

Towards plethystic sl_2 crystals

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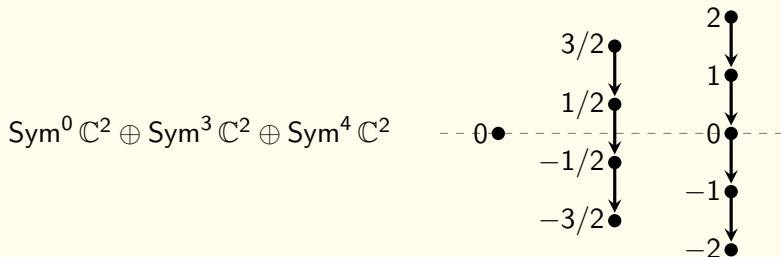
\mathfrak{sl}_2 crystals

Any \mathfrak{sl}_2 representation V has a crystal:

A *crystal* is a vertex-weighted directed graph,

- if $x \longrightarrow y$ then $\text{wt}(y) = \text{wt}(x) - 1$,
- connected components are paths,
- it is weight-symmetric.

Connected components correspond to irreducible representations.

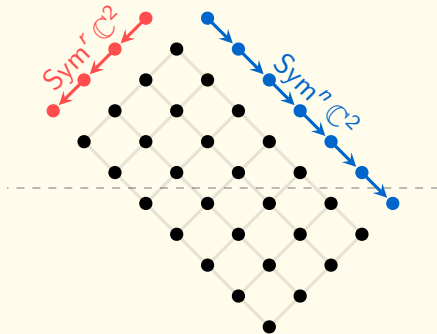


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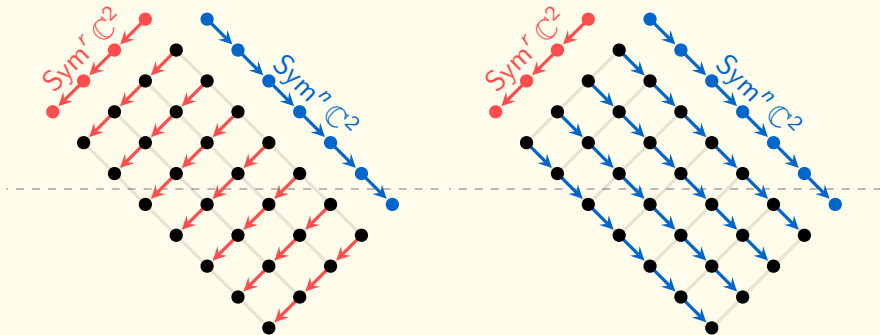


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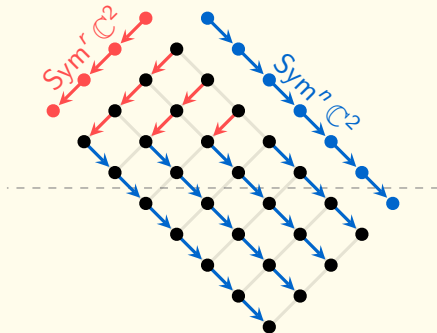


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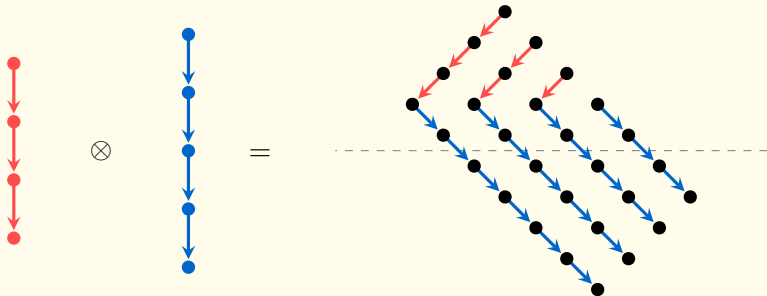


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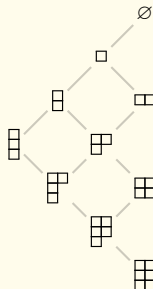
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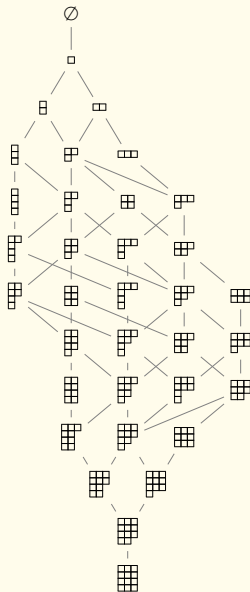
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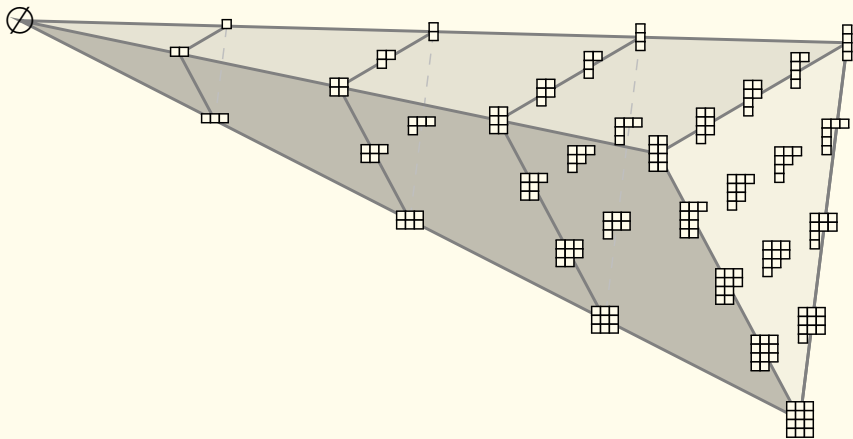
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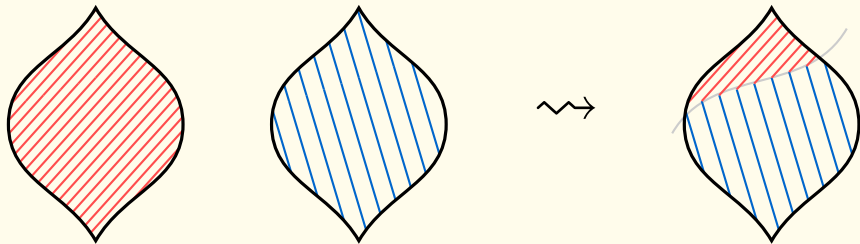
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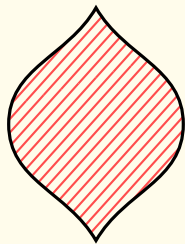
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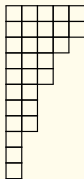
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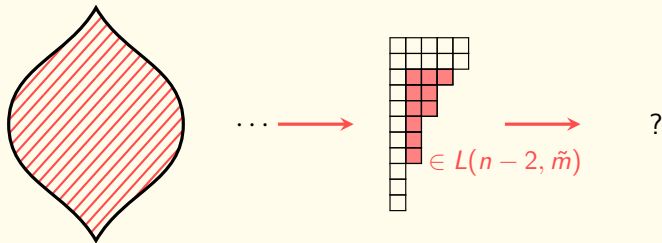


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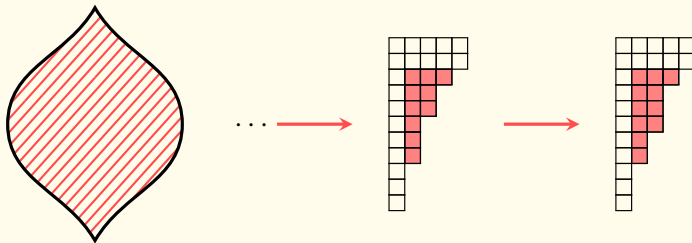
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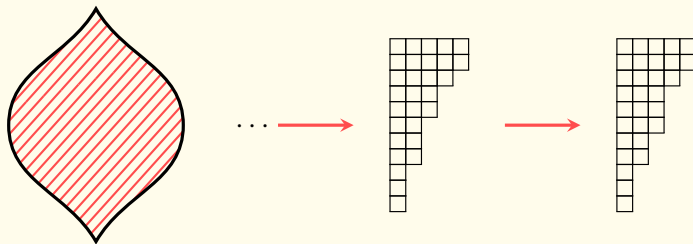
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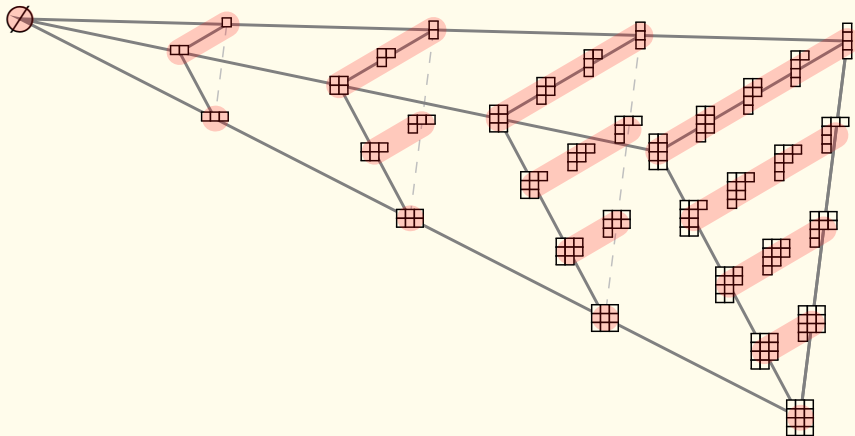
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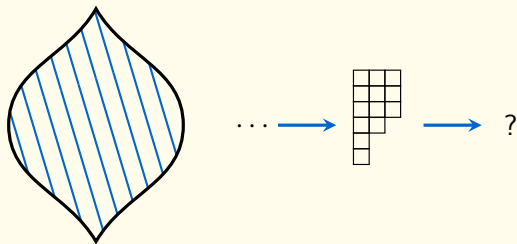
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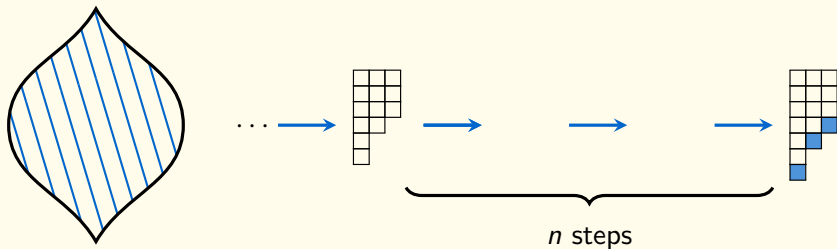
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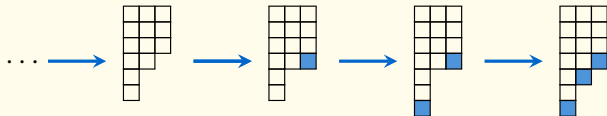
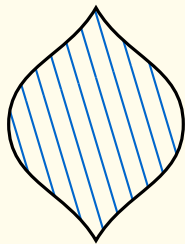
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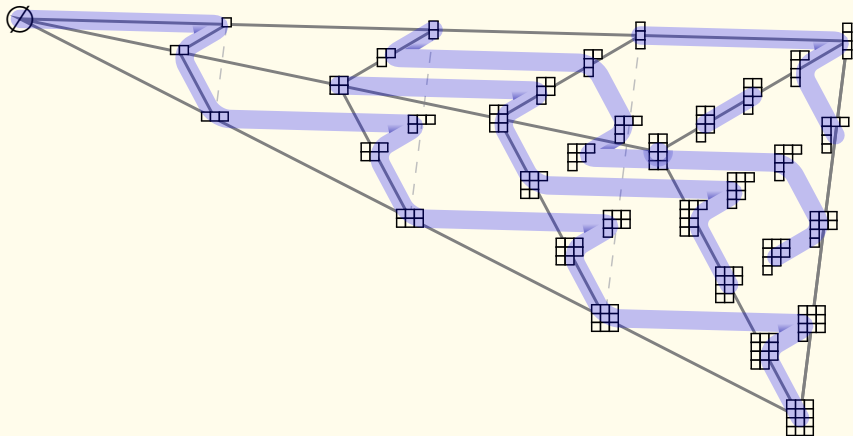
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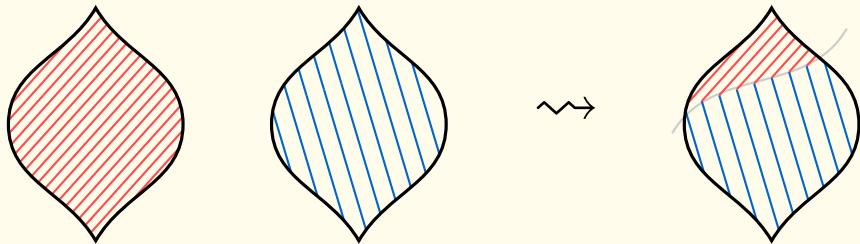
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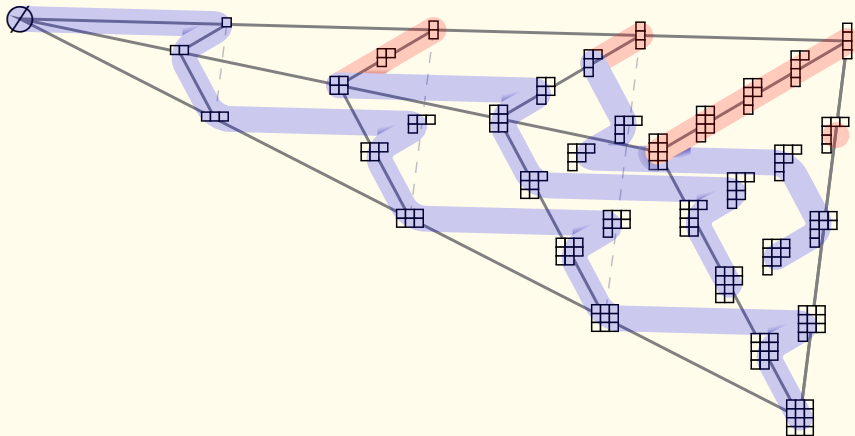
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