# ON THE PLETHYSM OF $S$-FUNCTIONS 

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1. Introduction. Many authors have studied the theory and calculation of the plethysms of $S$-functions. The significance of $S$-functions lies in their relationship [9] to the characters of the continuous groups, and plethysms play a crucial role in the determination of branching rules associated with the decomposition of a continuous group into its subgroups $[\mathbf{2} ; \mathbf{1 4} ; \mathbf{1 6}]$. Tables have been published for the plethysm $\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\mu\}$, where ( $\lambda$ ) and ( $\mu$ ) are any partitions of $l$ and $m$, respectively, with $l m \leqq 18$. These tables have been drawn up both with [1] and without [5] the aid of computers and some results are also known for $l m>18[\mathbf{3} ; \mathbf{4} ; \mathbf{7}]$.

The method given here deals with the notion of $q$-quotients and is based on a theorem of Littlewood's relating these to plethysms of $S$-functions with symmetric power sums. Use is made of some results concerning modular congruences between the symmetric power sums. A general rule is obtained for $\{l\} \otimes\{\mu\}$, where $\{l\}$ is a symmetric $S$-function and ( $\mu$ ) is any partition of 3 . In addition, the method has been used for the computation of $\{l\} \otimes\{\mu\}$ beyond the range currently available.

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2. $S$-functions and plethysm. $S$-functions, or Schür functions, $\{\lambda\}$, are defined [9] in terms of symmetric power sums $S_{l}$ of independent variables $\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots \alpha_{n}$ given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{l}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i}{ }^{l} . \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

For any partition $\rho=\left(1^{a} 2^{b} 3^{c} \ldots\right)$, the product $S_{\rho}$ is defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{\rho}=S_{1}{ }^{a} S_{2}{ }^{b} S_{3}{ }^{c} \ldots, \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the Schür function $\{\lambda\}$ corresponding to the partition $\left(\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \ldots\right)$ of $l$ may then be expressed in the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{\lambda\}=\frac{1}{l!} \sum_{\rho} h_{\rho} \chi_{\rho}{ }^{(\lambda)} S_{\rho} \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\chi_{\rho}{ }^{(\lambda)}$ is the character of the class $\rho$ of size $h_{\rho}$ in the irreducible representa-
tion of the symmetric group specified by ( $\lambda$ ). The inverse of (2.3) is the relationship

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{\rho}=\sum_{\lambda} \chi_{\rho}^{(\lambda)}\{\lambda\} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The outer product of two $S$-functions, $\{\lambda\}\{\mu\}$, may be evaluated by means of the well known Littlewood-Richardson rule [10]. Powers of $S$-functions may be split into parts corresponding to some degree of symmetry between the factors. Thus,

$$
\{\lambda\}^{2}=\{\lambda\} \otimes\{2\}+\{\lambda\} \otimes\left\{1^{2}\right\}
$$

where the square is divided into its symmetrised and anti-symmetrised parts; and

$$
\{\lambda\}^{3}=\{\lambda\} \otimes\{3\}+2\{\lambda\} \otimes\{21\}+\{\lambda\} \otimes\left\{1^{3}\right\}
$$

etc. In general [13],

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{\lambda\}^{m}=\sum_{\mu} f^{\mu}\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\mu\} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $(\mu)$ is a partition of $m$ for which the symmetric group representation is of degree $f^{\mu}$, and $\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\mu\}$ defines the operation of plethysm. This operation was introduced by Littlewood [6] who also established its algebra, which is such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{\lambda\} \otimes(\{\mu\}+\{\nu\})=\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\mu\}+\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\nu\}, \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{\lambda\} \otimes(\{\mu\}\{\nu\})=(\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\mu\})(\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\nu\}) \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

3. $q$-residues and $q$-quotients. The notions of $q$-residue, $q$-sign, and $q$-quotient were introduced by Robinson $[\mathbf{1 1} ; \mathbf{1 2} ; \mathbf{1 3}]$ and developed by Littlewood [8]. With every partition $(\lambda)=\left(\lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \ldots \lambda_{i}\right)$ of $l$ into $i$ parts, there is associated a $q$-quotient, which is a sum of partitions of $s$, with an associated sign, and a $q$-residue or $q$-core, which is a partition of $r$, where $s$ and $r$ are such that $l=s q+r$. The definitions of these quantities are best illustrated by an example. Consider the partition ( $9542^{2} 1$ ) of 23 , and let $q=3$. The numerical working consists of a series of lines:

| $A$ | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $B$ | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| $C$ | 14 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| $D$ | 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| $E$ | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| $F$ | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

$A$ is the partition, $B$ the numbers $i-1, i-2, \ldots, 1,0$, and $C$ the sum of $A$ and $B . D$ is obtained from $C$ by reducing each number $(\bmod 3)$ to the smallest nonnegative integer so far unused, working from the right. $E$ contains the numbers in $D$ rearranged in descending order, and $F$ is the difference between $E$ and $B$.

The partition in $F$, i.e., (2), is the 3 -residue. The sign of the permutation by which $E$ is obtained from $D$, here positive, is the 3 -sign. To obtain the 3 -quotient, consider the decrease between $C$ and $D$, in multiples of 3 , of terms congruent to $0(\bmod 3)$ :

$$
(9,3) \rightarrow(3,0):(2,1)
$$

of terms congruent to 1 :

$$
(7,4,1) \rightarrow(7,4,1):(0)
$$

and of terms congruent to 2 :

$$
(14) \rightarrow(2):(4) .
$$

The outer product of $S$-functions corresponding to these three partitions is found:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{21\}\{4\}\{0\}=\{61\}+\{52\}+\{511\}+\{421\} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the 3 -quotient is the corresponding set of partitions with the 3 -sign appended:

$$
+(61)+(52)+(511)+(421)
$$

The $q$-quotient is a sum of partitions of, say, $n$ which is obtained from outer products of $S$-functions. The $S$-functions $\{n\}$ and $\left\{1^{n}\right\}$ can occur only with coefficient $\pm 1$ (or 0 ) in such a product. For example, if $n=4$ all possible quotients correspond to the $S$-functions:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \{4\} ;\{31\} ;\left\{2^{2}\right\} ;\left\{21^{2}\right\} ;\left\{1^{4}\right\} ; \\
& \{3\}\{1\}=\{4\}+\{31\} ;\{21\}\{1\}=\{31\}+\left\{2^{2}\right\}+\left\{21^{2}\right\} ;\left\{1^{3}\right\}\{1\}=\left\{21^{2}\right\}+\left\{1^{4}\right\} ; \\
& \{2\}\{2\}=\{4\}+\{31\}+\left\{2^{2}\right\} ;\{2\}\left\{1^{2}\right\}=\{31\}+\left\{21^{2}\right\} ;\left\{1^{2}\right\}\left\{1^{2}\right\}= \\
& \left\{2^{2}\right\}+\left\{21^{2}\right\}+\left\{1^{4}\right\} ; \\
& \{2\}\{1\}\{1\}=\{4\}+2\{31\}+\left\{2^{2}\right\}+\left\{21^{2}\right\} ;\left\{1^{2}\right\}\{1\}\{1\}= \\
& \{31\}+\left\{2^{2}\right\}+2\left\{21^{2}\right\}+\left\{1^{4}\right\} ; \\
& \{1\}\{1\}\{1\}\{1\}=\{4\}+3\{31\}+2\left\{2^{2}\right\}+3\left\{21^{2}\right\}+\left\{1^{4}\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

So the partitions (n) and ( $1^{n}$ ) can occur in a $q$-quotient only with coefficient $\pm 1$ or 0 .

The $q$-residue, $q$-sign, and $q$-quotient may also be obtained in a graphical manner. From the tableau for the partition ( $\lambda$ ), hooks are removed whose length is a multiple of $q$. This multiple is denoted by $n_{j}$ for a hook starting on the $j$ th row, and each $n_{j}$ is made as large as possible subject to three conditions. Each hook must (i) start from the right hand end of a row, each row being tried in turn starting at the bottom, (ii) move only to the left and down, and (iii) leave a regular tableau. Figure 1 illustrates this process for the tableau for ( $9542^{2} 1$ ). The $q$-residue is the partition of the tableau which remains. If $m_{j}$ is the number of rows covered by the hook starting at the end of the $j$ th row, the $q$-sign is $\Pi_{j}(-1)^{m_{j+1}}$. To find the $q$-quotient, the quantity $j-\lambda_{j}$ is found for each hook. If, for hooks starting on the rows $j_{1}, j_{2}, j_{3} \ldots$, this quantity is congruent $(\bmod q)$, then the $S$-function $\left\{n_{j_{1}} n_{j_{2}} n_{j_{3}} \ldots\right\}$ is constructed. The
outer product of these $S$-functions, one for each congruence class, is found as before, giving the $q$-quotient. In Figure 1, the first square of each hook is marked with the value of $j-\lambda_{j}$. Since $-8 \equiv 1(\bmod 3),-3 \equiv 3 \equiv 0(\bmod 3)$, and $n_{1}=4, n_{2}=2, n_{5}=1$, the 3 -quotient is $\{4\}\{21\}\{0\}$, in agreement with (3.1).


The removal of hooks of length 3,6 and 12 from the tableau for $\left(9542^{2} 1\right)$ leaving the tableau for (2).

Figure 1
4. Application to the calculation of plethysms. Littlewood [8] proves the theorem that if the $q$-residue of $(\nu)$ is null and the $q$-quotient is $\sum k_{\lambda \nu}(\lambda)$, then

$$
\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{q}=\sum k_{\lambda \nu}\{\nu\} .
$$

This result can be used to calculate plethysms of the form $\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\mu\}$. Littlewood has two methods to suggest, but both involve fairly lengthy calculations and the establishing of tables of prior results. One method uses the symmetric function identity

$$
\{m\}=\frac{1}{m} \sum_{r=0}^{m-1} S_{m-r}\{r\}
$$

to obtain

$$
\{\lambda\} \otimes\{m\}=\frac{1}{m} \sum_{r=0}^{m-1}\left(\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{m-r}\right)(\{\lambda\} \otimes\{r\})
$$

by means of (2.6) and (2.7). The evaluation of this expression involves the finding of $\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{r}$, for $2 \leqq r \leqq m$, and $\{\lambda\} \otimes\{r\}$, for $2 \leqq r<m$. Then further calculations are necessary to find $\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\mu\}$.

The other method uses (2.3) in conjunction with (2.6) and (2.7) to obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
\{\lambda\} \otimes\{\mu\} & =\frac{1}{m!} \sum_{\rho} h_{\rho} \chi_{\rho}{ }^{(\mu)}\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{\rho}  \tag{4.1}\\
& =\frac{1}{m!} \sum_{\rho} h_{\rho} \chi_{\rho}{ }^{(\mu)}\left(\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{1}\right)^{a}\left(\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{2}\right)^{b}\left(\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{3}\right)^{c} \ldots
\end{align*}
$$

Here, again, $\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{\tau}$ for $2 \leqq r \leqq m$ must be known, and also $\left(\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{1}\right)^{r}$, i.e. $\{\lambda\}^{r}$, for $2 \leqq r \leqq m$. This second method can be greatly simplified by observing a relationship between these products.

For $p$ prime,

$$
\begin{align*}
S_{a}^{p b} & =\left(\alpha_{1}{ }^{a}+\alpha_{2}^{a}+\ldots+\alpha_{n}{ }^{a}\right)^{)^{b}}  \tag{4.2}\\
& \equiv \alpha_{1}{ }^{p^{b}}+\alpha_{2}{ }^{a p^{b}}+\ldots+\alpha_{n}^{a p b}(\bmod p) \\
& =S_{a p^{b}} .
\end{align*}
$$

Special cases of this result are particularly useful. For $a=b=1$,

$$
S_{1}^{p} \equiv S_{p}
$$

for $a=1$,

$$
S_{1}{ }^{p^{b}} \equiv S_{p}{ }^{b},
$$

and for $b=1$,

$$
S_{a}^{p} \equiv S_{a p}
$$

Thus,

$$
\begin{gather*}
\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{p} \equiv\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{1}^{p}=\{\lambda\}^{p},  \tag{4.3}\\
\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{p^{b}} \equiv\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{1}^{p^{b}}=\{\lambda\}^{p^{b}},  \tag{4.4}\\
\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{a p} \equiv\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{a}^{p}=\left(\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{a}\right)^{p} . \tag{4.5}
\end{gather*}
$$

So we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \{\lambda\} \otimes S_{2} \equiv\{\lambda\}^{2}(\bmod 2) \\
& \{\lambda\} \otimes S_{3} \equiv\{\lambda\}^{3}(\bmod 3) \\
& \{\lambda\} \otimes S_{4} \equiv\{\lambda\}^{4}(\bmod 2) \\
& \{\lambda\} \otimes S_{5} \equiv\{\lambda\}^{5}(\bmod 5) \\
& \{\lambda\} \otimes S_{6} \equiv\left(\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{3}\right)^{2}(\bmod 2)
\end{aligned}
$$

etc.
These congruences are not in themselves sufficient to obtain $\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{r}$ from $\{\lambda\}^{r}$, but in certain cases the result can be determined. Rewriting Littlewood's theorem: if

$$
\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{r}=\sum k_{\lambda \nu}\{\nu\}
$$

then the $r$-quotient of $(\nu)$ contains $k_{\lambda \nu}(\lambda)$. But we have shown that an $r$-quotient can contain ( $l$ ) or ( $1^{l}$ ) only with coefficient $\pm 1$ or 0 . So $k_{l \nu}$ and $k_{1^{l} \nu}$ are $\pm 1$ or 0 . Therefore, the coefficients of the $S$-functions appearing in $\{l\} \otimes S_{r}$ and $\left\{1^{l}\right\} \otimes S_{r}$ are simply the $r$-signs of the corresponding partitions. Thus, the modular congruences give the coefficients $k_{l \nu}$ and $k_{1^{l} \nu}$ unambiguously except for congruences $(\bmod 2)$, for which $+1 \equiv-1$. But in these cases the $r$-sign is easily determined.

The method for finding $\{l\} \otimes\{\mu\}$, for all partitions ( $\mu$ ) of $m$, is as follows. First, $\{l\}^{m}$ is calculated, noting the $\{l\}^{r}, 2 \leqq r<m$, on the way. From these, the $\{l\} \otimes S_{r}$ can easily be found as shown above. Then the character-class-size products are used to complete (4.1). It is important to emphasize that the characters involved are only those for $\sum_{m}$ and not for the much larger group $\sum_{i m}$.

This method has been used for the machine calculation of $\{l\} \otimes\{\mu\}$ on the University of London's CDC 6600 computer. With $m=4$, the values of $l$ range up to 10 ; and for $m=5$, up to 6 . Table 3 shows a typical set of plethysms.
5. Symmetrized squares of $S$-functions. As a simple illustration, the result for $\{l\} \otimes\{2\}$ and $\{l\} \otimes\left\{1^{2}\right\}$ can easily be established. First of all

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{l\}^{2}=\{2 l\}+\{2 l-1,1\}+\{2 l-2,2\}+\{2 l-3,3\}+\ldots . \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

In order to find $\{l\} \otimes S_{2}$, we must know the 2 -sign of each partition. It is clear diagramatically that for partitions into even parts, hooks of length 2 can be removed from the two rows separately giving a positive 2 -sign, while for partitions into two odd parts, one 2 -hook must cover the two rows giving a negative 2 -sign (see Figure 2). So we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{l\} \otimes S_{2}=\{2 l\}-\{2 l-1,1\}+\{2 l-2,2\}-\{2 l-3,3\}+\ldots, \tag{5.2}
\end{equation*}
$$ and also

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{l\} \otimes S_{1}{ }^{2}=\{l\}^{2}=\{2 l\}+\{2 l-1,1\}+\{2 l-2,2\} \tag{5.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
+\{2 l-3,3\}+\ldots
$$

Hence, the well-known results [7]:

$$
\begin{align*}
\{l\} \otimes\{2\} & =\{l\} \otimes\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(S_{1}^{2}+S_{2}\right)\right]  \tag{5.4}\\
& =\{2 l\}+\{2 l-2,2\}+\ldots,
\end{align*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
\{l\} \otimes\left\{1^{2}\right\} & =\{l\} \otimes\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(S_{1}{ }^{2}-S_{2}\right)\right]  \tag{5.5}\\
& =\{2 l-1,1\}+\{2 l-3,3\}+\ldots .
\end{align*}
$$


(a)

(b)

Figure 2
Removal of 2-hooks from two-rowed tableaux with (a) rows of even numbers of boxes (b) rows of odd number of boxes.
6. Symmetrized cubes of $S$-functions. Thrall [15] produced a simple rule for writing down the plethysm $\{l\} \otimes\{3\}$. We can re-derive this result and also produce similar rules for immediately obtaining $\{l\} \otimes\{21\}$ and $\{l\} \otimes\left\{1^{3}\right\}$.

Again, an illustration makes the method clearest. We take $l=4$ and find

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{4\}^{2}=\{8\}+\{71\}+\{62\}+\{53\}+\{44\}, \tag{6.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and
(6.2) $\{4\}^{3}=\{12\}+2\{11.1\}+3\{10.2\}+4\{93\}+5\{84\}+3\{75\}+\{66\}$

$$
+\{10.1 .1\}+2\{921\}+3\{831\}+4\{741\}+2\{651\}
$$

$$
+\{822\}+2\{732\}+3\{642\}+\{552\}
$$

$$
+\{633\}+\{543\}
$$

$$
+\{444\}
$$

The result has been set out so that the pattern of the coefficients in $\{4\}^{3}$ is clear. It will be observed that the coefficient of $\{\nu\}=\left\{\nu_{1} \nu_{2} \nu_{3}\right\}$ is

$$
M_{\nu}=1+\min \left(\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}, \nu_{2}-\nu_{3}\right) .
$$

This can be shown in general as follows. The coefficient of $\{\nu\}$ is the number of ways $\{\nu\}$ can be obtained from terms in $\{\lambda\}^{2}$ by multiplication with $\{\lambda\}$. This is equal to the number of ways in which $l c$ 's can be placed in the tableau for $\{\nu\}$ following the usual rules and completely filling the third row. This leaves $n c$ 's to be distributed between the first and second rows, where

$$
\begin{equation*}
3 n=2\left(\nu_{2}-\nu_{3}\right)+\left(\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}\right) . \tag{6.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

(See Figure 3(a).) From this, it is clear that the greater of $\left(\nu_{2}-\nu_{3}\right)$ and ( $\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}$ ) cannot be less than $n$, so the number of ways of distributing the $c$ 's is one more than the lesser of $\left(\nu_{2}-\nu_{3}\right)$ and $\left(\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}\right)$. See Figure 3(b), (c).


$$
\leftarrow \nu_{3} \rightarrow \leftarrow\left(\nu_{2}-\nu_{3}\right) \rightarrow \leftarrow\left(\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}\right) \rightarrow
$$

(a)

(c)
 result is three, which equals $1+\min \left(\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}, \nu_{2}-\nu_{3}\right)$.

Figure 3
Continuing with the calculation,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{4\} \otimes S_{2}=\{8\}-\{71\}+\{62\}-\{53\}+\{44\} \tag{6.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

so
(6.5) $\{4\} \otimes S_{2} S_{1}=\left(\{4\} \otimes S_{2}\right)\{4\}=\{12\}+\{10.2\}+\{84\}-\{75\}+\{66\}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& -\{10.1 .1\}-\{831\} \\
& +\{822\}+\{642\}-\{552\} \\
& -\{633\} \\
& +\{444\}
\end{aligned}
$$

Each term in $\{4\} \otimes S_{2} S_{1}$ is obtained from a series of successive terms in $\{4\} \otimes S_{2}$, just as those in $\{4\}^{3}$ came from $\{4\}^{2}$. The alternation in signs in $\{4\} \otimes S_{2}$ means that a coefficient in $\{4\} \otimes S_{2} S_{1}$ must be 0 if an even number of terms contribute, and $\pm 1$ if an odd number. In the latter case, the sign will be that of the first (or last) of the series of contributing terms in $\{4\} \otimes S_{2}$. If ( $\nu_{2}-\nu_{3}$ ) is less than (or equal to) ( $\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}$ ), this sign will be positive (negative) if $\nu_{2}$ is even (odd). If ( $\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}$ ) is less than ( $\nu_{2}-\nu_{3}$ ), the sign will be similarly determined by $\nu_{1}$. But ( $\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}$ ) must be even in order to give an odd number of terms, so $\nu_{1} \equiv \nu_{2}(\bmod 2)$. See Figure 3. So the terms which occur in $\{\lambda\} \otimes S_{2} S_{1}$ have coefficient $\pm 1$, according as $\nu_{2}$ is even or odd.
$\{4\} \otimes S_{3}$ is obtained by reducing the coefficients in $\{4\}^{3}(\bmod 3)$ to $\pm 1$ or 0 :

$$
\begin{align*}
\{4\} \otimes S_{3} & =\{12\}-\{11.1\}+\{93\}-\{84\}+\{66\}  \tag{6.6}\\
& +\{10.1 .1\}-\{921\}+\{741\}-\{651\} \\
& +\{822\}-\{732\}+\{552\} \\
& +\{633\}-\{543\} \\
& +\{444\} .
\end{align*}
$$

Now,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{4\} \otimes\{3\}=\frac{1}{6}\left[\{4\} \otimes S_{1}^{3}+2 .\{4\} \otimes S_{3}+3 .\{4\} \otimes S_{2} S_{1}\right] . \tag{6.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

The coefficient of each $S$-function in the sum in square brackets must be divisible by 6 . Since $\{4\} \otimes S_{2} S_{1}$ can only contribute coefficients $\pm 1$ or 0 , and this entry is multiplied by 3 , the coefficients obtained from the sum of the first two terms must be divisible by 3 and, further, if even, will receive no contribution from the third term but, if odd, will receive $\pm 3$ as $\nu_{2}$ is even or odd. The coefficients in $\{4\} \otimes S_{3}$ are also $\pm 1$ or 0 , so the contribution from the second term will be $\pm 2$ or 0 . The coefficients in the first term are the $M_{\nu}$. So we have Thrall's rule: $\{l\} \otimes\{3\}=\sum k_{\nu}\{\nu\}$, summed over all partitions of $3 l$ with 3 or fewer parts, where $k_{\nu}$ is obtained by adding $\pm 2$ or 0 to $M_{\nu}$ to give a result divisible by 3 , then if even, dividing by 6 , but if odd, first adding (subtracting) 3 if $\nu_{2}$ is even (odd) and then dividing by 6 .

Similarly for $\{l\} \otimes\left\{1^{3}\right\}$. We have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{l\} \otimes\left\{1^{3}\right\}=\frac{1}{6}\left[\{l\} \otimes S_{1}{ }^{3}+2\{l\} \otimes S_{3}-3\{l\} \otimes S_{2} S_{1}\right] \tag{6.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

so the only alteration in the above rule is the interchanging of "adding" and "subtracting".

Also,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\{l\} \otimes\{21\}=\frac{1}{3}\left[\{l\} \otimes S_{1}{ }^{3}-\{l\} \otimes S_{3}\right] . \tag{6.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

So $\{l\} \otimes\{21\}=\sum k_{\nu}\{\nu\}$, where $k_{\nu}$ is obtained by adding $\pm 1$ or 0 to $M_{\nu}$ to obtain a multiple of 3 , and then dividing by 3 .

Thus, $M_{\nu}=1+\min \left(\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}, \nu_{2}-\nu_{3}\right)$ and the "parity" of $\nu_{2}$ determine the coefficient of $\{\nu\}$ in $\{l\} \otimes\{\mu\},(\mu)$ a partition of 3 . These coefficients are given
in Table 1 for $M_{\nu} \leqq 11$ which suffices for $l \leqq 10$. Table 2 lists the partitions of 12 into not more than three parts with their $M_{\nu}$ and $\nu_{2}$ "parity", and tabulates the plethysms $\left\{4\left\{\otimes\{3\},\{4\} \otimes\{21\},\{4\} \otimes\left\{1^{3}\right\}\right.\right.$.

Table 1

|  | $l${f7b31b1da-6719-4737-963a-4ddff48b8757} |  | $\{l\} \otimes\{21\}$ | $l${ffa5fe306-541c-471a-a5a2-086864a7be5c} |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $M_{\nu}$ | $\nu_{2}$ even | $\nu_{2}$ odd |  | $\nu_{2}$ even | $\nu_{2}$ odd |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 8 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 10 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 11 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 |

$M_{\nu}=1+\min \left(\nu_{1}-\nu_{2}, \nu_{2}-\nu_{3}\right)$ determines the coefficient of $\{\nu\}$ in the three plethysms $\{l\} \otimes\{3\},\{l\} \otimes\{21\},\{l\} \otimes\left\{1^{3}\right\}$ except that if $M_{\nu}$ is odd it is necessary to know also the "parity" of $\nu_{2}$ for $\{l\} \otimes\{3\}$ and $\{l\} \otimes\left\{1^{3}\right\}$.

Table 2

| $\}\}$ | $M_{\nu}$ | $\nu_{2}(\bmod 2)$ | $\{4\} \otimes\{3\}$ | $\{4\} \otimes\{21\}$ | $\{4\} \otimes\left\{1^{3}\right\}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\{12\}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $\{111\}$ | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{102\}$ | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{93\}$ | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{84\}$ | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| $\{75\}$ | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{66\}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $\{1011\}$ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $\{921\}$ | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{831\}$ | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{741\}$ | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{651\}$ | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{822\}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $\{732\}$ | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{642\}$ | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{552\}$ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $\{633\}$ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $\{543\}$ | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{444\}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

The plethysms $\{4\} \otimes\{3\},\{4\} \otimes\{21\}$ and $\{4\} \otimes\left\{1^{3}\right\}$ calculated from Table 1.

Table 3

|  | $\{5\} \otimes\{4\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\{31\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\left\{2^{2}\right\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\left\{21^{2}\right\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\left\{1^{4}\right\}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \{20\} | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{19 1 $\}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\{182\}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}18 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{173\}$ | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}17 & 2 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}17 & 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}16 & 4\end{array}\right\}$ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}16 & 3 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}16 & 2 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}16 & 2 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \{15 5\} | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}15 & 4 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}15 & 3 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}15 & 3 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}15 & 2 & 2 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{14 6\} | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}14 & 5 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| \{14 4 2 \} | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llllll}14 & 4 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}14 & 3 & 3\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}14 & 3 & 2 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}14 & 2 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{13 7\} | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}13 & 6 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}13 & 5 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}13 & 5 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| $\{1343\}$ | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}13 & 4 & 2 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}13 & 3 & 3 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}13 & 3 & 2\end{array} 2\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{12 8\} | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}12 & 7 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}12 & 6\end{array}\right\}$ | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}12 & 6 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| $\{1253\}$ | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}12 & 5 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| \{12 4 4\} | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llllll}12 & 4 & 3\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llllll}12 & 4 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}12 & 3 & 3\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \{119\} | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}11 & 8\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}117 & 7\end{array}\right\}$ | 2 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}11 & 7 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}11 & 6 & 3\end{array}\right\}$ | 2 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}11 & 6 & 2 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1154\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

Table 3 (continued)

|  | $\{5\} \otimes\{4\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\{31\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\left\{2^{2}\right\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\left\{21^{2}\right\}$ | $\left.\{5\} \otimes 1^{4}\right\}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}11 & 5 & 3 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}11 & 5 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{11441\}$ | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}11 & 4 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}11 & 3 & 3 & 3\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}10 & 10\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}10 & 9 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}108 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}10 & 8 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| $\{1073\}$ | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}10 & 7 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| \{1064\} | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}10 & 6 & 3 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}10 & 6 & 2\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| \{1055\} | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}10 & 5 & 4 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}10 & 5 & 3\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| $\{10442\}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $\{10433\}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \{ 9992$\}$ | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| \{ 9883$\}$ | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| \{ 98821$\}$ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| \{ 974 4\} | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| \{ 97731$\}$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| \{ 9722 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \{ 965 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| \{9641\} | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l}9\end{array} 632\right\}$ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| \{ 955551$\}$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l}9 \\ 5\end{array} 4^{2}\right.$ \} | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| \{9533\} | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| \{9443\} | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{ 884 4\} | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| \{ 88831$\}$ | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\begin{cases}8 & 8 \\ \hline\end{cases}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| $\{875\}$ | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}8 & 7 & 4\end{array}\right\}$ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l}8732\}\end{array}\right.$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| \{ 866 6\} | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| \{ 88651$\}$ | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l}8642\}\end{array}\right.$ | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| \{ 8633 \} | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \{ 8552$\}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| \{ 8543$\}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| \{ 8444$\}$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{ 776$\}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \{ 7751$\}$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

TABLE 3 (concluded)

|  | $\{5\} \otimes\{4\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\{31\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\left\{2^{2}\right\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\left\{21^{2}\right\}$ | $\{5\} \otimes\left\{1^{4}\right\}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l}7 \\ 7\end{array}\right.$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l}773\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll}7 & 6 & 1\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{ 7652 \} | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| \{ 7643 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l}7553\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| \{ 7544 \} | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{ 6662 \} | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{ $\left.\begin{array}{llll}6 & 6 & 5\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| \{ 6644 ¢ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| \{ $\left.\begin{array}{lllll}6 & 5 & 5\end{array}\right\}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \{ 5555$\}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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