

Structure constants of Peterson Schubert calculus

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Then $d_{\{2\},\{1,2\}}^{\{1,2\}} = 2t$, $d_{\{2\},\{1,2\}}^{\{1,2,3\}} = \frac{4}{3}$, hence $\varpi_2 \cdot \varpi_1 \varpi_2 = 2t \varpi_1 \varpi_2 + \frac{4}{3} \varpi_1 \varpi_2 \varpi_3$.

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Example (Type A_9 , $I = \{3, 6, 8\}$)

For Lie Type A_9 , $I = \{3, 6, 8\}$, $J = \{1, 3, 5, 6, 7\}$, from our formula and letting $t = 0$, one can deduce

$$\varpi_I \cdot \varpi_J = \frac{18}{35} \varpi_{\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8\}} + \frac{1}{5} \varpi_{\{1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9\}} + \frac{2}{7} \varpi_{\{1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} p_I \cdot p_J &= \frac{1}{1! \cdot 1! \cdot 1!} \cdot \frac{1}{1! \cdot 1! \cdot 3!} \varpi_I \varpi_J \\ &= \frac{1}{3!} \left(\frac{18}{35} \varpi_{\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8\}} + \frac{1}{5} \varpi_{\{1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9\}} + \frac{2}{7} \varpi_{\{1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}} \right) \\ &= \frac{8!}{3!} \frac{18}{35} p_{\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8\}} + \frac{3! \cdot 5!}{3!} \frac{1}{5} p_{\{1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9\}} + \frac{7!}{3!} \frac{2}{7} p_{\{1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}} \\ &= 3456 p_{\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8\}} + 24 p_{\{1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9\}} + 240 p_{\{1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}}. \end{aligned}$$

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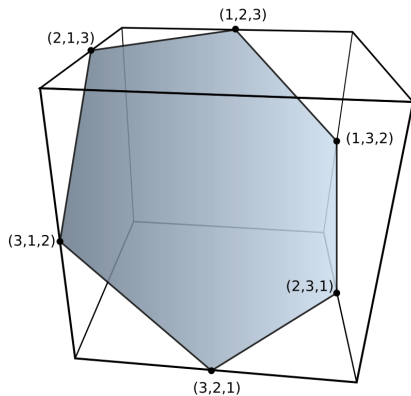
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Consider the natural action of S_n on $\mathbb{R}^n$. For $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$, the **permutohedron** $P_n(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is the convex hull of points in the S_n -orbit of $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

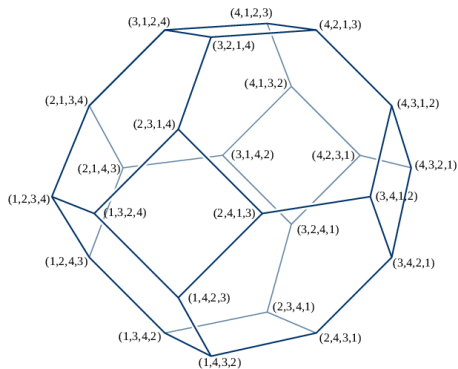
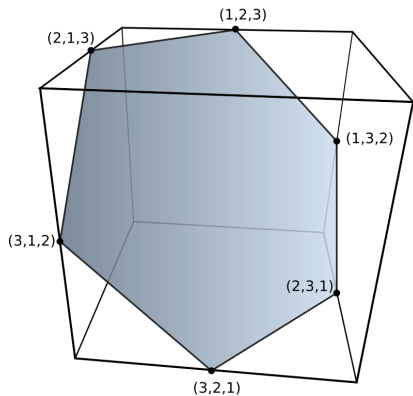
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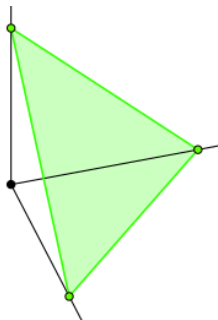
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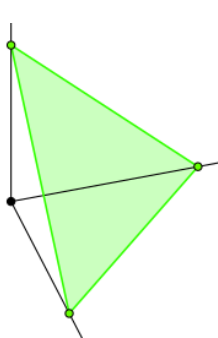
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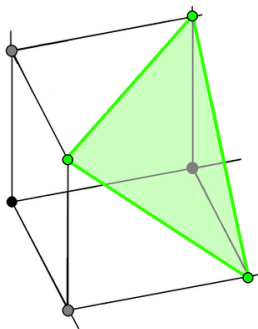


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Mixed Eulerian numbers from Peterson Schubert calculus

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Here $[\]_{\emptyset, \Delta}$ denotes the entry in the row indexed by $\emptyset$ and column indexed by Δ .

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