Dimensions of Specht modules

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For a fixed n, they form a complete set of nonisomorphic simple $k\Sigma_n$-modules when characteristic is 0.

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$\dim S^{(3,2)} = 5$.

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$\dim S^{(3,2,1)} = 16.$

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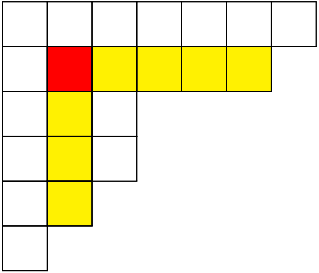

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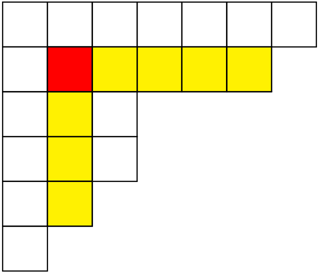

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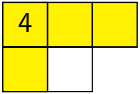

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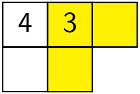

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$$\dim S^{(3,2,1)} = \frac{6\cdot 5\cdot 4\cdot 3\cdot 2\cdot 1}{5\cdot 3\cdot 1\cdot 3\cdot 1\cdot 1} = 16.$$

A question

What is the prime factorization of

$$\dim S^\lambda = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{|\lambda|} i}{\prod_{i\in\lambda} h_i}?$$

Core of a partition

Definition 2

Let l be a natural number. The l-core of a partition λ is obtained by repeatedly removing l-hooks from λ.

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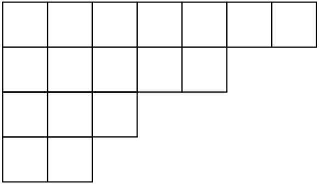

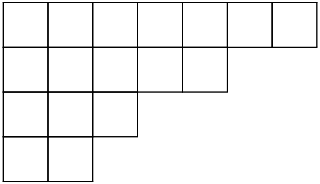

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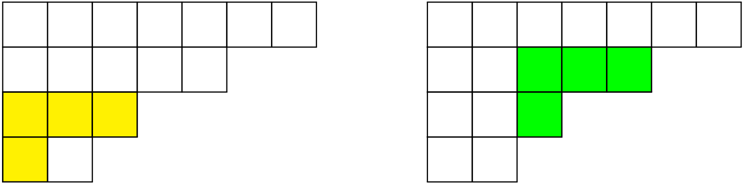

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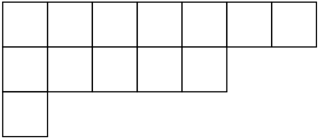

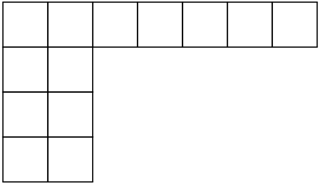

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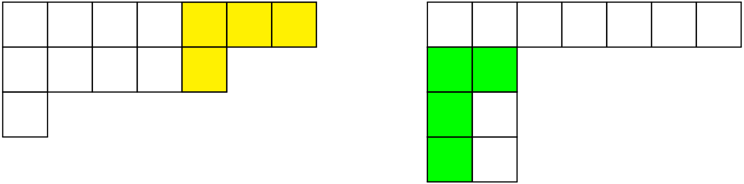

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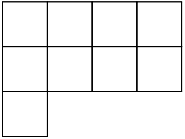

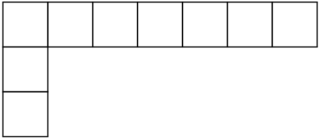

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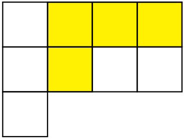

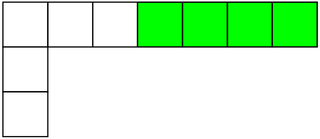

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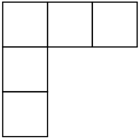

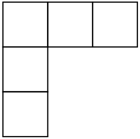

$$\mathrm{core}_4(7, 5, 3, 2) = (3, 1, 1)$$

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Corollary 5

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Thank you for your attention.