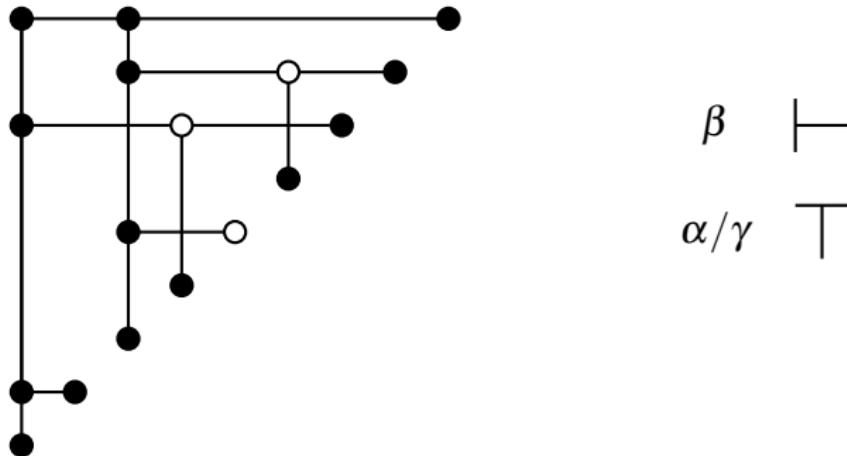
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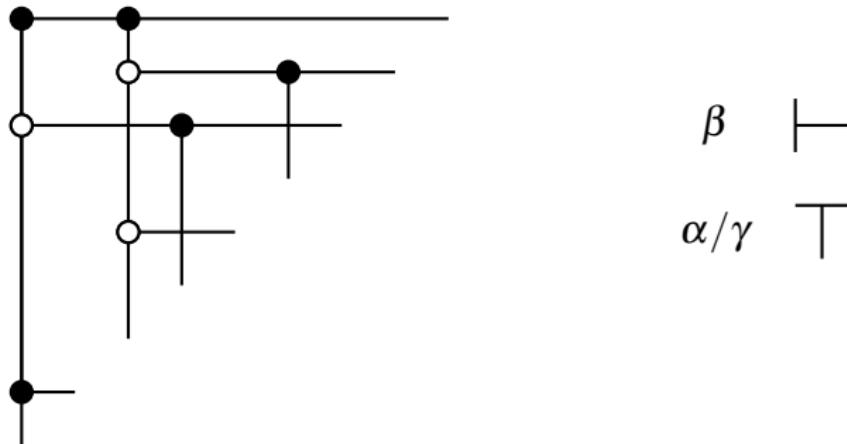
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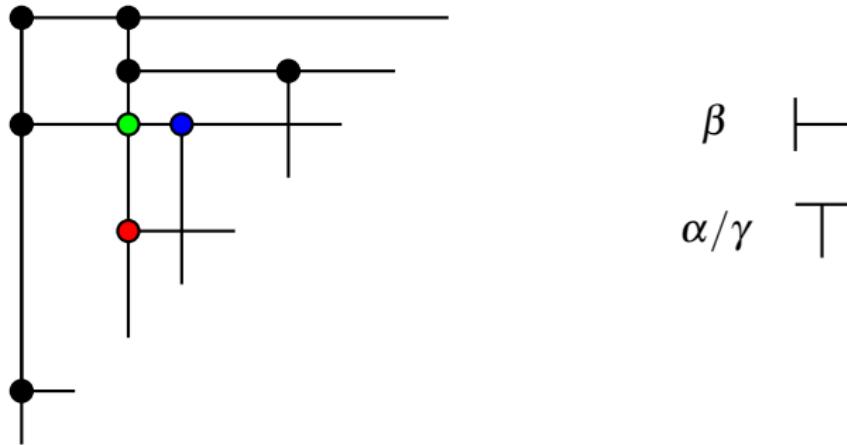
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$$\begin{array}{ccc} q & X & \Leftrightarrow \\ & \gamma & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{nodes of left} \\ \text{depth more than 1} \end{array}$$

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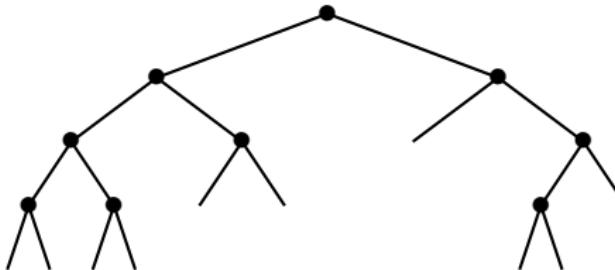
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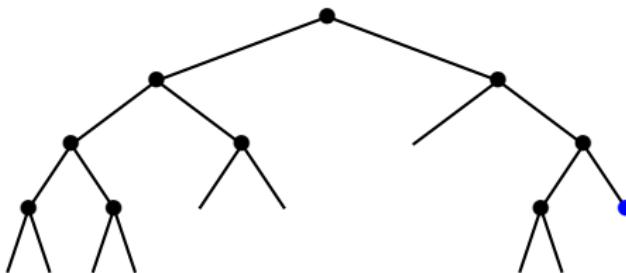
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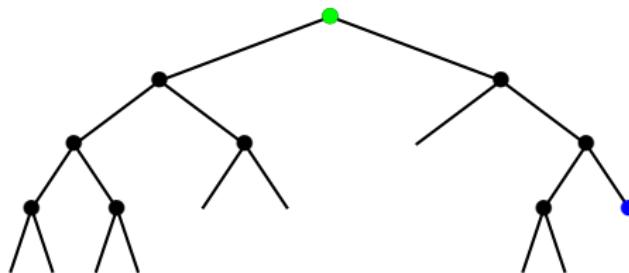
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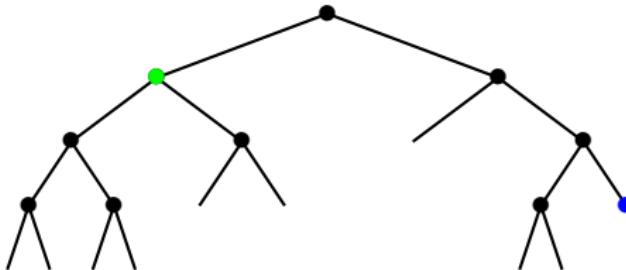
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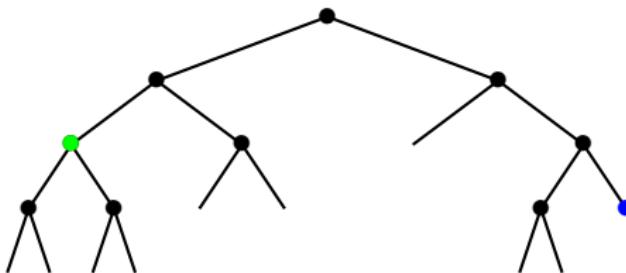
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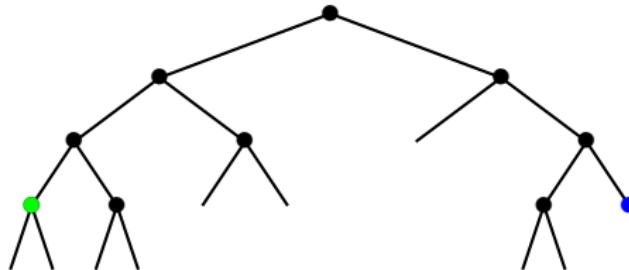
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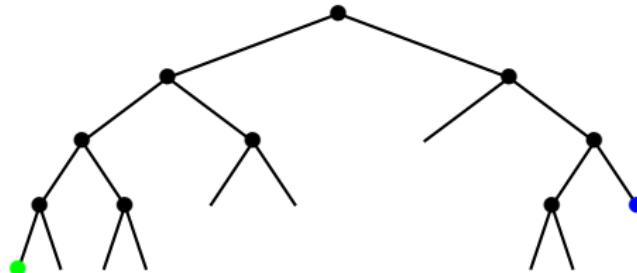
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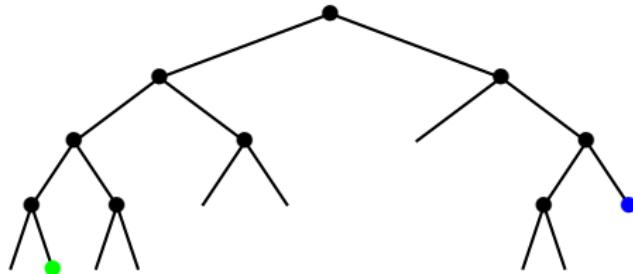
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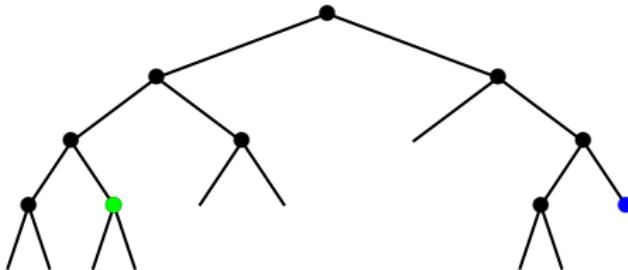
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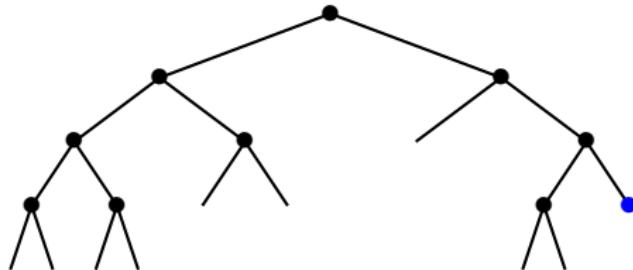
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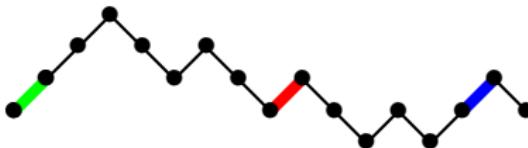
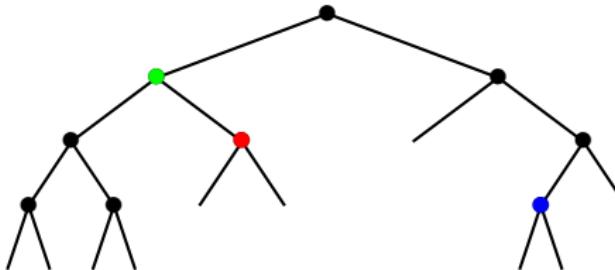
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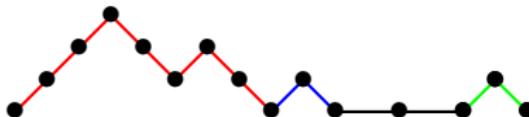
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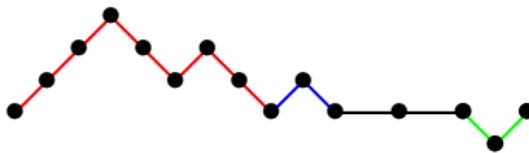
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- $Z_n(1; 1, 1, 1, 0; 0)$  is the number of lazy paths of size  $n$
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# Conclusion

- There is a simple insertion algorithm for LTLT's
- They are natural and easy to use

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# To come

- Use the tree structure to prove
$$Z_n(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, q) = Z_n(\beta, \alpha, \gamma, \delta, q)$$
- Find a weight on LTLT's to use it in the general case of the PASEP

# The tree structure in staircase tableaux

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# Thank you!