YOUNG WALL REALIZATION OF CRYSTAL BASES FOR CLASSICAL LIE ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give a new realization of crystal bases for finite-dimensional irreducible modules over classical Lie algebras. The basis vectors are parameterized by certain Young walls lying between highest weight and lowest weight vectors.

INTRODUCTION

The classical Lie algebras and their representations have been the fundamental algebraic structure behind many branches of mathematics and mathematical physics. Throughout the past 100 years, it has been discovered that the representation theory of classical Lie algebras has a close connection with the combinatorics of Young tableaux and symmetric functions. (See, for example, [1], [15].) As can be found in [9], [16], this connection can be explained in a beautiful manner using the *crystal basis theory* for quantum groups, and one can derive many new and interesting results in combinatorial representation theory.

The *quantum groups* are deformations of the universal enveloping algebras of Kac-Moody algebras, and the crystal bases can be viewed as bases at $q = 0$ for the integrable modules over quantum groups in the category $\mathcal{O}_{int}$. The crystal bases are given a structure of colored oriented graphs, called the *crystal graphs*, which reflect the combinatorial structure of integrable modules in the category $\mathcal{O}_{int}$. Moreover, they have many nice combinatorial features; for instance, they have a remarkably simple behavior with respect to taking the tensor product.

For classical Lie algebras, Kashiwara and Nakashima gave an explicit realization of crystal bases for finite-dimensional irreducible modules [9]. In their work, crystal bases were characterized as the sets of semistandard Young tableaux with given shapes satisfying certain additional conditions. Motivated by their work, Kang and Misra discovered a Young tableaux realization of crystal bases for finite-dimensional irreducible modules over the exceptional Lie algebra G_2 [5]. In [12], Littelmann gave another description of crystal bases for finite-dimensional simple Lie algebras using the Lakshmibai-Seshadri monomial theory. His approach was generalized (by himself) to the *path model theory* for all symmetrizable Kac-Moody algebras [13],

[14]. Littelmann's theory also gives rise to colored oriented graphs, which turned out to be isomorphic to the crystal graphs [8].

In this paper, we give a new realization of crystal bases for finite-dimensional irreducible modules over classical Lie algebras. The basis vectors are parameterized by certain *Young walls* lying between the highest weight and lowest weight vectors. The Young walls were introduced in [2] and [3] as a combinatorial scheme for realizing the crystal bases for quantum affine algebras. They consist of colored blocks with various shapes built on the given ground-states and can be viewed as generalization of Young diagrams. The crystal bases for basic representations for quantum affine algebras are characterized as the sets of *reduced proper Young walls* [3].

Let us briefly explain the main idea of our approach. Let $\mathfrak{g}$ be a classical Lie algebra lying inside an affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ so that the Dynkin diagram of $\mathfrak{g}$ can be obtained by removing the 0-node from the Dynkin diagram of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$. Consider the crystal graph $B(\Lambda)$ of a basic representation $V(\Lambda)$ of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ consisting of reduced proper Young walls. If we remove all the 0-arrows in $B(\Lambda)$, it is decomposed into a disjoint union of infinitely many connected components, each of which is isomorphic to the crystal graph $B(\lambda)$ for a finite-dimensional irreducible $\mathfrak{g}$-module $V(\lambda)$ with highest weight λ. Conversely, any crystal graph $B(\lambda)$ for a finite-dimensional irreducible $\mathfrak{g}$-module $V(\lambda)$ arises in this way. That is, given a dominant integral weight λ for $\mathfrak{g}$, there is a dominant integral weight Λ of level 1 for $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ such that $B(\lambda)$ appears as a connected component in $B(\Lambda)$ without 0-arrows.

Thus the remaining task is to characterize these connected components in $B(\Lambda)$. However, given a dominant integral weight λ for the classical Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$, there are infinitely many connected components in $B(\Lambda)$ that are isomorphic to $B(\lambda)$. Among these, we choose the characterization of $B(\lambda)$ corresponding to the connected components having the least number of blocks.

In [10], from this Young wall realization of crystal bases over classical Lie algebras using affine combinatorial objects, Kim and Shin derived another tableaux realization, which is different from the one given by Kashiwara and Nakashima. Moreover, using the result of our work, Lee gave a realization of A_n-type Demazure crystals for certain highest weights [11].

1. Quantum groups and Young walls

The basic notions on quantum groups and crystal bases may be found in [2], [6], [7]. In this section, we mostly explain the basic combinatorics of Young walls which were introduced in [2], [3].

Let us fix basic notation:

$\mathfrak{g}$: Kac-Moody algebra of finite classical type.

$U_q(\mathfrak{g})$: quantum classical algebra.

$\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$: Kac-Moody algebra of affine type.

$U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$: quantum affine algebra.

I : index set for simple roots of finite or affine Kac-Moody algebra.

$P^\vee = \begin{cases} \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbf{Z} h_i & \text{for finite type} \\ \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbf{Z} h_i \oplus \mathbf{Z} d & \text{for affine type} \end{cases}$: dual weight lattice.

$\alpha_i, \delta, \Lambda_i$: simple root, null root, fundamental weight.

$P = \{\lambda \in \mathfrak{h}^* | \lambda(P^\vee) \subset \mathbf{Z}\}$: weight lattice.

$\tilde{e}_i, \tilde{f}_i$: Kashiwara operators.

The *Young walls* are built of colored blocks with three different shapes:

       :   unit width, unit height, unit thickness,

       :   unit width, unit height, half-unit thickness,

   :   unit width, half-unit height, unit thickness.

With these colored blocks, we build the walls of thickness less than or equal to 1 unit which extend infinitely to the left. Given a dominant integral weight Λ of level 1 for the affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$, we fix a frame called the *ground-state wall* of weight Λ, and build the walls on this frame. For each type of quantum affine algebras, we use different sets of colored blocks and ground-state walls, whose description can be found in [2], [3].

The rules for building the walls are given as follows:

(1) The walls must be built on top of the ground-state wall.
(2) The colored blocks should be stacked in the patterns given in [2], [3].
(3) No block can be placed on top of a column of half-unit thickness.
(4) Except for the right-most column, there should be no free space to the right of any block.

By (4), the heights of the columns are weakly decreasing as we go from right to left. For this reason, the walls built by the above rules will be called the *Young walls*.

In the following example, for the affine Lie algebra $B_n^{(1)}$, we will illustrate the colored blocks, the ground-state wall, and the pattern for building the walls. For convenience, we will use the following notation:
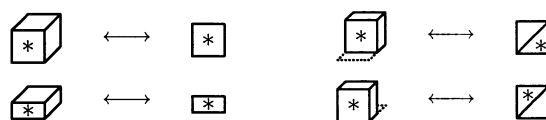
Example 1.1. The walls for the affine Lie algebra $B_n^{(1)}$ are built of the following data:

(a) Colored blocks:

$$\boxed{0}, \; \boxed{1}, \; \boxed{n}, \; \boxed{j} \quad (j = 2, \cdots, n-1)$$

(b) The ground-state wall of weight Λ_0:

$$Y_{\Lambda_0} = \boxed{0\;1\;0\;1} = \boxed{0\;1\;0\;1}.$$

(c) The pattern for building the walls on Y_{Λ_0}:

Definition 1.2. Let Λ be a dominant integral weight of level 1 for the affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$.

(a) A column in a Young wall is called a *full column* if its height is a multiple of the unit length and its top is of unit thickness.

(b) For the classical quantum affine algebras of type $A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$ $(n \geq 3)$, $D_n^{(1)}$ $(n \geq 4)$, $A_{2n}^{(2)}$ $(n \geq 2)$, $D_{n+1}^{(2)}$ $(n \geq 2)$ and $B_n^{(1)}$ $(n \geq 3)$, a Young wall is said to be *proper* if none of the full columns have the same height.

(c) For the quantum affine algebras of type $A_n^{(1)}$ $(n \geq 1)$, every Young wall is defined to be *proper*.

Let δ be the null root for the quantum affine algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$ and write

$$\begin{cases} \delta = a_0\alpha_0 + a_1\alpha_1 + \cdots + a_n\alpha_n & \text{for } \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = A_n^{(1)}, \cdots, B_n^{(1)}, \\ 2\delta = a_0\alpha_0 + a_1\alpha_1 + \cdots + a_n\alpha_n & \text{for } \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} = D_{n+1}^{(2)}. \end{cases}$$

The part of a column consisting of a_0-many 0-blocks, a_1-many 1-blocks, $\cdots$, a_n-many n-blocks in some cyclic order is called a δ-*column*.

Definition 1.3. (a) A column in a proper Young wall is said to *contain a removable* δ if we can remove a δ-column from Y and still obtain a proper Young wall.

(b) A proper Young wall is said to be *reduced* if none of its columns contain a removable δ.

Let $\mathbf{F}(\Lambda)$ be the set of all proper Young walls and let $\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$ denote the set of all reduced proper Young walls. Then we can define a crystal structure on $\mathbf{F}(\Lambda)$ so that it may become a crystal graph for some integrable $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$-module in the category $\mathcal{O}_{int}$ [3], [4]. In this case, the set $\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$ becomes a connected component in the crystal graph $\mathbf{F}(\Lambda)$ and is isomorphic to the crystal graph $B(\Lambda)$ for the basic representation $V(\Lambda)$ of the quantum affine algebra $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$. We briefly explain the crystal structure of $\mathbf{F}(\Lambda)$. The main point is how to define the action of Kashiwara operators $\tilde{e}_i$ and $\tilde{f}_i$ $(i = 0, 1, \cdots, n)$ on proper Young walls.

Definition 1.4. (a) A block of color i in a proper Young wall is called a *removable i-block* if the wall remains a proper Young wall after removing the block. A column

in a proper Young wall is called *i-removable* if the top of that column is a removable *i*-block.

(b) A place in a proper Young wall where one may add an *i*-block to obtain another proper Young wall is called an *admissible i-slot*. A column in a proper Young wall is called *i-admissible* if the top of that column is an admissible *i*-slot.

Fix $i \in I$ and let $Y = (y_k)_{k=0}^{\infty} \in \mathbf{F}(\Lambda)$ be a proper Young wall.

(1) To each column y_k of Y, we assign its *i-signature* as follows:
  (a) we assign $--$ if the column y_k is twice *i*-removable; (the *i*-block will be of half-unit height in this case).
  (b) we assign $-$ if the column is once *i*-removable, but not *i*-admissible (the *i*-block may be of unit height or of half-unit height);
  (c) we assign $-+$ if the column is once *i*-removable and once *i*-admissible (the *i*-block will be of half-unit height in this case);
  (d) we assign $+$ if the column is once *i*-admissible, but not *i*-removable (the *i*-block may be of unit height or of half-unit height);
  (e) we assign $++$ if the column is twice *i*-admissible (the *i*-block will be of half-unit height in this case).
(2) From the (infinite) sequence of $+$'s and $-$'s, cancel out every $(+,-)$-pair to obtain a finite sequence of $-$'s followed by $+$'s, reading from left to right. This sequence is called the *i-signature* of the proper Young wall Y.
(3) We define $\tilde{e}_i Y$ to be the proper Young wall obtained from Y by removing the *i*-block corresponding to the right-most $-$ in the *i*-signature of Y. We define $\tilde{e}_i Y = 0$ if there exists no $-$ in the *i*-signature of Y.
(4) We define $\tilde{f}_i Y$ to be the proper Young wall obtained from Y by adding an *i*-block to the column corresponding to the left-most $+$ in the *i*-signature of Y. We define $\tilde{f}_i Y = 0$ if there exists no $+$ in the *i*-signature of Y.

Then we have:

Theorem 1.5 ([3], [4]). (a) *The set* $\mathbf{F}(\Lambda)$ *together with the Kashiwara operators defined as above becomes a crystal graph for an integrable* $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}})$-*module in the category* $\mathcal{O}_{int}$.

(b) *For all* $i \in I$ *and* $Y \in \mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$, *we have*

$$\tilde{e}_i Y \in \mathbf{Y}(\Lambda) \cup \{0\} \quad and \quad \tilde{f}_i Y \in \mathbf{Y}(\Lambda) \cup \{0\}.$$

Moreover, there exists a crystal isomorphism

$$\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda) \overset{\sim}{\longrightarrow} B(\Lambda) \quad given \ by \ \ Y_\Lambda \longmapsto u_\Lambda,$$

where u_Λ *is the highest weight vector in* $B(\Lambda)$.

2. Realization of crystal bases

In this section, we will state the main result of this paper – a new realization of crystal bases for finite-dimensional irreducible modules over classical Lie algebras.

Let us explain the main idea of our approach. Let $\mathfrak{g}$ be a classical Lie algebra lying inside an affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ so that the Dynkin diagram of $\mathfrak{g}$ can be obtained by removing the 0-node from the Dynkin diagram of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$. In this paper, we will focus on the following pairs of a classical Lie algebra and an affine Lie algebra:

$$A_n \subset A_n^{(1)}, \ C_n \subset A_{2n-1}^{(2)}, \ B_n \subset B_n^{(1)}, \ D_n \subset D_n^{(1)}.$$

Fix such a pair $\mathfrak{g} \subset \widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ and let Λ be a dominant integral weight of level 1 for the affine Lie algebra $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$. Then by Theorem 1.5, the crystal graph $B(\Lambda)$ is realized as the set $\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$ of all reduced proper Young walls built on the ground-state wall Y_Λ. If we remove all the 0-arrows in $\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$, then it is decomposed into a disjoint union of infinitely many connected components, each of which is isomorphic to the crystal graph $B(\lambda)$ for some dominant integral weight λ for $\mathfrak{g}$.

Conversely, any crystal graph $B(\lambda)$ for $\mathfrak{g}$ arises in this way. That is, given a dominant integral weight λ for $\mathfrak{g}$, there is a dominant integral weight Λ of level 1 for $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ such that $B(\lambda)$ appears as a connected component in $B(\Lambda)$ without 0-arrows. More precisely, we denote by λ_i $(i = 1, \cdots, n)$ and Λ_i $(i = 0, 1, \cdots, n)$ the fundamental weights for the quantum classical Lie algebras and the quantum affine algebras, respectively, and define the linear functionals ω_i by

1) $\mathfrak{g} = A_n$, C_n:

$$\omega_i = \lambda_i \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, \cdots, n,$$

2) $\mathfrak{g} = B_n$:

$$\omega_i = \begin{cases} \lambda_i & \text{for} \quad i = 1, \cdots, n-1, \\ 2\lambda_n & \text{for} \quad i = n, \end{cases}$$

3) $\mathfrak{g} = D_n$:

$$\omega_i = \begin{cases} \lambda_i & \text{for} \quad i = 1, \cdots, n-2, \\ \lambda_{n-1} + \lambda_n & \text{for} \quad i = n-1, \\ 2\lambda_n & \text{for} \quad i = n, \\ 2\lambda_{n-1} & \text{for} \quad i = n+1. \end{cases}$$

Then for each dominant integral weight λ for $\mathfrak{g}$, we may take the level 1 dominant integral weight Λ for $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ as follows:

1) $A_n \subset A_n^{(1)}$

$$\lambda = a_1 \omega_1 + \cdots + a_n \omega_n,$$
$$\Lambda = \Lambda_i \quad \text{if} \quad a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + na_n \equiv i \mod n+1,$$

2) $C_n \subset A_{2n-1}^{(2)}$

$$\lambda = a_1 \omega_1 + \cdots + a_n \omega_n,$$
$$\Lambda = \begin{cases} \Lambda_0 & \text{if} \quad a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + na_n \text{ is odd,} \\ \Lambda_1 & \text{if} \quad a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + na_n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

3) $B_n \subset B_n^{(1)}$

$$\lambda = a_1 \omega_1 + \cdots + a_n \omega_n + b\lambda_n,$$
$$\Lambda = \begin{cases} \Lambda_0 & \text{if} \quad b = 0 \text{ and } a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + na_n \text{ is odd,} \\ \Lambda_1 & \text{if} \quad b = 0 \text{ and } a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + na_n \text{ is even,} \\ \Lambda_n & \text{if} \quad b = 1, \end{cases}$$

4) $D_n \subset D_n^{(1)}$

$$\lambda = a_1 \omega_1 + \cdots + a_{n+1} \omega_{n+1} + b_1 \lambda_{n-1} + b_2 \lambda_n,$$

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\Lambda = \begin{cases} \Lambda_0 & \text{if } b_1 = b_2 = 0 \text{ and } a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + na_n + na_{n+1} \text{ is odd,} \\ \Lambda_1 & \text{if } b_1 = b_2 = 0 \text{ and } a_1 + 2a_2 + \cdots + na_n + na_{n+1} \text{ is even,} \\ \Lambda_{n-1} & \text{if } b_1 = 1 \text{ and } b_2 = 0, \\ \Lambda_n & \text{if } b_1 = 0 \text{ and } b_2 = 1. \end{cases}
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Now, we need to identify the highest weight vector u_λ for $B(\lambda)$ with some re-duced proper Young wall in $\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$ which is annihilated by all $\tilde{e}_i$ for $i = 1, \cdots, n$. However, given a dominant integral weight λ for $\mathfrak{g}$, there are infinitely many such Young walls in $\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$. Equivalently, given λ, there are infinitely many connected components of $\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$ without 0-arrows that are isomorphic to $B(\lambda)$. Thus the main task is to characterize these connected components. Among these, we choose the characterization of $B(\lambda)$ corresponding to the connected components having the least number of blocks.

Given a dominant integral weight λ for $\mathfrak{g}$, we describe an algorithm for construct-ing the highest weight vector H_λ and lowest weight vector L_λ inside $\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$. For our convenience, we will focus on the case of $\mathfrak{g} = B_n$ because this case contains all the characteristics of the remaining cases. If $\lambda = \omega_i$ $(i = 1, \cdots, n)$, let H_{ω_i} denote the Young wall (see Figure 1). Then it is easy to verify that $\tilde{e}_j H_{\omega_i} = 0$ for all $j = 1, \cdots, n$. That is, H_{ω_i} is a highest weight vector of weight ω_i. For the lowest weight vector, we denote by L_{ω_i} the Young wall given in Figure 2.
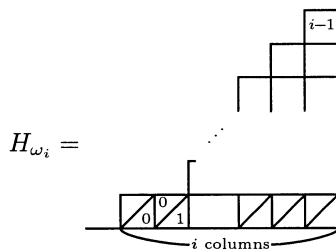

FIGURE 1.

FIGURE 2.

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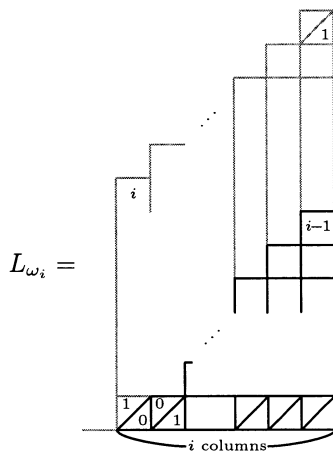$H_{\omega_{i_k}}$

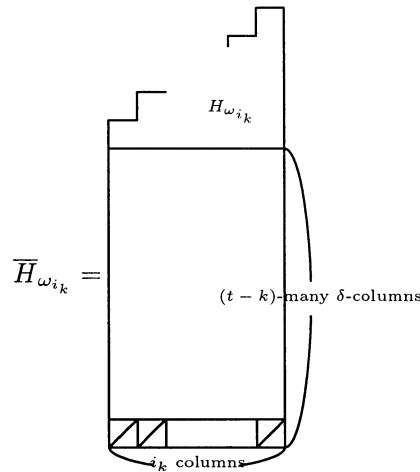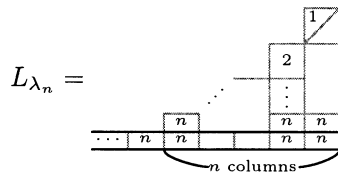$(t - k)$-many δ-columns

i_k columns

FIGURE 3.

Here, H_{ω_i} is denoted by the dark and bold-faced lines. Note that $\tilde{f}_j L_{\omega_i} = 0$ for all $j = 1, \cdots, n$. Thus L_{ω_i} is a lowest weight vector of weight $-\omega_i$. In Theorem 2.3, Theorem 2.8, Theorem 2.9 and Theorem 2.16, we will show that L_{ω_i} is in fact the lowest weight vector for the crystal graph $B(\omega_i)$; i.e., L_{ω_i} and H_{ω_i} are connected by Kashiwara operators.

If $\lambda = \lambda_n$, then the highest weight vector H_{λ_n} and the lowest weight vector L_{λ_n} for $B(\lambda_n)$ are given by

$$H_{\lambda_n} = \boxed{\cdots\; n \;\; n \;\;\;\;\;\; n \;\; n}$$

and

$$L_{\lambda_n} =$$

n columns

Here, H_{λ_n} is denoted by the dark and bold-faced lines.

Suppose λ has the form $\lambda = \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t}$ $(1 \leq i_1 \leq \cdots \leq i_t \leq n)$. For each $k = 1, \cdots, t$, let $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}}$) denote the Young wall consisting of $H_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $L_{\omega_{i_k}}$) and $i_k \times (t - k)$-many δ-columns. Here, we place $H_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $L_{\omega_{i_k}}$) on top of δ-columns as is shown in Figure 3.

We define H_λ (resp. L_λ) to be the Young wall obtained by attaching $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (resp. $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$) to the left-hand side of $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}}$) for $k = 1, \cdots, t - 1$.
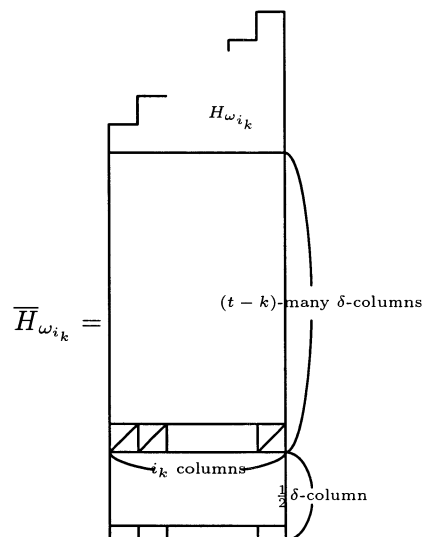
On the other hand, suppose λ has the form $\lambda = \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t} + \lambda_n$ $(1 \leq i_1 \leq \cdots \leq i_t \leq n)$. For each $k = 1, \cdots, t$, let $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}}$) denote the Young wall consisting of $H_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $L_{\omega_{i_k}}$) and $i_k \times (t - k + \frac{1}{2})$-many δ-columns (see Figure 4).

We define H_λ (resp. L_λ) to be the Young wall obtained by attaching $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (resp. $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$) to the left-hand side of $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}}$) and H_{λ_n} (resp. L_{λ_n}) to the left-hand side of $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_t}}$ (resp. $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_t}}$).
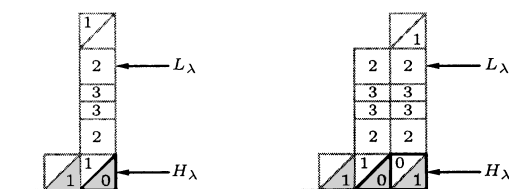
FIGURE 4.

Example 2.1. In this example, we will give descriptions of H_λ and L_λ for various choices of dominant integral weights λ for $\mathfrak{g} = B_3$. The highest weight vector H_λ will be denoted by the dark, bold-faced lines and the lowest weight vector L_λ will be denoted by the bright, dotted lines.
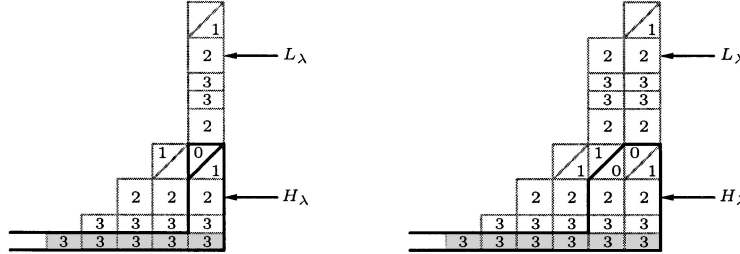
(a) If $\lambda = \omega_1$, we choose $\Lambda = \Lambda_1$ and if $\lambda = \omega_2$, we choose $\Lambda = \Lambda_0$. The vectors H_λ and L_λ are given by:

(b) If $\lambda = \omega_3$, we choose $\Lambda = \Lambda_1$, and if $\lambda = \omega_1 + \omega_3$, we choose $\Lambda = \Lambda_0$. The vectors H_λ and L_λ are given by:
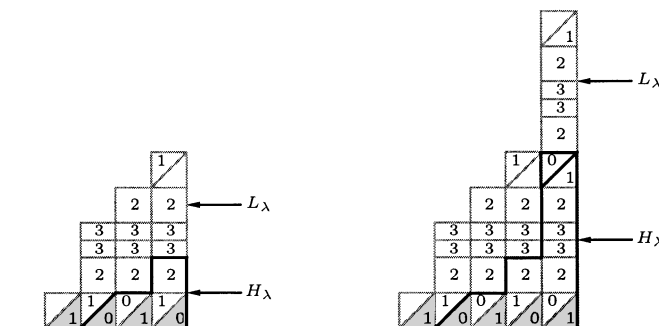
(c) If $\lambda = \omega_1 + \lambda_3$ or $\omega_2 + \lambda_3$, we choose $\Lambda = \Lambda_3$. The vectors H_λ and L_λ are given by:

We now begin to characterize the crystal graph $B(\lambda)$ inside $\mathbf{Y}(\Lambda)$. Let $F(\lambda)$ denote the set of all reduced proper Young walls lying between H_λ and L_λ. To describe $B(\lambda)$ inside $F(\lambda)$, we need some additional conditions. For this purpose, we need to introduce some notation. Fix a dominant integral weight λ as follows:

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(2.1) \qquad \lambda = \begin{cases} \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t} & \text{if } \mathfrak{g} = A_n, C_n, \\ \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t} + b\lambda_n & \text{if } \mathfrak{g} = B_n, \\ \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t} + b_1\lambda_{n-1} + b_2\lambda_n & \text{if } \mathfrak{g} = D_n, \end{cases}
$$

where $b = 0$ or 1, $(b_1, b_2) = (1, 0)$ or $(0, 1)$.

For each $Y \in F(\lambda)$, we denote by $\mathring{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ $(k = 1, \cdots, t)$ (resp. $\mathring{Y}_{\lambda_{n-1}}$, $\mathring{Y}_{\lambda_n}$) the part of Y consisting of the blocks lying above $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $H_{\lambda_{n-1}}$, H_{λ_n}) and we denote by $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_{n-1}}$, $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_n}$) the intersection of Y and $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $L_{\lambda_{n-1}}$, L_{λ_n}) as is shown in Figure 5. Moreover, we denote by $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (resp. $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_{n-1}}$, $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$) the union of $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}}$) and $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (resp. $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_{n-1}}$ or $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_n}$).
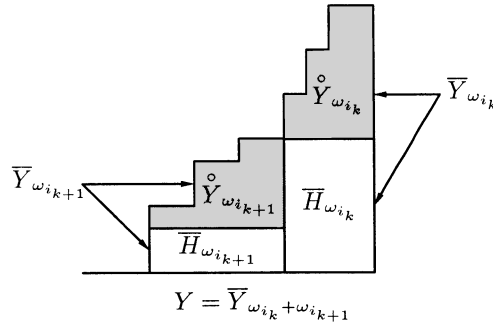

$$Y = \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$$

FIGURE 5.

Now, consider $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$, $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_{n-1}}$ and $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ of Y. Then we define

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(2.2) \qquad \begin{aligned} Y^{\omega_{i_k}} &= \mathring{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}} \cap \overline{L}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}} \quad \text{reading from top to bottom,} \\ Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}} &= \mathring{Y}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}} \cap \overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}} \quad \text{reading from right to left in } \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}. \end{aligned}
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Similarly, we define

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} &Y^{\omega_{i_t}} = \overset{\circ}{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}} \cap L_{\lambda_{n-1}}, \quad Y^{\lambda_{n-1}} = \overset{\circ}{Y}_{\lambda_{n-1}} \cap \overline{L}_{\omega_{i_t}} \quad \text{in } \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_{n-1}}, \\ &Y^{\omega_{i_t}} = \overset{\circ}{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}} \cap L_{\lambda_n}, \quad Y^{\lambda_n} = \overset{\circ}{Y}_{\lambda_n} \cap \overline{L}_{\omega_{i_t}} \quad \text{in } \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.2. If $\mathfrak{g} = A_4$, $\lambda = \omega_2 + \omega_3$, and

$$Y = \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c}4\end{array}} \ \text{(diagram)} \quad \in F(\lambda),$$

then we have

$$\overset{\circ}{Y}_{\omega_2} = \ \text{(diagram)}, \quad \overset{\circ}{Y}_{\omega_3} = \ \text{(diagram)}, \quad \overline{Y}_{\omega_2} = \ \text{(diagram)} \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{Y}_{\omega_3} = \ \text{(diagram)}.$$

Moreover, we have

$$Y^{\omega_2} = \ \text{(diagram)} \quad \text{and} \quad Y^{\omega_3} = \ \text{(diagram)}.$$

With this notation, we are ready to give an explicit description of the crystal graph $B(\lambda)$ over $\mathfrak{g} = A_n$.

Theorem 2.3. *Let $\lambda \in P^+$ be a dominant integral weight and write*

$$\lambda = \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t} \quad (1 \le i_1 \le \cdots \le i_t \le n).$$

Set

$$Y(\lambda) = \{Y \in F(\lambda) \mid Y^{\omega_{i_k}} \subset Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}} \ \text{in } \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}} \ \text{for all } k = 1, 2, \cdots, t-1\}.$$

Then there exists an isomorphism of $U_q(A_n)$-crystals

$$(2.4) \qquad\qquad Y(\lambda) \overset{\sim}{\longrightarrow} B(\lambda) \quad \text{given by } H_\lambda \longmapsto u_\lambda,$$

where u_λ is the highest weight vector in $B(\lambda)$.

Example 2.4. Let $\mathfrak{g} = A_4$ and $\lambda = \omega_2 + \omega_3$. For each Young wall given in Figure 6, the shaded part represents Y^{ω_2} and Y^{ω_3}, respectively. Hence, by Theorem 2.3, the first Young wall belongs to $Y(\lambda)$, but the second one does not.

Next, we will consider the case when $\mathfrak{g} = C_n$ or B_n. Consider $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ for $k = 1, \cdots, t$. Suppose that $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ contains a row consisting of n-blocks, which will be called the *n-row*, as is shown in Figure 7.
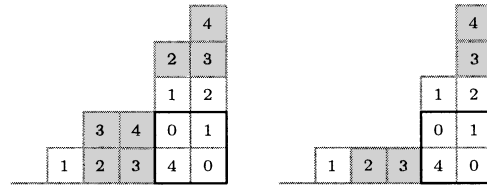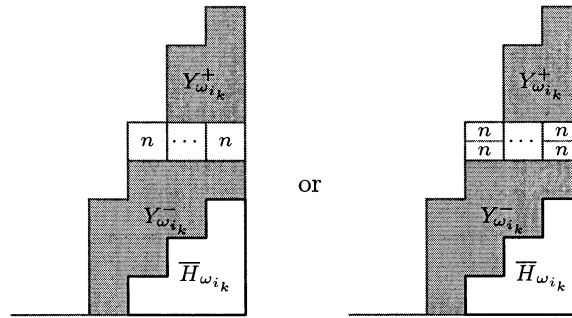
FIGURE 6.

FIGURE 7.

We will denote by $Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}$) the part of Y consisting of the blocks lying above (resp. below) the n-row and below $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. above $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}}$). We also denote by $|Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}|$ the wall obtained by reflecting $Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}$ along the n-row and shifting the blocks to the right as much as possible.

Example 2.5. If $\mathfrak{g} = C_4$, $\lambda = \omega_4$, and

$$Y = \quad \in F(\lambda),$$

then we have

$$Y^+_{\omega_4} = \qquad Y^-_{\omega_4} = \qquad \text{and} \quad |Y^-_{\omega_4}| = \;.$$

Now, consider $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ $(k = 1, \cdots, t-1)$ and $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ (see Figure 8). As we can see, $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ and $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ contain two n-rows above $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$. Note that there are i-many blocks in the upper n-row. Let us denote by b_L (resp. b_R) the left-most (resp. right-most) block in the upper n-row. Then the blocks b_L, b_R and the block b lying in the $(i-1)$-th row below b_L form a *right isosceles triangle*. We denote by $L^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ (resp. $L^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}$) the part of $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (resp. $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$) constituting this right isosceles triangle.

FIGURE 8.

Similarly, let b'_R be the right-most block in the lower n-row outside the highest weight vector $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ and $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ and let b'_L be the n-block lying in the $(i-1)$-th column to the left of b'_R. Then b'_R, b'_L and the block b' lying in the $(i-1)$-th row above b'_R form another *right isosceles triangle*. We denote by $L^+_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ (resp. $L^+_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}$) the part of $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (resp. $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$) constituting this right isosceles triangle. Note that $L^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ (resp. $L^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}$) and $L^+_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ (resp. $L^+_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}$) are of the same size with each base of length i. Now, for each $Y \in F(\lambda)$, set

$$Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})} = Y \cap L^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}, \quad Y^+_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})} = Y \cap L^+_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})},$$

$$Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)} = Y \cap L^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}, \quad Y^+_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)} = Y \cap L^+_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}$$

and denote by $|Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}|$ (resp. $|Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}|$) the wall obtained by reflecting $Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ (resp. $Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}$) with respect to the upper n-row and shifting the blocks to the right as much as possible.

Example 2.6. If $\mathfrak{g} = B_5$, $\lambda = \omega_3 + \lambda_5$ and

then we have

$$Y^-_{(\omega_3,\lambda_5)} = \boxed{\begin{smallmatrix}&5&5\\4&4&\\3&&\end{smallmatrix}} \;, \quad Y^+_{(\omega_3,\lambda_5)} = \boxed{\begin{smallmatrix}&&3\\&4&4\\5&5&5\end{smallmatrix}} \quad \text{and} \quad |Y^-_{(\omega_3,\lambda_5)}| = \boxed{\begin{smallmatrix}&3\\4&4\\5&5\end{smallmatrix}}.$$

Here, the shaded parts represent $L^-_{(\omega_3,\lambda_5)}$ and $L^+_{(\omega_3,\lambda_5)}$.

For $a = 1, \cdots, n-1$, consider the $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ and $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ of $Y \in F(\lambda)$ having the configuration in Figure 9. That is, the top of the p-th column of $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}}$) from the right is $\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix}a-1\\a-2\end{smallmatrix}}$ and the top of the q-th column of $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (resp. $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_n}$) from the right is $\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix}a\\a+1\end{smallmatrix}}$ with $p > q$.

(C1)

q-th

p-th

$(p > q)$

$\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix}a-1\\a-2\end{smallmatrix}}$

$\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix}a\\a+1\end{smallmatrix}}$

$\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (resp. $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_n}$) $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}}$)
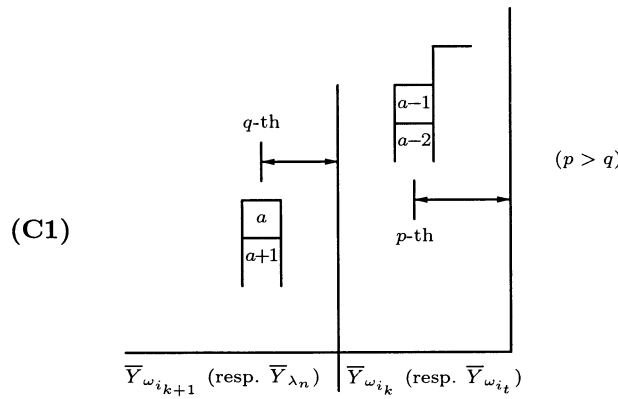
FIGURE 9.

We define $L^+_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q)$ (resp. $L^+_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q)$) to be the right isosceles triangle formed by an a-block in the q-th column, an $(a + p - q - 1)$-block in the q-th column and an $(a+p-q-1)$-block in the $(p-1)$-th column in $Y_{\omega_{i_k}}$ (resp. $Y_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$). Then the wall obtained by reflecting $L^+_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q)$ (resp. $L^+_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q)$) with respect to the n-row will be denoted by $L^-_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q)$ (resp. $L^-_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q)$). The shaded parts in Figure 10 represent $L^\pm_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q)$ and $L^\pm_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q)$. Now, we also define $L^\pm_{\omega_{i_t}}(a, p, q)$ in a similar way, and for each $Y \in F(\lambda)$, set

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} Y^\pm_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q) &= L^\pm_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q) \cap Y, \quad Y^\pm_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q) = L^\pm_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q) \cap Y, \\ Y^\pm_{\omega_{i_t}}(a; p, q) &= L^\pm_{\omega_{i_t}}(a; p, q) \cap Y, \end{aligned}$$

and let $|Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q)|$ be the wall obtained by reflecting $Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q)$ with respect to the n-row and shifting the blocks to the right as much as possible.
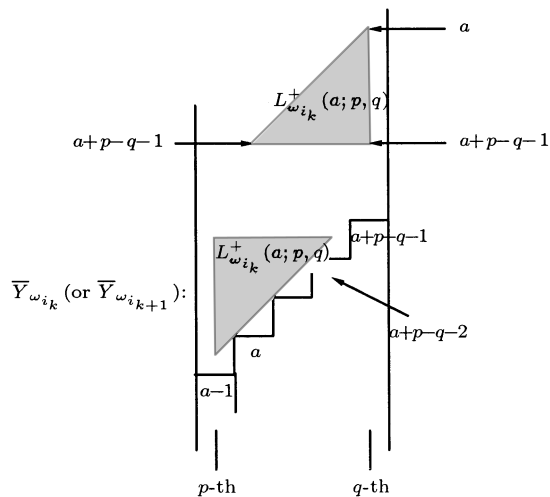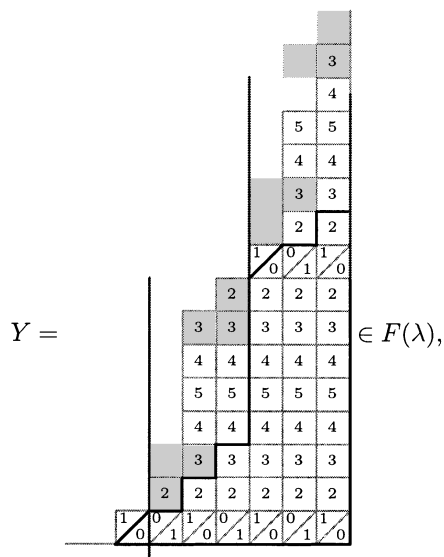
FIGURE 10.

Example 2.7. If $\mathfrak{g} = C_5$, $\lambda = \omega_3 + \omega_4$ and

then we have

$$Y_{\omega_3}^{\pm}(2;3,1) = |Y_{\omega_3}^{-}(2;3,1)| = \boxed{3} ,$$

$$Y_{\omega_4}^{+}(2;3,1) = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline &2\\\hline 3&3\\\hline\end{array} , \quad Y_{\omega_4}^{-}(2;3,1) = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline &3\\\hline 2&\\\hline\end{array}$$

and

$$|Y_{\omega_4}^{-}(2;3,1)| = \begin{array}{|c|}\hline 2\\\hline 3\\\hline\end{array} .$$

Here, the shaded parts represent $L_{\omega_i}^{\pm}(2;3,1)$ for $i = 3, 4$.

Now, we are ready to give an explicit description of the crystal graph $B(\lambda)$ over $\mathfrak{g} = C_n$ and B_n.

Theorem 2.8. *Let $\lambda \in P^+$ be a dominant integral weight for $\mathfrak{g} = C_n$, and write*

$$\lambda = \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t} \qquad (1 \le i_1 \le \cdots \le i_t \le n).$$

We define $Y(\lambda)$ to be the set of all reduced proper Young walls in $F(\lambda)$ satisfying the following conditions:

(Y1) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t$, we have $Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}} \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}|$.*

(Y2) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, we have $Y^{\omega_{i_k}} \subset Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ in $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$.*

(Y3) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, we have $|Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k}, \omega_{i_{k+1}})}| \subset Y^+_{(\omega_{i_k}, \omega_{i_{k+1}})}$.*

(Y4) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, if $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ satisfies $(\mathbf{C1})$, then we have*

$$Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q) \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q)|, \quad Y^+_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q) \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q)|.$$

Then there is an isomorphism of $U_q(C_n)$-crystals

$$(2.6) \qquad\qquad Y(\lambda) \xrightarrow{\sim} B(\lambda) \quad \text{given by } H_\lambda \longmapsto u_\lambda,$$

where u_λ is the highest weight vector in $B(\lambda)$.

Theorem 2.9. *Let $\lambda \in P^+$ be a dominant integral weight for $\mathfrak{g} = B_n$, and write*

$$\lambda = \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t} \qquad (1 \le i_1 \le \cdots \le i_t \le n) \quad or$$
$$\lambda = \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t} + \lambda_n \qquad (1 \le i_1 \le \cdots \le i_t \le n).$$

We define $Y(\lambda)$ to be the set of all reduced proper Young walls in $F(\lambda)$ satisfying the following conditions:

(Y1) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t$, we have $Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}} \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}|$.*

(Y2) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, we have*

$$Y^{\omega_{i_k}} \subset Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}} \text{ in } \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}} \quad and \quad Y^{\omega_{i_t}} \subset Y^{\lambda_n} \text{ in } \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}.$$

(Y3) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, we have*

$$|Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k}, \omega_{i_{k+1}})}| \subset Y^+_{(\omega_{i_k}, \omega_{i_{k+1}})}, \quad |Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t}, \lambda_n)}| \subset Y^+_{(\omega_{i_t}, \lambda_n)}.$$

(Y4) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, if $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ or $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ satisfies $(\mathbf{C1})$, then we have*

$$Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q) \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}(a; p, q)|, \quad Y^+_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q) \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a; p, q)|,$$
$$Y^+_{\omega_{i_t}}(a; p, q) \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_t}}(a; p, q)|.$$

Then there is an isomorphism of crystal graphs for $U_q(B_n)$-modules

$$(2.7) \qquad\qquad Y(\lambda) \xrightarrow{\sim} B(\lambda) \quad \text{given by } H_\lambda \longmapsto u_\lambda,$$

where u_λ is the highest weight vector in $B(\lambda)$.

Remark 2.10. If $\lambda = \lambda_n$, then $Y(\lambda_n) = F(\lambda_n)$, the set of all reduced proper Young walls lying between H_{λ_n} and L_{λ_n}.

Example 2.11. Let $\mathfrak{g} = C_3$ and $\lambda = \omega_2 + \omega_3$. Then, in Figure 11, the first Young wall belongs to $Y(\lambda)$ but the second one and the third one do not. The second one does not satisfy **(Y1)** and the third one does not satisfy **(Y2)**. Here, in the second Young wall, the shaded parts represent $L^\pm_{\omega_3}$, and in the third Young wall, the shaded parts represent L^{ω_2} and L^{ω_3}.
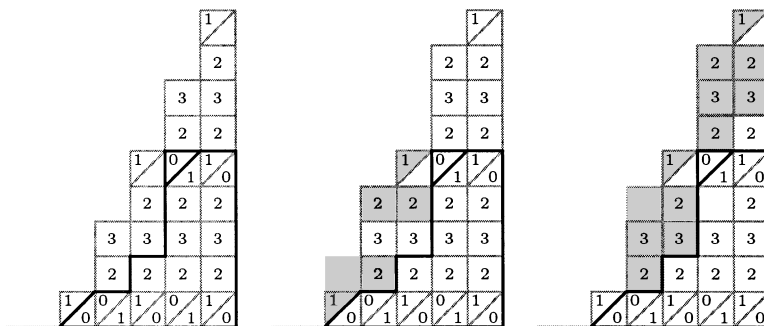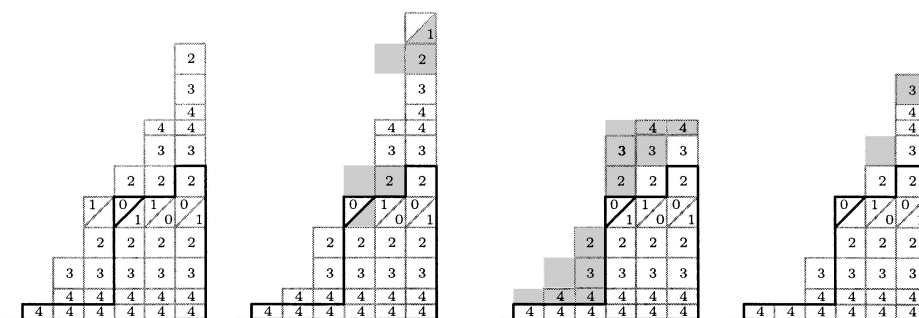
FIGURE 11.

FIGURE 12.

Example 2.12. Let $\mathfrak{g} = B_4$ and $\lambda = \omega_3 + \lambda_4$. Then, in Figure 12, the first Young wall belongs to $Y(\lambda)$, but the other ones do not. They do not satisfy the conditions **(Y1)**, **(Y3)** and **(Y4)**, respectively. Here, the shaded parts represent $L_{\omega_3}^{\pm}$, $L_{(\omega_3,\lambda_4)}^{\pm}$ and $L_{\omega_3}^{\pm}(3; 2, 1)$ in the second, third and fourth Young walls, respectively.

Finally, we focus on the case $\mathfrak{g} = D_n$. If $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ of $Y \in F(\lambda)$ contains a row consisting of n-blocks and $(n-1)$-blocks, which will be called the $(n-1,n)$-*row*, then we define the walls $Y_{\omega_{i_k}}^{\pm}$ and $|Y_{\omega_{i_k}}^{-}|$ as in the case of $\mathfrak{g} = C_n$ or B_n.

Example 2.13. If $\mathfrak{g} = D_5$, $\lambda = \omega_6$ and

$$Y = \quad \in F(\lambda),$$

then we have

$$Y^+_{\omega_i} = \begin{array}{c}\boxed{2}\\\boxed{3}\\\boxed{5}\,\boxed{4}\end{array}, \quad Y^-_{\omega_i} = \begin{array}{c}\boxed{4}\\\boxed{3}\\\boxed{2}\\\boxed{1}\end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad |Y^-_{\omega_i}| = \begin{array}{c}\boxed{1}\\\boxed{2}\\\boxed{3}\\\boxed{4}\end{array}.$$

Consider $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$, $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ or $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_{n-1}}$ of $Y \in F(\lambda)$. As we can see from Figure 13, $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ contains two $(n-1,n)$-rows above $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$. We denote by b_L the left-most blocks in the upper $(n-1,n)$-row and b_R the blocks lying in the $(i-2)$-th column to the right of b_L. Then the blocks b_L, b_R and the block b lying in the $(i-2)$-th row below b_L form a *right isosceles triangle*. We denote by $L^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ the part of $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ consisting of this right isosceles triangle. Note that the size of $L^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ in the case of D_n is smaller than that of $L^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ in the case of C_n or B_n.
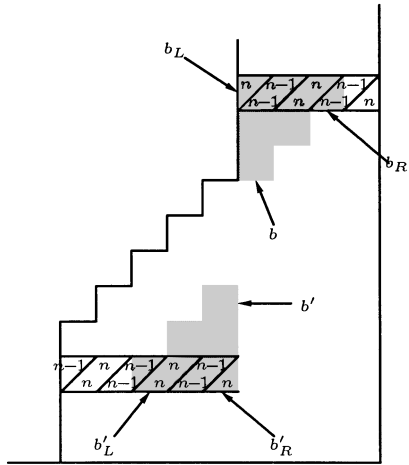
FIGURE 13.

Similarly, let b'_R be the right-most blocks in the lower $(n-1,n)$-row outside the highest weight vector $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ and let b'_L be the blocks lying in the $(i-2)$-th column to the left of b'_R. Then the blocks b'_R, b'_L and the block b' lying in the $(i-2)$-th row above b'_R form another *right isosceles triangle*. We denote by $L^+_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ the part of $\overline{L}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ consisting of this right isosceles triangle. Note that $L^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ and $L^+_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ are of the same size with each base of length $i-1$. Now, we can also define $L^{\pm}_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_{n-1})}$ and $L^{\pm}_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}$ in a similar way, and set

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})} &= Y \cap L^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}, \quad Y^+_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})} = Y \cap L^+_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}, \\ Y^{\pm}_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_{n-1})} &= Y \cap L^{\pm}_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_{n-1})}, \quad Y^{\pm}_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)} = Y \cap L^{\pm}_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}. \end{aligned}$$

As usual, let $|Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}|$ (resp. $|Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_{n-1})}|$ and $|Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}|$) be the wall obtained by reflecting $Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ (resp. $Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_{n-1})}$ and $Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}$) with respect to the $(n-1,n)$-row and shifting the blocks to the right as much as possible.

Example 2.14. If $\mathfrak{g} = D_7$, $\lambda = \omega_5 + \lambda_6$, and
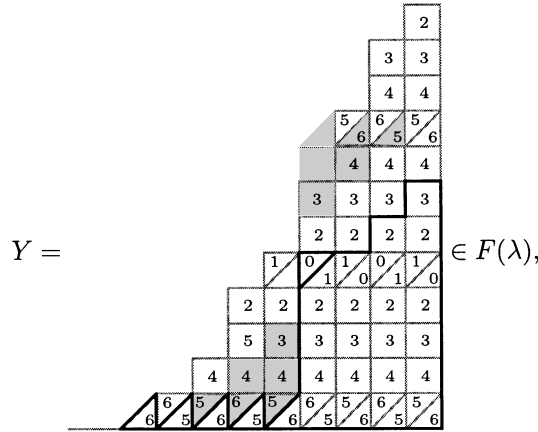
$$Y = \quad \in F(\lambda),$$

then we have

$$Y^-_{(\omega_5,\lambda_6)} = \quad, \quad Y^+_{(\omega_5,\lambda_6)} = \quad \text{and} \quad |Y^-_{(\omega_5,\lambda_6)}| = \quad.$$

Here, the shaded parts represent $L^-_{(\omega_5,\lambda_6)}$ and $L^+_{(\omega_5,\lambda_6)}$, respectively.

Assume that $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$, $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ or $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_{n-1}}$ of $Y \in F(\lambda)$ satisfies **(C1)**. Then we can define $L^\pm_{\omega_{i_k}}(a;p,q)$, $L^\pm_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a;p,q)$, $Y^\pm_{\omega_{i_k}}(a;p,q)$, $Y^\pm_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a;p,q)$ and $|Y^\pm_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a;p,q)|$ as in the case of $\mathfrak{g} = C_n$ or B_n.

Now, suppose that $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$, $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ or $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_{n-1}}$ of $Y \in F(\lambda)$ have the configuration in Figure 14. That is, the top of the p-th column of $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ from the right is $\boxed{n/n-2}$, $\boxed{n/n-2}$, $\boxed{n-1/n-2}$ or $\boxed{n-1/n-2}$. In the case of $\boxed{n/n-2}$ or $\boxed{n/n-2}$ (resp. $\boxed{n-1/n-2}$ or $\boxed{n-1/n-2}$), the top of the q-th column of $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ from the right is $\boxed{n/n-2}$ or $\boxed{n/n-2}$ (resp. $\boxed{n-1/n-2}$ or $\boxed{n-1/n-2}$) when $q-p$ is odd and the top of the q-th column of $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ from the right is $\boxed{n-1/n-2}$ or $\boxed{n-1/n-2}$ (resp. $\boxed{n/n-2}$ or $\boxed{n/n-2}$) when $q-p$ is even.

We define $L_{\omega_{i_k}}(n-1,n;p,q)$ to be the parallelogram formed by the $(n-q)$-block and $(n-q+p-1)$-block in the q-th column, and the $(n-i)$-block and $(n-i+p-1)$-block in the i-th column lying below the $(n-1,n)$-row. We will denote by $L_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(n-1,n;p,q)$ the parallelogram formed by the $(n-q)$-block and $(n-i)$-block in the first column, and the $(n-q+p-1)$-block and $(n-i+p-1)$-block in the p-th column lying above the $(n-1,n)$-row. Similarly, we can define the parallelograms $L_{\omega_{i_t}}(n-1,n;p,q)$, $L_{\lambda_n}(n-1,n;p,q)$ and $L_{\lambda_{n-1}}(n-1,n;p,q)$. The

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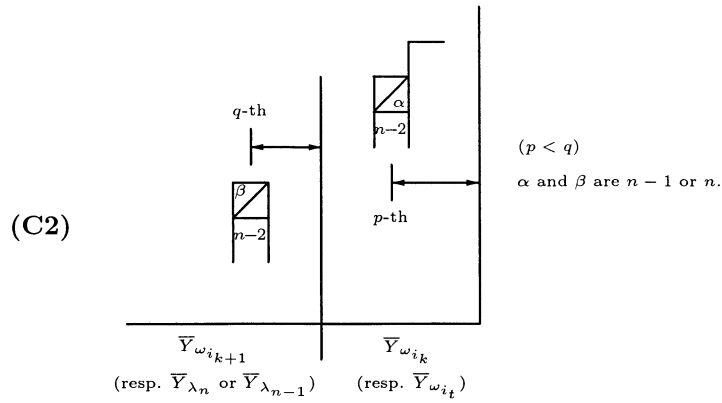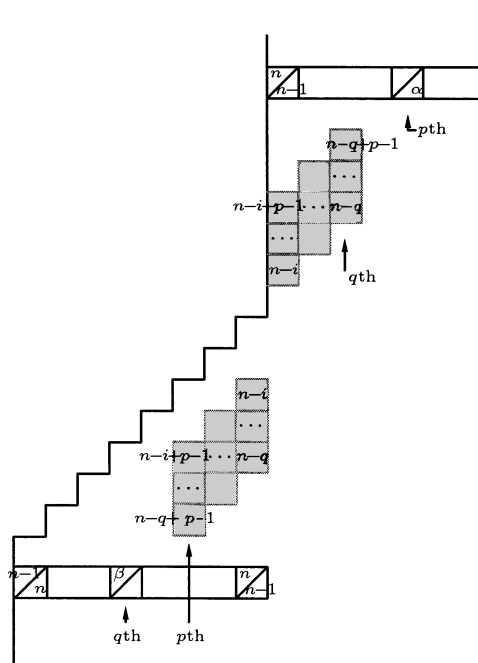

$(p < q)$

α and β are $n - 1$ or n.

q-th

p-th

$\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$
(resp. $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_n}$ or $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_{n-1}}$)

$\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$
(resp. $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}}$)

FIGURE 14.

FIGURE 15.

shaded parts in Figure 15 represent $L_{\omega_{i_k}}(n - 1, n; p, q)$ and $L_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(n - 1, n; p, q)$. Here, α and β are n or $n - 1$ in the hypothesis.

We define

$$Y_{\omega_{i_k}}(n - 1, n; p, q) = L_{\omega_{i_k}}(n - 1, n; p, q) \cap Y,$$

$$Y_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(n - 1, n; p, q) = L_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(n - 1, n; p, q) \cap Y,$$

$$Y_{\omega_{i_t}}(n - 1, n; p, q) = L_{\omega_{i_t}}(n - 1, n; p, q) \cap Y,$$

$$Y_{\lambda_{n-1}}(n - 1, n; p, q) = L_{\lambda_{n-1}}(n - 1, n; p, q) \cap Y,$$

$$Y_{\lambda_n}(n - 1, n; p, q) = L_{\lambda_n}(n - 1, n; p, q) \cap Y,$$

and let $|Y_{\omega_{i_k}}(n-1,n;p,q)|$ be the wall obtained by reflecting $Y_{\omega_{i_k}}(n-1,n;p,q)$ with respect to the $(n-1,n)$-arrow and shifting the blocks to the right as much as possible and let $Y^t_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(n-1,n;p,q)$ be the wall obtained by shifting the blocks of $Y_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(n-1,n;p,q)$ to the right as much as possible.

Example 2.15. If $\mathfrak{g} = D_8$, $\lambda = \omega_5 + \omega_6$ and
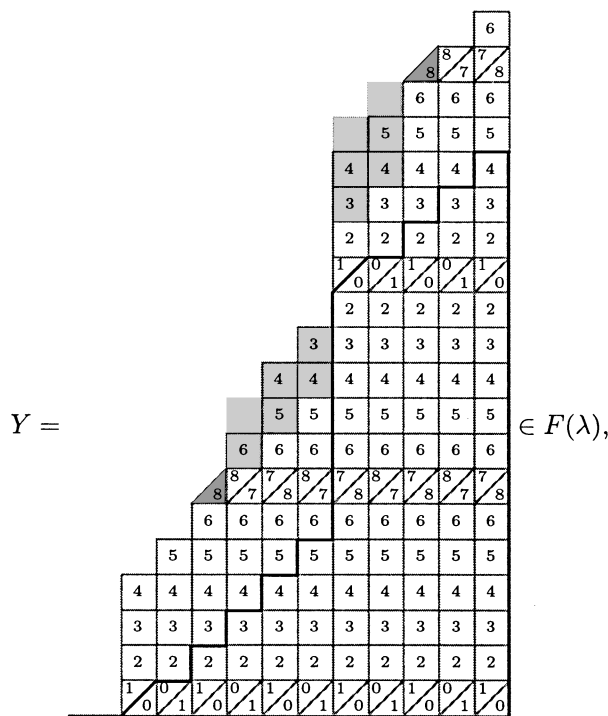
then we have

Here, the shaded parts represent $L_{\omega_5}(7,8;3,4)$ and $L_{\omega_6}(7,8;3,4)$.

Theorem 2.16. *Let $\lambda \in P^+$ be a dominant integral weight for $\mathfrak{g} = D_n$ and write*

$$\lambda = \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_t} + b_1\lambda_{n-1} + b_2\lambda_n,$$

where $1 \le i_1 \le \cdots \le i_t \le n+1$ and $(b_1, b_2) = (1,0)$ or $(0,1)$.

Define $Y(\lambda)$ to be the set of all reduced proper Young walls in $F(\lambda)$ satisfying the following conditions:

(Y1) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t$, we have $Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}} \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}|$.*

(Y2) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, we have*

$$Y^{\omega_{i_k}} \subset Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}} \ in \ \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}, \ Y^{\omega_{i_t}} \subset Y^{\lambda_{n-1}} \ in \ \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_{n-1}}, \ Y^{\omega_{i_t}} \subset Y^{\lambda_n} \ in \ \overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}.$$

(Y3) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, we have*

$$|Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}| \subset Y^+_{(\omega_{i_k},\omega_{i_{k+1}})}, \quad |Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_{n-1})}| \subset Y^+_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_{n-1})}, \quad |Y^-_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}| \subset Y^+_{(\omega_{i_t},\lambda_n)}.$$

(Y4) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, if $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$, $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_{n-1}}$ or $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ satisfies* **(C1)**, *then we have*

$$Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}}(a;p,q) \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}(a;p,q)|, \quad Y^+_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a;p,q) \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(a;p,q)|,$$
$$Y^+_{\omega_{i_t}}(a;p,q) \subset |Y^-_{\omega_{i_t}}(a;p,q)|.$$

(Y5) *For each $k = 1, \cdots, t-1$, if $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}+\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$, $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_{n-1}}$ or $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_t}+\lambda_n}$ satisfies* **(C2)**, *then we have*

$$|Y_{\omega_{i_k}}(n-1,n;p,q)| \subset Y^t_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}(n-1,n;p,q),$$
$$|Y_{\omega_{i_t}}(n-1,n;p,q)| \subset Y^t_{\lambda_{n-1}}(n-1,n;p,q),$$
$$|Y_{\omega_{i_t}}(n-1,n;p,q)| \subset Y^t_{\lambda_n}(n-1,n;p,q).$$

Then there exists an isomorphism of $U_q(D_n)$-crystals

$$(2.9) \qquad\qquad Y(\lambda) \xrightarrow{\sim} B(\lambda) \quad given \ by \ \ H_\lambda \longmapsto u_\lambda,$$

where u_λ is the highest weight vector in $B(\lambda)$.

Example 2.17. Let $\mathfrak{g} = D_4$ and $\lambda = \omega_3 + \lambda_4$. Then, in Figure 16, the first Young wall belongs to $Y(\lambda)$, but the other ones do not. They do not satisfy the conditions **(Y1)**, **(Y3)**, **(Y4)** and **(Y5)**, respectively. Here, the shaded parts represent $L^\pm_{\omega_3}$, $L^\pm_{(\omega_3,\lambda_4)}$, $L^\pm_{\omega_3}(2;3,1)$, and $L_{\omega_3}(3,4;1,2)$ and $L_{\lambda_4}(3,4;1,2)$ in the second, third, fourth and fifth Young walls, respectively.
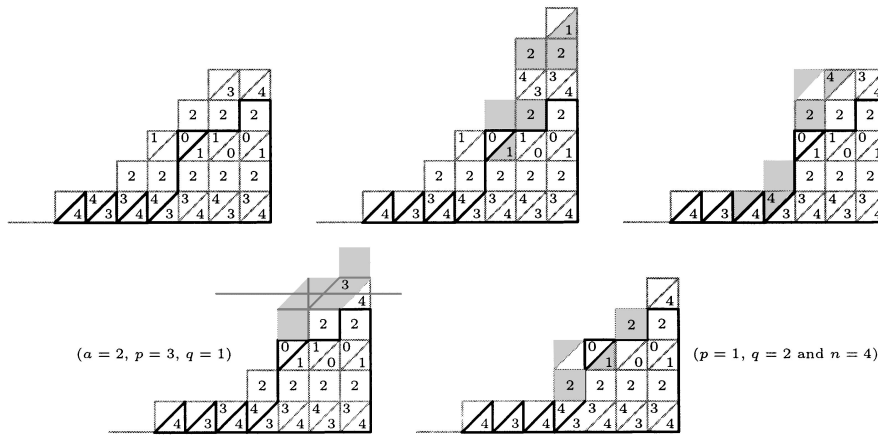

FIGURE 16.

3. The proof of the main theorem

In this section, we will give a proof of our main theorems. In fact, we will only prove the case $\mathfrak{g} = B_n$ because the remaining cases can be proved in a similar manner. Observe that it suffices to prove the following statements:

(1) For all $i = 1, \cdots, n$, we have

$$\tilde{e}_i Y(\lambda) \subset Y(\lambda) \cup \{0\}, \quad \tilde{f}_i Y(\lambda) \subset Y(\lambda) \cup \{0\}.$$

(2) If $Y \in Y(\lambda)$ satisfies $\tilde{e}_i Y = 0$ for all $i = 1, \cdots, n$, then $Y = H_\lambda$.

The proof of Theorem 2.9. We first prove the statement (1). Let $Y \in Y(\lambda)$ and suppose that $\tilde{f}_i Y \neq 0$ but $\tilde{f}_i Y \notin Y(\lambda)$ for some $i \in I$. Then $\tilde{f}_i Y$ would violate at least one of the conditions **(Y1)**-**(Y4)**.

(Case 1) Suppose $\tilde{f}_i Y$ does not satisfy **(Y1)**. Then there is an i-admissible slot in some $Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}}$, where an i-block can be added to get $\tilde{f}_i Y$ such that $(\tilde{f}_i Y)^+_{\omega_{i_k}} \nsubseteq (\tilde{f}_i Y)^-_{\omega_{i_k}}$. Note that $i \neq n$ because $(\tilde{f}_n Y)^\pm_{\omega_{i_k}} = Y^\pm_{\omega_{i_k}}$ for all $k = 1, \cdots, t$. For simplicity, we denote by $N^\pm_j$ the number of j-blocks in $Y^\pm_{\omega_{i_k}}$. Then $N^+_j \leq N^-_j$ for all $j = 1, \cdots, n-1$ because $Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}} \subset Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}$. Since Y is proper, we have

$$N^+_{i-1} = N^+_i \quad \text{and} \quad N^+_{i+1} = N^+_i + 1.$$

Moreover, since $Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}} \subset Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}$ but $(\tilde{f}_i Y)^+_{\omega_{i_k}} \nsubseteq (\tilde{f}_i Y)^-_{\omega_{i_k}}$, we can deduce $N^-_i = N^+_i = N^+_{i-1} \leq N^-_{i-1}$. Observe that $\overline{H}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ is of staircase shape below the i_k-row. Then we have $N^-_{i+1} \leq N^-_i + 1$. But we know that $N^-_i + 1 = N^+_i + 1 = N^+_{i+1} \leq N^-_{i+1}$. Therefore, $N^-_{i+1} = N^-_i + 1$ and Y must have the form shown in Figure 17. That is, there is another i-admissible slot in $Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}$. Then, by the tensor product rule for the Kashiwara operators, $\tilde{f}_i$ would have acted on the i-admissible slot in $Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}$, not on the one in $Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}}$, which is a contradiction. Hence, $\tilde{f}_i Y$ must satisfy the condition **(Y1)**.
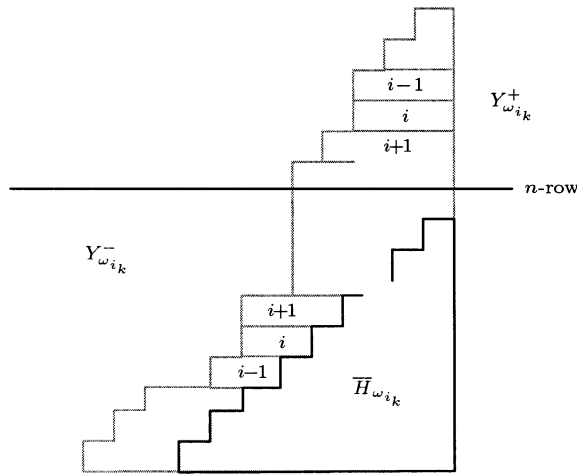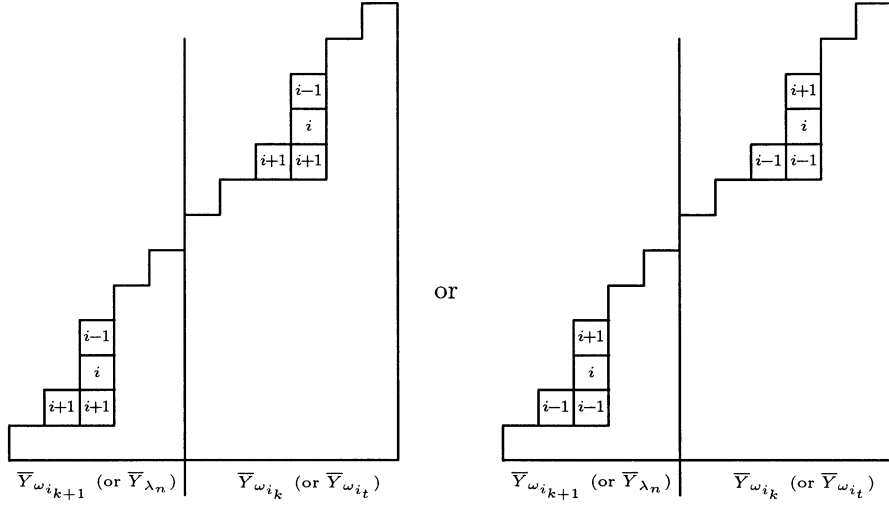

FIGURE 17.

FIGURE 18.

(**Case 2**) Suppose $\tilde{f}_i Y$ does not satisfy (**Y2**). Then there exists an i-admissible slot in some $Y^{\omega_{i_k}}$ (or $Y^{\omega_{i_t}}$), where an i-block can be added to get $\tilde{f}_i Y$ such that

$$(\tilde{f}_i Y)^{\omega_{i_k}} \not\subseteq (\tilde{f}_i Y)^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}} \quad (\text{or } (\tilde{f}_i Y)^{\omega_{i_t}} \not\subseteq (\tilde{f}_i Y)^{\lambda_n}).$$

If $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, since Y is proper, Y has a subwall of the form ,

 or in $Y^{\omega_{i_k}}$ (or $Y^{\omega_{i_t}}$). Since Y satisfies (**Y2**) and just adding an i-block to $Y^{\omega_{i_k}}$ would violate (**Y2**), the same part appears in $Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (or Y^{λ_n}), as is shown in Figure 18.

We claim that there is no removable i-block between these two parts. Then by the tensor product rule, $\tilde{f}_i$ would have acted on the i-admissible slot in $Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (or Y^{λ_n}), not on the one in $Y^{\omega_{i_k}}$ (or $Y^{\omega_{i_t}}$), which is a contradiction. Hence $\tilde{f}_i Y$ must satisfy (**Y2**). To prove our claim, assume first that there exists a removable i-block in $Y^{\omega_{i_k}}$. Then Y must have the shape given in Figure 19. Thus $Y^+_{(\omega_{i_k}, \omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ would

contain the part and $Y^-_{(\omega_{i_k}, \omega_{i_{k+1}})}$ would contain one of the parts ,

 or . This implies that Y does not satisfy the conditions (**Y3**) or (**Y4**), which is a contradiction. Hence there is no removable i-block in $Y^{\omega_{i_k}}$. Next, assume that there exists a removable i-block in $Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$. Then Y must have the shape given in Figure 20.
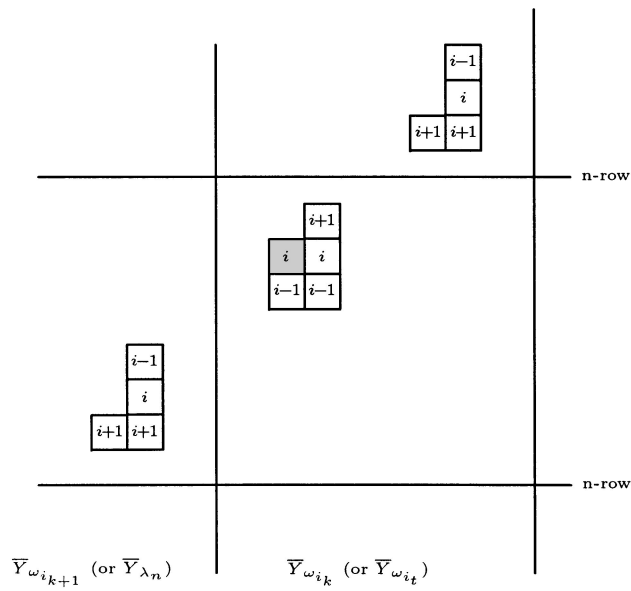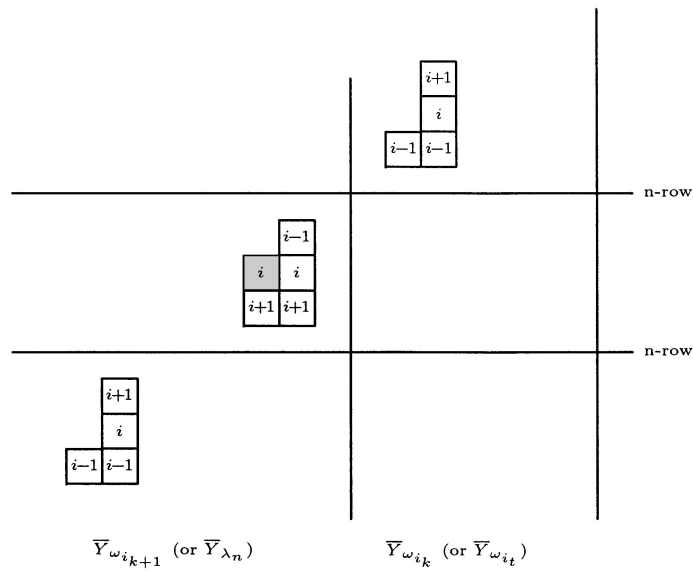
FIGURE 19.

FIGURE 20.

Now, by a similar argument as above, one can see that Y does not satisfy **(Y3)** or **(Y4)**, which is a contradiction. Thus there is no removable i-block between these two parts as we claimed.
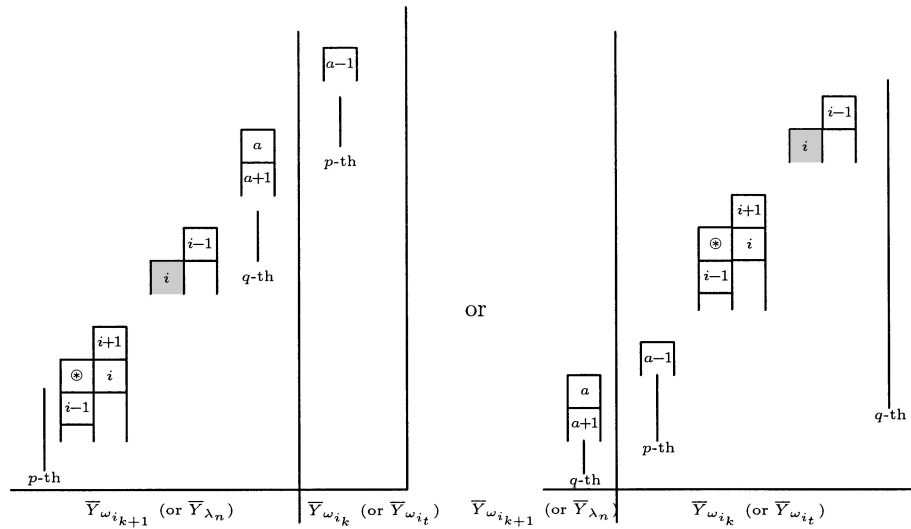
FIGURE 21.

If $i = n$, then Y has a subwall of the form

(a) $\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} & n \\ n-1 & \end{smallmatrix}}$ in $Y^{\omega_{i_k}}$ and $\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} n-1 \\ n \\ n \\ n-1 \end{smallmatrix}}$ in $Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ or

(b) $\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} n-1 \\ n \\ n\ \ n \end{smallmatrix}}$ in $Y^{\omega_{i_k}}$ and $\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} n-1 \\ n \\ n\ \ n \\ n-1 \end{smallmatrix}}$ in $Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$.

The case (b) does not occur because Y would not satisfy the condition **(Y3)**. In the case of (a), $\tilde{f}_n$ would have acted on the n-admissible slot in $Y^{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ not on the one in $Y^{\omega_{i_k}}$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, $\tilde{f}_i Y$ must satisfy the condition **(Y2)**.

(Case 3) If $\tilde{f}_i Y$ does not satisfy (Y3), then by a similar argument to (Case 1) and (Case 2), we can derive a contradiction. Hence, $\tilde{f}_i Y$ must satisfy the condition **(Y3)**.

(Case 4) Suppose that $\tilde{f}_i Y$ $(1 \le i \le n-1)$ has the configuration **(C1)** but does not satisfy **(Y4)**. (If $i = n$, $\tilde{f}_n Y$ does not have the configuration **(C1)** by the condition **(Y3)**.) Then we have the following two possibilities:

(a) Y has the configuration **(C1)**, Y satisfies **(Y4)**, but $\tilde{f}_i Y$ does not satisfy **(Y4)**.

(b) Y does not have the configuration **(C1)**, $\tilde{f}_i Y$ has the configuration **(C1)**, but $\tilde{f}_i Y$ does not satisfy **(Y4)**.

On the one hand, in the case of (a), $\tilde{f}_i Y$ must have the form shown in Figure 21 because Y satisfies **(Y4)**. Then $\tilde{f}_i$ would have acted on $\circledast$, not on $\boxed{i}$, which is a contradiction.

On the other hand, in the case of (b), observe that, by adding an i-block to Y, $\tilde{f}_i Y$ can have the configuration **(C1)** with $a = i$ or $a = i + 1$, which is shown in
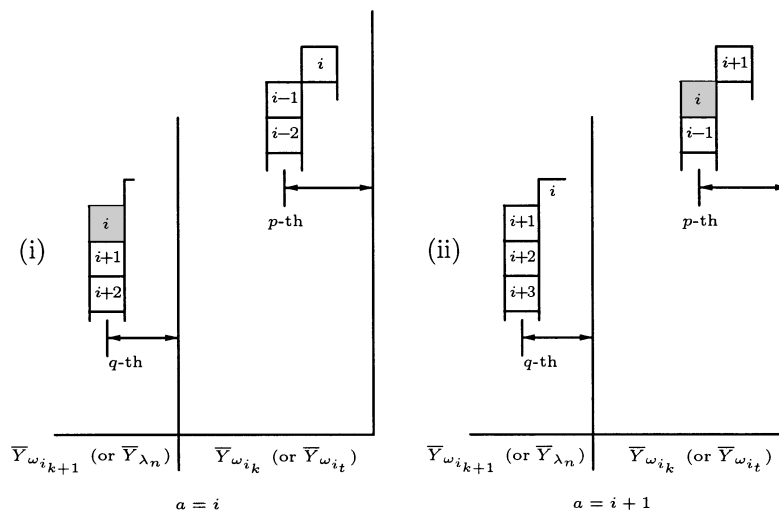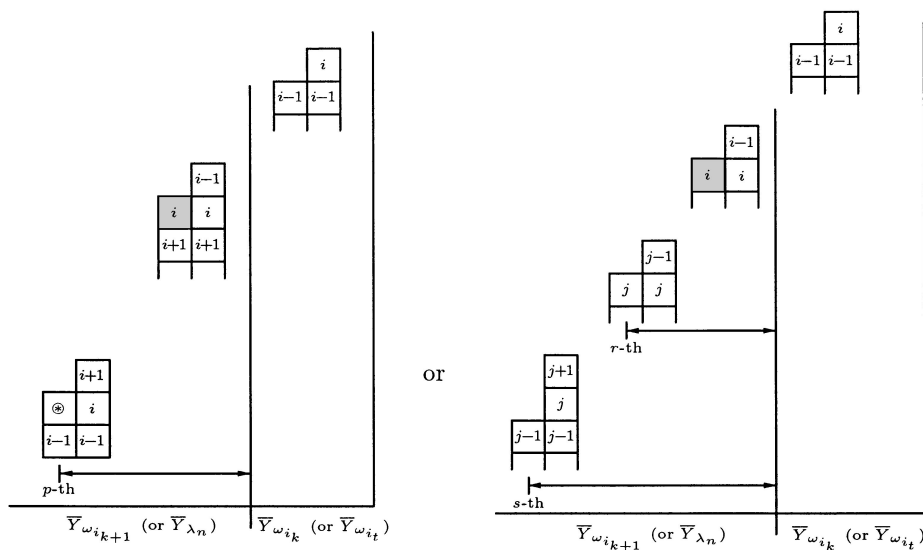
FIGURE 22.

FIGURE 23.

Figure 22. In case (i) of this figure, if $\tilde{f}_i Y$ violates the condition **(Y4)**, then $\tilde{f}_i Y$ must have the form shown in Figure 23. In the first case, $\tilde{f}_i$ would have acted on ⊛, not on $\boxed{i}$, which is a contradiction. In the second case, since Y satisfies **(Y1)** and **(Y2)**, we can observe that Y must have the form shown in Figure 24, where $s \le t < p$, $q < u < r$ and $i < k < j$. That is, Y also has the configuration **(C1)** and does not satisfy **(Y4)**, which is a contradiction.
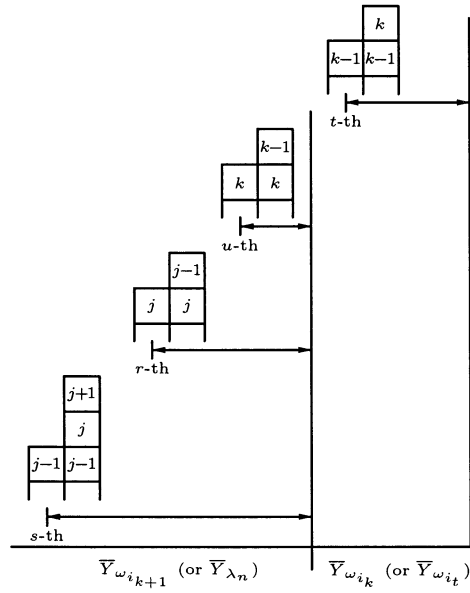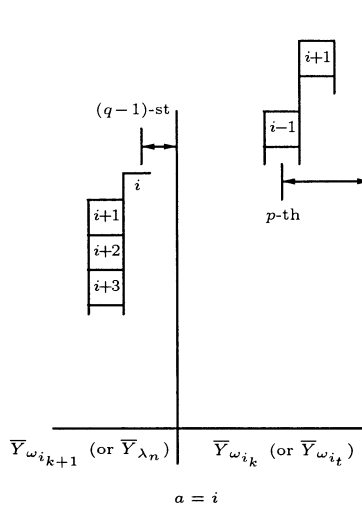
FIGURE 24.

FIGURE 25.

In case (ii) of Figure 22, we note that the top of the $(q-1)$-th column in $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_{k+1}}}$ (or $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_n}$) must be an i-block by the tensor product rule for the Kashiwara operators. Then we know that Y also has a configuration **(C1)** (see Figure 25).

But, since Y satisfies the condition **(Y4)**, adding an i-block to $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ does not create a Young wall which violates the condition **(Y4)**; i.e., the second case does not occur.

Similarly, if $Y \in Y(\lambda)$, then we can show that $\tilde{e}_i Y \in Y(\lambda) \cup \{0\}$.
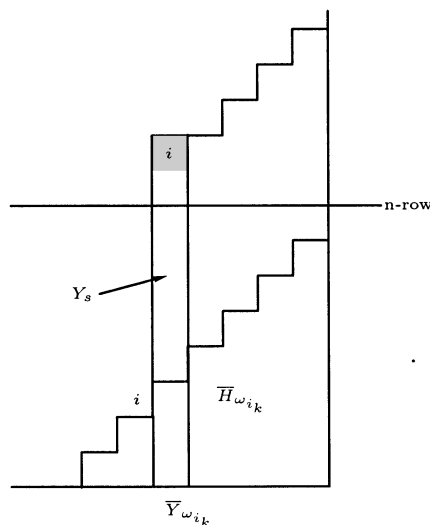
FIGURE 26.

Now, it remains to prove the statement (2). Suppose $Y \in Y(\lambda)$ and $\tilde{e}_i Y = 0$ for all $i = 1, \cdots, n$. If $Y \neq H_\lambda$, then there is a column in Y which is higher than H_λ. Consider the left-most column Y_s among them, which would belong to $\overline{Y}_{\omega_{i_k}}$ or $\overline{Y}_{\lambda_n}$. Let $\boxed{i}$ be the block lying in the top of the column Y_s. If there is an i-admissible slot to the left of $\boxed{i}$, then Y has the form shown in Figure 26.

However, in this case, $Y^+_{\omega_{i_k}} \not\subseteq |Y^-_{\omega_{i_k}}|$, which violates the condition **(Y1)**. Hence, there is no admissible i-slot to the left of Y_s, which implies $\tilde{e}_i Y = Y \nearrow \boxed{i} \neq 0$, a contradiction. Therefore, Y must be equal to H_λ. $\qquad \square$

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