

SKEW OSCILLATING SEMI-STANDARD TABLEAUX (EXTENDED ABSTRACT)

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ABSTRACT. We introduce an analogue of the Robinson-Schensted correspondence for skew oscillating semi-standard tableaux which generalize the correspondence for skew oscillating tableaux. We give the geometric construction for skew oscillating semi-standard tableaux and examine its combinatorial properties.

RÉSUMÉ. Nous introduisons une construction analogue de la correspondance de Robinson-Schensted pour les tableaux semi-standards oscillants gauches qui généralise la correspondance pour les tableaux oscillants gauches. Nous donnons la construction géométrique pour les tableaux semi-standards oscillants gauches et examinons ses propriétés combinatoires.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Robinson-Schensted correspondence between permutations and pairs of standard tableaux of the same shape is introduced by Robinson ([6]) and it is given by Schensted ([10]) a little different form. After generalization by Knuth ([5]) to generalized permutations and pairs of semi-standard tableaux, various analogues of the Robinson-Schensted correspondence have been produced on different kinds of tableaux ([8],[13],[3],[9]).

More recently, Dulucq and Sagan ([4]) have given the Robinson-Schensted correspondence for oscillating tableaux and skew oscillating tableaux.

In this article, we extended the properties and constructions of analogue of Robinson-Schensted correspondence in [4] to skew oscillating semi-standard tableaux. In sections 2, we give basic definitions of generalised biwords and skew oscillating semi-standard tableaux. An algorithm of Robinson-Schensted for skew oscillating semi-standard tableaux is given in section 3, which is an extension of the algorithm of Robinson-Schensted correspondence for skew oscillating standard tableaux given in [4]. Then we give a geometric construction of a generalized biword due to Viennot, Chauve and Dulucq ([1],[8],[13]).

2. DEFINITION AND NOTATIONS

Let $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$, $\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_k$, be a partition of n such that $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = n$. The partition λ can be displayed a Ferrers diagram with the part λ_i in the row i . If $\mu \subseteq \lambda$ then the corresponding skew shape λ/μ is the set $\{c | c \in \lambda, c \notin \mu\}$. If $|\lambda/\mu| = n$ then we write $\lambda/\mu \vdash n$ and say that λ/μ is a skew partition of n . A skew semi-standard tableau S of shape λ/μ is a labeling of the cells of λ/μ with positive integers so that the rows are strictly increasing and the columns are weakly increasing. \emptyset_α denotes the empty tableaux of the shape α (or a skew tableau of the shape α/α). $T(\lambda/\mu)$ denotes the set of skew semi-standard tableaux of shape λ/μ .

$S(i, j)$ denotes the label of the cell in the i^{th} row and j^{th} column of a skew semi-standard tableau S so that $k \in S$ means $k = S(i, j)$ for some i, j . $\bar{T}(\lambda/\mu)$ denotes the set of tableaux of shape λ/μ with rows strictly decreasing and columns weakly decreasing. For example, when $\lambda = (5, 4, 3, 1)$ $\mu = (2, 2)$, the two following tableaux belong to $T(\lambda/\mu)$ and $\bar{T}(\lambda/\mu)$ respectively.



Four kinds of insertions and deletions in a skew semi-standard tableau $([1],[4])$ are defined below. Let S be a skew semi-standard tableau of shape λ/μ .

1. The *external insertion* inserts an integer x in S by using the Knuth-Robinson-Schensted algorithm([2],[5]). We denote the new tableau obtained after this insertion by $ExtI(S,x)$. The inverse process is called *external deletion*, denoted by $ExtD(S,x)$, which ends with the expulsion of an integer out of S .

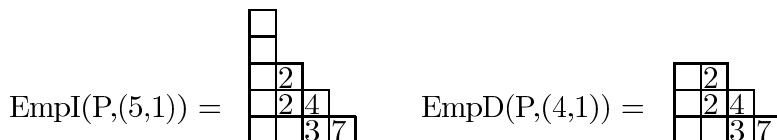
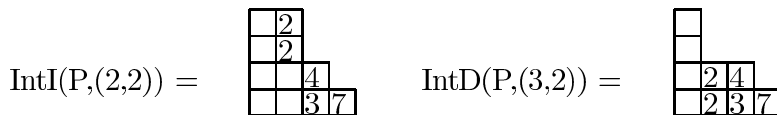
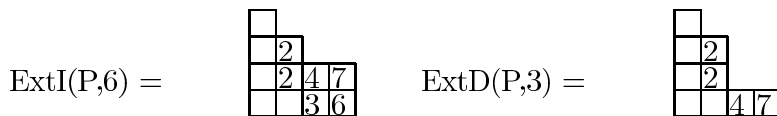
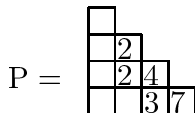
2. The *internal insertion* occurs only in a cell (u,v) of S such that $(u,v) \notin \mu$ and it belongs to one of three cases: (i) $(u-1,v) \in \mu$ and $(u,v-1) \in \mu$, (ii) $v = 1$ and $(u-1,v) \in \mu$, (iii) $u = 1$ and $(u,v-1) \in \mu$.

The *internal insertion* of the cell (u,v) inserts the integer x contained in $S(u,v)$ from the row $u+1$ using the external insertion algorithm. We denote the new tableau by $IntI(S,(u,v))$. The external deletion is called *internal deletion* if it ends in filling a cell of μ . $IntD(S,(u,v))$ denotes the internal deletion.

3. The *empty insertion* adds an empty cell (u,v) in S such that $(u,v) \notin \lambda$, satisfying (i) $(u-1,v) \in \mu$ and $(u,v-1) \in \mu$, (ii) $u = 1$, $(u,v-1) \in \mu$ or (iii) $v = 1$, $(u-1,v) \in \mu$. $EmpI(S,(u,v))$ denotes the new tableau obtained after this insertion and the inverse process is called *empty deletion*, denoted by $EmpD(S,(u,v))$.

4. A cell can simply be *attached* or *erased* using neither the insertion algorithms nor the deletion algorithms.

Example 2.1.

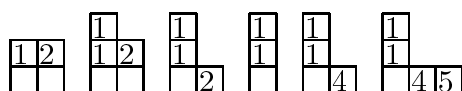


A skew oscillating semi-standard tableau of length n is a sequence of semi-standard tableaux $P = (P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n)$ where P_k is obtained from P_{k-1} by an insertion or a deletion of a cell.

$\Theta_n(\alpha/\gamma \rightarrow \beta/\mu)$ denotes the set of skew oscillating tableaux $P = (P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n)$ of length n satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) the shape of P_0 is α/γ , and the shape of P_n is β/μ ,
- (2) P_k is obtained from P_{k-1} by attaching a cell with a label (this is not by the insertion algorithms) or a deletion of a cell by external deletion, internal deletion or empty deletion.
- (3) if x_i, x_j, \dots, x_m are inserted respectively in P_i, P_j, \dots, P_m , $i < j < \dots < m$, then $x_i \leq x_j \leq \dots \leq x_m$.

For example, if $\alpha = (2, 2)$, $\gamma = (2)$, $\beta = (3, 1, 1)$ and $\mu = (1)$ then the following tableau belongs to $\Theta_5(\alpha/\gamma \rightarrow \beta/\mu)$. 1 is inserted in P_1 , 4 in P_4 and 5 in P_5 .



For a $P \in \Theta_n(\alpha/\gamma \rightarrow \beta/\mu)$, we define a set of nondecreasing sequences of positive integers $I(P) = \cup_{j \in N} I_j$, where $I_j = \{j_0, j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n\}$, $j_0 = 0 \leq j_1 \leq \dots \leq j_n$ and $j_k = x$ if $P_k = P_{k-1} + (u, v)$ with $P_k(u, v) = x$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$. An I_j of the example above is $\{0, 1, j_2, j_3, 4, 5\}$, where j_2, j_3 are positive integers.

A skew oscillating semi-standard tableau of $\Theta(\emptyset\mu \rightarrow \lambda/\mu)$ having only insertion steps, is a skew semi-standard tableau of shape λ/μ , the label of a cell being given by its creation.

A generalized biword π of size $2n$ is a sequence of vertical pairs of positive integers $\pi = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \dots & u_n \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{pmatrix}$ where $u_1 \geq u_2 \geq \dots \geq u_n$, $u_i \geq v_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and $v_i \geq v_{i+1}$ if $u_i = u_{i+1}$. $\hat{\pi}$ denotes the top row of π and $\tilde{\pi}$ its bottom row.

GB denotes the set of generalized biwords. The size of π is $2 \times$ the number of pairs of $\begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}$, or $|\pi| = 2n$. GB_{2n} denotes the set of generalized biwords of size $2n$.

3. GENERALIZED BIWORDS AND SKEW OSCILLATING SEMI-STANDARD TABLEAUX

We give a description of an algorithm to examine the relation between skew oscillating semi-standard tableaux and the triples $(S, U, \pi) \in \cup_{\mu \subseteq \alpha \cap \beta} [T(\beta/\mu) \times \bar{T}(\alpha/\mu)] \times GB$.

Algorithm OSCIL

- (a) The input is $(S, U, \pi) \in \cup_{\mu \subseteq \alpha \cap \beta} [T(\beta/\mu) \times \bar{T}(\alpha/\mu)] \times GB$,
- (b) The output is (P, I) where $P \in \Theta_n(\emptyset\alpha \rightarrow \beta/\mu)$, and $I = \{i_0 = 0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\} \in I(P)$, i.e., I satisfies the following conditions:
 - (1) i_1, \dots, i_n being a nondecreasing sequence of positive integers,
 - (2) if we obtain P_k from P_{k-1} by attaching a cell (u, v) with label a , that is, $P_k = P_{k-1} + (u, v)$, with $P_k(u, v) = a$, then $i_k = a$.

We construct a sequence of nonnegative integers $I = \{i_0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$ as follows : let $i_0 = 0$ and i_1, \dots, i_n be the rearranged elements of $S, U, \hat{\pi}$ and $\tilde{\pi}$ in nondecreasing order. We have $n = |S| + |U| + |\pi|$.

Let $P_n = S$.

For k from n to 1 :

- (a) if there is a cell $P_k(u, v) = i_k$, then erase this cell to obtain P_{k-1} ,
- (b) else if the pair (i_k, x) belongs to π , then $P_{k-1} = ExtI(P_k, x)$,
- (c) else if $U(u, v) = i_k$ and $P_k(u, v)$ exists (with label x), then $P_{k-1} = IntI(P_k, (u, v))$,
- (d) else $P_{k-1} = EmpI(P_k, (u, v))$.

The tableaux P_k have respective shapes λ_k/μ_k . $P = (P_0, \dots, P_n)$ and $I = \{i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n\}$ satisfy that $i_k = a$ when $P_k = P_{k-1} + (u, v)$, with $P_k(u, v) = a$, so $I \in I(P)$.

Algorithm **OSCIL**⁻¹.

- (a) The input is (P, I) where $P \in \Theta_n(\emptyset_\alpha \rightarrow \beta/\mu)$ with $\mu \subseteq \alpha \cap \beta$ and $I \in I(P)$.
- (b) The output is a triple $(S, U, \pi) \in \cup_{\mu \subseteq \alpha \cap \beta} [T(\beta/\mu) \times \overline{T}(\alpha/\mu)] \times GB$.

Let $\pi = \emptyset$, and $U_0 = P_0$.

















For k from 1 to n :

- (a) if $P_k = P_{k-1} + (u, v)$, then $U_i = U_{i-1}$,
- (b) else ($P_k = P_{k-1} - (u, v)$), we have three cases :
 - (b₁) if the deletion is external (x ejected out of P_{k-1}), then add the pair (i_k, x) to π , $U_k = U_{k-1}$,

(b₂) else if it is internal (the cell $P_{k-1}(u, v)$ with label x is erased), then label the cell $U_{i-1}(u, v)$ with i_k to obtain U_k ,

- (b₃) else label the cell $U_{k-1}(u, v)$ with i_k to obtain U_k .
- Finally, we obtain $S = P_n, U = U_n$ and $\pi \in GB$

Example 3.1.

$k =$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$i_k =$	0	1	1	2	2	3	5	6
$P_k =$								
$U_k =$								
$\pi_k =$	\emptyset	\emptyset	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Theorem 1. Let α, β be fixed partitions. There is a bijection Φ from triples (S, U, π) of

$\cup_{\mu \subseteq \alpha \cap \beta} [T(\beta/\mu) \times \bar{T}(\alpha/\mu)] \times GB$ to (P, I) with a skew oscillating semi-standard tableau P of $\Theta_n(\emptyset_\alpha \rightarrow \beta/\mu)$, $n = |S| + |U| + |\pi|$ and $I = \{i_0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\} \in I(P)$

Proof: For a triple $(S, U, \pi) \in \cup_{\mu \subseteq \alpha \cap \beta} [T(\beta/\mu) \bar{T}(\alpha/\mu) \times GB]$, we obtain directly a nondecreasing sequence $I = \{i_0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$ with $i_0 = 0$ and $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$ rearranging the elements of $S, U, \hat{\pi}$ and $\tilde{\pi}$. A skew oscillating semi-standard tableau $P \in \Theta_n$ results by applying the algorithm *OSCIL*.

To give the inverse operation, we construct a nondecreasing sequence $I = \{i_0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$ from $P \in \Theta_n(\emptyset_\alpha \rightarrow \beta/\mu)$ as follows : (1) $i_0 = 0$ (2) if $P_k = P_{k-1} + (u, v)$, with $P_k(u, v) = x$ then $i_k = x$, else i_k is a positive integer satisfying $i_{k-1} \leq i_k \leq i_{k+1}$, so $I \in I(P)$. Next, we construct a sequence $(S_0, U_0, \pi_0) = (P_0, P_0, \emptyset), (S_1, U_1, \pi_1), \dots, (S_n, U_n, \pi_n) = (S, U, \pi)$ from P and $I(P)$ by applying the algorithm *OSCIL*⁻¹. The algorithm *OSCIL*⁻¹ corresponds exactly to the inverse construction of the cell produced by the algorithm *OSCIL*. So (S, U, π) is in bijection with (P, I) . Example 3.2 shows the application of the algorithm *OSCIL* and *OSCIL*⁻¹. \diamond

Remark 3.2 If the skew oscillating semi-standard tableau $P \in \Theta_n(\emptyset_\alpha \rightarrow \beta/\alpha)$ has only insertion steps, the bijection Φ is $\Phi^{-1}(P, I) = (P_n, \emptyset_\alpha, \emptyset)$

$\bar{\Theta}_n(\beta/\mu \rightarrow \alpha/\gamma)$ denotes the set of skew oscillating tableaux of length n , $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, \dots, Q_n)$, satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) the shape of Q_0 is β/μ , and the shape of Q_n is α/γ ,
- (2) Q_k is obtained from Q_{k-1} by erasing of a labelled cell (not by deletion algorithms) or an insertion of a cell by external insertion, internal insertion or empty insertion.
- (3) if x_i, x_j, \dots, x_m are deleted respectively from Q_i, Q_j, \dots, Q_m , $i < j < \dots < m$, then $x_i \geq x_j \geq \dots \geq x_m$.

We know that $P = (P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n) \in \Theta_n(\alpha/\gamma \rightarrow \beta/\mu)$ if and only if $\bar{P} = (P_n, P_{n-1}, \dots, P_0) \in \bar{\Theta}_n(\beta/\mu \rightarrow \alpha/\gamma)$.

We define a set of nonincreasing sequences of positive integers $\bar{I}(Q) = \cup_{j \in N} \bar{I}_j$,

$\bar{I}_j = \{\bar{j}_1, \bar{j}_2, \dots, \bar{j}_n\}$ for $Q \in \bar{\Theta}_n(\beta/\mu \rightarrow \alpha/\gamma)$ as follows:

- (1) $\bar{j}_1 \geq \bar{j}_2 \geq \dots \geq \bar{j}_n$
- (2) if $Q_{k+1} = Q_k - (u, v)$ with $Q_k(u, v) = x$, then $\bar{j}_k = x$.

Theorem 2. Let π be a generalized biword of size $2n$ and α be an empty partition (of shape α). There is a bijection Φ_{RS} from pairs (\emptyset_α, π) to $\{(P, I_1), (Q, \bar{I}_2)\}$ of $\cup_\beta [\{\Theta_n(\emptyset_\alpha \rightarrow \beta/\alpha) \times I(P)\}, \times \{\bar{\Theta}_n(\emptyset_\alpha \rightarrow \beta/\alpha) \times \bar{I}(Q)\}]$.

Proof: According to the previous theorem, we obtain $(P_0 = \emptyset_\alpha, \dots, P_n, \dots, P_{2n} = \emptyset_\alpha)$

with $I = \{i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n, \dots, i_{2n}\}$, and the result $(P, I_1) = (P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n)$ (of shape β/α), $\{i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n\}$ with $I_1 \in I(P)$, and $(Q, \bar{I}_2) = (P_{2n}, P_{2n-1}, \dots, P_n)$ (of shape β/α), $\{i_{2n}, i_{2(n-1)}, \dots, i_n\}$. Therefore $Q \in \bar{\Theta}_n(\emptyset_\alpha \rightarrow \beta/\alpha)$ and $\bar{I}_2 \in \bar{I}(Q)$ \diamond

Taking an empty initial and final semi-standard tableaux in the theorem 1 and 2, we have an analog of Robinson-Schensted correspondence for oscillating semi-standard tableaux, as stated in the following results.

Corollaire 1. *Let β be fixed partitions and n a fixed integer. There is a bijection Φ_\emptyset from pairs (S, π) of $T(\beta) \times GB$ such that $n = |S| + |\pi|$ to pairs (P, I) with P of $\Theta_n(\emptyset \rightarrow \beta)$ and $I \in I(P)$.*

Corollaire 2. *Let n be a fixed integer. There is a bijection Φ_{RS_\emptyset} from generalized biwords π of GB_{2n} to pairs $\{(P, I_1), (Q, \bar{I}_2)\}$ of $\cup_\beta[(\Theta_n(\emptyset \rightarrow \beta) \times I(P)) \times (\bar{\Theta}_n(\emptyset \rightarrow \beta)] \times \bar{I}(Q)$.*

4. GEOMETRIC DESCRIPTION OF A GENERALIZED BIWORD

In this section, we represent a geometric description of a generalized biword in the the first quadrant of the Cartesian plane by applying the geometric construction of Viennot in [1] and [13] for standard tableaux. We obtain an oscillating semi-standard tableau from the geometric description of a generalized biword.

First, we present a method to standardize a generalized biword. Let \mathbb{N} be a set of positive integers. For a given generalized biword $\pi = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \dots & u_n \\ v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \end{pmatrix}$, we propose a new alphabet $\mathbb{N} \cup \{j^{(h)} : j, h \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that

$$\dots < j < j^{(1)} < j^{(2)} < \dots < j + 1 < j + 1^{(1)} < j + 1^{(2)} < \dots$$

If $u_j = u_{j+1} = \dots = u_{j+m} = v_{i_1} = v_{i_2} = \dots = v_{i_k}$, $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$, in π then we translate $v_{i_k} \rightarrow u_j$, $v_{i_{k-1}} \rightarrow u_j^{(1)}$, ..., $u_j \rightarrow u_j^{(m+k-1)}$.

For example,

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \leftrightarrow \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 5^{(1)} & 5 & 4^{(1)} & 3^{(2)} & 3^{(1)} & 3 \\ 4 & 2^{(2)} & 1^{(1)} & 2^{(1)} & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The translation from π to τ is bijective and is called **standardization of π** . It is denoted by $\tau = \varphi(\pi)$. We know that τ has the properties of the generalized biword on the new alphabet $N \cup \{j^{(h)} : j, h \in N\}$.

Then, we represent $\tau = \varphi(\pi)$ in the place of π in the part $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\} \times \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ of the Cartesian plane as follows:

- Define a map Ψ : abscissas x ($x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$) \rightarrow { the greatest element of $\hat{\pi} + 1$ } \cup $\hat{\pi}$ with

$$\Psi(x) = \begin{cases} \text{the greatest element of } \hat{\pi} + 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ x^{th} \text{ greatest element of } \hat{\pi} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- Define a map Γ : abscissas y ($y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$) \rightarrow $\{0\} \cup \check{\tau}$ with

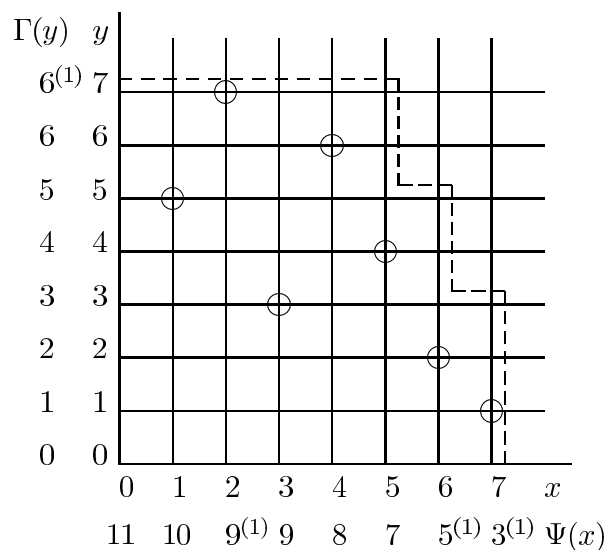
$$\Gamma(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y = 0 \\ y^{th} \text{ lowest element of } \check{\tau} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- We define valid domain as the set of points (x, y) such that $\Psi(x) \geq \Gamma(y)$.
- For each pair (u_k, v_k) of τ , we set up the point $(\Psi^{-1}(u_k), \Gamma^{-1}(v_k))$ which is in the valid domain.

Example 4.1. For a generalized biword π of GB_{14} we obtain $\tau = \varphi(\pi)$ by the standardization of π :

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 9 & 9 & 8 & 7 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 & 6 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \tau = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 9^{(1)} & 9 & 8 & 7 & 5^{(1)} & 3^{(1)} \\ 5 & 6^{(1)} & 3 & 6 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here we give the representation of τ . The dashed line describes the limit of valid domain, which is slightly extended on the figure for readability.



Description of $\tau = \varphi(\pi)$

Figure 4.1

From the Figure 4.1, we construct an oscillating semi-standard tableaux

$T = \{T_0 = \emptyset, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{2n} = \emptyset\}$ as follows:

(a) let $A = \{\Psi(x_i)\}_{i=1..n}$ and $B = \{\Gamma(y_i)\}_{i=0..n}$. $I = \{i_0, \dots, i_{2n}\}$ describes A and B lined up in nondecreasing order.

(b) For k from $2n$ to 1 :

if $i_k \in A$ and $(\Psi^{-1}(i_k), y)$ is SW-corner of a Shadow line, then $T_{k-1} = ExtI(T_k, \Gamma(y))$.

else if $i_k \in B$ and $(x, \Gamma^{-1}(i_k))$ is SW-corner of a Shadow line, then $T_{k-1} = T_k - (u, v)$ with $T_k(u, v) = i_k$.

Figure 4.2 is the skew oscillating semi-standard tableaux corresponding to τ in Example 4.1. If $\Phi(\emptyset, \emptyset, \pi) = (P, J)$ in theorem 1, then we know that (P, J) is exactly equal to (T, I) if the exponents of contents of T and I are removed, resulting in the following theorem.

Theorem 3. Let π be a generalized biword and $\tau = \varphi(\tau)$ and $D(\tau)$ be a description of τ with shadow lines in a Cartesian plane. Then there is a bijection from (T, I) of $\Theta_{2n}(\emptyset \rightarrow \emptyset) \times I(T)$

to $D(\tau)$ of $\{D(\tau) | \tau = \varphi(\pi), \pi \in GB_{2n}\}$. If $\Phi(\emptyset, \emptyset, \pi) = (P, J)$, then (P, J) is equal to (T, I) in removing the exponents of contents of T and I .

Definition 1. The shadow $S(\tau)$ of a generalized biword τ is the set of points (x, y) such that there is a point (x', y') of the representation of τ with $x' \leq x, y' \leq y$.

Shadow lines of τ are defined recursively. The first shadow line L_1 of τ is the boundary of $S(\tau)$. To construct the shadow line L_{i+1} of τ remove the points of the representation of τ lying on L_i and construct the shadow line of the remaining points. This procedure ends when there is no remaining point on the plane. The SW-coners of a shadow line are the points of the representation of τ located on this line ([8],[13]). The NE-coners of a shadow line are the points (x, y) of the shadow line such that $(x+1, y)$ and $(x, y+1)$ are not a part of this shadow line.

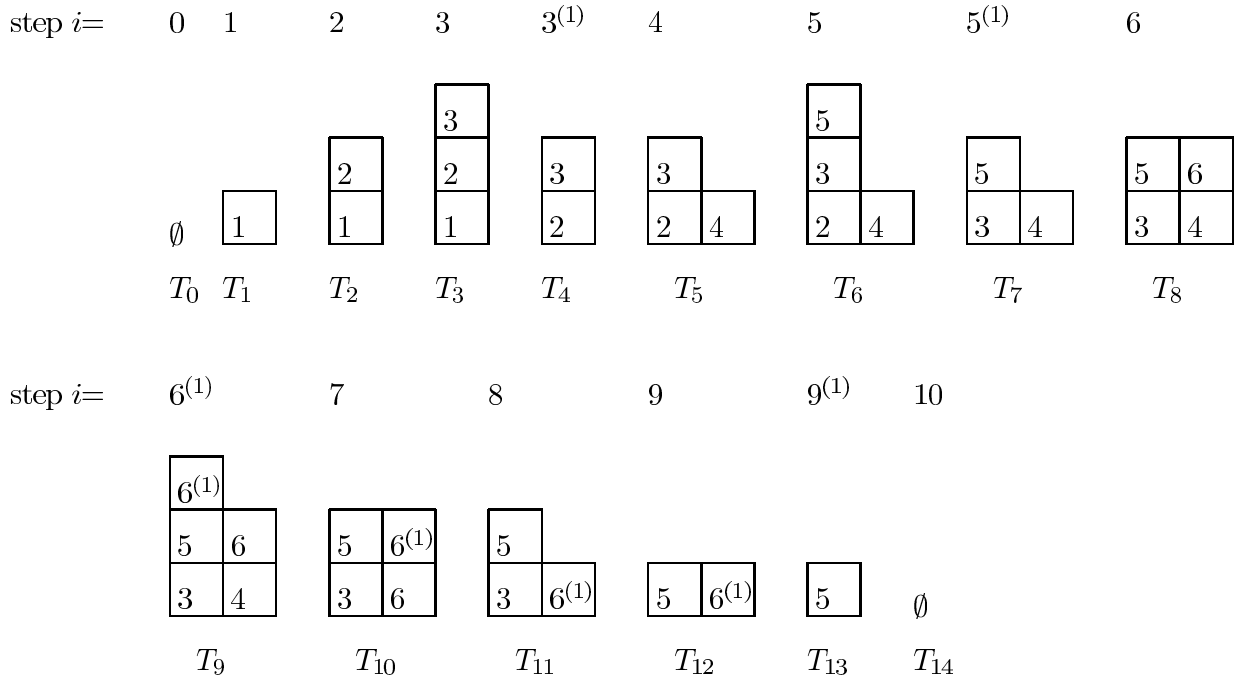


Figure 4.2

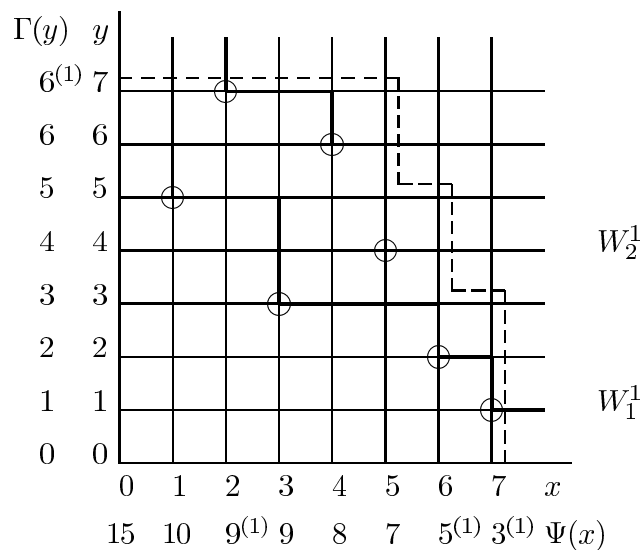
Definition 2. The k^{th} skeleton of a generalized biword defined recursively by

1. $\tau^{(1)} = \tau$

2. $\tau^{(k+1)} = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} \Psi(a_1) & \Psi(a_2) & \dots & \Psi(a_m) \\ \Gamma(b_1) & \Gamma(b_2) & \dots & \Gamma(b_n) \end{array} \right)$ where $(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_m, b_m)$ are the NE-corners

of $\tau^{(k)}$. The shadow diagram of τ is the set of shadow lines of all the skeletons $\tau^{(k)}$ of τ . The shadow lines of $\tau^{(k)}$ are denoted by $W_j^{(k)}$.

Example 4.2. Let π be the generalized biword of size $2n$ defined in example 4.1. Here we have the description of shadow lines $W_j^{(1)}$, $j = 1, 2$, of $\tau = \varphi(\pi)$.



Description of generalized biword $\tau = \varphi(\pi)$ with shadow lines

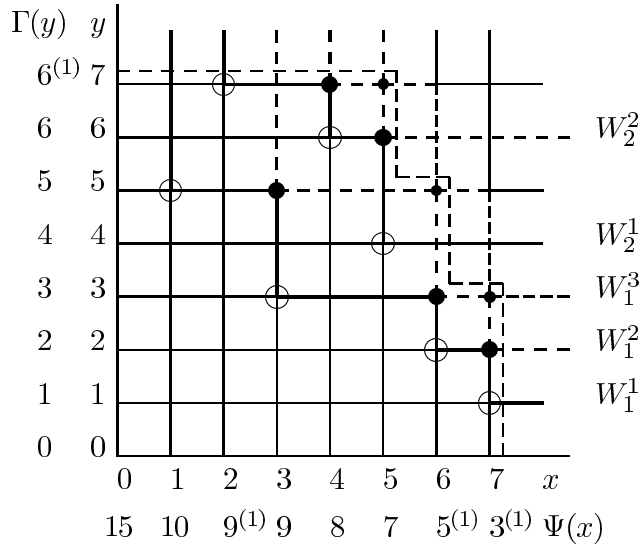
Figure 4.3

We can see that the shadow line W_1^1 in Figure 4.3 describes the behaviour of the first cell of the first row during the construction of $T_{14}, T_{13}, \dots, T_0$. The shadow line W_1^1 has four SW-corners at $(1,5), (3,3), (6,2)$ and $(7,1)$. For the SW-corner $(1,5)$, with $\Psi(1) = 10$ and $\Gamma(5) = 5$, followed by $(3,3)$ with $\Psi(3) = 9$ and $\Gamma(3) = 3$. During the construction of the tableaux T_{14} to T_0 , the first cell of first row is created during step 10 with label 5, this label is replaced during step 9 by the label 3. The label 3 is replaced during step $5^{(1)}$ by the label 2 and during step $3^{(1)}$ by the label 1, because $\Psi(6) = 5^{(1)}$ and $\Gamma(2) = 2, \Psi(7) = 3^{(1)}$ and $\Gamma(1) = 1$. The cell is deleted during step 1.

In the same way the shadow line W_j^i describes the behaviour of the j^{th} cell of the i^{th} row. So the theorem 4.1 in [1] is satisfied for a generalized biword and an oscillating semi-standard tableau as follows.

Theorem 4. *Let π be a generalized biword of size $2n$ and τ the standardization of π , i.e. $\tau = \varphi(\pi)$. If $\Phi(\emptyset, \emptyset, \tau) = (T, I)$ then the shadow line $W_j^{(i)}$ of τ describes the behavior of the j^{th} cell of the i^{th} row of the tableaux T_{2n}, \dots, T_0 in the following way :*

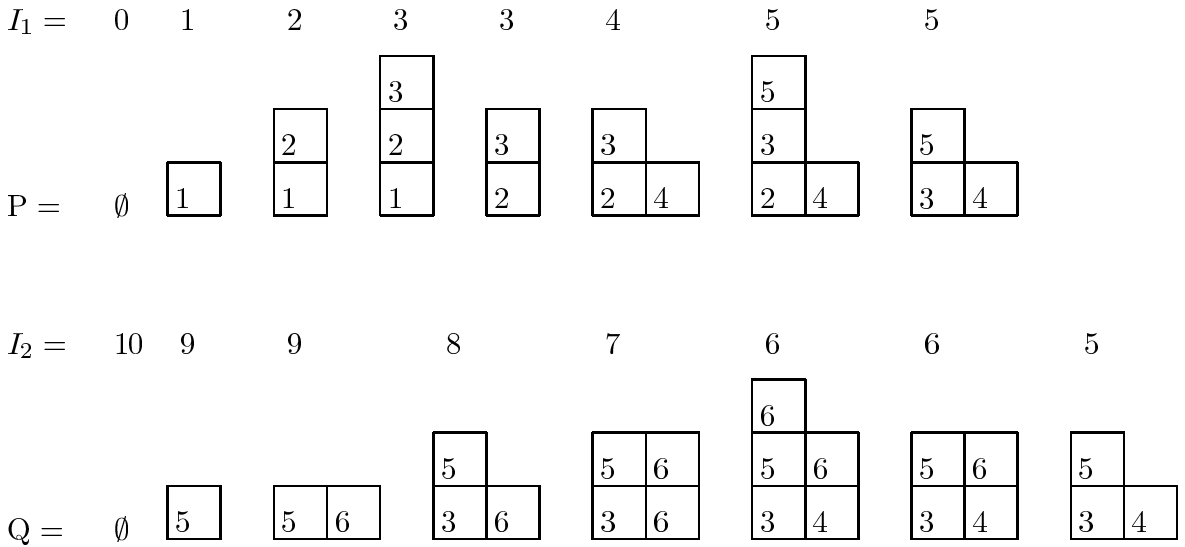
1. a SW-corner (x, y) indicates that during step $\Psi(x)$, the label $\Gamma(y)$ fills in this cell,
2. when the line leaves the valid domain at (x, y) , this cell is deleted during step $\Gamma(y)$,
3. otherwise, the cell remains unchanged.



Description of a biword π

Figure 4.4

From Figure 4.2 the generalized biword π in Example 4.1 is in bijection with the following pairs $((P, I_1), (Q, I_2))$, where $(P, I_1) \in (\Theta_n(\emptyset \rightarrow \beta), I(P))$ and $(Q, I_2) \in (\overline{\Theta}_n(\emptyset \rightarrow \beta), \overline{I}(Q))$:



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