Monodromy and K-theory of Schubert Curves

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$$S = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} L \cap L_0 \neq \emptyset \\ L \in \mathbb{P}^3 : L \cap L_1 \neq \emptyset \\ L \cap L_\infty \neq \emptyset \end{array} \right\} \subseteq G(2,4)$$

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 - **Monodromy**: Sweep t around $\mathbb{RP}^1 \Rightarrow$ points switch places.

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Semistandard, whose reverse row word is **ballot**.

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$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= (3,3,1) \\ \nu &= (6,5,5,4,1) \end{aligned}$$

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



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



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Image: A matrix

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- Sonnection to K-theoretic Schubert calculus
 - Combinatorial identities involving $\chi(\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{S}})$ and ω
 - $\chi(\mathcal{O}_S)$ computed by genomic tableaux [Pechenik-Yong '14]

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