# Seeing plane partitions in Lie representation theory

A different approach to our counting problems

# A summary

- Some general background information
   Algebras, representations, and tensor products
  - 2.  $\mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{C})$  and its representation theory The action on irreps  $V_n$
  - How PPs appear in tensor products of representations
     "Modified" Kasteleyn-Percus
  - 4. Can we get back to our original KP matrices?

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