

DEF. OF S^t

Let λ be a partition of n , let Γ be the corresponding Ferrers diagram and let t be a tableau of shape Γ .

Example: $n=4$; $\lambda = (2, 1, 1)$; $\Gamma = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline & 1 & 4 \\ \hline & 3 & \\ \hline & 2 & \\ \hline\end{array}$; $t = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline 1 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline\end{array}$.

Denote by $R_1^t, R_2^t \dots R_e^t$ the rows of t , and by $C_1^t \dots C_k^t$ the columns of t . [They are subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$].

Example: $t = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline 1 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline\end{array} \Rightarrow R_1^t = \{1, 4\}, R_2^t = \{3\}, R_3^t = \{2\}$
 $C_1^t = \{1, 3, 2\}, C_2^t = \{4\}$

the ^{row-} stabilizer of t is the group

$R^t = S_{R_1^t} \times S_{R_2^t} \times \dots \times S_{R_e^t} = \left\{ \sigma \in S_n : \sigma \text{ preserves each row of } t \right\} \leq S_n$
 (for each set A we have denoted by S_A the symmetric group on A).

Similarly, we define the column-stabilizer of t to be the group

$C^t = S_{C_1^t} \times S_{C_2^t} \times \dots \times S_{C_k^t} = \left\{ \sigma \in S_n : \sigma \text{ preserves each column of } t \right\} \leq S_n$

Example: $t = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline 1 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & \\ \hline 2 & \\ \hline\end{array}$

$$\Rightarrow R^t = \{11, (14)\} \leq S_4.$$

$$C^t = \{11, (132), (123), (12), (13), (23)\} \subseteq S_4.$$

Remark For every Tableau t and every permutation $\pi \in S_n$, we have:

- $R_{\pi t}^t = \pi R_t \pi^{-1}$

- $C_{\pi t} = \pi C_t \pi^{-1}$.

Proof - Just notice that if $R_j^t = \{i_1, \dots, i_{m_j}\}$ is the j^{th} row of t , then

$$\pi R_j^t = \{\pi(i_1), \dots, \pi(i_{m_j})\} = R_j^{\pi t}$$

is the j^{th} row of πt , and that for every permutation σ of $\{i_1, \dots, i_{m_j}\}$,

$\pi \circ \pi^{-1}$ is a permutation of $\{\pi(i_1), \dots, \pi(i_{m_j})\}$.

So we have:

$$S_{\pi R_j^t} = \pi S_{R_j^t} \pi^{-1}$$

↑ permutations of the j^{th} row of πt

for every j .

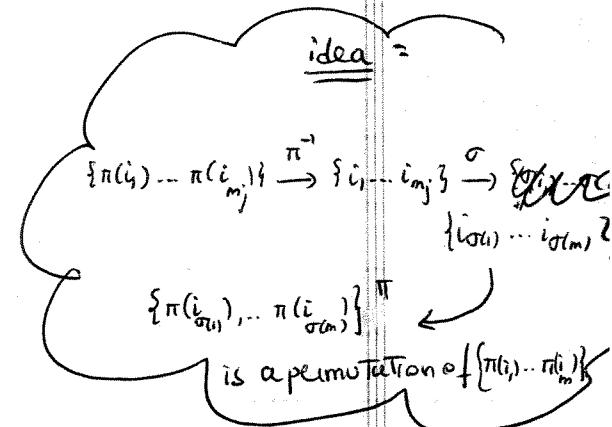
$$\Rightarrow R^{\pi t} = S_{R_1^{\pi t}} \times S_{R_2^{\pi t}} \times \dots \times S_{R_e^{\pi t}} =$$

$$= (\pi S_{R_1^t} \pi^{-1}) \times (\pi S_{R_2^t} \pi^{-1}) \times \dots \times (\pi S_{R_e^t} \pi^{-1}) =$$

$$= \pi (S_{R_1^t} \times S_{R_2^t} \times \dots \times S_{R_e^t}) \pi^{-1} =$$

$$= \pi R^t \pi^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$

Same for the column stabilizer... \square .



POLYTABLOIDS

Given a Tableau t , we also define:

$$K_t = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}^t} \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma) \sigma.$$

$\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}^t$ column stabilizer

(K_t is an element of The group algebra $\mathbb{C}[S_n]$, so it acts on Tableaux and on Tabloids).

Example

$$t = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 4 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- $C^t = \{1, (43); (15); (43)(15)\}$
- even odd even
- $K_t = 1 - (43) - (15) + (43)(15)$

We are particularly interested in The action of K_t on The Tabloid $\{t\}$ (associated to the Tableau t).

example $t = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 4 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & \\ \hline \end{array} \Rightarrow \{t\} = \frac{4 \ 1 \ 2}{3 \ 5}$

$$\Rightarrow K_t \{t\} = \{t\} - (43)\{t\} - (15)\{t\} + (43)(15)\{t\}$$

$$= \frac{4 \ 1 \ 2}{3 \ 5} - \frac{3 \ 1 \ 2}{4 \ 5} - \frac{4 \ 5 \ 2}{3 \ 1} + \frac{3 \ 5 \ 2}{4 \ 1}.$$

$K_t \{t\}$ is a linear combination of tabloids, with coefficients ± 1 . So is an element of M^t .

Definition: if t is a tableau, we call $e_t = K_t \{t\}$ a multitablenid associated to t .

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Remark : If t is any tableau

- $K_{\pi t} = \pi K_t \pi^{-1}$

- $\underline{e}_{\pi t} = \pi \underline{e}_t$

proof - $K_{\pi t} = \sum_{g \in C^{\pi t}} \text{sgn}(g) g = \sum_{\sigma \in C^t} \text{sgn}(\pi \sigma \pi^{-1}) (\sigma \pi)$

$$C^{\pi t} = \pi C^t \pi^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in C^t} \text{sgn}(\sigma) (\pi \sigma \pi^{-1}) = \pi \left(\sum_{\sigma \in C^t} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \sigma \right) \pi^{-1} = \pi K_t \pi^{-1}.$$

Also :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_t K_{\pi t} \cdot \{\pi t\} &= (\pi K_t \pi^{-1}) \cdot \{\pi t\} = \{ \pi K_t \pi^{-1} \cdot (\pi t) \} = \\ &= \{ \pi K_t \cdot t \} = \pi K_t \cdot \{t\} = \pi \cdot (K_t \cdot \{t\}) = \pi \cdot \underline{e}_t \end{aligned}$$

SPECHT MODULE S^λ

Let λ be a partition of n . For each Tableau t of shape λ we can construct the polyTabloid \underline{e}_t (which is an element of M^λ). Define S^λ to be the subspace of M^λ generated by all the polyTabloids \underline{e}_t (of shape λ).

S^λ is stable under the action of S_n : indeed if \underline{e}_t is a polyTabloid of shape λ , and π is a permutation then $\pi \cdot \underline{e}_t = \underline{e}_{\pi t}$ is again a polyTabloid of shape λ .

$\Rightarrow S_n$ permutes the generators of S^λ

$\Rightarrow S_n$ stabilizes S^λ

$\Rightarrow S^\lambda$ is a subrepresentation of M^λ . We call S^λ The Specht module corresponding to λ

Example 1 • $\lambda = (n)$

- $t = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ \hline \end{array}$

- $\{t\} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ \hline \end{array}$

- $C^t = \{11\}$ (only the trivial permutation stabilizes every column of t)

- $K_t = \sum_{\sigma \in C^t} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \sigma = 11$

$$\Rightarrow e_t = K_t \{t\} = \{t\}$$

(This is the only polytabloid of shape λ).

$\Rightarrow S^n = \text{subspace of } M^n$ generated by all polytabloid ≈ 1 dimensional.

Notice that S_n acts trivially on e_t

(because $S_n = R^t = \text{row-stabilizer of } t$):

$$\forall \sigma \in S_n: e_t = \sigma \{t\} = \{t\}$$

$\Rightarrow S^n$ is the trivial representation of S_n .

Example 2

- $\lambda = (1^n)$

- $t = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & & & & \\ \hline 2 & & & & \\ \hline 3 & & & & \\ \hline \vdots & & & & \\ \hline n & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$

- $\{t\} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ \hline \end{array}$ (is the same as the tableau)

- $C^t = \text{column-stabilizer of } t = S^n$

- $K_t = \sum_{\sigma \in C^t} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \sigma = \sum_{\sigma \in S^n} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \sigma$

- $e_t = K_t \{t\}$ (is a linear combination)

$$\underline{e}_t = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) \frac{\overline{\sigma(1)}}{\overline{\sigma(2)}} \cdots \frac{\overline{\sigma(n)}}{\overline{\sigma(n)}}$$

Now choose another Tableau $t' = \begin{array}{c} \pi(1) \\ \pi(2) \\ \vdots \\ \pi(n) \end{array}$. Clearly, $t' = \pi t$ for some $t \in S_n$.

$$\Rightarrow \underline{e}_{t'} = \pi \underline{e}_t = \pi \left(\sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) \frac{\overline{\sigma(1)}}{\overline{\sigma(2)}} \cdots \frac{\overline{\sigma(n)}}{\overline{\sigma(n)}} \right) =$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} (\operatorname{sgn} \sigma) \frac{\overline{\pi \sigma(1)}}{\overline{\pi \sigma(2)}} \cdots \frac{\overline{\pi \sigma(n)}}{\overline{\pi \sigma(n)}} = (\operatorname{sgn} \pi) \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \operatorname{sgn}(\pi \sigma) \frac{\overline{\pi \sigma(1)}}{\overline{\pi \sigma(2)}} \cdots \frac{\overline{\pi \sigma(n)}}{\overline{\pi \sigma(n)}} =$$

$$= (\operatorname{sgn} \pi) \underline{e}_t.$$

↙ it's again \underline{e}_t

\Rightarrow Up To sign, there's a unique polyTableoid
 \Rightarrow The ^{sub}space $\mathfrak{g}^{(1^n)}$ of $M^{(1^n)}$ is 1-dimensional.

Let's describe the action of S_n on the Specht modules

Because $S^{(1^n)} = \mathbb{C} \underline{e}_t$, it's enough to specify the action of S_n on \underline{e}_t .

If $g \in S_n$, then $g \underline{e}_t = (\operatorname{sgn} g) \underline{e}_t$. So S_n acts on $S^{(1^n)}$ via

as above
the sign representation.

Example 3

- $\lambda = (n-1, 1)$

- $t = \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} i_1 & \cdots & i_{n-1} & i_n \\ \hline i_n & & & \end{array}$ a tableau

$$\cdot \{t\} = \frac{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{n-1}}{\underline{i_n}}$$

(notice that we can identify t with its last entry i_n).

- C^t = column stabilizer of $t = \{(i_1 i_n); 1\}$
- $K_t = \sum_{\sigma \in C^t} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \sigma = 1 - (i_1 i_n)$
- $\frac{e-K_t}{t} \{t\} = \frac{i_1 i_2 \dots i_{n-1}}{\underline{i_n}} - \frac{i_n i_2 \dots i_{n-1}}{\underline{i_1}}$

We want to describe the subspace of M^λ generated by all polytabloids.

Let's fix some notations:

$$\boxed{1} = \frac{234\dots n}{\underline{1}} ; \quad \boxed{2} = \frac{134\dots n}{\underline{2}} ; \quad \boxed{3} = \frac{124\dots n}{\underline{3}}$$

$$\dots \quad \boxed{n-1} = \frac{12\dots n-2 n}{\underline{n-1}} ; \quad \boxed{n} = \frac{12\dots n-2 n-1}{\underline{n}}$$

so that

$$M^\lambda = \mathbb{C} \langle \boxed{1}, \boxed{2}, \dots, \boxed{n} \rangle$$

and every polytabloid is of the form $\boxed{i}-\boxed{j}$
for some $i, j = 1\dots n$, $i \neq j$.

$\Rightarrow S^\lambda = \text{subspace of } M^\lambda \text{ generated by all polytabloids}$

$$= \{ c_1 \boxed{1} + c_2 \boxed{2} + \dots + c_n \boxed{n} : c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_n = 0 \}$$

$\hookrightarrow (n-1)\text{-dimensional}$

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As a basis for $S^{(n-1, n)}$ we can choose, for instance, the polytabloids:

$$\boxed{i} - \boxed{1}; \quad \boxed{i} - \boxed{2}; \quad \dots; \quad \boxed{n-1} - \boxed{1}; \quad \boxed{n} - \boxed{1}.$$

Let's describe the action of S_n on this basis.

$$\pi \cdot \boxed{i} = \pi \cdot \frac{\boxed{j_1 j_2 \dots j_{n-1}}}{\boxed{i}} = \frac{\pi(j_1) \pi(j_2) \dots \pi(j_{n-1})}{\pi(i)} = \boxed{\pi(i)}$$

so

$$\pi \cdot (\boxed{i} - \boxed{j}) = \boxed{\pi(i)} - \boxed{\pi(j)}, \text{ for all } i, j = 1 \dots n \quad (i \neq j)$$

and in particular

$$\pi \cdot (\boxed{i} - \boxed{1}) = \boxed{\pi(i)} - \boxed{1}.$$

DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECHT MODULE $S^{(n-1, 1)}$

Let $V = \{ \underline{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n : x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = 0 \}$.

Let S_n act on V by

$$\sigma \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\sigma(1)} \\ x_{\sigma(2)} \\ \vdots \\ x_{\sigma(n)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\Rightarrow V \cong S^{(n-1, 1)}$$

PERMUTATION
REPRESENTATIONS

IRREDUCIBILITY OF S^λ

We need a few lemmas.

Lemma 1 - S^λ is cyclic

This is very easy: choose a tableau t of shape λ .
 If s is another tableau of shape λ , then we can write
 $s = \pi_s \cdot t$ for some $\pi_s \in S_n$.

$$\Rightarrow e_s = \pi_s \cdot e_t \in S_n \cdot e_t.$$

Because the polytabloids e_t of shape λ are a basis for S^λ , it's clear that $S^\lambda = S_n \cdot e_t$ (\leftarrow for each fixed polytabloid t of shape λ).

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Next we introduce an inner product on $M^\lambda \cong S^\lambda$.

Recall that M^λ is the vector space of tabloids. So the rule:

$$\langle \{t\}, \{s\} \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \{t\} \neq \{s\} \\ 1 & \text{if } \{t\} = \{s\} \end{cases}$$

extends uniquely to an inner product on M^λ .

Let's show that (wrt to this inner product), every K_t acts as a symmetric operator:

$$\langle K_t x, y \rangle = \langle x, K_t y \rangle \text{ for all } x, y \in M^\lambda.$$

Again, it's enough to prove this for x and y tabloids ---

So choose s_1, s_2 tableaux of shape λ , and set
 $x = \{s_1\}, y = \{s_2\}$.

Then:

$$\langle K_t \{s_1\}, \{s_2\} \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{\pi \in C(t)} (\operatorname{sgn} \pi) \pi \{s_1\}, \{s_2\} \right\rangle =$$

$$= \sum_{\pi \in C(t)} \operatorname{sgn} \pi \langle \pi \{s_1\}, \{s_2\} \rangle =$$

1 if $\pi \{s_1\} = \{s_2\}$, 0 otherwise

$$= \sum_{\pi \in C(t)} (\operatorname{sgn} \pi) \delta_{\pi \{s_1\}, \{s_2\}} =$$

$$= \sum_{\pi \in C(t)} (\operatorname{sgn} \pi) \delta_{\{s_1\}, \pi^{-1} \{s_2\}} =$$

$$= \sum_{\pi \in C(t)} (\operatorname{sgn} \pi^{-1}) \delta_{\{s_1\}, \pi^{-1} \{s_2\}} =$$

$$= \sum_{\tilde{\pi} \in C(t)} \operatorname{sgn} \tilde{\pi} \delta_{\{s_1\}, \tilde{\pi} \{s_2\}}$$

$$= \langle \{s_1\}, \sum_{\tilde{\pi} \in C(t)} (\operatorname{sgn} \tilde{\pi}) \tilde{\pi} \{s_2\} \rangle =$$

$$= \langle \{s_1\}, K_t \{s_2\} \rangle \quad \checkmark$$

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The following lemma is crucial:

lemma: Let t and s be Tableaux of the same shape -

- ① If there is a pair of indices that belong both to a row of t and a column of s , then $K_s \cdot \{t\} = 0$.
- ② Otherwise, $K_s \cdot \{t\} = \pm \underline{\pm} s$.

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Suppose that t and s are both Tableaux of shape λ .

CASE 1 There is a pair of indices $\{b, c\}$ that appear in one row of t and in one column of s .

Then we can consider (bc) , which is an element of $C(s) \leftarrow$ the column stabilizer of s .

$$\text{Notice That } k_s(bc) = \left[\sum_{\sigma \in C(s)} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \sigma \right] (bc) =$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in C(s)} \underbrace{(\text{sgn } \sigma)}_{-\text{sgn } \tau} \underbrace{\sigma(bc)}_{\tau \in C(s)} = - \sum_{\tau \in C(s)} [\text{sgn } \tau] \tau = -k_s.$$

It follows that

$$k_s \cdot \{t\} = k_s \cdot [(bc) \cdot \{t\}] = [k_s \cdot (bc)] \cdot \{t\} = -k_s \cdot \{t\}$$

(bc) belongs to $R(t) \leftarrow$ row stabilizer of t

so it does not affect the Tabloid...

$$\Rightarrow k_s \cdot \{t\} = 0.$$

CASE 2 There is no pair of indices that appear both in a row of t and a column of s .

Look at the first row of t : $\{i_1 \dots i_m\}$. These elements belong to distinct columns of s , so by applying some $\pi_i \in C(s)$ we can arrange that they all appear in the first row of s (possibly in a different ordering wrt the 1st row of t).

$\pi_i s$ is a new tableau. but $C(\pi_i s) = C(s)$.

By reapplying Notice that $\pi_i s$ again satisfies the property that there is no pair of indices in the

we can iterate the construction, and say that for some $\pi_2 \in C(\pi, s) = C(s)$, $\pi_2 \pi, s$ and t have the same elements in the first two rows.

Keep doing. Arrange that t and $\pi_k \pi_{k-1} \dots \pi_2 \pi, s$ have the same elements in each of the R -rows. [Here we have chosen R to be the # of rows].

By construction $\pi = \pi_k \pi_{k-1} \dots \pi_2 \pi, s \in C(s)$. So we have shown that t and πs (for $\pi \in C(s)$) only differ by the ordering of the elements in each row $\Rightarrow \{t\} = \{\pi s\}$. Because $\{\pi s\} = \pi \{s\}$, it follows that $\{t\} = \pi \{s\}$, for π in $C(s)$.

Then we can write:

$$k_s \cdot \{t\} = k_s \cdot \pi \cdot \{s\} = \left[\sum_{\sigma \in C(s)} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \sigma \right] \pi \cdot \{s\} =$$

$$= (\text{sgn } \pi) \left(\sum_{\sigma \in C(s)} (\text{sgn } \sigma) (\text{sgn } \pi) \sigma \pi \right) \cdot \{s\} =$$

$$= (\text{sgn } \pi) \cdot k \cdot \{s\} = \sum_{\sigma \in C(s)} (\text{sgn } \sigma) \sigma' = k_s$$

$$= (\text{sgn } \pi) \underline{e}_s = \pm \underline{e}_s.$$



Now we are ready to prove the irreducibility of S^1 . Theorem: S^1 irreducible. Proof:

Pick $U \subseteq S^1$ S_n -invariant. To show: $U = S^1$ or $U = \{0\}$.

- Fix any Tableau S of shape λ . Then $S^1 = S_n \cdot e_s$. Choose an element \underline{u} in U . Because $U \subseteq S^1 \subseteq M^1$, we can write \underline{u} as a l.c. of tabloids:

$$\underline{u} = \sum_{t \in C} c_t \{t\}.$$

Tableau of shape λ

$$\text{then } k_s \cdot \underline{u} = k_s \cdot \left(\sum_t c_t \{t\} \right) = \sum_t c_t \underbrace{k_s \{t\}}_{\in A} =$$

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either 0 or $\pm e_s$

$$= \underbrace{c}_G e_s.$$

some $G \in C$

We distinguish two cases:

$$\bullet G \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{we can write } e_s = \underbrace{(k_s \cdot \underline{u})}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \underline{u} \in U \text{ and} \\ U \text{ is } S_n\text{-stable}}} \in U$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{S_n \cdot e_s}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ "S" \subseteq U}} \subseteq U$$

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 $U \in S^1$ and
 U is S_n -stable
 $\Rightarrow k_s \cdot \underline{u} \in U$

$$\Rightarrow S^1 \subseteq U \Rightarrow \boxed{U \equiv S^1}$$

$$\bullet G = 0 \Rightarrow k_s \underline{u} = \underline{0}. \text{ Then we can write:}$$

$$\langle \underline{u}, \underline{e}_s \rangle = \langle \underline{u}, k_s \cdot \{s\} \rangle = \underbrace{\langle k_s \underline{u}, \{s\} \rangle}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 0}} = \langle \underline{0}, \{s\} \rangle =$$

$\Rightarrow \underline{u}$ is perpendicular to e_s

but the choice of s (\leftarrow tableau of shape λ) was arbitrary. So we can say that $\underline{u} \perp \underline{e}_s$ for every polytabloid \underline{e}_s of shape λ . These objects are a basis for $M^\lambda \Rightarrow \underline{u} \perp M^\lambda$

By assumption $\underline{u} \in S^{\lambda, M^\lambda}$, so $\underline{u} \perp \underline{u} \Rightarrow \underline{u} = \underline{0}$.

(write $\underline{u} = \sum_t c_t^t \underline{e}_t$, then $\langle \underline{u}, \underline{u} \rangle = \sum c_t^2 \underbrace{\langle \underline{e}_t, \underline{e}_t \rangle}_1$
 $= \sum c_t^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow c_t = 0 \text{ for all } t$).

Because \underline{u} was an arbitrary element of U , it follows that $U = \{0\}$. ■

NEXT: $M^\lambda = \underbrace{S^\lambda}_{\text{WIT 1}} \oplus \sum_i (S^\lambda)^{\otimes a_i} \xrightarrow{\lambda \gg 1}$