# Monodromy and K-theory of Schubert Curves 

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- For tangent flags $\mathscr{F}=\mathscr{F}_{t}, \Omega_{\lambda}\left(\mathscr{F}_{t}\right)$ used to study degenerations of curves [Eisenbud-Harris '80s]


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- "Reality" and Monodromy:

Fourth Schubert condition $\lambda=\square$ at $t \in \mathbb{R P}^{1}$ vary $t \rightsquigarrow$ sweep out $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})(!!)$

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- Yamanouchi tableau of shape $\nu / \mu$ :

Semistandard, whose reverse row word is ballot.

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\mu & =(3,3,1) \\
\nu & =(6,5,5,4,1)
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- Content $=(\# 1$ 's, \#2's, $\cdots)$
- Word $=111223321443253$


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- The arcs of $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ lying over $\mathbb{R}_{-}$and $\mathbb{R}_{+}$induce shuffling (JDT) and evacuation-shuffling on tableaux (sh, esh).



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- Monodromy operator: $\omega=$ sh $\circ$ esh.
- Orbit structure of $\omega$ fully characterizes $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ !



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