### Equivariant quantum cohomology and puzzles

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Schubert varieties: 
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 ;  $Y^u = \overline{\mathbf{B}^-.(A_u,B_u)}$   $\subset Y$ 

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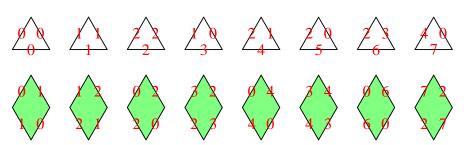
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 $C_{u,v}^w = \#(Y^u \cap g.Y^v \cap Y_w) \text{ for } g \in \mathsf{GL}(\mathbb{C}^n) \text{ general.}$ 

**Theorem** (Graham) 
$$C_{u,v}^w \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}[y_2 - y_1, \dots, y_n - y_{n-1}]$$

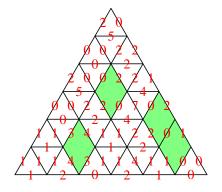
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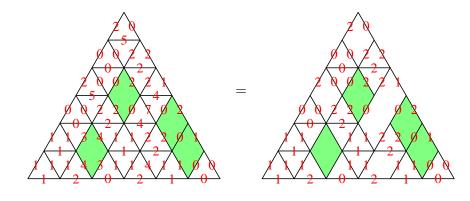
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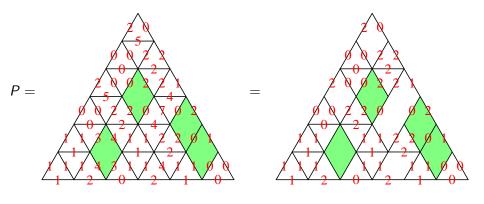


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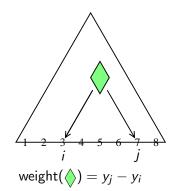
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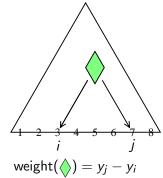
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#### Known cases:

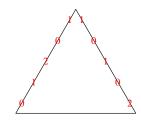
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Puzzle rule for  $H^*(FI(a, b; n))$  (conjectured by Knutson, proof in [B-Kresch-Purbhoo-Tamvakis], different positive formula by Coskun.)

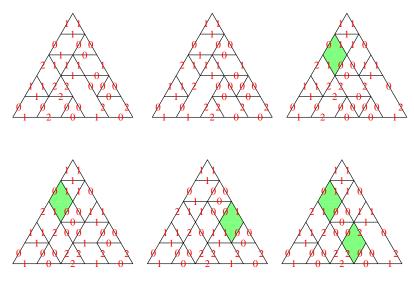
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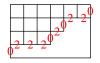
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#### Kernel and Span

Let  $C \subset X = Gr(m, n)$  be a curve.

**Def:** (B) 
$$\operatorname{Ker}(C) = \bigcap_{V \in C} V \subset \mathbb{C}^n$$
 and  $\operatorname{Span}(C) = \sum_{V \in C} V \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ 

**Obs:**  $\dim Ker(C) \ge m - \deg(C)$  and  $\dim Span(C) \le m + \deg(C)$ 

**Application** (B) Simpler proofs of structure theorems for QH(X) first proved by Bertram.

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Cor: 
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#### Facts:

- (1)  $\pi$  is birational. (A general curve has kernel and span of expected dimensions.)
- (2)  $\phi$  is birational. (A general curve is determined by 3 points for  $d \leq \min(m, n m)$ .)
- $(3) \quad Z_d^{(3)} = Z_d \times_{Y_d} Z_d \times_{Y_d} Z_d$

Let 
$$\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in H_T^*(X; \mathbb{Z})$$
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$$\int_{M_d} \operatorname{ev}_1^*(\alpha) \cdot \operatorname{ev}_2^*(\beta) \cdot \operatorname{ev}_3^*(\gamma) = \int_{\operatorname{B}\ell_d} (\operatorname{ev}_1 \pi)^*(\alpha) \cdot (\operatorname{ev}_2 \pi)^*(\beta) \cdot (\operatorname{ev}_3 \pi)^*(\gamma)$$

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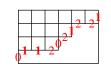
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# **Littlewood-Richardson rule for** $QH_T(X)$

Let  $\lambda(d)$  is the 012-string obtained from  $\lambda$  by replacing the first d occurrences of 2 and the last d occurrences of 0 with 1.

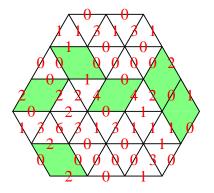
Then 
$$\widetilde{X}^{\lambda} = Y_d^{\lambda(d)}$$
.

$$\lambda = 0222020220$$
 and  $d = 2$  gives  $\lambda(d) = 0112021221$ .

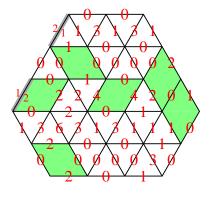


#### **Corollary:**

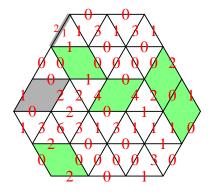
$$\langle [X^{\lambda}], [X^{\mu}], [X_{\nu^{\vee}}] \rangle_{d} \ = \ C_{\lambda(d), \mu(d)}^{\nu(d)^{\vee}} \ = \ \sum_{\partial P = \triangle_{\nu(d)^{\vee}}^{\lambda(d), \mu(d)}} \ \prod_{\lozenge \in P} \mathsf{weight}(\lozenge)$$



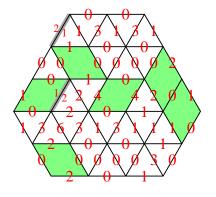
- Puzzle: Shape is a hexagon.
  - All pieces may be rotated.
  - Boundary labels are simple.



Flawed puzzle containing the gash pair:

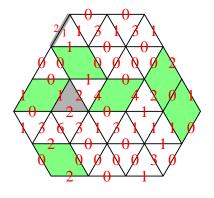


Remove problematic piece.



Replace with:



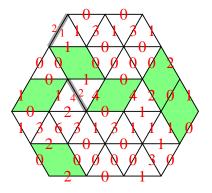


Replace with OR ?



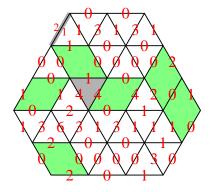




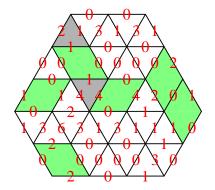


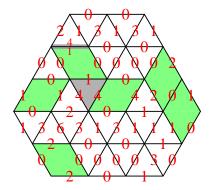


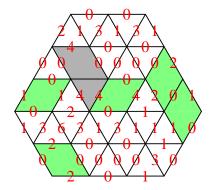
The piece fits. Always at most one choice !!!

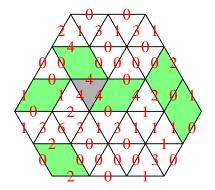


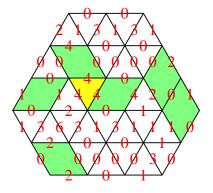
But no puzzle piece fits this time.





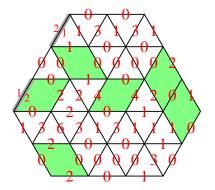


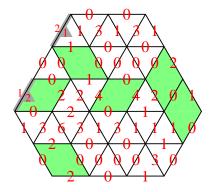




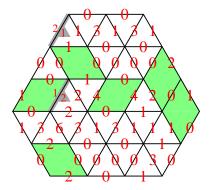
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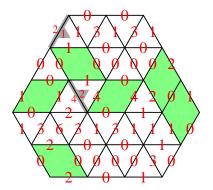


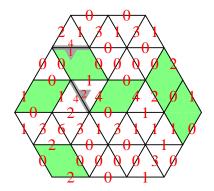


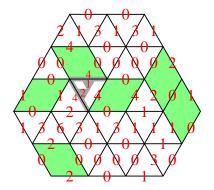


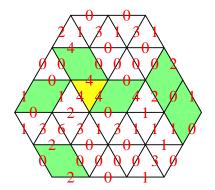
Use directed gashes.

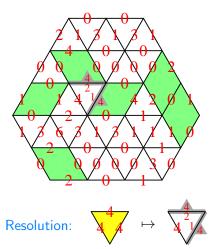


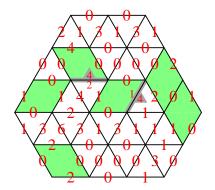


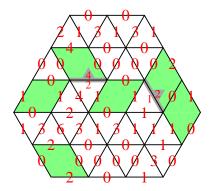


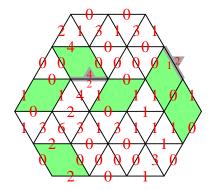


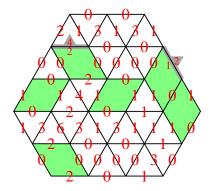


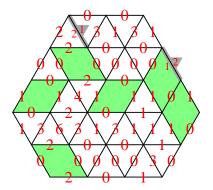


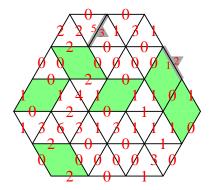


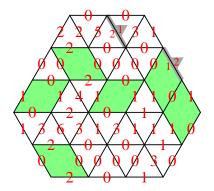


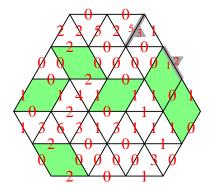


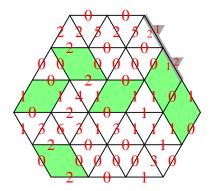


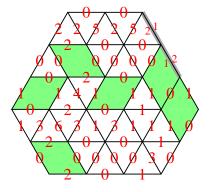




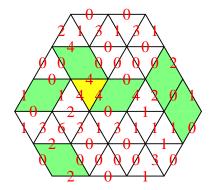


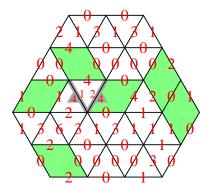






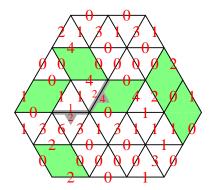
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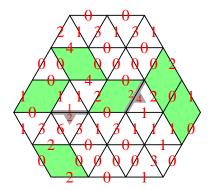


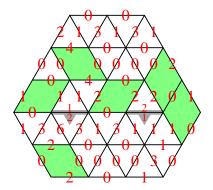


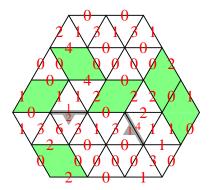


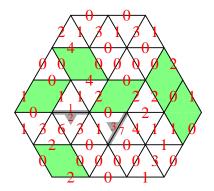


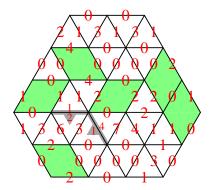


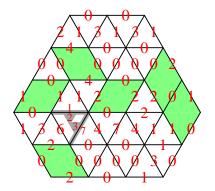


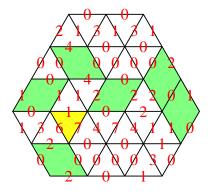






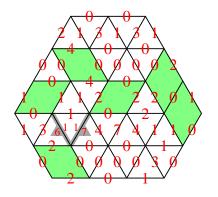




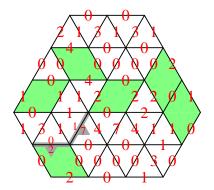


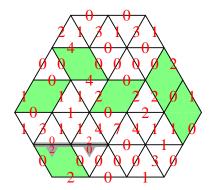
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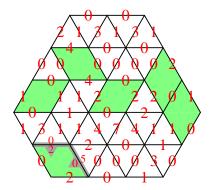


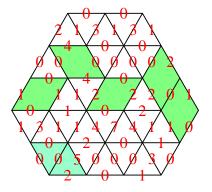






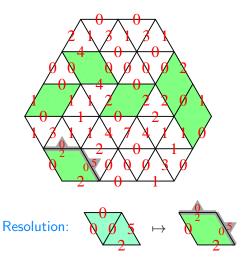


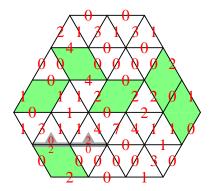


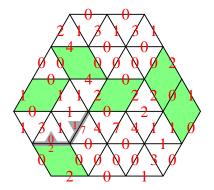


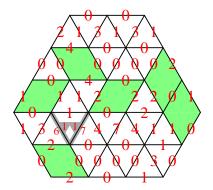
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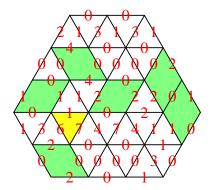


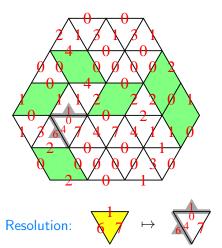


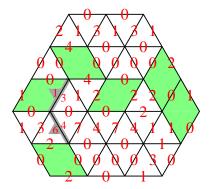


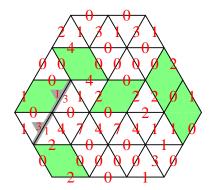


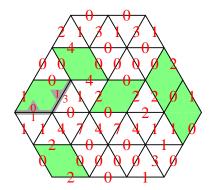


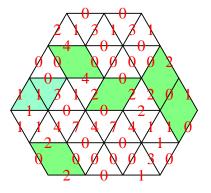






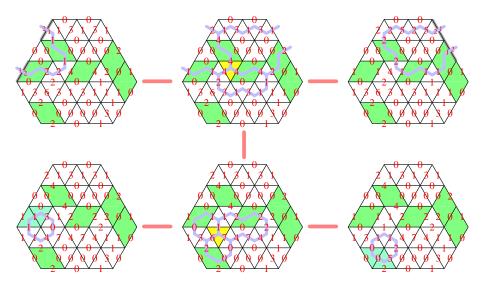




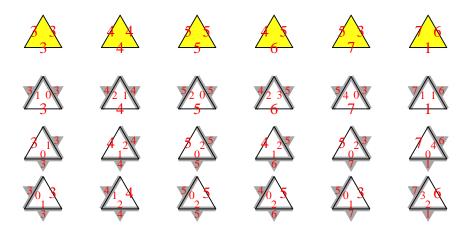


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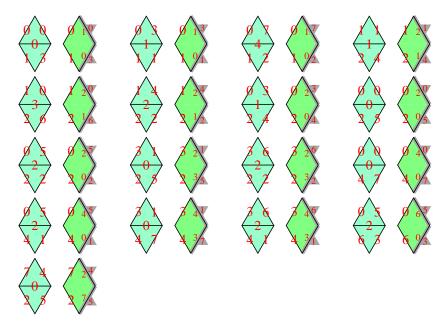
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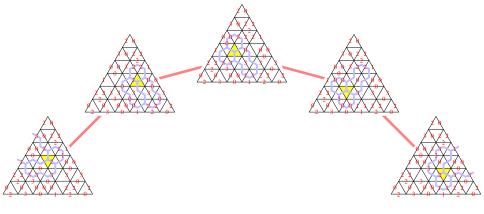
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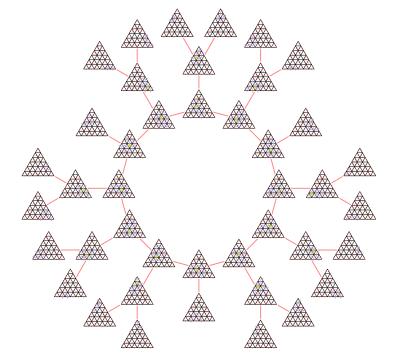


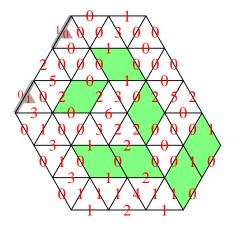
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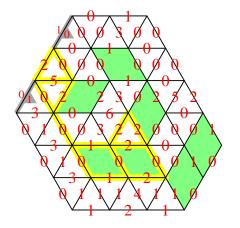


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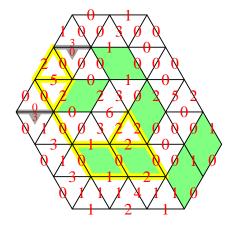




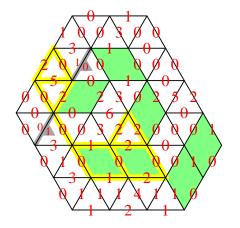




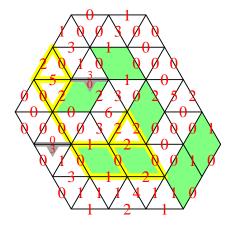
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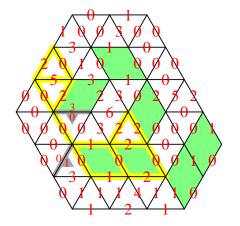
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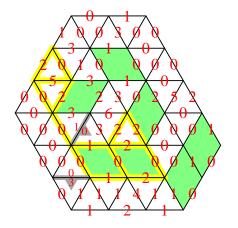
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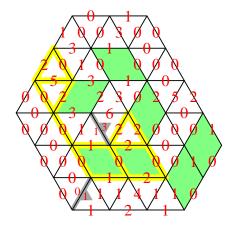
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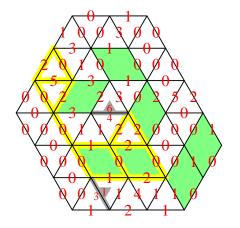
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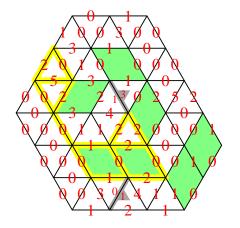
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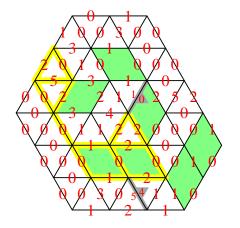
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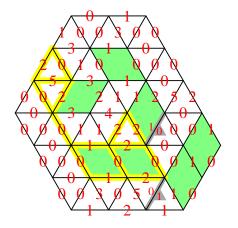
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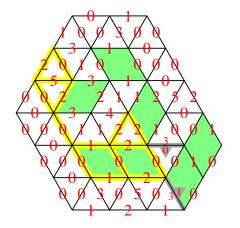
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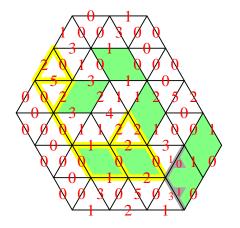


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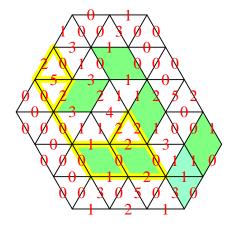
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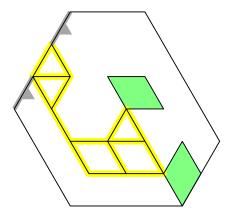
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**Technical result:** The two gashes will propagate to the same location.

In particular, the above situation is impossible !!

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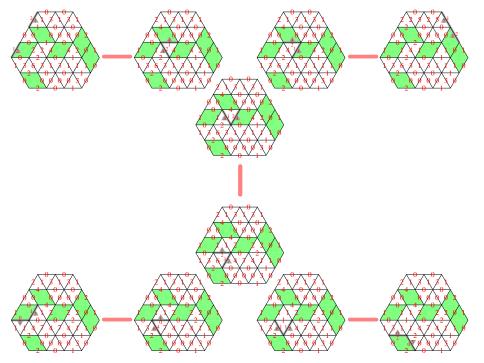
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