

Tableaux, paths, and character formulas

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True to its name, the character of a representation determines the representation uniquely, much like the thumb impression of an individual. Characters are encoded by combinatorial objects: tableaux and, more generally, paths. This talk is about representations, their characters, and formulas for the characters in terms of tableaux and paths. An exposure to basic algebra as taught at the MSc level would be enough to follow the talk.