ROW-STRICT DUAL IMMACULATE FUNCTIONS AND 0-HECKE MODULES

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Abstract. We introduce a new basis of quasisymmetric functions, the row-strict dual immaculate functions. We construct a cyclic, indecomposable 0-Hecke algebra module for these functions. Our row-strict immaculate functions are related to the dual immaculate functions of Berg-Bergeron-Saliola-Serrano-Zabrocki (2014-15) by the involution $\psi$ on the ring QSym of quasisymmetric functions. We give an explicit description of the effect of $\psi$ on the associated 0-Hecke modules, via the poset induced by the 0-Hecke action on standard immaculate tableaux. This remarkable poset reveals other 0-Hecke submodules and quotient modules, often cyclic and indecomposable, notably for a row-strict analogue of the extended Schur functions studied in Assaf-Searles (2019).

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1. Introduction

A recent flourishing area of research is that of Schur-like functions, whose properties are analogous to the ubiquitous Schur functions that arise in many areas, from enumerative combinatorics where they are generating functions for Young tableaux, to representation theory where they are the irreducible representations for the general linear groups, as well as being intimately connected to representations of the symmetric group.

The area of Schur-like functions began with quasisymmetric Schur functions \cite{12}, followed by discoveries of row-strict quasisymmetric Schur functions \cite{16}, Young quasisymmetric Schur functions \cite{15,17}, noncommutative Schur functions \cite{6} and immaculate functions \cite{4}, quasisymmetric Schur $Q$-functions \cite{14}, quasisymmetric Macdonald polynomials \cite{8}, and Schur functions in noncommuting variables \cite{1}.

In this paper and its companion \cite{18}, we introduce a new family of quasisymmetric functions, the row-strict dual immaculate functions. Our focus in the present work is the study of the associated 0-Hecke algebra modules, which we define and analyse in order to develop the analogy with Schur functions in the representation theory context. This programme was first carried out for the dual immaculate functions \cite{5}, the quasisymmetric Schur functions \cite{22}, and subsequently for the row-strict Young quasisymmetric functions \cite{3} and the extended Schur functions \cite{20}.

In further analogy with Schur functions, the row-strict dual immaculate functions $R\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ are defined in \cite{18} as generating functions for certain types of tableaux of composition shape $\alpha$; by identifying the correct descent set, it follows that the functions $R\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ expand positively in the basis of fundamental quasisymmetric functions, and are the image, under the involutive algebra automorphism $\psi$ of the Hopf algebra $Q\text{Sym}$ of quasisymmetric functions, of the well-studied dual immaculate functions of \cite{5}.

The descent set determines a 0-Hecke algebra action on the set $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ of standard immaculate tableaux of composition shape $\alpha$, yielding a cyclic indecomposable module whose quasisymmetric characteristic is $R\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$. The action defines a partial order on the set $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ which turns out to be dual to the partial order in \cite{5}, see Lemma 6.2. The resulting graded poset $P\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*(\alpha)$, which we call the immaculate Hecke poset, has remarkable properties, leading to the discovery of several other 0-Hecke modules with interesting quasisymmetric characteristics. Among these is an analogue of the extended Schur functions defined by Assaf and Searles \cite{2}. An examination of the poset (see Figure 1) reveals various subposets that are closed under either our action or the dual immaculate action of \cite{5}. We investigate the associated submodules.

One of the key contributions of this paper, then, is the careful scrutiny of the partial order resulting originally from the 0-Hecke algebra action defined in \cite{5}, and the discovery that hidden within it are special standard immaculate tableaux, which generate interesting 0-Hecke algebra submodules and quotient modules, for both the dual immaculate action and
our new row-strict dual immaculate action. The duality in the poset reflects the action of the involution \( \psi \) on \( \mathbb{Q} \text{Sym} \): we prove first that the poset is graded, and has unique top and bottom elements, see Definition 6.3 and Definition 6.9. The cyclic generator for the dual immaculate module was shown to be the top element in [5]; for the row-strict dual immaculate module, we show that the cyclic generator is the bottom element of the poset. Similarly, the cyclic generators for the extended Schur Hecke-module of [20] and our row-strict extended Schur Hecke-module (see Theorem 7.13) are the top and bottom elements of the interval \([S^\text{col}_\alpha, S^\text{row}_\alpha]\), the column superstandard and row superstandard tableaux of Definition 7.7 and Definition 6.9 respectively. Finally we show how another special standard tableau \( S^{\alpha}_{\text{rows}} \), see Definition 8.2, also generates a cyclic submodule of the dual immaculate 0-Hecke algebra module. The poset duality phenomenon can also be used to explain, for example, the passage between the modules in [22] and [3], see Section 8.

Our proofs are technical, relying heavily on two straightening algorithms which produce saturated chains in the poset \( P^R S^{\psi}(\alpha) \). We prove indecomposability by following the pioneering work in [22] and [5], with considerable technical modifications.

The paper is organised as follows. The basic definitions regarding quasisymmetric functions appear in Section 2 which also includes the facts that we need about dual immaculate functions. Our new family of row-strict dual immaculate functions is introduced in Section 3. In Section 4 we briefly review the necessary facts about 0-Hecke algebras, and then define a new 0-Hecke algebra action on standard immaculate tableaux. Section 5 describes a partial order on these tableaux, which, by standard arguments, leads to a filtration showing that our 0-Hecke module has quasisymmetric characteristic equal to the row-strict dual immaculate function.

Section 6 is devoted to showing that our new 0-Hecke module is cyclic (Theorem 6.8) and indecomposable, culminating in Theorem 6.14. The technicalities here hinge on two key straightening algorithms, described in Propositions 6.6 and 6.11 which we use to establish that the poset of Section 5 is bounded, with a unique minimal and maximal element. The minimal element, defined in Definition 6.3, is shown to be the cyclic generator of our module. The maximal element is the cyclic generator of the module of [5]. The straightening algorithms play an important role in the technical lemmas leading to the indecomposability proof. The work of this section also reveals a remarkable connection, see Lemma 6.2 between our partial order and that of [5], showing how the map \( \psi \) between the quasisymmetric characteristics of the dual immaculate and row-strict dual immaculate modules, is reflected in the duality of the posets.

The motivation for Section 7 and Section 8 comes from a closer examination of the poset of standard immaculate tableaux defined by the 0-Hecke action, and the remarkable properties to which we have alluded above. In Section 7 we show how the poset reveals a 0-Hecke module

\[ \text{It is not explicitly established in [5] that the poset of standard immaculate tableaux defined by the 0-Hecke action has a maximal element.} \]
whose characteristic is the row-strict analogue of the extended Schur function defined in [2], for which a 0-Hecke module was constructed in [20]. In fact we show that there are not one but two related modules, a submodule and a quotient module of the row-strict dual immaculate action, both cyclic and indecomposable. To complete this analogy, in Section 8 we show once again how the poset of standard immaculate tableaux leads to the discovery of two more cyclic modules, a submodule and a quotient module of the (original) dual immaculate action. Figure 1 indicates the essential representation-theoretic properties of the immaculate Hecke poset.

We conclude in Section 9 by considering the two remaining choices for the descent set of a standard immaculate tableau, apart from the two which determine the dual immaculate and row-strict dual immaculate functions. Although the corresponding quasisymmetric functions are no longer independent, interestingly, both of the new variants come with associated 0-Hecke actions. Furthermore, these actions determine the same immaculate Hecke poset, and consequently our straightening algorithms apply, giving cyclic 0-Hecke modules as in Section 6, generated respectively by $S^0_\alpha$ and $S^{row}_\alpha$, as well as submodules generated respectively by $S^{col}_\alpha$ and $S^{row*}_\alpha$ as in Section 7 and Section 8.

Table 1 provides a summary of our results, as well as comparison with prior work. Table 2 compiles the known quasisymmetric bases to date, together with their 0-Hecke modules, as well as the new quasisymmetric functions, all of which expand positively in the fundamental basis, arising from the 0-Hecke submodules and quotient modules discovered in this paper.

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2. **Background**

We refer the reader to [15] for basic definitions.

A composition of $n$ is a positive sequence of integers $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_k)$ summing to $n$, which we depict as a collection of left-justified boxes with $\alpha_i$ boxes in row $i$, where row 1 is the bottom row, in the “French” convention.

It is well known that compositions of $n$ are in bijection with subsets of $\{1, 2, \ldots, n-1\}$. Write $\alpha \vdash n$ for a composition $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_k)$ of $n$; the corresponding set is set($\alpha$) = $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{k-1}\}$. Given a subset $S = \{s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_j\}$ of $\{1, \ldots, n-1\}$, the corresponding composition of $n$ is comp($S$) = $(s_1, s_2 - s_1, \ldots, s_j - s_{j-1}, n - s_j)$.

A function $f \in \mathbb{Q}[\![x_1, x_2, \ldots]\!]$ is quasisymmetric if the coefficient of $x_1^{i_1}x_2^{i_2}\cdots x_k^{i_k}$ is the same as the coefficient of $x_1^{\alpha_1}x_2^{\alpha_2}\cdots x_k^{\alpha_k}$ for every $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_k)$ and $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k$. The set of all quasisymmetric functions forms a ring graded by degree, $\text{QSym} = \bigoplus_n \text{QSym}_n$, where each $\text{QSym}_n$ is a vector space over $\mathbb{Q}$ with bases indexed by compositions of $n$. 
Given a composition $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_k)$ of $n$, the fundamental quasisymmetric function indexed by $\alpha$ is

$$F_\alpha(x_1, x_2, \ldots) = \sum_{i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \cdots \leq i_n \text{ if } j \in \text{set}(\alpha)} x_{i_1}x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_n}.$$ 

Note that $\{F_\alpha : \alpha \vdash n\}$ is a basis for $\text{QSym}_n$, the fundamental basis.

The complement of a composition $\alpha$, denoted $\alpha^c$, is the composition obtained from $\alpha$ by taking the complement of the set corresponding to $\alpha$. That is, $\alpha^c = \text{comp(set}(\alpha))$. In $\text{QSym}$ we have the involutive automorphism $\psi$, defined on the fundamental basis by

$$\psi(F_\alpha) = F_{\alpha^c}.$$ 

With notation as in [15], the algebra $\text{NSym} = \mathbb{Q}\langle e_1, e_2, \ldots \rangle$ of noncommutative symmetric functions, a Hopf algebra dual to $\text{QSym}$ [10], is generated by noncommuting indeterminates $e_n$ of degree $n$. We briefly review concepts we will need from the work of Berg-Bergner-Saliola-Serrano-Zabrocki, who introduced the immaculate functions $S_\alpha$ as a basis of $\text{NSym}$ formed by iterated creation operators [4]. Their dual in $\text{QSym}$ are the dual immaculate functions, $S^*_\alpha$. These functions can be defined as the generating function for immaculate tableaux.

**Definition 2.1.** [5, Definition 2.1] Given $\alpha \vdash n$, an immaculate tableau of shape $\alpha$ is a filling, $D$, of the cells of the diagram of $\alpha$ such that

1. The leftmost column entries strictly increase from bottom to top.
2. The row entries weakly increase from left to right.

A *standard* immaculate tableau of shape $\alpha \vdash n$ is one that is filled with distinct entries taken from $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$.

Given an immaculate tableau $D$, define $x^D := x_1^{d_1}x_2^{d_2} \cdots x_k^{d_k}$, where $d_i$ is the number of $i$’s in the tableau $D$. Thus if $D$ is standard and $\alpha \vdash n$, $x^D = x_1x_2 \cdots x_n$.

**Definition 2.2.** The dual immaculate function indexed by $\alpha \vdash n$ is $S^*_\alpha = \sum_D x^D$, summed over all immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha$.

**Theorem 2.3.** [5, Definition 2.3, Proposition 3.1] The set $\{S^*_\alpha\}_{\alpha \vdash n}$ is a basis for $\text{QSym}_n$. Given a standard immaculate tableau $S$, its $S^*$-descent set $\text{Des}_{S^*}(S)$ of $S$ is

$$\text{Des}_{S^*}(S) := \{i : i + 1 \text{ appears strictly above } i \text{ in } S\}.$$ 

Then $S^*_\alpha = \sum_S F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{S^*}(S))}$, summed over all standard immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha$. 
For $\alpha = (1,2)$, the unique standard immaculate tableau \[
\begin{array}{c}
2 \\
3 \\
1
\end{array}
\] has $S^*$-descent set \{1\}; thus $S^*_\{(1,2)\} = F_{\text{comp}\{1\}} = F_{(1,2)}$.

3. Row-strict dual immaculate functions

In this section we define a new quasisymmetric function, which we call the row-strict dual immaculate function. These were introduced in the companion paper [18], where it is shown that they form a basis of $\text{QSym}$.

**Definition 3.1.** Let $\alpha \vdash n$. A row-strict immaculate tableau of shape $\alpha$ is a filling $U$ such that

1. The leftmost column entries weakly increase from bottom to top.
2. The row entries strictly increase from left to right.

A row-strict immaculate tableau of shape $\alpha \vdash n$ is standard if it is filled with distinct entries taken from $\{1,2,\ldots,n\}$. Note that standard row-strict immaculate tableaux coincide with standard immaculate tableaux.

The row-strict dual immaculate function indexed by $\alpha$ is $R_{S^*} = \sum_U x^U$ where the sum is over all row-strict immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha$, and $x^U := x_1^{d_1}x_2^{d_2}\cdots x_k^{d_k}$, where $d_i$ is the number of $i$’s in the tableau $U$.

**Theorem 3.2.** [18] Let $\alpha \vdash n$. Define the $R_{S^*}$-descent set of a standard row-strict immaculate tableau $S$ as $\text{Des}_{R_{S^*}}(S) := \{i : i + 1 \text{ is weakly below } i \text{ in } S\}$.

Then

$$R_{S^*} = \sum_S F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{R_{S^*}}(S))}$$

where the sum is over all standard row-strict immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha$.

For $\alpha = (1,2)$, the unique standard immaculate tableau \[
\begin{array}{c}
2 \\
3 \\
1
\end{array}
\] has $R_{S^*}$-descent set \{2\}; thus $R_{S^*}_{\{(1,2)\}} = F_{\text{comp}\{2\}} = F_{(2,1)}$.

Clearly for any standard immaculate tableau $S$, $\text{Des}_{S^*}(S) = \text{Des}_{R_{S^*}}(S)^c$, and hence applying the involution $\psi$ immediately gives $\psi((S^*)^c) = R_{S^*}$. Consequently, we have:

**Theorem 3.3.** [18] $\{R_{S^*} \mid \alpha \vdash n\}$ is a basis for $\text{QSym}_n$. 
4. A 0-Hecke algebra action for $R\mathcal{S}^*$

Recall that the symmetric group $S_n$ can be defined via generators $s_i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$, the adjacent transpositions, subject to the relations

$$
s_i^2 = 1; \quad s_is_{i+1}s_i = s_{i+1}s_is_{i+1}; \quad s_is_j = s_js_i, \quad |i - j| \geq 2.
$$

**Definition 4.1.** [19] Let $K$ be any field. The 0-Hecke algebra $H_n(0)$ is the $K$-algebra with generators $\pi_i, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ and relations

$$
\pi_i^2 = \pi_i; \quad \pi_i\pi_{i+1}\pi_i = \pi_{i+1}\pi_i\pi_{i+1}; \quad \pi_i\pi_j = \pi_j\pi_i, \quad |i - j| \geq 2.
$$

The algebra $H_n(0)$ has dimension $n!$ over $K$, with basis elements $\{\pi_\sigma : \sigma \in S_n\}$, where $\pi_\sigma = \pi_{i_1} \ldots \pi_{i_m}$ if $\sigma = s_{i_1} \ldots s_{i_m}$. This is well-defined by standard Coxeter group theory.

From [19], the 0-Hecke algebra admits $2^{n-1}$ irreducible one-dimensional modules $[L_\alpha] = \text{Span}(v_\alpha)$, one for each composition $\alpha \vdash n$, carrying an action defined by

$$
\pi_i(v_\alpha) = \begin{cases} 
0, & i \in \text{set}(\alpha), \\
v_\alpha, & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
$$

Here set($\alpha$) = $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_1 + \ldots + \alpha_{k-1}\}$ is the subset of $[n - 1]$ associated to the composition $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_k)$ of $n$ of length $k$.

**Definition 4.2.** [9] The *quasisymmetric characteristic* $ch$ is an isomorphism from the Grothendieck ring of $H_n(0)$ with respect to the induction product, to the ring of quasisymmetric functions $\text{QSym}$, which sends the 0-Hecke algebra irreducible module $[L_\alpha]$ indexed by the composition $\alpha \vdash n$ to the fundamental quasisymmetric function indexed by $\alpha$:

$$
ch([L_\alpha]) = F_\alpha.
$$

The following is our restatement of the main result of [5].

**Theorem 4.3.** [5, Theorem 3.12] There is an indecomposable cyclic 0-Hecke algebra module $W_\alpha$ whose quasisymmetric characteristic is the dual immaculate function $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$,

$$
ch(W_\alpha) = \mathcal{S}_\alpha^*.
$$

The module $W_\alpha$ has dimension equal to the number of standard immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha$. 

The $\mathfrak{S}^*$-action of the 0-Hecke algebra generator $\pi_i$ on the set of standard immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha$, for $\alpha \vdash n$, may be described as follows:

\begin{equation}
\pi_i^{S^*}(T) = \begin{cases} 
T, & \text{if } i + 1 \text{ is in a row weakly below } i, \\
0, & \text{if } i, i + 1 \text{ are in column 1 of } T, \\
s_i(T), & \text{if } i + 1 \text{ is strictly above } i \text{ in } T, \\
& \text{and } i, i + 1 \text{ are NOT in column 1},
\end{cases}
\end{equation}

where $s_i(T)$ is the standard immaculate tableau obtained from $T$ by swapping $i$ and $i + 1$.

Furthermore, the dual immaculate function $\mathfrak{S}_{i}^*$ expands positively in the fundamental quasisymmetric functions as follows. Define the descent set $\text{Des}_{S^*}(T)$ of a standard immaculate tableau $T$ to be the set

$$\text{Des}_{S^*}(T) := \{ i : i + 1 \text{ is strictly above } i \text{ in } T \}.$$ 

Then

$$\text{ch}(W_\alpha) = \mathfrak{S}_{\alpha}^* = \sum_T F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{S^*}(T))},$$

where the sum runs over all standard immaculate tableaux $T$ of shape $\alpha$.

Our goal in this section is to define, for each composition $\alpha \vdash n$ of $n$, a module $V_\alpha$ whose image under the characteristic map is the quasisymmetric function $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{S}_{\alpha}^*$. Following [5], we consider the vector space $V_\alpha$ whose basis vectors are the standard immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha$. Define, for each $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ and each standard immaculate tableau $T$ of shape $\alpha$, the $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{S}^*$-action of the generator $\pi_i$ on $T$ to be

\begin{equation}
\pi_i^{\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{S}^*}(T) = \begin{cases} 
T, & \text{if } i \notin \text{Des}_{\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{S}^*}(T), \\
0, & i \in \text{Des}_{\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{S}^*}(T) \text{ and swapping } i \text{ and } i + 1 \text{ in } T \\
& \text{does NOT result in a standard immaculate tableau,} \\
s_i(T), & \text{otherwise},
\end{cases}
\end{equation}

where $s_i(T)$ is the standard immaculate tableau obtained from $T$ by swapping $i$ and $i + 1$.

As in [3], we say an entry $j$ in a tableau is right-adjacent to an entry $i$ if $i, j$ are in the same row and in adjacent columns, and $j$ is to the right of $i$. Note that from the definition of the descent set, if $i \in \text{Des}_{\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{S}^*}(T)$ and $i, i + 1$ are in the same row, then $i + 1$ must be right-adjacent to $i$.

To avoid cumbersome notation, we write simply $\pi_i(T)$ for the row-strict immaculate action, using $\pi_i^{\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{S}^*}$ and $\pi_i^{S^*}$ only when there is explicit need to distinguish between the actions of (4) and (3). We refer to these as the $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{S}^*$-action and the $\mathfrak{S}^*$-action respectively. Likewise we may refer to the resulting $H_n(0)$-modules as the $\mathfrak{R}\mathfrak{S}^*$-Hecke module and the $\mathfrak{S}^*$-Hecke module respectively.
Lemma 4.4. Let $T$ be a standard immaculate tableau and let $i \in \text{Des}_{R_S^*}(T)$. Then

1. $i, i + 1$ cannot both be in the leftmost column of $T$;
2. $i$ and $i + 1$ are in the same row $\iff i + 1$ is right-adjacent to $i$ $\iff \pi_i(T) = 0$;
3. if $s_i(T)$ is a standard immaculate tableau, then $i \notin \text{Des}_{R_S^*}(s_i(T))$.

Proof. The first claim is immediate from the definitions.

For the second claim, one direction is clear: if $i + 1$ is right-adjacent to $i$, clearly swapping $i$ and $i + 1$ will make a non-increasing row, so $\pi_i(T) = 0$.

Now suppose $i \in \text{Des}_{R_S^*}(T)$ and $i, i + 1$ are not in the same row, so that $i + 1$ is in a row strictly below $i$. Here it is clear that swapping $i, i + 1$ does not violate row-increase (since $a < i < b \iff a < i + 1 < b$ for $a, b \notin \{i, i + 1\}$). Since by the first claim, $i, i + 1$ are not both in the leftmost column, the latter is still increasing by the same argument. Hence $s_i(T)$ is also an immaculate tableau, and $\pi_i(T) = s_i(T) \neq 0$.

Note from above that $s_i(T)$ is an immaculate tableau $\iff i + 1$ is strictly below $i$ in $T$, and hence $i + 1$ is strictly above $i$ in $s_i(T)$. This verifies the third and final claim. $\square$

In particular, if $1 \in \text{Des}_{R_S^*}(T)$, then $\pi_1(T) = 0$.

Example 4.5. Consider the standard row-strict immaculate tableau

$$S = \begin{array}{cccc}
6 & 5 & 8 & 10 \\
4 & 3 & 7 & 9 \\
1 & 2 & 9
\end{array}$$

Then $\text{Des}_{R_S^*}(S) = \{1, 4, 6, 8\}$ and $\text{Des}_{S^*}(T) = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$ (the complement in the set $\{1, 2, \ldots, 9\}$). Hence we have

$$\pi_i^{R_S^*}(T) = T \text{ for } i \in \{2, 3, 5, 7, 9\}, \quad \pi_1^{R_S^*}(T) = 0 = \pi_4^{R_S^*}(T),$$

and

$$\pi_6^{R_S^*}(T) = s_6(T) = \begin{array}{cccc}
7 & 4 & 5 & 8 & 10 \\
3 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 9
\end{array}, \quad \pi_8^{R_S^*}(T) = s_8(T) = \begin{array}{cccc}
6 & 5 & 9 & 10 \\
3 & 7 & 1 & 2 & 8
\end{array}.$$
Case 1: Assume $i + 1$ is strictly above $i$.

Case 2: Assume $i + 1$ is right-adjacent to $i$.

The operators $\pi_i^{R_s^\ast}$ define an action of the 0-Hecke algebra on the vector space $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$.

Proof. Clearly from the preceding analysis, $\pi_i^{R_s^\ast}(T) = \pi_i(T) \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha$ for every standard immaculate tableau $T$ of shape $\alpha$. We must verify that the operators satisfy the 0-Hecke algebra relations.

To show $\pi_i^2(T) = \pi_i(T)$, we need only check the case when $i + 1$ is strictly below $i$ in $T$. In this case $\pi_i(T) = s_i(T)$, and $i$ is now strictly below $i + 1$. Hence $\pi_i(s_i(T)) = s_i(T)$ and we are done.

Let $1 \leq i, j \leq n - 1$ with $|i - j| \geq 2$. Then $\{i, i + 1\} \cap \{j, j + 1\} = \emptyset$, so the actions of $\pi_i$ and $\pi_j$ are independent of each other, and hence commute.

It remains to show that

$$\pi_i \pi_{i+1} \pi_i(T) = \pi_{i+1} \pi_i \pi_{i+1}(T).$$

We examine four separate cases.

Case 1: Assume $i \notin \text{Des}_{R_s^\ast}(T)$, $i + 1 \notin \text{Des}_{R_s^\ast}(T)$: Then $\pi_i(T) = T$, $\pi_{i+1}(T) = T$, and the claim is clear.

Case 2: Assume $i \in \text{Des}_{R_s^\ast}(T)$, but $i + 1 \notin \text{Des}_{R_s^\ast}(T)$: Then $\pi_{i+1}(T) = T$. If $\pi_i(T) = 0$, then the left-hand side of (6) is 0, and so is the right-hand side.

If $\pi_i(T) \neq 0$, then $\pi_i(T) = s_i(T)$, and the left-hand side of (6) equals $\pi_i \pi_{i+1}(s_i(T))$, while the right-hand side is $\pi_{i+1}(s_i(T))$. Hence (6) becomes

$$\pi_i \pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = \pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)),$$

which we need to verify.

Assume $i + 1 \notin \text{Des}_{R_s^\ast}(s_i(T))$. The left-hand side then equals $\pi_i(s_i(T)) = s_i(T)$ by Lemma 4.3, and this is also the right-hand side.

Finally assume $i + 1 \in \text{Des}_{R_s^\ast}(s_i(T))$. We now have $i + 1$ strictly below $i$ in $T$, so that $i + 1$ is strictly above $i$ in $s_i(T)$, and $i + 2$ weakly below $i + 1$ in $s_i(T)$. Also recall that $i + 2$ was strictly above $i + 1$ in $T$. It follows that

$$\pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = 0$$

In $s_i(T), i + 2$ is now strictly above $i$ and weakly below $i + 1$.

If $i + 2$ is right-adjacent to $i + 1$, then $\pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = 0$ and Equation (7) is immediate.
If not, then

\begin{equation}
(9) \quad \text{In } s_i(T), i + 2 \text{ is now strictly above } i \text{ and strictly below } i + 1.
\end{equation}

This implies \( \pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = s_{i+1}(s_i(T)) \), and in the latter we now have \( i \) below \( i + 1 \), which in turn is below \( i + 2 \). In particular, \( i \) is not a descent of \( \pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = s_{i+1}(s_i(T)) \), and hence the latter tableau is fixed by \( \pi_i \). Equation (7) is thus verified.

Case 3: Assume \( i \notin \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}}(T) \), but \( i + 1 \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}}(T) \):

Then \( \pi_i(T) = T \) and the left-hand side of Equation (6) is \( \pi_i(\pi_{i+1}(T)) \)

\[
= \begin{cases} 
0, & \text{if } i + 2 \text{ is right-adjacent to } i + 1 \text{ in } T, \\
\pi_i(s_{i+1}(T)), & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]

The right-hand side of Equation (6) is \( \pi_{i+1} \pi_i \pi_{i+1}(T) \)

\[
= \begin{cases} 
0, & \text{if } i + 2 \text{ is right-adjacent to } i + 1 \text{ in } T, \\
\pi_{i+1}(\pi_i(s_{i+1}(T))), & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]

Thus we need only consider the case when \( i + 2 \) is not right-adjacent to \( i + 1 \), so that necessarily \( i + 2 \) is strictly below \( i + 1 \) in \( T \). Also \( i \) is strictly BELOW \( i + 1 \) in \( T \). That is, \( i + 1 \) is strictly above both \( i \) and \( i + 2 \) in \( T \), and thus \( i + 2 \) is strictly above both \( i, i + 1 \) in \( s_{i+1}(T) \). Hence we have two possibilities for \( s_{i+1}(T) \):

Either \( i \) is below \( i + 1 \), which is below \( i + 2 \), and hence \( \pi_i \) and \( \pi_{i+1} \) both fix \( s_{i+1}(T) \), or \( i + 1 \) is below \( i \), and \( i \) is below \( i + 2 \). In the latter case, applying \( \pi_i \) to \( s_{i+1}(T) \) switches \( i \) and \( i + 1 \), so that in \( \pi_i(s_{i+1}(T)) \) we now have \( i \) below \( i + 1 \), and \( i + 1 \) (still) below \( i + 2 \). But then \( \pi_{i+1} \) fixes \( \pi_i(s_{i+1})(T) \). Equation (6) has been established.

Case 4: Assume \( i, i + 1 \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}}(T) \):

First suppose \( i + 1 \) is right-adjacent to \( i \), so that \( \pi_i(T) \) equals zero, and so does the left-hand side of Equation (6). If \( \pi_{i+1}(T) = 0 \), we are done; if not \( \pi_{i+1}(T) = s_{i+1}(T) \), and the right-hand side of Equation (6) is

\[
\pi_{i+1} \pi_i(s_{i+1}(T)).
\]

Since in \( T \) we have \( i + 1 \) right-adjacent to \( i \) and \( i + 2 \) strictly below both, this means in \( s_{i+1}(T) \) we have \( i + 2 \) right-adjacent to \( i \) and \( i + 1 \) strictly below them, forcing \( i \) to be a descent of \( s_{i+1}(T) \). Hence in \( \pi_i(s_{i+1}(T)) \), we have \( i + 2 \) right-adjacent to \( i + 1 \) and \( i \) strictly below. But then \( \pi_{i+1}(\pi_i(s_{i+1}(T))) = 0 \), as desired.

Finally, suppose \( \pi_i(T) \neq 0 \), so that \( i + 1 \) is strictly below \( i \) in \( T \) and \( i + 2 \) is weakly below \( i + 1 \). For clarity we consider two sub-cases:
Case 4a: \( i + 2 \) is right-adjacent to \( i + 1 \) in \( T \). This immediately makes the right-hand side of Equation (6) equal to 0, since \( \pi_{i+1}(T) = 0 \). Then the left-hand side of Equation (6) equals \( \pi_i \pi_{i+1} s_i(T) = \pi_i s_{i+1}(s_i(T)) \) since \( i + 1 \) is now above \( i + 2 \) in \( s_i(T) \). But now \( i + 1 \) is right-adjacent to \( i \) in \( s_{i+1}(s_i(T)) \), so \( \pi_i s_{i+1}(s_i(T)) \) reduces to 0, as desired.

Case 4b: \( i + 2 \) is strictly below \( i + 1 \), which is strictly below \( i \) in \( T \), so that \( \pi_{i+1}(T) \neq 0, \pi_i(T) \neq 0 \). Then Equation (6) becomes

\[
 s_i s_{i+1} s_i(T) = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1}(T),
\]

and it is easy to see that this is indeed true.

We have verified Equation (6) in all cases, thereby completing the proof that the action of the generators \( \pi_i \) extends to an action of \( H_n(0) \) on \( V_\alpha \). \( \square \)

5. A PARTIAL ORDER FROM THE 0-HECKE ACTION

Let \( \alpha \vdash n \), and \( \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) denote the set of all standard immaculate tableaux of shape \( \alpha \). Given \( T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \), let \( \sigma(T) \in S_n \) be the permutation in one-line notation obtained from \( T \) by reading the entries of \( T \) from right to left in each row, and the rows from top to bottom.

**Example 5.1.** If \( T = \begin{array}{c}
4 \\
2 \\
1
\end{array} \begin{array}{c}
5 \\
3
\end{array} \) then \( \sigma(T) = 5 4 2 3 1 \).

Given \( \sigma \in S_n \) recall that its *inversion set* is

\[
\text{Inv}(\sigma) = \{ (p, q) \mid 1 \leq p < q \leq n \text{ and } \sigma(p) > \sigma(q) \}.
\]

The number of inversions is denoted by \( \text{inv}(\sigma) = |\text{Inv}(\sigma)| \).

**Example 5.2.** If \( \sigma(T) = 5 4 2 3 1 \), then \( \text{inv}(\sigma) = 8 \) from

\[
\text{Inv}(\sigma) = \{ (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 5), (4, 5) \}.
\]

Observe by our definition of \( \pi_i \) that if \( T_1, T_2 \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) and

\[
\pi_i(T_1) = T_2
\]

with \( T_1 \neq T_2 \) this means that

1. in \( T_1 \) we have that \( i \) appears strictly above \( i + 1 \), so in \( \sigma(T_1) \) we have that \( i \) appears left of \( i + 1 \).

2. in \( T_2 = \pi_i(T_1) \) we have that \( i \) appears strictly below \( i + 1 \), so in \( \sigma(T_2) \) we have that \( i \) appears right of \( i + 1 \).
Consequently, since all other entries other than $i$ and $i + 1$ are fixed by $\pi_i$, we have that if $T_2 = \pi_i(T_1)$ with $T_1 \neq T_2$, then

$$\text{inv}(\sigma(T_2)) = \text{inv}(\sigma(T_1)) + 1. \quad (11)$$

**Proposition 5.3.** Let $\alpha \vdash n$ and $T_1, T_2 \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$. Define $\preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha}$ on $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ by

$$T_1 \preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha} T_2 \text{ if and only if there exists a permutation } s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_\ell} \in S_n \text{ such that }$$

$$\pi_{i_1} \cdots \pi_{i_\ell}(T_1) = T_2.$$ 

Then $\preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha}$ is a partial order on $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$.

**Proof.** That $\preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha}$ is reflexive and transitive is immediate from the definition. To prove antisymmetry, if $T_1 \preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha} T_2$ then by Equation (11)

$$\text{inv}(\sigma(T_1)) \leq \text{inv}(\sigma(T_2))$$

and if $T_2 \preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha} T_1$ then by Equation (11)

$$\text{inv}(\sigma(T_2)) \leq \text{inv}(\sigma(T_1)).$$

Thus $\text{inv}(\sigma(T_1)) = \text{inv}(\sigma(T_2))$. However, by Equation (11) we know each non-zero action of a $\pi_i$ that is not the identity increases the number of inversions, hence $T_1 = T_2$ as desired. \qed

We will now use our partial order to define an $H_n(0)$-module indexed by a composition $\alpha \vdash n$, whose quasisymmetric characteristic is the row-strict dual immaculate function $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha$. More precisely, given a composition $\alpha \vdash n$ extend the partial order $\preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha}$ on $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ to an arbitrary total order on $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$, denoted by $\preceq_{t\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha}$. Let the elements of $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ under $\preceq_{t\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha}$ be

$$\{T_1 \preceq_{t\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha} \cdots \preceq_{t\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha} T_m\}.$$ 

Now let $\mathcal{V}_{T_i}$ be the $\mathbb{C}$-linear span

$$\mathcal{V}_{T_i} = \text{span}\{T_j \mid T_i \preceq_{t\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha} T_j\} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m$$

and observe that the definition of $\preceq_{t\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha}$ implies that $\pi_{i_1} \cdots \pi_{i_\ell} \mathcal{V}_{T_i} \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{T_i}$ for any $s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_\ell} \in S_n$. This observation combined with the fact that the operators $\{\pi_i\}_{i=1}^{n-1}$ satisfy the same relations as $H_n(0)$ by Theorem 4.6 gives the following result.

**Lemma 5.4.** $\mathcal{V}_{T_i}$ is an $H_n(0)$-module.

Given the above construction, define $\mathcal{V}_{T_{m+1}}$ to be the trivial 0 module, and consider the following filtration of $H_n(0)$-modules.

$$\mathcal{V}_{T_{m+1}} \subset \mathcal{V}_{T_m} \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{V}_{T_2} \subset \mathcal{V}_{T_1}$$
Then the quotient modules $\mathcal{V}_{T_{i-1}}/\mathcal{V}_T$ for $2 \leq i \leq m+1$ are 1-dimensional $H_n(0)$-modules spanned by $T_{i-1}$. Furthermore, they are irreducible modules. We can identify which $H_n(0)$-module they are by looking at the action of $\pi_j$ on $\mathcal{V}_{T_{i-1}}/\mathcal{V}_T$ for $1 \leq j \leq n-1$. We have

$$\pi_j(T_{i-1}) = \begin{cases} 0 & j \in \text{Des}_{R^*}(T_{i-1}) \\ T_{i-1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus, as an $H_n(0)$-representation, $\mathcal{V}_{T_{i-1}}/\mathcal{V}_T$ is isomorphic to the irreducible representation $[L_\beta]$ where $\beta$ is the composition corresponding to the descent set $\text{Des}_{R^*}(T_{i-1})$. Given an $H_n(0)$-module $M$, every time we have a short exact sequence of $H_n(0)$-modules, say $0 \rightarrow M' \rightarrow M \rightarrow M'' \rightarrow 0$, then

$$\text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_{T_{i-1}}/\mathcal{V}_T) = F_{\beta}$$

and

$$\text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_{T_1}) = \sum_{i=2}^{m+1} \text{ch}(\mathcal{V}_{T_{i-1}}/\mathcal{V}_T)$$

$$= \sum_{i=2}^{m+1} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{R^*}(T_{i-1}))}$$

$$= \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{R^*}(T))}$$

$$= R_{\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*}.$$ 

Consequently, we have established the following.

**Theorem 5.5.** Let $\alpha \vdash n$ and $T_1 \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ be the minimal element under the total order $\preceq_{R^*}$. Then $\mathcal{V}_{T_1}$ is an $H_n(0)$-module whose quasisymmetric characteristic is the row-strict dual immaculate function $R_{\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*}$.

6. **The 0-Hecke module structure of $\text{ch}^{-1}(R_{\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*})$**

Our next goal is to analyse the structure of the module $\mathcal{V}_{T_1}$ in Theorem 5.5. We will show that our partial order, and hence any linear extension of it, has a unique bottom element $S_0$. We will also show that $\mathcal{V}_{T_1}$ is cyclic, and generated by the standard tableau $S_0$.

**Lemma 6.1.** Let $\alpha \vdash n$ and $T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$. If $\pi_i(T) = s_i(T), \pi_j(T) = s_j(T) \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ and $\pi_i(T) = \pi_j(T)$, then necessarily $i = j$.

**Proof.** If $i \neq j$, we may assume $i < j$. Suppose $j+1$ occupies cell $x$ in $T$. In $\pi_i(T)$, $j+1 > i+1$ is unchanged from its position in $T$. However, in $\pi_j(T) = s_j(T)$, $j+1$ is now strictly above
The cover relation for our poset $P\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*$ for row-strict dual immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha \models n$ is
\begin{equation}
S \prec_{\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*} T \iff \exists i \text{ such that } T = \pi_i^{\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*}(S),
\end{equation}
with respect to the row-strict 0-Hecke action defined by Theorem 4.6.

On the other hand, the cover relation for the poset $P\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ for dual immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha \models n$, as described in [5], is
\begin{equation}
S \prec_{\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*} T \iff \exists i \text{ such that } S = \pi_i^{\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*}(T),
\end{equation}
with respect to the dual immaculate 0-Hecke action defined by Theorem 4.3.

Note that by Lemma 6.1, in each case, a cover relation is determined by a unique generator of the 0-Hecke algebra.

**Lemma 6.2.** Let $\alpha \models n$ and $S,T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$. Then
\[ S \prec_{\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*} T \iff S \prec_{\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*} T. \]
Hence the two posets $P\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ and $P\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*$ are isomorphic.

**Proof.** We have
\[ S \prec_{\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*} T \iff \pi_i^{\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*}(T) = S, \text{ where } S \neq T, S \neq 0 \]
\[ \iff i+1 \text{ is strictly above } i \text{ in } T, \]
\[ i, i+1 \text{ not both in column } 1, \text{ by (3)} \]
\[ \iff i+1 \text{ is strictly BELOW } i \text{ in } S \]
\[ \iff \pi_i^{\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*}(S) = s_i(S) = T, \text{ by (3)} \]
\[ \iff S \prec_{\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*} T. \]

The claim follows. \qed

From Equation (11) and remarks preceding Proposition 5.3 it follows that the posets $P\mathcal{S}_\alpha^* \simeq P\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*$ are graded by the number of inversions. We call the poset $P\mathcal{S}_\alpha^* \simeq P\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*$ the **immaculate Hecke poset** associated to the composition $\alpha$.

Next we show that the poset has a unique bottom element $S_\alpha^0$. From this we will show that the unique bottom element $S_\alpha^0$ is the cyclic generator for the module $\mathcal{V}_{T_1}$ in Theorem 5.5 whose quasisymmetric characteristic is $\mathcal{RS}_\alpha^*$. Later we will also show that it has a unique top element $S_\alpha^{\text{row}}$, see Definition 6.9.
Definition 6.3. Let $\alpha \vdash n$ be of length $\ell = \ell(\alpha)$. Define $S^0_\alpha$ to be the standard tableau of shape $\alpha$ with entries $1, \ldots, \ell$ in column 1, increasing bottom to top, and then fill the remaining rows, top to bottom, left to right with consecutive integers starting at $\ell + 1$ and ending at $n$. Thus

1. the top row, row $\ell$, contains the entry $\ell$ followed by the interval $[\ell + 1, \ell + \alpha_\ell - 1]$; note that $n = \sum_{i=1}^\ell \alpha_i \geq (\ell - 1) + \alpha_\ell$;

2. the next row, row $\ell - 1$, contains the entry $\ell - 1$ followed by the interval $[\ell + \alpha_\ell, \ell + \alpha_\ell + \alpha_{\ell-1} - 2]$;

3. row $i$ (from the bottom) contains the entry $i$ followed by the interval $[\ell + \alpha_\ell + \alpha_{\ell-1} + \cdots + \alpha_{i+1} - (\ell - i - 1), \ell + \alpha_\ell + \cdots + \alpha_i - (\ell - i + 1)]$ (note that there are $\alpha_i - (\ell - i + 1) + (\ell - i - 1) + 1 + 1 = \alpha_i$ entries; also note that $n = \sum_{i=1}^\ell \alpha_i \geq (i - 1) + \sum_{j=1}^i \alpha_i$);

4. the bottom row, row 1, contains 1 followed by the interval $[\ell + \alpha_\ell + \alpha_{\ell-1} + \cdots + \alpha_2 - (\ell - 2), \ell + \alpha_\ell + \cdots + \alpha_1 - \ell]$.

Example 6.4. We have

$$S^0_{43423} = \begin{array}{cccc}
5 & 6 & 7 \\
4 & 8 \\
3 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\
2 & 12 & 13 \\
1 & 14 & 15 & 16
\end{array}, \quad S^0_{43411} = \begin{array}{cccc}
5 \\
4 \\
3 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\
2 & 9 & 10 \\
1 & 11 & 12 & 13
\end{array}.$$  

The complement of the descent set of $S^0_\alpha$ is precisely $[\ell - 1]$; all entries not in column 1 are descents, and $\ell$ is also a descent if $\ell \neq n$. Furthermore, the entries $i$ at the end of a row of size 2 or more, are the only ones for which $\pi_i^{R_S^*}(S^0_\alpha) = s_i(S^0_\alpha) \neq 0$. The following facts are a consequence of (3), and are illustrated by the above examples.

Lemma 6.5. Let $\alpha \vdash n$ and $\ell = \ell(\alpha)$. Then

1. $\pi_i^{R_S^*}(S^0_\alpha) = S^0_\alpha \iff i \in [\ell - 1]$.

2. Assume $\alpha_\ell \geq 2$. Then

$$\begin{align*}
(1) & \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \pi_i^{R_S^*}(S^0_\alpha) = S^0_\alpha \iff i \in [\ell - 1]. \\
(14) & \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \pi_i^{R_S^*}(S^0_\alpha) = S^0_\alpha \iff i \in [\ell - 1]. \\
(2) & \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \pi_\ell^{R_S^*}(S^0_\alpha) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_j^{R_S^*}(S^0_\alpha) \notin \{S^0_\alpha, 0\} \\
(15) & \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \pi_j^{R_S^*}(S^0_\alpha) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_j^{R_S^*}(S^0_\alpha) \notin \{S^0_\alpha, 0\} \\
(16) & \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad j \in \{\ell + \alpha_\ell + \cdots + \alpha_i - (\ell - i + 1), 2 \leq i \leq \ell\}. \\
(16) & \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \pi_j^{R_S^*}(S^0_\alpha) \notin \{S^0_\alpha, 0\} \\
(16) & \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad j \in \{\ell + \alpha_\ell + \cdots + \alpha_i - (\ell - i + 1), 2 \leq i \leq \ell\}. \\
(16) & \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad (Note that $i = 1$ corresponds to $j = n.$) \end{align*}$$
(3) Assume $\alpha_\ell = 1$ and $k \leq \ell - 1$ is maximal such that $\alpha_k \geq 2$. Then $\pi_j^{\Re S^*_\alpha}(S^0_\alpha) \notin \{S^0_\alpha, 0\}$

(17) \[ \iff j = \ell \text{ or } j \in \{\ell + \alpha_\ell + \cdots + \alpha_i - (\ell - i + 1), 2 \leq i \leq k\} \]

(4) If there is no $j$ such that $\pi_j(S^0_\alpha) = 0$, then $\alpha_\ell = 1$ and $\alpha_k \leq 2$ for all $k \leq \ell - 1$.

(5) Finally if $\alpha$ is a hook of the form $(1^{\ell-1}, n-\ell+1)$, $1 \leq \ell \leq n$, then $S^0_\alpha$ is the unique standard tableau of shape $\alpha$.

To avoid trivialities, unless otherwise stated, in everything that follows we will assume that $\alpha \notin \{(1^{\ell-1}, n-\ell+1) : 1 \leq \ell \leq n\}$.

**Proposition 6.6.** Let $\alpha \vdash n$ and consider the standard immaculate tableau $S^0_\alpha$. Then for any $T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha), T \neq S^0_\alpha$, there is a sequence of generators $\pi_{j_i}$, and tableaux $T_i \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$, $i = 1, \ldots, r$, such that $\pi_{j_i}(T_i) = T_{i-1}$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, r$, where we set $T_0 = T$ and $T_r = S^0_\alpha$. Hence we conclude

$$S^0_\alpha \cong \pi_{j_1} \pi_{j_2} \cdots \pi_{j_r}(S^0_\alpha).$$

In particular $S^0_\alpha$ is the unique minimal element of the poset $\Re S^*_\alpha$.

The proof consists of a straightening algorithm which we first illustrate with an example. Let $T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \neq S^0_\alpha$. We describe how to work backwards from $T$ to $S^0_\alpha$ in the poset along a saturated chain. This can be viewed as a “straightening” of the tableau $T$, which transforms it into $S^0_\alpha$.

**Example 6.7.** Let $\alpha = 223$, so that $S^0_\alpha = \begin{array}{ccc}
3 & 4 & 5 \\
2 & 6 & 1 \\
1 & 7 & \end{array}$, and let $T = \begin{array}{ccc}
5 & 6 & 7 \\
2 & 4 & 1 \\
1 & 3 & \end{array}$. First we straighten column 1 of $T$ to match column 1 of $S^0_\alpha$: Start with the top-most entry $a_j$ in column 1 of $T$ such that $a_j \neq j$, and replace it with $a_j - 1$. Continue in this manner until column 1 has the entries 3, 2, 1 from top to bottom.

$$T = T_0 \leftarrow \pi_4 \leftarrow T_1 = \begin{array}{ccc}
4 & 6 & 7 \\
2 & 5 & 1 \\
1 & 3 & \end{array}.$$

Next we work on the top row of $T_2$, starting with the smallest entry which differs from the corresponding entry in the same cell of $S^0_\alpha$, and continuing until the top rows match:

$$T_2 \leftarrow \pi_5 \leftarrow T_3 = \begin{array}{ccc}
3 & 5 & 7 \\
2 & 6 & 1 \\
1 & 4 & \end{array} \leftarrow \pi_4 \leftarrow T_4 = \begin{array}{ccc}
3 & 4 & 7 \\
2 & 6 & 1 \\
1 & 5 & \end{array} \leftarrow \pi_6 \leftarrow T_5 = \begin{array}{ccc}
3 & 4 & 6 \\
2 & 7 & 1 \\
1 & 5 & \end{array} \leftarrow \pi_5 \leftarrow T_6 = \begin{array}{ccc}
3 & 4 & 5 \\
2 & 7 & 1 \\
1 & 6 & \end{array}.$$
Now move down to the next row from the top, and proceed in the same manner, finding the smallest entry that differs from the corresponding entry in $S_0^\alpha$:

$$T_6 \overset{\pi_6}{\leftarrow} T_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = S_0^\alpha.$$ 

Hence we have

$$T = \pi_4 \pi_3 \pi_5 \pi_4 \pi_6 \pi_5 \pi_6 (S_0^\alpha).$$

**Proof of Proposition 6.6.** As illustrated by Example 6.7, the following algorithm identifies a unique saturated chain from $S_0^\alpha$ to $T$. In what follows, when an integer $a$ occupies row $i$ and column $j$ of $T$, by the counterpart of $a$ in $S_0^\alpha$, we will mean the integer occupying the same cell, row $i$ and column $j$, in $S_0^\alpha$.

**Step 1:** We begin by making the first column of $T$ match the first column of $S_0^\alpha$. Find the least $j$, $2 \leq j \leq \ell$, such that the entry $x$ in cell $(j, 1)$ is not equal to $j$. Then $x - 1$ is in a lower row, not in column 1 by minimality of $j$. Hence $T_1 \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$, such that in $T_1 = \pi_{x-1}(T_1)$, $x - 1$ is now a descent strictly higher than $x$. Now repeat this procedure until $x$ is replaced by $j$. Then continue with the next entry in column 1 of $T$ which does not match in $S_0^\alpha$. Clearly this process ends with a tableau $T_r = \pi_{x_r} \pi_{x_{r-1}} \ldots \pi_{x_1}(T)$, whose first column matches column 1 of $S_0^\alpha$.

**Step 2:** First observe that $T_r$ and $S_0^\alpha$ now agree for all entries less than or equal to $\ell = \ell(\alpha)$. Now consider the top-most row of length greater than 1, say row $k$. Find the least entry, say $y$, in this row of $T_r$ which differs from the corresponding entry in $S_0^\alpha$. Note that $y$ is then necessarily larger than its counterpart in $S_0^\alpha$, by definition of the latter. Then $y \geq \ell + 1$ and $y - 1$ is strictly below $y$ in $T_r$. Hence $T_r = \pi_{y-1}(T_{r+1})$ for $T_{r+1} \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$, such that $y - 1$ is a descent in $T_{r+1}$ strictly higher than $y$. We repeat this step until $y$ has been replaced by its counterpart in $S_0^\alpha$.

**Step 3:** Continue in this manner to the end of the row. We now have a sequence of operators $\pi_{ij}$ and tableaux $T_j \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ such that $T_{j-1} = \pi_{ij}(T_j)$, and the final tableau $T_s$ agrees with $S_0^\alpha$ for all entries $\leq \ell + (\alpha_k - 1)$.

**Step 4:** Proceed downwards to the next row where an entry in $T_s$ differs from its counterpart in $S_0^\alpha$, and repeat Steps 2 and 3, until all rows are exhausted.

Since at the end of each iteration of Step 3, the number of entries that are in agreement with $S_0^\alpha$ increases, we see that the algorithm produces a saturated chain from $S_0^\alpha$ to $T$ in the poset $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}_\alpha^*$ as claimed. □

We now immediately have:
Theorem 6.8. The module $\mathcal{V}(T_1) = \mathrm{ch}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*)$ of Theorem 5.5 is cyclic, and generated by
the unique minimal element $S_0^\alpha$ of the poset $P\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$.

Proof. This is clear since Proposition 6.6 shows that $T \in \mathrm{SIT}(\alpha), T \neq S_0^\alpha \Rightarrow S_0^\alpha \lessdot \mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^* T$,
and also that there is a permutation $\sigma \in S_n$ such that $T = \pi_\sigma(S_0^\alpha)$. $\square$

Henceforth we shall write $V_\alpha$ for the cyclic module generated by $S_0^\alpha$.

Before proceeding with our analysis of the structure of $V_\alpha$, some remarks on the analogous
results in [5] are in order. There the existence of the unique top elem ent of $P\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ is implicitly
deduced via a map between an analogue of Yamanouchi words which they call $\mathcal{Y}$-words,
which are in bijection with standard tableaux. The authors show indirectly that the top
element of the poset $P\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ is a cyclic generator for the module $\mathrm{ch}^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*)$,
by appealing to a parent module generated by a special Yamanouchi word; they invoke the fact
that $\mathrm{ch}^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*)$ is a quotient of this module.

In order to give a complete and self-contained analysis of the immaculate Hecke poset
$P\mathcal{S}_\alpha^* \cong P\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$, we will explicitly establish the existence of the unique top element by means of a
straightening algorithm similar to Proposition 6.6. We will also be able to d educe that the
$H_n(0)$-module $\mathrm{ch}^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*)$ is cyclically generated by this top element.

Definition 6.9. Define $S_\alpha^\text{row}$ to be the row superstandard


tableau in $\mathrm{SIT}(\alpha)$, whose entries


top to bottom, left to right, are $1, 2, \ldots, n-1, n$ in consecutive order. Note that if $\alpha$ is a

hook of the form $(1\ell-1, n-\ell+1), 1 \leq \ell \leq n$, then $\mathrm{SIT}(\alpha)$ has cardinality one and $S_0^\alpha = S_\alpha^\text{row}$.

Example 6.10. We have

| 14 | 15 | 16 |
|---|---|---|
| 12 | 13 | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

$S_{43423}^{\text{row}} = \begin{array}{cccc}
14 & 15 & 16 \\
12 & 13 \\
8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\
5 & 6 & 7 \\
1 & 2 & 3 & 4
\end{array}$, $S_{43411}^{\text{row}} = \begin{array}{cccc}
13 \\
12 \\
8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\
5 & 6 & 7 \\
1 & 2 & 3 & 4
\end{array}$.

Proposition 6.11. Let $\alpha \vdash n$ and consider the standard immaculate tableau $S_\alpha^{\text{row}}$. Then for
any $T \in \mathrm{SIT}(\alpha), T \neq S_\alpha^{\text{row}}$, there is a sequence of generators $\pi_j$, and tableaux $T_i \in \mathrm{SIT}(\alpha),
i = 1, \ldots, r$, such that $\pi_j(T_{i-1}) = T_i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, r$, where we set $T_0 = T$ and $T_r = S_\alpha^{\text{row}}$.

Hence we conclude

$T \lessdot \mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^* S_\alpha^{\text{row}}$ and $\pi_j, \pi_{j-1} \cdots \pi_1(T) = S_\alpha^{\text{row}}$.

In particular $S_\alpha^{\text{row}}$ is the unique maximal element of the poset $P\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$.

We illustrate the straightening algorithm with an example.
Example 6.12. We have \( S_{223}^{\text{row}} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \). Let \( T = T_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \). Start with the largest entry in the top-most row of \( T \) that differs from its counterpart in \( S_{223}^{\text{row}} \), and repeat:

\[
T_0 \xrightarrow{\pi_4} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\pi_5} T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\pi_3} T_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\pi_4} T_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = T_4.
\]

Once the top row coincides in both, move down to the next row where there is disagreement, again starting with the largest such element in that row:

\[
T_4 \xrightarrow{\pi_2} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}.
\]

Hence \( \pi_2 \pi_4 \pi_3 \pi_5 \pi_4(T) = S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}} \).

Proof of Proposition 6.11. In this case the algorithm is simpler to describe. We start with the top-most row of \( T \) which differs from \( S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}} \), and find the largest entry, say \( x \), in that row which differs from its counterpart in \( S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}} \). Then necessarily \( x+1 \) is in a lower row of \( T = T_0 \), and hence \( T_1 = \pi_x(T_0) \) for the tableau \( T_1 \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) obtained from \( T \) by switching \( x, x+1 \). We continue in this manner along each row, top to bottom, right to left. Note that at the start of a new row \( j \), the tableau \( T_k \) agrees with \( S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}} \) for all entries in the complement of \( [\alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_j] \).

It is clear that this algorithm terminates in the tableau \( S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}} \), producing a saturated chain in the poset from \( T \) to \( S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}} \). \( \square \)

In view of Lemma 6.2, and combined with the filtration in [5], analogous to our filtration of Lemma 5.4 we recover Theorem 4.3, specifically the results of [5, Theorem 3.5, Lemma 3.10]:

Theorem 6.13. [5, Lemma 3.10] The module \( \mathcal{W}_\alpha = \text{ch}^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*) \) whose quasisymmetric characteristic is equal to \( \mathcal{S}_\alpha^* \), is cyclically generated by the standard immaculate tableau \( S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}} \).

Comparing the two filtrations which give the \( H_n(0) \)-modules, we may summarise the situation as follows:

We may take the total order on the poset \( P\mathcal{S}_\alpha^* \approx P\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^* \) to be the same in both cases, thanks to Lemma 6.2:

\[
S_{\alpha}^0 = T_1 \lessdot T_2 \lessdot \cdots \lessdot T_m = S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}},
\]

where \( m = |\text{SIT}(\alpha)| \).
For $\mathcal{W}_\alpha = \text{ch}^{-1}(\mathfrak{S}_\alpha^*)$, in [5] the authors use the filtration

$$(0) \subset \text{span}([S^0_\alpha, T_1]) \subset \cdots \subset \text{span}([S^0_\alpha, T_i]) \subset \cdots \subset \text{span}([S^0_\alpha, S_{\text{row}}^\alpha]),$$

while for $\mathcal{V}_\alpha = \text{ch}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}\mathfrak{S}_\alpha^*)$, our filtration (see Lemma 5.4) is

$$(0) \subset \text{span}([T_m, S_{\text{row}}^\alpha]) \subset \cdots \subset \text{span}([T_i, S_{\text{row}}^\alpha]) \subset \cdots \subset \text{span}([S^0_\alpha, S_{\text{row}}^\alpha]).$$

Returning to the row-strict dual immaculate functions, our final task in this section is to show that the cyclic module $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$ generated by $S^0_\alpha$ is in fact indecomposable. Since in any ring $R$ with unity, if $e$ is an idempotent we have the decomposition $R = eR \oplus (1 - e)R$, to show indecomposability, it is enough to show that if $f$ is an idempotent endomorphism of the module $V$, then $f = 0$ or the identity [13, Proposition 3.1].

**Theorem 6.14.** Let $\mathcal{V}_\alpha = \text{ch}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}\mathfrak{S}_\alpha^*)$ be the cyclic $H_n(0)$-module generated by $S^0_\alpha$. Then $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$ is indecomposable.

The proof of this theorem will require a series of technical lemmas.

**Lemma 6.15.** [5, Proof of Theorem 3.12] Let $P \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ and let $j \in [n - 1]$ such that $\pi_j(P) \neq P$. Then $P$ cannot equal $\pi_j(T)$ for any tableau $T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$.

*Proof.* Immediate since otherwise we would have $P = \pi_j(T) \Rightarrow \pi_j(P) = \pi_j^2(T) = \pi_j(T) = P$, a contradiction. □

**Definition 6.16.** For a composition $\alpha \vdash n$ of length $\ell$, denote by $\text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ the set of standard immaculate tableaux whose first (left-most) column consists of the integers $1, \ldots, \ell$. Equivalently, $\text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ is the set of standard immaculate tableaux such that $\ell = \ell(\alpha)$ is in row $\ell$, the top row of $\alpha$.

**Lemma 6.17.** Suppose $f$ is an idempotent endomorphism of the $H_n(0)$-module $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$, with

$$f(S^0_\alpha) = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)} a_T T.$$  

Let $P \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$, $P \neq S^0_\alpha$, and suppose there is a $j$ such that $j \notin \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathfrak{S}^*}(P) \setminus \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathfrak{S}^*}(S^0_\alpha)$. Then $a_P = 0$.

As a consequence, we have

$$f(S^0_\alpha) = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)} a_T T.$$  

*Proof.* From Equation (5), we have the following implications:

$$j \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathfrak{S}^*}(P) \Rightarrow \pi_j(P) \neq P,$$
\[ j \notin \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}}^{\pi}(S_0^\alpha) \Rightarrow \pi_j(S_0^\alpha) = S_0^\alpha. \]

Hence
\[ f(S_0^\alpha) = f(\pi_j(S_0^\alpha)) = \pi_j(f(S_0^\alpha)) = \sum_T a_T \pi_j(T), \]
and by Lemma 6.15, this does not contain \( P \) in its expansion. That is, \( f(S_0^\alpha) = \sum_T a_T T \) does not contain \( P \) in its expansion, and hence \( a_P = 0 \). It follows that \( a_P = 0 \) unless \( \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}}^{\pi}(P) \) is contained in \( \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}}^{\pi}(S_0^\alpha) \), which equals the complement of \([\ell - 1]\) from Equation (14). In particular, \( a_P = 0 \) unless \( 1, \ldots, \ell - 1 \) are NOT descents of \( P \). But then it is easy to see (since rows must increase left to right) that \( 1, \ldots, \ell \) must occupy the first column of \( P \). Hence we have
\[ a_P \neq 0 \Rightarrow 1, \ldots, \ell \text{ occupy the first column of } P, \]
which is the claim. \( \square \)

**Lemma 6.18.** Let \( \alpha \vdash n \), \( (\alpha) = \ell \), and let \( P \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \) be such that \( \ell + 1 \) is right-adjacent to \( i \) for some \( 1 \leq i \leq \ell \). Then either \( \pi_\ell(P) = 0 \) or there is an \( i \in [\ell - 1] \) such that
\[ P \prec_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}}^\alpha P_1 = \pi_\ell(P) \prec_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}}^\alpha P_2 = \pi_{\ell - 1}(P_1) \prec_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}}^\alpha \cdots \prec_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}}^\alpha P_{\ell - i} = \pi_{i + 1}(P_{\ell - i - 1}) \]
is a saturated chain in the poset \( \mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}^*_\alpha \), with \( i + 1 \) right-adjacent to \( i \) in \( P_{\ell - i} \). In either case, there is a permutation \( \sigma \in S_n \) such that \( \pi_\sigma(P) = 0 \).

**Proof.** Since \( \pi_\ell(P) = 0 \iff \ell + 1 \text{ is right-adjacent to } \ell \), we may assume \( \ell + 1 \) is in row \( i \leq \ell - 1 \). Thus \( \ell + 1 \) is strictly below \( \ell \), and hence \( \pi_\ell(P) = s_\ell(P) \) swaps \( \ell \) and \( \ell + 1 \). That is, in \( P_1 = \pi_\ell(P) \), \( \ell \) is now right-adjacent to \( i \leq \ell - 1 \) if \( i = \ell - 1 \), the argument stops here. If not, \( \ell \) is strictly below \( \ell - 1 \), and hence applying \( \pi_{\ell - 1} \) produces a tableau \( s_{\ell - 1}(P_1) \) in which \( \ell - 1 \) is now right-adjacent to \( i \leq \ell - 2 \). Clearly we can continue this process until \( i + 1 \) becomes right-adjacent to \( i \), with the appropriate replacements in the first column above the entry \( i \), producing the saturated chain as claimed.

Now applying \( \pi_i \) results in 0, and hence taking \( \pi_\sigma = \pi_i \pi_{i + 1} \pi_{i + 2} \ldots \pi_\ell \) gives \( \pi_\sigma(P) = 0 \). \( \square \)

**Example 6.19.** Let \( \ell = 5 \), \( \alpha = 23223 \). We have the following saturated chain beginning at \( P \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \):

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
5 & 7 & 8 \\
4 & 10 \\
3 & 9 \\
2 & 6 & 12 \\
1 & 11 \\
\end{array}
\quad \xleftarrow{\text{\pi_5}} \quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
6 & 7 & 8 \\
4 & 10 \\
3 & 9 \\
2 & 5 & 12 \\
1 & 11 \\
\end{array}
\quad \xrightarrow{\text{\pi_4}}
\begin{array}{ccc}
6 & 7 & 8 \\
5 & 10 \\
3 & 9 \\
2 & 4 & 12 \\
1 & 11 \\
\end{array}
\quad \xrightarrow{\text{\pi_3}}
\begin{array}{ccc}
6 & 7 & 8 \\
5 & 10 \\
4 & 9 \\
2 & 3 & 12 \\
1 & 11 \\
\end{array}
\]

and for \( \pi_\sigma = \pi_2 \pi_3 \pi_4 \pi_5 \), \( \pi_\sigma(P) = \pi_2(P_3) = 0 \).
Lemma 6.20. Let $\alpha \vdash n$, $\ell(\alpha) = \ell$, and let $P, Q \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ be such that $\ell + 1$ is
- right-adjacent to $i$ in $P$ for some $2 \leq i \leq \ell$,
- right-adjacent to $j$ in $Q$ for some $1 \leq j \leq i - 1$.

Let $\sigma = \pi_{i} \pi_{i+1} \pi_{i+2} \cdots \pi_{\ell}$. Then $\pi_\sigma(P) = 0, \pi_\sigma(Q) \neq 0$, and $\text{rank}(\pi_\sigma(Q)) = (\ell - i + 1) + \text{rank}(Q)$.

Proof. This is clear from the preceding proof, since it takes $(\ell - i)$ consecutive applications of the $\pi_j$ to make $i + 1$ right-adjacent to $i$ in $P$; applying $\pi_\ell, \pi_{\ell-1}, \ldots, \pi_i$ successively to $Q$ changes the first column, and, in column 2, it changes only the entry in row $j$ right-adjacent to $j$, diminishing the latter by 1 at each step. Hence after applying the $(\ell - i + 1)$ factors in $\pi_\sigma$, the entry right-adjacent to $j$ in $Q$ is $i$, and this is greater than $j$ by hypothesis. This means that one final application of $\pi_i$ gives $\pi_\sigma(P) = 0$, but $\pi_\sigma(Q) \neq 0$. The statement about the ranks is clear since at each step we are applying a $s_k$ to the standard tableau to produce another standard tableau. □

Example 6.21. Let $\ell = 5, \alpha = 23223$, take $P$ as in Example 6.19 and consider the saturated chain beginning at $Q \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$:

\[
Q = \begin{array}{ccc}
5 & 7 & 8 \\
4 & 10 \\
3 & 9 \\
2 & 11 & 12 \\
1 & 6 \\
\end{array}
\quad \xrightarrow{\pi_5} Q_1 = \begin{array}{ccc}
6 & 7 & 8 \\
4 & 10 \\
3 & 9 \\
2 & 11 & 12 \\
1 & 5 \\
\end{array}
\quad \xrightarrow{\pi_4} Q_2 = \begin{array}{ccc}
6 & 7 & 8 \\
5 & 10 \\
3 & 9 \\
2 & 11 & 12 \\
1 & 4 \\
\end{array}
\quad \xrightarrow{\pi_3} Q_3 = \begin{array}{ccc}
6 & 7 & 8 \\
5 & 10 \\
4 & 9 \\
2 & 11 & 12 \\
1 & 3 \\
\end{array}
\quad \xrightarrow{\pi_2} Q_4 = \begin{array}{ccc}
6 & 7 & 8 \\
5 & 10 \\
4 & 9 \\
2 & 11 & 12 \\
1 & 2 \\
\end{array}
\]

hence for $\pi_\sigma = \pi_2 \pi_3 \pi_4 \pi_5$, $\pi_\sigma(Q) = Q_4 \neq 0$.

Before proceeding with the proof of the next lemma, it is instructive to work through two more examples.

Example 6.22. Let $\alpha = 33223$.

Then $S^0_\alpha$ = \[
\begin{array}{ccc}
5 & 6 & 7 \\
4 & 8 \\
3 & 9 \\
2 & 10 & 11 \\
1 & 12 & 13 \\
\end{array}
\] we take $P$ = \[
\begin{array}{ccc}
5 & 6 & 7 \\
4 & 8 \\
3 & 9 \\
2 & 12 & 13 \\
1 & 10 & 11 \\
\end{array}
\]
Here \( p = 10 \) is right-adjacent to 2 in \( S_0^\alpha \) and to 1 in \( P \).

Applying \( \pi_{p-1}, \pi_{p-2}, \ldots \) in succession we have

\[
\begin{array}{cccccc}
5 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\
4 & 8 & 3 & 10 & 4 & 9 \\
2 & 12 & 13 & 2 & 12 & 13 \\
1 & 9 & 11 & 1 & 8 & 11 \\
\end{array}
\rightarrow
\begin{array}{cccccc}
5 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 8 \\
4 & 9 & 3 & 10 & 4 & 9 \\
2 & 12 & 13 & 2 & 12 & 13 \\
1 & 7 & 11 & 1 & 6 & 11 \\
\end{array}
\rightarrow
\begin{array}{cccccc}
5 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 7 & 8 \\
4 & 9 & 3 & 10 & 4 & 9 \\
2 & 12 & 13 & 2 & 12 & 13 \\
1 & 6 & 11 & 1 & 6 & 11 \\
\end{array}
\]

so that \( \ell + 1 = 6 \) ends up right-adjacent to 1 in \( \pi_6\pi_7\pi_8\pi_9(P) \).

However, it is clear that the same sequence applied to \( S_0^\alpha \) results in

\[
\begin{array}{cccccc}
5 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\
4 & 8 & 3 & 10 & 4 & 9 \\
2 & 9 & 11 & 2 & 8 & 11 \\
1 & 12 & 13 & 1 & 12 & 13 \\
\end{array}
\rightarrow
\begin{array}{cccccc}
5 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 6 & 8 \\
4 & 9 & 3 & 10 & 4 & 9 \\
2 & 7 & 11 & 2 & 6 & 11 \\
1 & 12 & 13 & 1 & 12 & 13 \\
\end{array}
\rightarrow
\begin{array}{cccccc}
5 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 7 & 8 \\
4 & 9 & 3 & 10 & 4 & 9 \\
2 & 6 & 11 & 2 & 6 & 11 \\
1 & 12 & 13 & 1 & 12 & 13 \\
\end{array}
\]

Hence 6 ends up right-adjacent to 1 in \( \pi_6\pi_7\pi_8\pi_9(P) \) but to 2 in \( \pi_6\pi_7\pi_8\pi_9(S_0^\alpha) \).

**Example 6.23.** This is the case \( p - 1 = \ell + 1 \) in the lemma below.

\[
\begin{array}{cccccc}
9 & 9 & 9 & 9 & 9 & 9 \\
8 & 8 & 8 & 8 & 8 & 8 \\
7 & 7 & 7 & 7 & 7 & 7 \\
6 & 10 & 6 & 10 & 6 & 10 \\
5 & 11 & 5 & 13 & 5 & 13 \\
4 & 12 & 4 & 12 & 4 & 12 \\
3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\
2 & 13 & 2 & 11 & 2 & 10 \\
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
\end{array}
\]

Let \( S_0^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 10 \\ 5 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \) and \( P = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 13 \\ 4 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \). Then we have

\[
P \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 11 \\ 5 & 13 \end{pmatrix}
\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 11 \\ 4 & 12 \end{pmatrix}
\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 11 \\ 3 & 12 \end{pmatrix}
\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 11 \\ 2 & 10 \end{pmatrix}
\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 11 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
\]

Again, 10 ends up right-adjacent to 2 in \( \pi_{10}(P) \), but is right-adjacent to a larger entry, 6, in \( S_0^\alpha \).

We are now ready to precisely formulate and prove the facts illustrated by the above examples.

**Lemma 6.24.** Let \( \alpha \models n \), \( \ell(\alpha) = \ell \), and let \( P \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \), \( P \neq S_0^\alpha \) be such that for all \( j \), whenever \( j, j + 1 \) are right-adjacent in \( S_0^\alpha \), they are also right-adjacent in \( P \). Let \( p \) be the smallest entry in \( S_0^\alpha \), say in cell \( x \), which differs from the entry in cell \( x \) of \( P \). Then
(1) \( p \geq \ell + 1; \)

(2) \( S_0^\alpha \) and \( P \) coincide in the top-most row, row \( \ell; \)

(3) the cell \( x \) is located in column 2 and row \( i \) for some \( i \) such that \( \alpha_i \geq 2; \) in Cartesian coordinates, \( x \) is in position \((i, 2)\).

(4) \( S_0^\alpha \) and \( P \) coincide in all rows above the row \( i \) containing cell \( x \), and hence all entries less than \( p \) occupy the same cells in both tableaux;

(5) the entry \( p \) must occur in \( P \) in column 2 and in a lower row \( j \) where \( j < i \) and \( \alpha_j \geq 2; \) i.e. \( p \) occupies the cell with coordinates \((j, 2), j < i.\)

(6) When \( p \geq \ell + 2, \) let \( \tau \) be the permutation \( \tau := s_{\ell+1} \cdots s_{p-2}s_{p-1} \) (\( p - \ell - 1 \) factors); then applying \( \pi_\tau \) to \( P \) (resp. \( S_0^\alpha \)) replaces \( p \) with \( \ell + 1, \) by diminishing it by 1 at each step, making \( \ell + 1 \) right-adjacent to \( j \) in \( P \) (resp. right-adjacent to \( i \) in \( S_0^\alpha \).)

Proof. Note first that the hypothesis includes the case when there is no \( j \) such that \( j, j + 1 \) are right-adjacent in \( S_0^\alpha \). This forces all parts of \( \alpha \) to be at most 2.

Item (1) is clear. Item (2) follows by hypothesis, since all the entries of \( S_0^\alpha \) are consecutive beginning in column 1 for the top row.

Rows of length \( \geq 3 \) have consecutive entries from column 2 onwards in both tableaux, by hypothesis. The entry in column 2 of such a row is uniquely determined by any other entry in that row, and hence the least entry that differs must occur in column 2. This is Item (3).

Item (4) is clear by minimality of the entry \( p \) in cell \( x \), since all entries in \( S_0^\alpha \) occurring to the left of cell \( x \), or higher than it, must be less than \( p. \) Also rows increase left to right, so in \( P \), if the entry \( p \) were not in column 2, there would be an entry \( q, \ell + 1 \leq q < p, \) immediately to its left in its row. But this contradicts the fact that all entries strictly less than \( p \) occupy exactly the same cells in both tableaux. This establishes Item (5).

Now note that when \( p = \ell + 1, \) Item (6) is immediate for \( \tau \) equal to the identity permutation. See Example 6.23 with \( P \) replaced with \( \pi_{10}(P) \). Thus we may assume \( p \geq \ell + 2. \)

It is now clear from Example 6.22 what happens; applying \( \pi_{p-1} \) puts \( p - 1 \) into the position formerly occupied by \( p, \) in cell \((j, 2), \) of \( P, j < i, \) and moves \( p \) UP to the cell formerly occupied by \( p - 1. \) But in \( S_0^\alpha, \) it puts \( p - 1 \) in cell \((i, 2), \) and moves \( p \) to the same cell as in \( P. \) This is by virtue of Item (4).

Similarly, applying \( \pi_{p-2} \) next will move \( p - 2 \) into the position \((j, 2), \) and \( p - 1 \) will now move UP. In \( S_0^\alpha, \) it puts \( p - 2 \) into cell \((i, 2) \) and moves \( p - 1 \) into the same cell as in \( P. \)
In fact a comparison of the two tableaux after each application of $\pi_k$ shows that they coincide in all rows above the $i$th row and they differ in rows $i$ and $j$, in column 2.

The first step of our induction is depicted in Example 6.25 below. Subsequent steps are completely analogous, with $p$ diminished by 1 at each step.

Assume by induction that after applying $\pi_{p-k}$, $(p-k)$ was in cell $(j,2)$ of $P$ and in cell $(i,2)$ of $S_\alpha^0$, (recall $j < i$) and the two tableaux coincide in rows above row $i$. By induction hypothesis, $p-k-1$ occupies the same cell in each tableau, since it is in a row higher than row $i$. Now apply $\pi_{p-k-1}$. This swaps $p-k-1$ and $p-k$ in each tableau, putting $p-k-1$ into cell $(j,2)$ of $P$ and in cell $(i,2)$ of $S_\alpha^0$, and moving $p-k$ UP to the same cell in both tableaux.

In $P$, cell $(j,2)$ changes $p$ to $\ell+1$. In $S_\alpha^0$, cell $(i,2)$ changes from $p$ to $\ell+1$. We have thus established Item (6).

Example 6.25.

Lemma 6.26. Let $P \neq S_\alpha^0$, such that $P \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$. Then there is a permutation $\sigma = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_r}$ such that

1. $\pi_\sigma(S_\alpha^0) = 0$;
2. $\pi_\sigma(P)$ is nonzero and has rank $r + \text{rank}(P)$ in the poset $P R S_\alpha^*$.

Proof. By hypothesis, $P$ and $S_\alpha^0$ have identical first columns.

Suppose there is a $j \leq n-1$ such that $j, j+1$ are right adjacent in $S_\alpha^0$, but NOT right-adjacent in $P$. Then from Equation (5), $\pi_j(S_\alpha^0) = 0$ but $\pi_j(P) \neq 0$, so we are done.
Otherwise, whenever \( j, j + 1 \) are right-adjacent in \( S_0^\alpha \), they are also right-adjacent in \( P \). Note that the case when \( j \) is never adjacent to \( j + 1 \) is included here. But now Lemma 6.24 followed by Lemma 6.20 establish the claim. \( \square \)

**Lemma 6.27.** Let \( T_1, T_2 \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) and let \( \sigma = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_r} \) be a permutation in \( S_n \) such that \( \pi_{\sigma}^{RS^*}(T_1) = \pi_{\sigma}^{RS^*}(T_2) = U \), and \( \text{rank}(U) = r + \text{rank}(T_1) = r + \text{rank}(T_2) \). Then \( T_1 = T_2 \).

**Proof.** By hypothesis, each application of \( \pi_{s_{i_j}} \) produces a tableau in \( \text{SIT}(\alpha) \). The proof of Lemma 6.2 shows that when \( S, T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \),

\[
\pi_{k}^{S_0^*}(S) = T \iff S = \pi_{k}^{S_0^*}(T).
\]

Hence we have

\[
T_1 = \pi_{s_{i_r}} \pi_{s_{i_{r-1}}} \cdots \pi_{s_{i_1}}(U) = \pi_{\sigma}^{-1}(U) = T_2,
\]
as claimed. \( \square \)

Now the argument is nearly identical to [3, Proof of Theorem 4.1].

**Proof of Theorem 6.14.** From Lemma 6.17 we have the equation

\[
f(S_0^\alpha) = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)} a_T T.
\]

In the above sum, let \( \hat{T} \) be a tableau of maximal rank in the poset \( P^{RS_0^\alpha} \) such that \( a_{\hat{T}} \neq 0 \). Assume \( \hat{T} \neq S_0^0 \), and let \( \sigma = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_r} \) be the permutation guaranteed by Lemma 6.26 for the tableau \( \hat{T} \). Let \( \pi_{\sigma}(\hat{T}) = T' \neq 0 \). In particular, \( \text{rank}(T') = r + \text{rank}(\hat{T}) \).

We have

\[
0 = f(\pi_{\sigma}(S_0^0)) = \pi_{\sigma}(f(S_0^0)) = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)} a_T \pi_{\sigma}(T).
\]

Suppose \( a_T \neq 0 \) and \( \pi_{\sigma}(T) = T' = \pi_{\sigma}(\hat{T}) \).

Comparing ranks, we obtain

\[
r + \text{rank}(\hat{T}) = \text{rank}(T') = \text{rank}(\pi_{\sigma}(T)) \leq r + \text{rank}(T),
\]

the last inequality being due to the fact that some \( \pi_{s_{i_j}} \) can fix a tableau. This implies \( \text{rank}(\hat{T}) \leq \text{rank}(T) \). If the ranks are unequal, however, and \( a_T \neq 0 \), we have a contradiction to the maximality of \( \text{rank}(\hat{T}) \). Hence \( \text{rank}(\hat{T}) = \text{rank}(T) \).

By Lemma 6.27 this forces \( T = \hat{T} \).

It follows that the coefficient of \( T' = \pi_{\sigma}(\hat{T}) \) in the right-hand side of Equation (18) is \( a_{\hat{T}} \), which must therefore be zero, a contradiction.
Hence
\[
f(S_0^0) = a_{S_0^0} S_0^0,
\]
since \( f \) is idempotent, this implies \( a_{S_0^0} = 0 \) or \( 1 \), finishing the proof. \( \square \)

\[S^{\text{row}}_{223} = \begin{array}{c}
5 & 6 & 7 \\
2 & 4 & 1 \\
1 & 3 & 2 \\
\end{array}
\]

\[S^{\text{col}}_{223} = \begin{array}{c}
3 & 4 & 5 \\
2 & 6 & 1 \\
1 & 7 & 3 \\
\end{array}
\]

Figure 1. The row-strict dual immaculate poset \( PR^*_\alpha \); the red tableaux and \( S^{\text{col}}_{223} \) are increasing along rows and up columns, so are in \( \text{SET}(223) = [S^{\text{col}}_{223}, S^{\text{row}}_{223}] \); the blue tableaux and \( S^{\text{col}}_{223} = S^{\text{row}}_{223} \) are the elements in \( \text{SIT}^*(223) = [S^0_{223}, S^{\text{row}}_{223}] \), with the smallest elements in the first column.

7. A row-strict analogue for extended Schur functions

This section is motivated by [20] and a closer examination of the immaculate Hecke poset \( PR^*_\alpha \). We consider again the \( H_n(0) \)-module \( V_\alpha = \text{ch}^{-1}(RG^*_\alpha) \).

**Definition 7.1.** Let \( \text{SET}(\alpha) \) be the set of all standard immaculate tableaux of shape \( \alpha \) in which ALL columns increase from bottom to top. Equivalently, \( \text{SET}(\alpha) \) is simply the set of all standard tableaux of shape \( \alpha \) with strictly increasing rows, left to right, and strictly increasing columns, bottom to top.
Thus $\text{SET}(\alpha) \subset \text{SIT}(\alpha)$. When the composition $\alpha$ is in fact a partition of $n$, the set $\text{SET}(\alpha)$ coincides with the set of standard Young tableaux of shape $\alpha$. In [20], the tableaux in $\text{SET}(\alpha)$ are called standard extended tableaux.

Let $Z_\alpha := \text{span}(\text{SET}(\alpha))$. Figure 1 shows the elements of $\text{SET}(223)$ in red; notice that they form a closed interval $[S_{\text{col}}^{\text{row}}, S_{\text{row}}]$ of $PR\mathcal{S}_2\mathcal{S}^*$ with respect to our $R\mathcal{S}^*$-Hecke action defined in (1). This is no accident.

**Lemma 7.2.** $Z_\alpha$ is an $H_n(0)$-submodule of $V_\alpha$ for the $R\mathcal{S}^*$-action.

**Proof.** It is enough to verify that $T \in \text{SET}(\alpha) \Rightarrow \pi_i^{R\mathcal{S}^*}(T) \in \text{SET}(\alpha)$. From Equation (5), we need only consider the case when $i + 1$ is strictly below $i$ in $T$. Note that $i + 1$ is not in the same column as $i$, by definition of $\text{SET}$. The two possible configurations are:

$T_1 = \begin{array}{c}
\ldots \ldots i \ldots \ldots \\
\ldots \ldots (y) \ldots \\
\ldots \ldots i+1 \ldots \ldots \\
\end{array}$

and $T_2 = \begin{array}{c}
\ldots \ldots i \ldots \ldots x \\
\ldots \ldots y \ldots \ldots i+1 \\
\ldots \ldots i+1 \ldots \ldots \\
\end{array}$

The parentheses indicate the possibility that there may be no cell under $i$ in $T_1$, and there may be no cell above $(i + 1)$ in $T_2$. But the definition of $\text{SET}(\alpha)$ eliminates $T_1$, since it forces the contradiction $i + 1 < x < i$. Hence $T_2$ is the only possibility, implying $y < i(\leq x)$ and $y < i + 1(\leq x)$. These conditions are symmetric in $i$ and $i + 1$ and hence

$\pi_i^{R\mathcal{S}^*}(T_2) = s_i(T_2) \in \text{SET}(\alpha)$.

Clearly switching $i$ and $i + 1$ does not affect the increasing property of the rows and columns, so this finishes the proof. □

Now $\text{SET}(\alpha)$ is a subposet of $P\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$, and it contains the unique top element $S_{\text{row}}^\alpha$. Thus we can take an arbitrary total order

$\{T_1 \preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*} \cdots \preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*} T_m = S_{\text{row}}^\alpha\}$

of $\text{SET}(\alpha)$ exactly as in Section 5 obtaining the corresponding filtration of $H_n(0)$-modules

$0 \subset Z_{T_m} \subset \cdots \subset Z_{T_2} \subset Z_{T_1} = [T_1, S_{\text{row}}^\alpha] = Z_\alpha$,

where as before, $Z_{T_i}$ is the $C$-linear span

$Z_{T_i} = \text{span}\{T_j \mid T_i \preceq_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*} T_j\} = [T_i, S_{\text{row}}^\alpha]$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$.

The fact that each $Z_{T_i}$ is an $H_n(0)$-submodule is inherited from the poset $P\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$, since we still have $\pi_i^{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*} \cdots \pi_i^{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*} Z_{T_i} \subseteq Z_{T_{i-1}}$ for any $s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_k} \in S_n$.

The same calculation as in the proof of Theorem 5.5 now gives us:
Theorem 7.3. $Z_\alpha$ is an $H_n(0)$-submodule of $V_\alpha$ with quasisymmetric characteristic
\[
\text{ch}(Z_\alpha) = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{\mathcal{E}^*}(T))}.
\]

As mentioned at the start of this section, these results were motivated by the observation that $\text{SET}(\alpha)$ is invariant under the $H_n(0)$-action, and by the paper of [20]. In that paper, Searles constructs an $H_n(0)$-module whose quasisymmetric characteristic is the extended Schur function $\mathcal{E}_\alpha$ defined by [2]. We restate Searles’ formulation of their theorem as follows:

Theorem 7.4. [2], [20, Theorem 2.7]. Let $\alpha \vdash n$. Then the extended Schur function $\mathcal{E}_\alpha$ expands positively in the fundamental basis of $\text{QSym}$ as follows:
\[
\mathcal{E}_\alpha = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{\mathcal{E}^*}(T))}.
\]

A remark about this restatement is in order. Searles defines the descent set of a standard extended tableau $T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)$ as the set
\[
\{i : i \text{ is weakly to the right of } i+1 \text{ in } T\}.
\]
This coincides with the descent set $\text{Des}_{\mathcal{E}^*}(T)$ for dual immaculate tableaux as defined in Theorem 4.3, since it is easily verified, by an argument analogous to the proof of Lemma 7.2, that if $T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)$, then
\[
i \text{weakly right of } i+1 \iff i \text{ strictly below } i+1 \iff i \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{E}^*}(T).
\]

Assaf and Searles also show that

Theorem 7.5. [2] The extended Schur functions $\{\mathcal{E}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \vdash n}$ form a basis of $\text{QSym}$, with the property that when the composition $\alpha$ is a partition $\lambda$ of $n$, $\mathcal{E}_\lambda$ coincides with the Schur function $s_\lambda$.

Recall from Equation (1) that $\psi$ is the $\text{QSym}$-involution which sends the fundamental quasisymmetric function $F_\beta$ to $F_{\beta^c}$, where $\beta^c$ is the complement of the composition $\beta$. See also [15, Section 3.6]. We now immediately have the following:

Proposition 7.6. Write $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}_\alpha$ for the characteristic of the $H_n(0)$-submodule $Z_\alpha$. Then we have
\[
\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}_\alpha = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{\mathcal{E}^*}(T))} = \psi(\mathcal{E}_\alpha).
\]
Hence the functions $\{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}_\alpha\}_{\alpha \vdash n}$ also form a basis for $\text{QSym}$. Furthermore, when the composition $\alpha$ is a partition $\lambda$ of $n$, $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}_\lambda$ coincides with the Schur function $s_\lambda$. 
Proof. Immediate from the fact that the descent sets \( \text{Des}_{\mathcal{S}^*}(T), \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}_S^*}(T) \) are complements of each other in \([n - 1]\). □

We call the \( \mathcal{RE}_\alpha \) row-strict extended Schur functions.

The extended Schur functions are dual to the shin basis of noncommutative symmetric functions [7]. It follows that our row-strict extended Schur functions \( \mathcal{RE}_\alpha \) also give rise to a dual basis of \( \text{NSym} \), which we may call the \( Rshin \) basis.

In analogy with the row superstandard tableau \( S^{\text{row}}_\alpha \) of Definition 6.9, we make the following

**Definition 7.7.** Let \( S^{\text{col}}_\alpha \in \text{SET}(\alpha) \) denote the column superstandard tableau of shape \( \alpha \), whose columns are filled bottom to top and left to right, beginning with the first column, with the numbers \( \{1, 2, \ldots, n\} \) taken in consecutive order. As before we note that if \( \alpha \) is a hook of the form \((1^\ell - 1, n - \ell)\), \( 1 \leq \ell \leq n \), then \( \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) has cardinality one and \( S^0_\alpha = S^{\text{row}}_\alpha = S^{\text{col}}_\alpha \).

In Figure 1, \( S^{\text{col}}_\alpha \) is the lowest-ranked tableau in red. As observed previously, \( S^{\text{row}}_\alpha \) is the top element of the poset \( \mathcal{PR}_S^* \), and hence also of the subposet \( \text{SET}(\alpha) \).

We show next that the module \( Z_\alpha \) is cyclic and indecomposable. The following observation is key:

**Lemma 7.8.** Suppose \( S = \pi_i(T) \) with \( S \in \text{SET}(\alpha) \) and \( T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \). If \( i, i+1 \) are NOT in the same column of \( S \), then \( T \) must also be in \( \text{SET}(\alpha) \), i.e. \( T \) must have all columns increasing bottom to top.

Proof. First note that \( i \) must be in \( \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}_S^*}(T) \), and in fact \( i+1 \) is strictly below \( i \) in \( T \). The proof of Lemma 7.2 shows, by definition of \( \pi_i \), that \( T \) and \( S \) must coincide for all entries not equal to \( i, i+1 \). Since switching \( i, i+1 \) does not affect the increase of their respective columns, it follows that \( T \), like \( S \), must have all columns increasing. □

**Lemma 7.9.** Let \( \alpha \vdash n \). Then \( S^{\text{col}}_\alpha \) is the unique minimal element of the subposet \( \text{SET}(\alpha) \), and generates \( Z_\alpha \) as a cyclic \( H_n(0) \)-module. In particular, \( \text{SET}(\alpha) \) coincides with the interval \([S^{\text{col}}_\alpha, S^{\text{row}}_\alpha]\) in the poset \( \mathcal{PR}_S^* \).

Proof. Let \( T \in \text{SET}(\alpha), T \neq S^{\text{col}}_\alpha \). We claim that the straightening algorithm of Proposition 6.6 can be modified to show that there is a sequence of generators \( \pi_{j_i} \), and tableaux \( T_i \in \text{SET}(\alpha), i = 1, \ldots, r \), such that \( \pi_{j_i}(T_i) = T_{i-1}, i = 1, 2, \ldots, r \), where we set \( T_0 = T \) and \( T_r = S^{\text{col}}_\alpha \).

Note that \( S^{\text{col}}_\alpha \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \cap \text{SET}(\alpha) \), i.e. the first column of \( S^{\text{col}}_\alpha \) consists of the entries \([\ell]\). We begin by following Step 1 of the straightening algorithm of Proposition 6.6, which shows how
to generate a tableau $T_1$ and a saturated chain in the interval $[T_1, T]$ of the poset $\mathcal{PR}^*_\alpha$, such that $T_1$ has the same entries $[\ell]$ in column 1. Lemma 7.8 guarantees that the elements of this chain are in fact in $\text{SET}(\alpha)$.

We describe the inductive step. Once the first $k-1$ columns have been matched, we proceed to the $k$th column. Here we diverge from the proof of Proposition 6.6 and instead continue the procedure of Step 1. Let $j$ be the largest entry such that $T$ and $S_{\alpha}^{\text{col}}$ coincide for all entries $i \leq j$. Then $j \leq n-2$, and $T$ and $S_{\alpha}^{\text{col}}$ coincide for all entries weakly below or to the left of $j$ in $S_{\alpha}^{\text{col}}$. Note that $j$ cannot be the top-most entry in its column, because this would force $j+1$ into the bottom cell of the next column, and this in turn would contradict the maximality of $j$. Let $x$ be the entry immediately above $j$ in $T$. By hypothesis $x > j + 1$, and $x - 1$ is strictly to the right, and hence also below, $x$ in $T$. Hence $T = \pi_{x-1}(T')$, $T' \in \text{SET}(\alpha)$ by Lemma 7.8, and now the first disagreement between $T'$ and $S_{\alpha}^{\text{col}}$ has been diminished by 1. This inductive step is repeated until the original entry $x$ is replaced with $j + 1$, so that now our tableau coincides with $S_{\alpha}^{\text{col}}$ for all entries $i \leq j + 1$.

Since the number of entries in agreement with $S_{\alpha}^{\text{col}}$ increases at the end of each such step, continuing in this manner produces the saturated chain in $[S_{\alpha}^{\text{col}}, T]$ as claimed. The statement of the lemma now follows. □

The subposet $\text{SET}(223)$ in Figure 1 is very small. We illustrate the preceding straightening algorithm with two larger examples, using $\alpha = 232$.

**Example 7.10.** Here $S_{232}^{\text{col}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, let $T = S_{232}^{\text{row}} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. We have the sequence of operators

$T = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xleftarrow{\pi_2} T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xleftarrow{\pi_5} T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xleftarrow{\pi_4} T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$\xleftarrow{\pi_3} T_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xleftarrow{\pi_6} T_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = S_{232}^{\text{col}}$, and thus $T = \pi_2\pi_5\pi_4\pi_3\pi_6(S_{232}^{\text{col}})$.

**Example 7.11.** Here $S_{232}^{\text{col}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, let $T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. We have the sequence of operators

$T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xleftarrow{\pi_2} T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xleftarrow{\pi_4} T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xleftarrow{\pi_3} T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$
Let $\pi_6 T_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = S_{232}^\text{col}$, and thus $T = \pi_2 \pi_4 \pi_3 \pi_6 (S_{232}^\text{col})$.

**Lemma 7.12.** Let $P \in \text{SET}(\alpha)$, $P \neq S_\alpha^\text{col}$. Then there is a $j \in [n-1]$ such that $\pi_j (S_\alpha^\text{col}) = S_\alpha^\text{col}$ but $\pi_j (P) \neq P$.

**Proof.** By definition of the $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*$-action, for any $T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)$, we have $\pi_j (T) \neq T \iff j \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*} (T)$. In particular, the definition of $S_\alpha^\text{col}$ implies that

$$\pi_j (S_\alpha^\text{col}) \neq S_\alpha^\text{col} \iff j \text{ is at the top of a column in } S_\alpha^\text{col}.$$ 

Let $P \in \text{SET}(\alpha)$, $P \neq S_\alpha^\text{col}$. Let $j$ be the largest entry such that $P$ and $S_\alpha^\text{col}$ coincide for all entries $i \leq j$. Then $j \leq n-2$, and $P$ and $S_\alpha^\text{col}$ coincide for all entries weakly below or to the left of $j$ in $S_\alpha^\text{col}$. Hence, in $P$, $j+1$ must be strictly to the right of $j$; it cannot be in the same column as $j$ by maximality of $j$ and the fact that $P$ is increasing in rows and in columns. This also forces $j+1$ to be either strictly below $j$ or right-adjacent to $j$ in $P$. In particular $j \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*} (P)$, and hence $\pi_j (P) = s_j (P) \neq P$ or $\pi_j (P) = 0 \neq P$.

If $j \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*} (S_\alpha^\text{col})$ then $j$ must be at the top of some column of $S_\alpha^\text{col}$, but in that case, since rows and columns are increasing in $\text{SET}(\alpha)$, $j+1$ must be at the bottom of the next column in both $S_\alpha^\text{col}$ and $P$. This contradicts the maximality of $j$. Hence $j \notin \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*} (S_\alpha^\text{col})$ and $\pi_j (S_\alpha^\text{col}) = S_\alpha^\text{col}$. \hfill $\square$

**Theorem 7.13.** The cyclic $H_n(0)$-submodule $\mathcal{Z}_\alpha$ of $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$ is indecomposable.

**Proof.** Let $f$ be an idempotent $H_n(0)$-module endomorphism of $\mathcal{Z}_\alpha$.

We apply Lemma 6.17 replacing the generator $S_\alpha^\text{col}$ of $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$ in that lemma with the cyclic generator $S_\alpha^\text{col}$ of $\mathcal{Z}_\alpha$. Our starting point here is the equation

$$f(S_\alpha^\text{col}) = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)} a_T T.$$ 

Lemma 7.12 is the analogue of [5] Lemma 3.11. To make our work self-contained, we reproduce the brief argument in [5] Theorem 3.12. Let $P \in \text{SET}(\alpha)$, $P \neq S_\alpha^\text{col}$; we claim that $a_P = 0$. Let $j$ be the integer guaranteed by Lemma 7.12 for this $P$, and apply $\pi_j$ to the preceding equation. We then have, since $\pi_j$ fixes $S_\alpha^\text{col}$,

$$f(S_\alpha^\text{col}) = f(\pi_j (S_\alpha^\text{col})) = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)} a_T \pi_j(T),$$

but $P \neq \pi_j (P)$, so $P$ does not appear in the right-hand side by Lemma 6.15. Hence $P$ does not appear in the expansion of $f(S_\alpha^\text{col})$, i.e. $a_P = 0$. We conclude that $f(S_\alpha^\text{col})$ equals a scalar multiple of $S_\alpha^\text{col}$, which can only be 0 or 1 since $f$ is idempotent. \hfill $\square$
Next we examine the quotient module \( V_{\alpha}/Z_{\alpha} \) arising from the submodule \( Z_{\alpha} \) of \( V_{\alpha} \).

**Definition 7.14.** Let NSET(\( \alpha \)) be the set of all standard tableaux of shape \( \alpha \) in which all rows increase left to right, but at least one column does NOT increase from bottom to top.

**Lemma 7.15.** The quotient module \( \bar{V}_{\alpha} := V_{\alpha}/Z_{\alpha} \) is also an \( H_n(0) \)-module for the \( \mathcal{RG}^* \)-action, with basis NSET(\( \alpha \)) \( \cap \) SIT(\( \alpha \)). The module \( \bar{V}_{\alpha} \) is nonzero if and only if \( \alpha \) has at least two parts of size greater than or equal to 2. When it is nonzero, it is cyclically generated by \( S^0_{\alpha} \).

**Proof.** The first statement is clear, since a basis for the quotient module is the complement of SET(\( \alpha \)) in SIT(\( \alpha \)), which is empty if \( \alpha \) has at most one part of size greater than or equal 2; recall that the first column is always increasing by definition of SIT(\( \alpha \)). The second statement follows since \( S^0_{\alpha} \) generates all of \( V_{\alpha} \).

It is helpful to record the extreme cases of \( \bar{V}_{\alpha} \).

**Lemma 7.16.** Let \( \alpha \models n \).

1. If \( \alpha \) has at most one part greater than 1, then \( \bar{V}_{\alpha} = (0) \).

2. If \( \alpha \) has exactly two parts greater than 1, and both of these have size 2, then \( \bar{V}_{\alpha} \) is one-dimensional, and hence irreducible and indecomposable.

**Proof.** Item (1) is clear since in this case any \( T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) has only one column of length greater than 1, the first, and so all its columns are increasing. Hence NSET(\( \alpha \)) \( \cap \) SIT(\( \alpha \)) = \( \emptyset \).

For Item (2), column 2 of any \( T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) has only two cells, and hence can decrease bottom to top in only one way.

For the remainder of this section we will assume NSET(\( \alpha \)) \( \cap \) SIT(\( \alpha \)) \( \neq \emptyset \). Equivalently, by Lemma 7.16 we assume \( \alpha \) has at least two parts greater than or equal to 2.

We define a relation on NSET(\( \alpha \)) \( \cap \) SIT(\( \alpha \)) by setting, for \( S,T \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha) \), \( S \preceq_{\text{NSET}} T \) if there is a permutation \( \sigma \) such that \( T = \pi_{\mathcal{RG}^*}^* \sigma(S) \). This is simply the relation induced on the subposet of \( \mathcal{P} \mathcal{R} \mathcal{G}_{\alpha}^* \) consisting of the elements in NSET(\( \alpha \)) \( \cap \) SIT(\( \alpha \)). For any \( S,T \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha) \), since SET(\( \alpha \)) is invariant under the \( H_n(0) \)-action, the intervals \([S,T]\) in SIT(\( \alpha \)) and NSET(\( \alpha \)) \( \cap \) SIT(\( \alpha \)) coincide, and hence the induced subposet NSET(\( \alpha \)) \( \cap \) SIT(\( \alpha \)) is also ranked. However, it has no top element since \( S^\text{row}_{\alpha} \notin \text{NSET}(\alpha) \). See the Hasse diagram of \( \mathcal{P} \mathcal{R} \mathcal{G}_{\alpha}^* \) for \( \alpha = 223 \), Figure \[1\].

We therefore immediately have
Lemma 7.17. The relation $\leq_{\text{NSET}}^{\text{R S}^*}$ is a partial order on $\text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)$, with minimal element $S^0_\alpha$.

Given a composition $\alpha \vdash n$, extend the partial order $\leq_{\text{NSET}}^{\text{R S}^*}$ on $\text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ to an arbitrary total order on $\text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)$, denoted by $\leq_{\text{NSET}^t}^{\text{R S}^*}$. Let the elements of $\text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ under $\leq_{\text{NSET}^t}^{\text{R S}^*}$ be

$\{S^0_\alpha = T_1 \leq_{\text{NSET}^t}^{\text{R S}^*} \cdots \leq_{\text{NSET}^t}^{\text{R S}^*} T_m\}$.

Now let $\mathcal{V}_{T_i}$ be the $\mathbb{C}$-linear span

$\mathcal{V}_{T_i} = \text{span}\{T_j \mid T_i \leq_{\text{NSET}^t}^{\text{R S}^*} T_j\}$

for $1 \leq i \leq m$ and observe that the definition of $\leq_{\text{NSET}^t}^{\text{R S}^*}$ implies that $\pi^{\text{R S}^*}_{T_j} \cdots \pi^{\text{R S}^*}_{T_i} \mathcal{V}_{T_i} \subseteq \mathcal{V}_{T_j}$ for any $s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_t} \in S_n$. This observation combined with the fact that the operators $\{\pi^{\text{R S}^*}_{T_i}\}_{i=1}^{n-1}$ satisfy the same relations as $H_n(0)$ by Theorem 4.6 gives the following result.

Lemma 7.18. $\mathcal{V}_{T_i}$ is an $H_n(0)$-module, and gives us a filtration of $H_n(0)$-modules

$0 \subset \mathcal{V}_{T_m} \subset \cdots \subset \mathcal{V}_{T_2} \subset \mathcal{V}_{T_1}$.

Set $\mathcal{V}_\alpha := \mathcal{V}_{T_1}$.

Essentially the same arguments leading to Theorem 5.5 now give us:

Theorem 7.19. Let $\alpha \vdash n$ be such that $\alpha$ has at least two parts of size greater than or equal to 2, and let $T_1 = S^0_\alpha \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ be the unique minimal element of $\text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)$. Then $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$ is an $H_n(0)$-module, cyclically generated by $S^0_\alpha$, whose quasisymmetric characteristic is the quasisymmetric function

\begin{equation}
\mathcal{RE}_\alpha = \sum_{T \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}^{\text{R S}^*}(T))}.
\end{equation}

Equivalently,

\begin{equation}
\mathcal{R S}^*_\alpha - \mathcal{RE}_\alpha = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}^{\text{R S}^*}(T))}.
\end{equation}

Proof. In Lemma 7.18 letting $\mathcal{V}_{T_{m+1}} = 0$, the quotient modules $\mathcal{V}_{T_{i-1}}/\mathcal{V}_{T_i}$ for $2 \leq i \leq m + 1$ are 1-dimensional $H_n(0)$-modules spanned by $T_{i-1}$. Since

$\pi_j(T_{i-1}) = \begin{cases} 0, & j \in \text{Des}^{\text{R S}^*}(T_{i-1}), \\ T_{i-1}, & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}$
as an $H_{\nu}(0)$-module, $\tilde{V}_{T_{i-1}}/\tilde{V}_{T_i}$ is isomorphic to the irreducible module $[L_{\beta}]$ where $\beta$ is the composition corresponding to the descent set $\text{Des}_{R \circ S^*}(T_{i-1})$. Hence $\text{ch}(\tilde{V}_{T_{i-1}}/\tilde{V}_{T_i}) = F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{R \circ S^*}(T_{i-1}))}$, as claimed. Equation (21) follows from the fact that $R \circ S^* \alpha = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{R \circ S^*}(T))}$. The statement about the cyclic generator was established in Lemma 7.15.

We now show that the module $\tilde{V}_\alpha$ is indecomposable. This will require a careful analysis of the technical lemmas in Section 6. In particular, we need to show that the analogue of Lemma 6.26 holds.

**Lemma 7.20.** Let $P \neq S^0_\alpha$, such that $P \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$. Assume $\alpha$ has at least three parts of size greater than or equal to 2. Then there is a permutation $\sigma = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_r}$ such that

1. $\pi_\sigma(S^0_\alpha) = 0$;
2. $\pi_\sigma(P)$ is nonzero and has rank $r + \text{rank}(P)$ in the subposet $P \mathcal{R} \mathcal{E}^*_\alpha \cap \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$.

**Proof.** We follow the argument of Lemma 6.26: again, we may assume that whenever $j, j+1$ are adjacent in $S^0_\alpha$, they are also adjacent in $P$.

Now we need the analogues of Lemma 6.18, Lemma 6.20 and Lemma 6.24. It is enough to show that each of these lemmas holds when $P \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$.

In that case, note first that if column 2 of $P$ increases bottom to top, then there must be a non-increasing column, column $j$, for $j \geq 3$. The important observation is that in each of the three lemmas, Lemma 6.18, Lemma 6.20 and Lemma 6.24, the algorithms described in the proofs affect only the first two columns of the tableau $P$. Hence we need only address the case when column 2 of $P$ is the only column which does NOT increase from bottom to top.

Consider Lemma 6.18 and the algorithm which produces the saturated chain in the statement. It is clear that if $\ell + 1$ is right-adjacent to $i \leq \ell - 1$ in $P$, then the algorithm affects only columns 1 and 2, and furthermore in column 2 it changes only the entry in the cell $(i, 2)$, diminishing it each time by 1. Clearly if $i \geq 2$, all entries below row $i$ in column 2
are greater than \( \ell + 1 \), and hence the algorithm preserves the fact that column 2 is NOT increasing bottom to top. If \( i = 1 \), then in column 2 above the first row there must be entries \( x < y \) such that \( x \) is in a higher row than \( y \). But these entries are untouched by the algorithm, so the intermediate tableaux in the saturated chain are all in \( \text{NSET}(\alpha) \).

The analogous analysis for Lemma 6.20 brings us to the same conclusion.

Finally we examine Lemma 6.24. This is somewhat more intricate. Note that we have assumed \( \alpha \) has at least three parts greater than 1. It is also clear from the proof of Lemma 6.24 that once again, the algorithm only affects the first two columns. As before, we assume column 2 of \( P \) is NOT increasing.

Let \( p \) be the smallest entry in \( S_0^0 \) where there is disagreement with \( P \), and say it is in cell \((i,2)\). Then \( P \) has an entry \( z \), \( z > p \) in this cell, \((i,2)\), and \( p \) appears in \( P \) in cell \((j,2)\) for \( j < i \). Again as in the proof of Lemma 6.24, we may assume \( p \geq \ell + 2 \). The algorithm of Lemma 6.24 successively replaces \( P \) with \( \pi_j(P) \) for some \( j \). Our claim is that the second column of \( \pi_j(P) \) continues to be non-increasing, i.e. at each step, \( \pi_j(P) \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \).

Consulting Example 6.25, we note that all rows above row \( i \) coincide in both \( S_0^0 \) and in \( P \), and that if the second column of \( P \) is non-decreasing, clearly the same is true of \( \pi_{p-1}(P) \). At each step the entry in cell \((j,2)\) of \( P \) is diminished by 1, and hence continues to be smaller than the entry \( z \) in cell \((i,2)\), which is unchanged. Also, at each step, entries in \( P \) above cell \((i,2)\) continue to be smaller than \( p \). It follows that column 2 is always non-increasing.

Our argument is now complete. \( \square \)

To finish the proof that \( \bar{V}_\alpha \) is indecomposable, we note first that Lemma 6.27 still holds, as does the following analogue of Lemma 6.17.

**Lemma 7.21.** Suppose \( f \) is an idempotent endomorphism of the \( H_n(0) \)-module \( \bar{V}_\alpha \), with

\[
f(S_0^0) = \sum_{T \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)} a_T T.
\]

Let \( P \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha), P \neq S_0^0 \), and suppose there is a \( j \) such that \( j \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}^*}(P) \setminus \text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}^*}(S_0^0) \). Then \( a_P = 0 \).

In particular, we have

\[
f(S_0^0) = \sum_{T \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)} a_T T.
\]

**Proof.** The proof of Lemma 6.17 goes through verbatim. \( \square \)

It can now be verified that the argument following Lemma 6.27 carries through unchanged, thanks to Lemma 7.20. Combined with Lemma 7.15 this gives us the following:
Theorem 7.22. The $H_n(0)$-module $\overline{V}_\alpha$ is nonzero and indecomposable if $\alpha$ has at least two parts greater than or equal to 2, and is zero otherwise.

Remark 7.23. The functions $\overline{RE}_\alpha$ cannot form a basis for QSym, since they equal zero when $\alpha \models n$ has at most one part greater than 1. (Such compositions are called diving boards in [7].) However, we do not yet know if the set

$$\{\overline{RE}_\alpha : \alpha \text{ has at least two parts of size } \geq 2\}$$

is linearly independent.

We conclude this section with some remarks on the paper of Searles [20], and a summary. Recall from Section 4 that $W_\alpha$ denotes the cyclic and indecomposable $H_n(0)$-module whose characteristic is the dual immaculate function $\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha$; it is defined by the dual immaculate action on the poset $P\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha$. On the other hand, in Section 6 we constructed a cyclic and indecomposable $H_n(0)$-module $V_\alpha$, whose characteristic is the row-strict dual immaculate function $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha$; it is defined by the row-strict dual immaculate action on the poset $P\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*_\alpha \simeq P\mathcal{G}^*_\alpha$.

In his paper, Searles shows that the set $\text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ constitutes an $H_n(0)$-invariant subposet of $P\mathcal{G}^*_\alpha$ for the $\mathcal{G}^*$-action, and therefore spans an $H_n(0)$-submodule; he then shows that the resulting quotient module has the following properties:

- it has basis $\text{SET}(\alpha)$;
- it has quasimetric characteristic $\mathcal{E}_\alpha$, specialising to the Schur function $s_\lambda$ when $\alpha$ is the partition $\lambda$;
- it is cyclically generated by the top element $S^{\text{row}}_\alpha$ (the row superstandard tableau) of the poset $P\mathcal{G}^*_\alpha$;
- it is indecomposable;
- the following difference expands positively in the fundamental basis for QSym:

$$\mathcal{G}^*_\alpha - \mathcal{E}_\alpha = \sum_{T \in \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{\mathcal{G}^*}(T))}.$$

By contrast, in this section we have shown that $\text{SET}(\alpha)$ constitutes an $H_n(0)$-invariant subposet of $P\mathcal{R}\mathcal{G}^*_\alpha$ for the $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{G}^*$-action, and therefore spans an $H_n(0)$-submodule $Z_\alpha$ of $V_\alpha$ with the following properties:

- it has basis $\text{SET}(\alpha)$;
- it has quasimetric characteristic $\mathcal{RE}_\alpha = \psi(\mathcal{E}_\alpha)$, specialising to the Schur function $s_{\lambda'}$ when $\alpha$ is the partition $\lambda$;
• it is cyclically generated by the column superstandard element $S_{\alpha}^{col}$ of the poset $P \mathcal{S}_{\alpha}^*$, which is also the bottom element of the subposet SET(\alpha);

• it is indecomposable;

• the resulting quotient module $\mathcal{V}_{\alpha}/\mathcal{Z}_{\alpha}$, with basis NSET(\alpha)\cap SIT(\alpha) and characteristic $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}_{\alpha}$, is cyclically generated by $S_{\alpha}^0$; it is indecomposable if $\alpha$ has at least two parts greater than or equal to 2, and is zero otherwise;

• the following difference expands positively in the fundamental basis for QSym:

$$\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_{\alpha}^* - \mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}_{\alpha} = \sum_{T \in \text{NSET}(\alpha)\cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_{\alpha}^*}(T))}.$$  

8. New 0-Hecke modules from the dual immaculate action

In this section we re-examine the dual immaculate action $\mathcal{S}^*$ described in Theorem 4.3, originally defined in [5], on the vector space with basis SIT(\alpha). Recall from Section 6 that SIT*(\alpha) is the set of standard immaculate tableaux whose first column consists of the integers in $[\ell(\alpha)]$. In Figure 1 these are the blue tableaux lying in the interval $[S_{\alpha}^0, S_{\alpha}^{col}]$.

In [20], Searles constructs the $H_n(0)$-module (for the dual immaculate action) whose characteristic is the extended Schur function by taking a quotient of a larger module, different from $W_{\alpha}$. By contrast, in this section we will consider a submodule and resulting quotient module of $W_{\alpha}$ itself, for the dual immaculate action. This continues the analogy with the previous section, where we constructed both a submodule and quotient module of $\mathcal{V}_{\alpha}$ for the row-strict dual immaculate action.

Note that thanks to Lemma 6.2, the $\mathcal{S}^*$-Hecke action on the poset $P \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$ is obtained from the $\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}^*$-Hecke action on the poset $P \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$ simply by reversing the arrows in the Hasse diagram. In particular the labels remain unchanged.

Before stating the theorem, we extract the two main techniques used in this paper for establishing indecomposability of a cyclic $H_n(0)$-module $\mathcal{H}$. The technique of Part (1) below was originally used to prove indecomposability in [22, Lemma 7.7, Theorem 7.8], for the immaculate $H_n(0)$-module $W_{\alpha}$ in [5, Lemma 3.11, Theorem 3.12], as well as the extended immaculate module of [20, Theorem 3.13]; in the present paper it is applied to the row-strict extended module $\mathcal{Z}_{\alpha}$ in Lemma 7.12 and Theorem 7.13 (in the special case where $\sigma_v$ is a consecutive transposition). The technique of Part (2) is used in [3, Proof of Theorem 4.1] and in this paper for the row-strict Hecke module $\mathcal{V}_{\alpha}$, in the proofs of Theorem 6.14, as well as in Lemma 7.21 and Theorem 7.22.

**Proposition 8.1.** Let $\mathcal{H}$ be an $H_n(0)$-module cyclically generated by $u_0$, with $K$-basis $\{v\}_{v \in B}$ for some finite set $B$ such that $u_0 \in B$. Let $f$ be an endomorphism of $\mathcal{H}$. Either of the
following two conditions implies that \( f \) is a scalar multiple of the identity. In particular, if \( f \) is idempotent, then it must be either the identity or the zero map.

(1) For every basis element \( v \in B, v \neq u_0 \), there is a permutation \( \sigma_v \) in \( S_n \) such that
\[
\pi_{\sigma_v}(u_0) = u_0, \quad \text{but } \pi_{\sigma_v}(v) \neq v.
\]
Here we also need to know that \( v \neq \pi_{\sigma_v}(v) \Rightarrow v \neq \pi_{\sigma_v}(w) \) for any other basis element \( w \). The latter holds automatically when \( \sigma_v \) is a consecutive transposition, see Lemma 6.15.

(2) For every basis element \( v \in B, v \neq u_0 \), there is a permutation \( \sigma_v \) in \( S_n \) such that
\[
\pi_{\sigma_v}(u_0) = 0, \quad \text{but } \pi_{\sigma_v}(v) \neq 0.
\]
Here we also need to know that \( \pi_{\sigma}(v) = \pi_{\sigma}(v') \Rightarrow v = v' \).

**Definition 8.2.** Define \( S^\text{row}_\alpha \) to be the standard immaculate tableau in \( \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) whose first column consists of 1, 2, \ldots, \( \ell(\alpha) \), and whose remaining cells are filled with the entries \( \ell + 1, \ldots, n \) in consecutive order along rows, bottom to top and left to right. Clearly \( S^\text{row}_\alpha \) has strictly increasing columns bottom to top, and hence \( S^\text{row}_\alpha \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \cap \text{SET}(\alpha) \). Compare this with the definition of \( S^\text{row}_\alpha \) in Definition 6.9.

For example, we have
\[
S^\text{row}_{221} = S^\text{col}_{221} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S^\text{row}_{332} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \neq S^\text{col}_{332}, \quad S^\text{row}_{1323} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & 7 & \vdots \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \neq S^\text{col}_{1323}.
\]

**Lemma 8.3.** The set \( \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \) is a bounded interval of the immaculate Hecke poset \( P\mathfrak{S}^*(\alpha) \), the interval \( [S^\text{col}_\alpha, S^\text{row}_\alpha] \). Furthermore, for any \( T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \), there is a permutation \( \sigma \in S_n \) such that, for the \( \mathfrak{S}^* \)-action,
\[
T = \pi_{\sigma}^{\mathfrak{S}^*}(S^\text{row}_\alpha).
\]

**Proof.** Let \( \ell = \ell(\alpha) \), the length of \( \alpha \). The invariance of \( \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \) under the \( \mathfrak{S}^* \)-action is clear from the fact (see Theorem 4.3) that
\[
\pi_i^{\mathfrak{S}^*}(T) = s_i(T) \notin \{T, 0\} \iff i, i + 1 \text{ are NOT in column 1 of } T \text{ and } i + 1 \text{ is strictly above } i \text{ in } T,
\]
and hence the first column, consisting of \( \{1, 2, \ldots, \ell(\alpha)\} \), is preserved under the action.

Also \( \text{Des}_{\mathfrak{S}^*}(S^\text{row}_\alpha) = \{\ell\} \). Hence either \( S^\text{row}_\alpha = S^\text{col}_\alpha \), which occurs if \( \alpha_\ell \) is the only part greater than 1, or there is exactly one \( j \) such that \( \pi_j^{\mathfrak{S}^*}(S^\text{row}_\alpha) = T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \), namely \( j = \ell \). Moreover in that case \( T \notin \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \). This shows that for the \( \mathfrak{S}^* \)-action, if for any \( j \), \( \pi_j^{\mathfrak{S}^*}(T) = S^\text{row}_\alpha, T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \), then necessarily \( T \notin \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \).
For clarity and consistency with the previous sections, we revert to the partial order defined in Section 5 and the poset $P\mathcal{R}S^*(\alpha)$. The lemma will then follow upon invoking Lemma 6.2.

It suffices to apply the straightening algorithm of Proposition 6.11 for the $\mathcal{R}S^*$-action. Recall that the algorithm produces a saturated chain from any tableau $T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ to the top element, the row superstandard tableau $S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$. We straighten a tableau $T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ to the tableau $S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$ in exactly the same manner, namely, by working on the rows from top to bottom, starting with the largest entry of $T$ that differs from its counterpart in $S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$, and moving to the next largest entry. This ensures that the entries $\{1, 2, \ldots, \ell(\alpha)\}$ are preserved in the first column. Exactly as in the proof of Proposition 6.11, it follows that if $T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$, then there is a sequence of operators $\pi_{j_1}, \pi_{j_2}, \ldots, \pi_{j_r}$ and tableaux $T_i \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, r$, such that $\pi_{j_i}(T_{i-1}) = T_i$, $i = 1, 2, \ldots, r$, where we set $T_0 = T$ and $T_r = S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$. Hence we conclude $T \leq_{\mathcal{R}S^*} S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$ and $\pi_{j_r}\pi_{j_{r-1}} \cdots \pi_{j_1}(T) = S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$.

In particular $S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$ is the unique maximal element of the subposet $\text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ of the poset $P\mathcal{R}S^*$. Thanks to Lemma 6.2 by reversing the arrows, this establishes the result for the dual immaculate $\mathcal{G}^*$-action as well. $\square$

We illustrate the straightening with two examples.

**Example 8.4.** Let $\alpha = 431$ so that $S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}} = \begin{array}{cccc}
3 \\
2 & 7 & 8 \\
1 & 4 & 5 & 6
\end{array}$. Indicating in bold the largest top-most entry that differs from that of $S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$, we have, for $T = S_{\alpha} = \begin{array}{cccc}
3 \\
2 & 4 & 5 \\
1 & 6 & 7 & 8
\end{array}$,

$$T_0 \xrightarrow{\pi_5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = T_1 \xrightarrow{\pi_6} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = T_2 \xrightarrow{\pi_7} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = T_3 \xrightarrow{\pi_4} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = T_4,$$

and $T_4 \xrightarrow{\pi_5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = T_5 \xrightarrow{\pi_6} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = T_6 = S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$.

Similarly for $U = S_{\alpha}^{\text{col}}$ we have

$$S_{\alpha}^{\text{col}} = \begin{array}{cccc}
3 \\
2 & 5 & 7 \\
1 & 4 & 6 & 8
\end{array} \xrightarrow{\pi_7} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = U_1 \xrightarrow{\pi_5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = U_2 \xrightarrow{\pi_6} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = U_3 = S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}.$$

**Theorem 8.5.** Let $\alpha \vdash n$, and let $W_\alpha$ be the $H_n(0)$-module with basis $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ as in Theorem 4.3. Then
(1) $\text{SIT}^*(\alpha) = \left[ S_0^\alpha, S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}} \right]$ is a basis for an $H_n(0)$-submodule $\mathcal{X}_\alpha$ of $W_\alpha$ for the $\mathfrak{S}^*$-action, of dimension $\left( \alpha_1 - 1, \alpha_2 - 1, \ldots, \alpha_\ell - 1 \right)$.

(2) $\mathcal{X}_\alpha$ is cyclically generated by $S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$; it has characteristic

$$\text{ch}(\mathcal{X}_\alpha) = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}^*_{\mathfrak{S}^*}(T))}.$$

If $\alpha$ has at most one part greater than 1, then $\text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ has cardinality 1, and the module $\mathcal{X}_\alpha$ is the irreducible $H_n(0)$-module indexed by the composition $\alpha$.

(3) Assume $\alpha$ has at least two parts of size greater than 1. Then the quotient module $W_\alpha / \mathcal{X}_\alpha$ is nonzero and cyclically generated by $S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$, and furthermore it is indecomposable. It has characteristic

$$\text{ch}(W_\alpha / \mathcal{X}_\alpha) = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \setminus \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}^*_{\mathfrak{S}^*}(T))}.$$

If $\alpha$ has at most one part greater than 1, $\text{SIT}(\alpha) = \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ and the quotient module is zero.

Proof of Part (1): The first statement follows from Lemma 8.3. The dimension count is clear, since, ignoring the constant first column, the tableau is uniquely determined by a sequence of subsets $S_1, \ldots, S_\ell$, whose union is $[n] \setminus [\ell]$; $S_i$ consists of the entries in row $i$ excluding the first column, and thus $|S_i| = \alpha_i - 1$.

Proof of Part (2): Lemma 8.3 gives the cyclic generator as well. The characteristic follows from the now familiar argument: impose a linear extension on the interval $[S_0^\alpha, S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}]$, inducing an $H_n(0)$-equivariant filtration whose quotients are one-dimensional $\mathfrak{S}^*$-Hecke modules generated by $T \in [S_0^\alpha, S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}]$, and then sum up the individual quotient characteristics.

The last statement is clear, since $\text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ has cardinality 1 if and only if $\alpha$ has at most one part of size greater than 1.

Proof of Part (3): As above, it is clear that the quotient module is nonzero if and only if $\alpha$ has at least two parts of size greater than 1. The statement about the cyclic generator follows from the fact that the parent module $W_\alpha$ is itself cyclically generated by the row superstandard tableau $S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}$. A basis for the quotient is given by the complement of the set $\text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ in $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$, and the characteristic is computed via the usual filtration arising from a linear extension.

In order to prove indecomposability, we appeal to the method in Part (1) of Proposition 8.1. Following the proof of Theorem 7.13 for the quotient module our starting point is the equation

$$f(S_{\alpha}^{\text{row}}) = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha) \setminus \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)} a_T T.$$
We need the analogue of Lemma 7.12, but this is precisely the content of [5, Lemma 3.11], namely that for every tableau $P \neq S_{\alpha}^{row}$, there is a $j \in [n - 1]$ such that $\pi_j$ fixes $S_{\alpha}^{row}$ but does NOT fix $P$. The rest of the proof is identical to the proof of Theorem 7.13. □

The functions $\text{ch}(\mathcal{X}_{\alpha})$ are not independent, as the following simple counterexample shows:

Example 8.6. Let $n = 3$ and consider the compositions $\alpha = 12, \beta = 21$. Then $\text{SIT}^* (\alpha) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{array} \right\}, \text{SIT}^* (\beta) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{array} \right\}$. Clearly $\text{ch}(\mathcal{X}_{\alpha}) = \text{ch}(\mathcal{X}_{\beta})$, since both tableaux have the same $S^*$-descent set, namely the set $\{1\}$.

We have the following pleasing expression for the characteristic of the module $\mathcal{X}_{\alpha}$.

Proposition 8.7. Let $\alpha \vdash n$ have length $\ell$, and let $\bar{\alpha}$ be the composition $(\alpha_1 - 1, \alpha_2 - 1, \ldots, \alpha_\ell - 1)$ of $n - \ell$, where we omit any part that is zero. Then

$$\text{ch}(\mathcal{X}_{\alpha}) = \sum_{k \geq \ell} e_{\ell-1}(x_1, \ldots, x_{k-1}) x_k h_{\bar{\alpha}}(x_k, x_{k+1}, \ldots),$$

where $e_r$ is the $r$th elementary symmetric function, and $h_{\beta} = h_{\beta_1} h_{\beta_2} \cdots$ is the product of the homogeneous symmetric functions indexed by the parts of the composition $\beta$.

Proof. Recall from Theorem 7.5 that for a partition $\lambda$ we have the Schur function expansion

$$s_\lambda = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\lambda)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{S^*}(T))}$$

and this naturally generalizes (see [21, Theorem 7.19.7]) for partitions $\lambda, \mu$ to the skew Schur function expansion

$$s_{\lambda/\mu} = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\lambda/\mu)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{S^*}(T))}$$

where $\lambda/\mu$ is the diagram of $\lambda$ with that of $\mu$ removed from the bottom left corner. See [11] for further details.

Now note that the first column of every tableau $T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$ is in natural bijection with the unique SET of shape $\lambda_1$. Also note that $T$ with the leftmost column removed and every remaining tableau entry (that is at least $\ell + 1$) reduced by $\ell$ is in natural bijection with a SET denoted by $D_T$ of shape consisting of disconnected rows of length $\alpha_1 - 1, \alpha_2 - 1, \ldots, \alpha_\ell - 1$ from bottom to top. Moreover,

$$\{i - \ell \mid i \in \text{Des}_{S^*}(T), i > \ell\} = \{i \mid i \in \text{Des}_{S^*}(D_T)\}.$$

Furthermore, we have that $\ell - 1 \in \text{Des}_{S^*}(T)$ but $\ell \notin \text{Des}_{S^*}(T)$, so in the monomials appearing in $\text{ch}(\mathcal{X}_{\alpha})$ we have that the $(\ell - 1)$th variable does not equal the $\ell$th variable, but the $\ell$th
variable may equal the \((\ell + 1)\)th variable. Hence if the \(\ell\)th variable is \(x_k\), then comparing the expressions for \(\text{ch}(\mathcal{X}_\alpha)\) and \(s_{\lambda/\mu}\), the first column of \(T\) contributes

\[s_{(\ell-1)}(x_1, \ldots, x_{k-1})x_k = e_{\ell-1}(x_1, \ldots, x_{k-1})x_k\]

and the remainder of the shape contributes

\[s_{D_{T}}(x_k, x_{k+1}, \ldots) = h_{\bar{\alpha}}(x_k, x_{k+1}, \ldots).\]

Here we exploit the fact that the skew shape \(\lambda/\mu\) consists of disjoint pieces. Summing over all \(k \geq \ell\) completes the proof.

It is not clear how to investigate the indecomposability of the module \(\mathcal{X}_\alpha\). The method in Part (2) of Proposition 8.1 fails, since

\[\pi_{S}^{\ast}(P) = 0 \iff j, j+1 \text{ are in column 1 of } P \iff j \in [\ell-1],\]

but this is trivially true for every \(P \in \text{SIT}^* (\alpha)\). Similarly, there are many examples which show that the technique of Part (1) of Proposition 8.1 also fails. Recall from Theorem 4.3 that for the dual immaculate action, we have

\[\pi_{S}^{\ast}(P) = P \iff j + 1 \text{ is weakly below } j \text{ in } P.\]

Let \(\alpha = 223\) as in Figure 1, so that \(S_{\alpha}^{\ast} = \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 \end{array}\).

Then \(\pi_{S}^{\ast}(S_{\alpha}^{\ast}) = S_{\alpha}^{\ast} \iff j \in \{3, 6\} \).

However, the tableau \(P = \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 \end{array}\) is also fixed by both \(\pi_{S}^{\ast}\) and \(\pi_{6}^{\ast}\), as well as by \(\pi_{5}^{\ast}\).

We have observed that Lemma 6.2 allowed us to interpret the passage between the dual immaculate and row-strict dual immaculate functions, via the map \(\psi\), in terms of the partial orders induced by the respective Hecke actions on standard immaculate tableaux. We conclude by pointing out that precisely the same relationship holds between the \(H_n(0)\)-actions defined in [22] and [3].

**Remark 8.8.** The \(H_n(0)\)-action on standard reverse composition tableaux (SRCT), as defined in [22], bears the same relationship to the action defined by Bardwell-Searles [3] for row-strict Young quasisymmetric functions, in the sense of Lemma 6.2. First we recall the actions that are involved in these two situations. We also need to recall the passage between standard reverse composition tableaux and standard Young composition tableaux of size \(n\), as described in [13, Chapter 4, Chapter 5], namely replace each \(i\) with \(n+1-i\) and reverse.
the composition. The $H_n(0)$-action on standard reverse composition tableaux defined in [22] is:

\begin{equation}
\pi_i^{\text{TwW}}(T) = \begin{cases} 
T, & \text{if } i \text{ is strictly right of } i+1, \\
0, & \text{if } i \text{ is strictly NW of, or in the same column as, } i+1, \\
s_i(T), & \text{if } i \text{ is strictly SW of } i+1.
\end{cases}
\end{equation}

The second action is the one defined by Bardwell-Searles for row-strict Young tableaux [3], but with left and right swapped to reflect using reverse tableaux when considering row-strict quasisymmetric Schur functions:

\begin{equation}
\pi_i^{\text{revBS}}(T) = \begin{cases} 
T, & \text{if } i \text{ is weakly left of } i+1, \\
0, & \text{if } i \text{ is right-adjacent to } i+1, \\
s_i(T), & \text{if } i \text{ is strictly right of } i+1 \text{ but not in the same row}.
\end{cases}
\end{equation}

Then we have the following analogue of Lemma 6.2:

**Lemma 8.9.** Let $S$ and $T$ be standard reverse composition tableaux. If $S \neq T, S \neq 0$ then

\[ \pi_i^{\text{TwW}}(T) = S \iff \pi_i^{\text{revBS}}(S) = T. \]

**Proof.**

\[ \pi_i^{\text{TwW}}(T) = S \iff i \text{ is strictly SW of } i+1 \text{ in } T \iff i \text{ is strictly NE of } i+1 \text{ in } S \iff \pi_i^{\text{revBS}}(S) = s_i(S) = T. \]

The argument is now complete. \qed

A summary of our results for row-strict dual immaculate functions appears in Table 1 below. Table 2 summarises the families of quasisymmetric functions, with corresponding 0-Hecke modules, that have appeared in the literature to date.

### 9. A NEW DESCENT SET

The work of this section is motivated by a desire to complete the analysis of 0-Hecke actions on the set $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$, by considering all the possible variations on the descent set definitions in Section 2. There are four possible relative positions of $i$ and $i+1$: (strictly/weakly) and (above/below), two of which give the dual immaculate and row-strict dual immaculate $H_n(0)$-modules.

As in Section 4 for each composition $\alpha$ of $n$, let $V_\alpha$ denote the vector space whose basis is the set $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ of standard immaculate tableaux of shape $\alpha$. In this section we define two new descent sets which are complementary, and construct 0-Hecke modules for each one. This in turn gives two new families of quasisymmetric functions which are related by the
involution $\psi$. The general framework is tantalisingly similar to Section 4, but the details are sufficiently different that once again a careful analysis is required to ensure that one does indeed have a 0-Hecke action in each case.

**Definition 9.1.** For $T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$, define $\text{Des}_{A^*}(T) := \{i : i + 1 \text{ is strictly below } i \text{ in } T\}$.

Now we turn to the complement of this descent set.

**Definition 9.2.** For $T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$, define $\text{Des}_{\bar{A}^*}(T) := \{i : i + 1 \text{ is weakly above } i \text{ in } T\}$.

We will prove the following.

**Theorem 9.3.** There is a cyclic $H_n(0)$-module $A_\alpha$, generated by the bottom element $S^0_\alpha$ of the poset $\text{P} \text{RS}^*(\alpha)$, whose quasisymmetric characteristic is

$$\text{ch}(A_\alpha) = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{A^*}(T))}.$$

Here $\text{Des}_{A^*}(T) = \{i : i + 1 \text{ is strictly below } i \text{ in } T\}$.

Similarly:

**Theorem 9.4.** There is a cyclic $H_n(0)$-module $\bar{A}_\alpha$, generated by the top element $S^{\text{row}}_\alpha$ of the poset $\text{P} \text{RS}^*(\alpha)$, whose quasisymmetric characteristic is

$$\text{ch}(\bar{A}_\alpha) = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{\bar{A}^*}(T))}.$$

Here $\text{Des}_{\bar{A}^*}(T) = \{i : i + 1 \text{ is weakly above } i \text{ in } T\}$.

Note that, as is the case with $\text{S}^*_\alpha$ and $\text{RS}^*_\alpha$, the two characteristics are related by the involution $\psi : \psi(\text{ch}(\bar{A}_\alpha)) = \text{ch}(A_\alpha)$.

We also have the following analogue of results from Section 7 and Section 8. See Proposition 8.7. Once again we have a pleasing expression for the quasisymmetric characteristic of the action of $\bar{A}_\alpha$ on $\text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$.

**Proposition 9.5.** The vector space with basis

(1) $\text{SET}(\alpha)$ is a cyclic $H_n(0)$-submodule of $A_\alpha$ generated by $S^{\text{col}}_\alpha$ with characteristic

$$\sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{A^*}(T))};$$
(2) \text{SIT}^*(\alpha) \text{ is a cyclic } H_n(0)-\text{submodule of } \bar{A}_\alpha \text{ generated by } S^{\text{rows}}_{\alpha}, \text{ with characteristic}
\sum_{T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{\bar{A}}(T))} = \sum_{k \geq \ell} e_{\ell-1}(x_1, \cdots, x_{k-1})x_k e_{\beta}(x_k, \cdots) e_{\alpha_{\ell-1}}(x_{k+1}, \cdots).

where \alpha \text{ has length } \ell \text{ and } \beta = (\alpha_1 - 1, \ldots, \alpha_{\ell-1} - 1) \text{ ignoring any parts of size 0.}

Proof. Note the similarity with the proof of Proposition 8.7. Recall from Theorem 7.5 that
for a partition \lambda we have the Schur function expansion
\[ s_{\lambda} = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\lambda)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{\bar{A}}(T))} \]
and this naturally generalizes (see [21, Theorem 7.19.7]) for partitions \lambda, \mu to the skew Schur function expansion
\[ s_{\lambda/\mu} = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\lambda/\mu)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_{\bar{A}}(T))} \]
where \lambda/\mu \text{ is the diagram of } \lambda \text{ with that of } \mu \text{ removed from the bottom left corner. See [11] for further details.}

Now note that the first column of every tableau \(T \in \text{SIT}^*(\alpha)\) is in natural bijection with the unique SET of shape \((1^\ell)\). Also note that \(T\) with the leftmost column removed and every remaining tableau entry (that is at least \(\ell + 1\)) reduced by \(\ell\) is in natural bijection with a SET denoted by \(\bar{D}_T \cup C\) of shape \(\bar{D}_T\) consisting of disconnected columns of length \(\alpha_1 - 1, \alpha_2 - 1, \ldots, \alpha_{\ell-1} - 1\) from bottom to top, and a further shape \(C\) at the top consisting of a column of length \(\alpha_{\ell} - 1\). Moreover,
\[ \{i - \ell \mid i \in \text{Des}_{\bar{A}}(T), i > \ell\} = \{i \mid i \in \text{Des}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{D}_T \cup C)\}. \]
It is worth noting that if \(i + 1\) is strictly above \(i\) (so in a different row), or in the same row as \(i\) in \(T\), then this descent gets maintained in \(\bar{D}_T \cup C\) when we switch rows to columns (with entries increasing bottom to top) so these descents all get transferred from \(T\) to \(\bar{D}_T \cup C\).
Furthermore, we have that \(\ell - 1 \in \text{Des}_{\bar{A}}(T)\), so in the monomials appearing in \(\text{ch}(X_{\alpha})\) we have that the \((\ell - 1)\)th variable does not equal the \(\ell\)th variable, but the \(\ell\)th variable may or may not equal the \((\ell + 1)\)th variable. In particular, it may, unless in \(T\) the entry \(\ell + 1\) appears in row \(\ell\), so \(\ell \in \text{Des}_{\bar{A}}(T)\), in which case the \(\ell\)th variable may not equal the \((\ell + 1)\)th variable. Hence if the \(\ell\)th variable is \(x_k\), then comparing the expressions for \(\text{ch}(X_{\alpha})\) and \(s_{\lambda/\mu}\), the first column of \(T\) contributes
\[ s_{(1^{\ell-1})}(x_1, \ldots, x_{k-1})x_k = e_{\ell-1}(x_1, \ldots, x_{k-1})x_k \]
and the remainder of the shape contributes
\[ s_{\bar{D}_T}(x_k, \ldots)s_{(1^{\ell-1})}(x_{k+1}, \ldots) = e_\beta(x_k, \ldots)e_{\alpha_{\ell-1}}(x_{k+1}, \ldots). \]
Again we exploit the fact that the skew shape \(\lambda/\mu\) consists of disjoint pieces. Summing over all \(k \geq \ell\) completes the proof. \(\square\)
The example below shows that the quasisymmetric functions \( \text{ch}(\mathcal{A}_\alpha) \) do not form a basis for \( \text{QSym} \), since they fail to be independent: \( \text{ch}(\mathcal{A}_\alpha) = F(n) \) for \( \alpha \in \{(1^{\ell-1}, n-\ell+1), 1 \leq \ell \leq n\} \).

**Example 9.6.** Let \( \alpha = (1^{\ell-1}, n-\ell+1), 1 \leq \ell \leq n \). There is only one tableau \( T \) in \( \text{SIT} (\alpha) \).

The descent sets are

\[ \text{Des}_S (T) = [\ell-1] \text{ or } \emptyset \text{ if } \ell = 1, \text{Des}_R (T) = \{\ell, \ell+1, \ldots, n-1\} \text{ or } \emptyset \text{ if } \ell = n, \text{Des}_A (T) = \emptyset, \text{Des}_{\bar{A}} (T) = [n-1]. \]

Hence the quasisymmetric characteristics are

\[ \mathcal{G}_\alpha^* = F_{(1^{\ell-1}, n-\ell+1)} = F_{\alpha}, \ \mathcal{R}\mathcal{G}_\alpha^* = F_{(\ell, 1^{n-\ell})}, \ \text{ch}(\mathcal{A}_\alpha) = F(n), \ \text{ch}(\bar{A}_\alpha) = F_{(1^n)}. \]

**Remark 9.7.** Since

\[ \text{Des}_A (T) \subseteq \text{Des}_R (T), \ \text{Des}_{\bar{A}} (T) \supseteq \text{Des}_S (T), \]

the fundamental quasisymmetric functions in the expansion of \( \mathcal{R}\mathcal{G}_\alpha^* \) (resp. \( \mathcal{G}_\alpha^* \)) correspond to compositions that are refinements of (resp. are coarser than) those appearing in the fundamental expansion of \( \text{ch}(\mathcal{A}_\alpha) \) (resp. \( \text{ch}(\bar{A}_\alpha) \)). For example, the three elements in \( \text{SIT}(13) \) are \( T_1 = \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \), \( T_2 = \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \), \( T_3 = \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \) with respective descent sets \( \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\} \) and \( \{1, 2\} \) for \( \mathcal{R}\mathcal{G}_{31}^* \), and \( \{2\}, \{3\} \) and \( \emptyset \) for \( \text{ch}(\mathcal{A}_{31}) \). Hence \( \mathcal{R}\mathcal{G}_{31}^* = F_{211} + F_{121} + F_{112} \), \( \text{ch}(\mathcal{A}_{31}) = F_{22} + F_{31} + F_4 \).

We turn now to constructing the appropriate \( H_n(0) \)-modules for each new descent set. The standard model in the literature for doing this is the following. We are given some basis that is a subset \( \text{ST}(\alpha) \), say, of the set of all standard tableaux of shape \( \alpha \), and some definition of descents. For \( T \in \text{ST}(\alpha) \) let \( s_i(T) \) be the operator switching \( i \) and \( i+1 \) in \( T \). This may or may not produce a basis element in \( \text{ST}(\alpha) \). Define the action of the generator \( \pi_i \) on \( T \in \text{ST}(\alpha) \) by

\[ \pi_i (T) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } i \text{ is NOT a descent of } T, \\ s_i(T) & \text{if } i \text{ is a descent of } T \text{ and } s_i(T) \in \text{ST}(\alpha), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases} \]

Under suitable conditions, the generators will satisfy the Hecke relations, thereby defining a 0-Hecke module. We will show that these propitious circumstances occur for \( \mathcal{A} \) and \( \bar{A} \), in addition to \( \mathcal{G}^* \) and \( \mathcal{R}\mathcal{G}^* \), and that in each case, the partial order resulting from the 0-Hecke action gives the immaculate Hecke poset \( \mathcal{P}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{G}_\alpha^* \simeq \mathcal{P}\mathcal{G}_\alpha^* \).

For Definition 9.1, (24) gives us the following.
Define, for each $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ and each standard immaculate tableau $T$ of shape $\alpha$, the action of the generator $\pi_i$ on $T$ to be

$$
\pi_i^{A^*}(T) = \begin{cases} 
T, & \text{if } i \notin \text{Des}_{A^*}(T) \\
\pi i + 1 \text{ strictly above or right-adjacent to } i \text{ in } T, & i \in \text{Des}_{A^*}(T) \iff i + 1 \text{ strictly below } i \text{ in } T.
\end{cases}
$$

where $s_i(T)$ is the standard immaculate tableau obtained from $T$ by swapping $i$ and $i + 1$. The following analogue of Lemma 4.4 then follows by definition.

**Lemma 9.8.** Let $T$ be a standard immaculate tableau and let $i \in \text{Des}_{A^*}(T)$. Then

1. $i, i + 1$ cannot both be in the leftmost column of $T$;
2. if $s_i(T)$ is a standard immaculate tableau, then $i \notin \text{Des}_{A^*}(s_i(T)).$

**Theorem 9.9.** The operators $\pi_i^{A^*}$ define an action of the 0-Hecke algebra on the vector space $V_\alpha$.

**Proof.** As usual for simplicity we will simply write $\pi_i$ for $\pi_i^{A^*}$. Clearly from the preceding analysis, $\pi_i(T) \in V_\alpha$ for every standard immaculate tableau $T$ of shape $\alpha$. We must verify that the operators satisfy the 0-Hecke algebra relations.

To show $\pi_i^2(T) = \pi_i(T)$, we need only check the case when $i + 1$ is strictly below $i$ in $T$. In this case $\pi_i(T) = s_i(T)$, and $i$ is now strictly below $i + 1$. Hence $\pi_i(s_i(T)) = s_i(T)$ and we are done.

Let $1 \leq i, j \leq n - 1$ with $|i - j| \geq 2$. Then $\{i, i + 1\} \cup \{j, j + 1\} = \emptyset$, so the actions of $\pi_i$ and $\pi_j$ are independent of each other, and hence commute.

It remains to show that

$$
\pi_i \pi_{i+1} \pi_i(T) = \pi_{i+1} \pi_i \pi_{i+1}(T).
$$

We examine four separate cases.

**Case 1:** Assume $i \notin \text{Des}_{A^*}(T), i + 1 \notin \text{Des}_{A^*}(T)$: Then $\pi_i(T) = T, \pi_{i+1}(T) = T$, and the claim is clear.

**Case 2:** Assume $i \in \text{Des}_{A^*}(T)$, but $i + 1 \notin \text{Des}_{A^*}(T)$: Then $\pi_{i+1}(T) = T, \pi_i(T) = s_i(T)$. Hence (25) becomes

$$
\pi_i \pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = \pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)),
$$

which we need to verify.

Assume $i + 1 \notin \text{Des}_{A^*}(s_i(T))$. The left-hand side then equals $\pi_i(s_i(T)) = s_i(T)$ by Lemma 9.8 and this is also the right-hand side.

Finally assume $i + 1 \in \text{Des}_{A^*}(s_i(T))$. We now have $i + 1$ strictly below $i$ in $T$, so that
Case 3: Assume $i + 1$ is strictly above $i$ in $s_i(T)$, and $i + 2$ strictly below $i + 1$ in $s_i(T)$. Also recall that $i + 2$ was weakly above $i + 1$ in $T$. It follows that

\[\pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = s_{i+1}(s_i(T)),\]

and in the latter we now have $i$ (weakly) below $i + 1$, which is strictly below $i + 2$. In particular $i$ is not a descent of $\pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = s_{i+1}(s_i(T))$, and hence the latter tableau is fixed by $\pi_i$. Equation (26) is thus verified.

In $s_i(T)$, $i + 2$ is now weakly above $i$ and strictly below $i + 1$.

This implies $\pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = s_{i+1}(s_i(T))$, and in the latter we now have $i$ (weakly) below $i + 1$, which is strictly below $i + 2$. In particular $i$ is not a descent of $\pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) = s_{i+1}(s_i(T))$, and hence the latter tableau is fixed by $\pi_i$. Equation (26) is thus verified.

Case 3: Assume $i \notin \operatorname{Des}_{A^*}(T)$, but $i + 1 \in \operatorname{Des}_{A^*}(T)$:

Now (25) becomes

\[\pi_i(s_{i+1}(T)) = \pi_{i+1}\pi_i(s_{i+1}(T)),\]

which we need to verify.

Thus $i + 2$ is strictly below $i + 1$ in $T$. Also $i$ is weakly BELOW $i + 1$ in $T$.

Suppose $i$ and $i + 1$ are NOT right-adjacent in $T$. Then $i + 1$ is strictly above both $i$ and $i + 2$ in $T$, and thus $i + 2$ is strictly above both $i, i + 1$ in $s_{i+1}(T)$. Here we have two possibilities for $s_{i+1}(T)$:

- Either $i$ is below $i + 1$, which is below $i + 2$, and hence $\pi_i$ and $\pi_{i+1}$ both fix $s_{i+1}(T)$;
- or $i + 1$ is below $i$, and $i$ is below $i + 2$. In the latter case, applying $\pi_i$ to $s_{i+1}(T)$ switches $i$ and $i + 1$, so that in $\pi_i(s_{i+1}(T))$ we now have $i$ below $i + 1$, and $i + 1$ (still) below $i + 2$. But then $\pi_{i+1}$ fixes $\pi_i(s_{i+1}(T))$.

Now suppose $i$ and $i + 1$ ARE right-adjacent in $T$. Since $i + 2$ is strictly below $i + 1$ in $T$, the only possibility here for $s_{i+1}(T)$ is that $i, i + 2$ are right-adjacent, lying strictly above $i + 1$. But then in $\pi_i(s_{i+1}(T))$, $i + 1, i + 2$ are right-adjacent, lying strictly above $i$.

Hence $\pi_{i+1}$ fixes $\pi_i(s_{i+1}(T))$, and Equation (28) has been established.

Case 4: Assume $i, i + 1 \in \operatorname{Des}_{A^*}(T)$: This means $i$ is strictly above $i + 1$ which is strictly above $i + 2$ in $T$. Then Equation (25) becomes

\[s_is_{i+1}s_i(T) = s_{i+1}s_is_{i+1}(T),\]

and it is easy to see that this is indeed true.

We have verified Equation (25) in all cases, thereby completing the proof that the action of the generators $\pi_i$ extends to an action of $H_\alpha(0)$ on $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$. \hfill \Box

This $H_\alpha(0)$-action on $\mathcal{V}_\alpha$ induces a partial order $\leq_{A^*}$ on $\operatorname{SIT}(\alpha)$, exactly as in Section 5. In fact it produces the same poset $\mathcal{PRS}_{\alpha}^*$, since clearly

\[\pi_i^{A^*}(T) \notin \{T, 0\} \iff \pi_i^{\mathcal{PRS}^*}(T) \notin \{T, 0\}.\]
Moreover, we have the following:

**Proposition 9.10.** The module $A_\alpha$ is cyclically generated by the standard immaculate tableau $S^0_\alpha$.

**Proof.** Examining Proposition 6.6, we see that, since we have

$$\pi_i^{A_\alpha}(T) = s_i(T) \iff \pi_i^{\overline{A_\alpha}}(T) = s_i(T) \iff i + 1 \text{ is strictly below } i \text{ in } T,$$

the straightening algorithm goes through without change, giving the same conclusion. \[\square\]

**Proof of Theorem 9.3.** As in Section 5, extend the partial order $\preceq_{A_\alpha^*}$ on $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ to an arbitrary total order on $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$, denoted by $\preceq_{A_\alpha^*}^t$. Let the elements of $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ under $\preceq_{A_\alpha^*}^t$ be

$$\{T_1 \preceq_{A_\alpha^*}^t \cdots \preceq_{A_\alpha^*}^t T_m\}.$$

The induced filtration, as in Section 6, is

$$0 \subset \text{span}([T_m, S^\text{row}_\alpha]) \subset \cdots \subset \text{span}([T_i, S^\text{row}_\alpha]) \subset \cdots \subset \text{span}([S^0_\alpha, S^\text{row}_\alpha]).$$

The key observation here is that

$$\pi_i^{A_\alpha^*}(T) = T \iff i \notin \text{Des}_{A_\alpha^*}(T),$$

which guarantees that the successive quotients in the filtration are one-dimensional irreducible modules. Theorem 9.3 now follows. \[\square\]

Consider next Definition 9.2. Define, for each $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ and each standard immaculate tableau $T$ of shape $\alpha$, the action of the generator $\pi_i$ on $T$ to be

$$\bar{\pi}_i(T) = \pi_i^{A_\alpha^*}(T) = \begin{cases} T, & i \notin \text{Des}_{A_\alpha^*}(T) \iff i + 1 \text{ strictly below } i \text{ in } T, \\ 0 & i + 1 \text{ right-adjacent to } i \text{ in } T \\
 & \text{or } i, i + 1 \text{ both in 1st column}, \\
s_i(T), & i + 1 \text{ strictly above } i \text{ in } T, \\
 & \text{and } i, i + 1 \text{ not both in 1st column}. \end{cases}$$

where $s_i(T)$ is the standard immaculate tableau obtained from $T$ by swapping $i$ and $i + 1$.

**Lemma 9.11.** Suppose $i, i + 1$ are not both in column 1 of $T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)$, and $i \in \text{Des}_{A_\alpha^*}(T)$. If $\bar{\pi}_i(T) = s_i(T)$, then $i$ cannot be in column 1 of $T$.

**Proof.** This follows since rows must increase left to right, and $i + 1$ is strictly above $i$ in $T$. \[\square\]

**Theorem 9.12.** The operators $\bar{\pi}_i$ define an action of the 0-Hecke algebra on the vector space $V_\alpha$. 
Proof. Clearly from the preceding analysis, \( \pi_i(T) \in V_\alpha \) for every standard immaculate tableau \( T \) of shape \( \alpha \). We must verify that the operators satisfy the 0-Hecke algebra relations.

That \( \pi_i^2(T) = \pi_i(T) \) holds is clear if \( \pi_i(T) \in \{ T, 0 \} \), so we need only check the case when \( i + 1 \) is strictly above \( i \) in \( T \), and \( i, i + 1 \) not in column 1. In this case \( \pi_i(T) = s_i(T) \), and \( i \) is now strictly below \( i + 1 \) in \( s_i(T) \). Hence \( \pi_i(s_i(T)) = s_i(T) \) and we are done.

Let \( 1 \leq i, j \leq n - 1 \) with \( |i - j| \geq 2 \). Then \( \{i, i + 1\} \cup \{j, j + 1\} = \emptyset \), so the actions of \( \pi_i \) and \( \pi_j \) are independent of each other, and hence commute.

It remains to show that

\[
\pi_i \pi_{i+1} \pi_i(T) = \pi_{i+1} \pi_i \pi_{i+1}(T). \tag{30}
\]

Again there are four separate cases.

Case 1: \( i, i + 1 \notin \text{Des}_{\mathcal{A}^*}(T) \): This case is clear as before, since \( \pi_i, \pi_{i+1} \) both fix \( T \).

Case 2: \( i \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{A}^*}(T), i + 1 \notin \text{Des}_{\mathcal{A}^*}(T) \): thus \( \pi_{i+1} \) fixes \( T \) and \( i + 2 \) is strictly below \( i + 1 \).

If \( \pi_i(T) = 0 \), we are done, so assume \( \pi_i(T) = s_i(T) \). By Lemma 9.11, \( i \) cannot be in column 1, but \( i + 1 \) could be. Note that Equation (30) becomes

\[
\pi_i \pi_{i+1} s_i(T) = \pi_{i+1} s_i(T). \tag{31}
\]

Now \( i \) is strictly below \( i + 1 \) in \( T \), so either \( i + 2 \) is below both of them, or \( i + 2 \) is above \( i \) and below \( i + 1 \).

In \( s_i(T) = \pi_i(T) \), we have, in the first case, \( i + 2 \) below \( i + 1 \) below \( i \) and so \( \pi_{i+1} \) (as well as \( \pi_i \)) fixes \( s_i(T) \); and in the second case \( i + 1 \) below \( i + 2 \) below \( i \), so \( \pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) \) has \( i + 2 \) below \( i + 1 \) below \( i \).

Thus in either case, \( i \) is NOT a descent of \( \pi_{i+1}(s_i(T)) \), which is thus fixed by \( \pi_i \). This verifies (31).

Case 3: Assume \( i \notin \text{Des}_{\mathcal{A}^*}(T), \) but \( i + 1 \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{A}^*}(T) \):

This is Case 2 with the roles of \( i \) and \( i + 1 \) interchanged, and the argument follows mutatis mutandis.

Case 4: Assume \( i, i + 1 \in \text{Des}_{\mathcal{A}^*}(T) \): This means \( i + 2 \) is weakly above \( i + 1 \) which is weakly above \( i \) in \( T \). If both relations are strict, and neither of the pairs \( i + 2, i + 1 \) nor \( i + 1, i \) is in column 1, Equation (30) becomes

\[
s_i s_{i+1} s_i(T) = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1}(T), \tag{32}
\]

and it is easy to see that this is indeed true.

If \( \pi_i(T) = 0 = \pi_{i+1}(T) \), each side of Equation (30) is 0.

Otherwise, we have two sub-cases.
Case 4a: \( \bar{\pi}_{i+1}(T) \neq 0 \) and \( \bar{\pi}_i(T) = 0 \):

This makes the left side of (30) equal to 0. We must show that the right side of (30) is also zero.

We have \( \bar{\pi}_{i+1}(T) = s_{i+1}(T) \), and \( i + 2, i + 1 \) are not both in column 1. The right side of (30) is then \( \bar{\pi}_{i+1}(s_{i+1}(T)) \).

Since \( \bar{\pi}_i(T) = 0 \), either \( i, i + 1 \) are right-adjacent in \( T \) with \( i + 2 \) strictly above them or \( i, i + 1 \) are in the first column with \( i + 2 \) above them, not in the first column.

In the first case, applying \( s_{i+1} \) makes \( i \) and \( i + 2 \) right-adjacent with \( i + 1 \) above them, and this followed by \( \bar{\pi}_i \) makes \( i + 1 \) and \( i + 2 \) right-adjacent. This tableau is thus sent to 0 by \( \bar{\pi}_{i+1} \).

In the second case, applying \( s_{i+1} \) makes \( i \) and \( i + 2 \) adjacent in column 1 with \( i + 1 \) above them and strictly to the right, and following this with \( \bar{\pi}_i \) puts both \( i + 1 \) and \( i + 2 \) in column 1. Again, this tableau is sent to 0 by \( \bar{\pi}_{i+1} \).

Case 4b: \( \bar{\pi}_{i+1}(T) = 0 \) but \( \bar{\pi}_i(T) \neq 0 \):

This is Case 4a with the roles of \( i \) and \( i + 1 \) interchanged, and the argument follows mutatis mutandis.

We have verified Equation (30) in all cases, thereby completing the proof that the action of the generators \( \bar{\pi}_i \) extends to an action of \( H_n(0) \) on \( V_\alpha \).

The analogue of Proposition 9.10 is

**Proposition 9.13.** The module \( \bar{A}_\alpha \) is cyclically generated by the standard immaculate tableau \( S_{\text{row}}^\alpha \).

**Proof.** Examining Proposition 6.11 we see that, since we have

\[
\pi_i^{A^*}(T) = s_i(T) \iff \pi_i^{S^*}(T) = s_i(T) 
\iff i + 1 \text{ is strictly above } i \text{ in } T, \text{ and } i, i + 1 \text{ are not both in column } 1,
\]

the straightening algorithm goes through without change, with the same conclusion.

**Proof of Theorem 9.4.** This is proved using the filtration of \( H_n(0) \)-modules

\[
0 \subset \text{span}(\{S_0^0, T_1\}) \subset \cdots \subset \text{span}(\{S_0^0, T_i\}) \subset \cdots \subset \text{span}(\{S_0^0, S_{\text{row}}^\alpha\}),
\]

induced by a linear extension

\[
\{T_1 \preceq_{\bar{A}_\alpha^*} \cdots \preceq_{\bar{A}_\alpha^*} T_m\}
\]

of the poset, exactly as before. Again the key observation is that

\[
\pi_i^{A^*}(T) = T \iff i \notin \text{Des}_{A^*}(T),
\]
guaranteeing that the successive quotients in the filtration are one-dimensional irreducible modules.

Finally, we have:

**Proof of Proposition 9.5.** This is proved by examining the arguments in Lemma 7.9 and Lemma 8.3, which in turn rely on the straightening algorithms of Proposition 6.6 and Proposition 6.11 respectively, and observing that they go through unchanged.

| Immaculate Tableaux → | \( \mathcal{S}_\alpha^* \) | \( \mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^* \) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                       | Dual immaculate   | Row-strict dual imm. |
| 1st Col bottom to top | strict \( \nearrow \) | weak \( \nearrow \) |
| Rows left to right    | weak \( \nearrow \) | strict \( \nearrow \) |
| Descents (for fund. expansion) | \( \{ i : i + 1 \text{ strictly above } i \} \) | \( \{ i : i + 1 \text{ weakly below } i \} \) |
| Action of \( \psi \) in QSym | \( \mathcal{S}_\alpha^*(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \) | \( \mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^* = \psi(\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*) \) |
| 0-Hecke action on \( \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) | Note that standard | tableaux are the same |
| \( \pi_i(T) = T \) | \( i + 1 \) weakly below \( i \) | \( i + 1 \) strictly above \( i \) |
| \( \pi_i(T) = 0 \) | \( i, i + 1 \) in 1st column | \( i, i + 1 \) in same row |
| \( T, s_i(T) \) standard, and \( \pi_i(T) = s_i(T) \) | \( i + 1 \) strictly above \( i \), \( i, i + 1 \) NOT both in 1st column | \( i + 1 \) strictly below \( i \) |
| Partial order on \( \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) | Poset \( \mathcal{P}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*(\alpha) = [S_{\text{row}}^\alpha, S_{\text{row}}^\alpha] \) | Poset \( \mathcal{P}\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*(\alpha) \simeq \mathcal{P}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*(\alpha) \) |
| Cover relation | \( S \lesssim_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*} T \iff S = \pi_i^{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*}(T) \) | \( S \lesssim_{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*} T \iff T = \pi_i^{\mathcal{R}\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*}(S) \) |
| Imm. module generated by | top element: \( \mathcal{W}_\alpha = (S_{\text{row}}^\alpha) \) | bottom element: \( \mathcal{V}_\alpha = (S_{\text{row}}^\alpha) \) |
| Indecomposable? | Yes [5] | Yes |
| Extended Schur fn basis | \( \mathcal{E}_\alpha, \mathcal{E}_\lambda^* = s_\lambda \) | \( \psi(\mathcal{E}_\alpha) = \mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}_\alpha, \mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}_\lambda^* = s_\lambda \) |
| Module, Extended Schur fn Basis \( \text{SET}(\alpha) \) | cyclic \( (S_{\text{row}}^\alpha) \), indecomp. [20] | cyclic \( (S_{\text{row}}^\alpha) \), indecomp. submodule of \( \mathcal{V}_\alpha \) |
| Quotient module, Ext Schur fn Basis \( \text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha) \) | None | Yes, cyclic \( (S_{\text{row}}^\alpha) \), indecomp. quotient of \( \mathcal{V}_\alpha \) |

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### Table 2. Various families in $\text{QSym}$ and associated $H_n(0)$-modules; they form a basis of $\text{QSym}$ unless otherwise indicated

| Quasisymmetric function indexed by $\alpha = n$ | $H_n(0)$-module |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| **Fundamental** $F_n$ | Irreducible, one-dimensional |
| Dual immaculate $\mathcal{S}_n = \sum_{T \in \text{SIT}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_R(T))}$ | Cyclic $(S_n^{row}) = W_n$, indecomp. acts on standard immaculate tableaux $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$ |
| Quasisymmetric Schur $\bar{S}_n = \sum_{T \in \text{SRCT}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_R(T))}$ | Indecomposable, iff $\alpha$ is simple; acts on standard reverse composition tableaux $\text{SRCT}(\alpha)$ |
| Row-strict Young quasisym function $R\bar{S}_n = \psi(\bar{S}_n)$ | $\text{Decomp.}$, iff $\alpha$ is simple; acts on standard Young row-strict tableaux |
| Extended Schur function $E_n = \sum_{T \in \text{SET}(\alpha)} F_{\text{comp}(\text{Des}_R(T))}$ | Cyclic $(S_n^{row})$, quotient of $W_n$, indecomp.; acts on $\text{SET}(\alpha) = [S_n^{\alpha \times}, S_n^{row}]$ |
| Row-strict Quotient Schur $\bar{K}_n = \psi(E_n)$ | Cyclic $(S_n^{\text{row}})$, submodule of $W_n$, indecomp.; acts on $\text{NSET}(\alpha) \cap \text{SIT}(\alpha)$ |

*NOT a basis* this paper

The 4 functions in Section 9 of this paper: Theorem 9.3, Theorem 9.4, Proposition 9.5

Cyclic modules $(S_n^{\alpha \times})$, $(S_n^{row})$ acting on $\text{SIT}(\alpha)$; submodule $(S_n^{\alpha \times})$ of $(S_n^{\text{row}})$ acting on $\text{SET}(\alpha)$; submodule $(S_n^{row})$ of $(S_n^{\text{row}})$ acting on $\text{SIT}^*(\alpha)$
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