

## THE GENERAL $\Gamma$ - COMPATIBLE ROOK LENGTH POLYNOMIALS

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**Abstract.** Rook placements and rook polynomials have been studied by mathematicians since the early 1970's. Since then many relationships between rook placements and other subjects have been discovered (cf. [1], [6-15]). In [2] and [3], K. Ding introduced the rook length polynomials and the  $\gamma$ -compatible rook length polynomials. In [3] and [4], he used these polynomials to establish a connection between rook placements and algebraic geometry for the first time.

In this paper, we give explicit formulas for the  $\gamma$ -compatible rook length polynomials in more general cases than considered in [3]. In particular, we generalize the formula for the rook length polynomial in the parabolic case in [2] to the  $\gamma$ -compatible rook length polynomial.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbf{M}_{m,n}^r(\mathbf{C})$  be the set of all  $m \times n$  matrices of rank  $r$  over the complex field  $\mathbf{C}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers and  $r$  is a nonnegative integer. Also let  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m)$  be a partition of some positive integer with  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m > 0$ . A *Ferrers board*  $F_\lambda$  is a subarray of an  $m \times n$  matrix, where  $n = \lambda_1$  and the  $i$ th row has length  $\lambda_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

Let  $\mathbf{M}_\lambda^r = \{a \in \mathbf{M}_{m,n}^r(\mathbf{C}) \mid a_{ij} = 0 \text{ for } (i, j) \notin F_\lambda\}$ . An element of  $\mathbf{M}_\lambda^r$  is called a *rook placement* of rank  $r$  on  $F_\lambda$  if it is a  $(0, 1)$  matrix with exactly  $r$  1's (or rooks) and at most one 1 (or rook) in each row and column.

Let  $R_\lambda^r$  be the set of all the rook placements of rank  $r$  on  $F_\lambda$ . For any  $\sigma \in R_\lambda^r$ , the *length function*  $l(\sigma)$  is the minimum number of adjacent row and/or column transpositions required to get the 1's in the upper right hand corner such that all intermediate rook placements are in the Ferrers board  $F_\lambda$ .

In the sequel, whenever we display a rook placement  $\sigma$  on  $F_\lambda$ , we omit the elements  $\sigma_{ij}$  for  $(i, j) \notin F_\lambda$  in order to make the shape of the Ferrers board  $F_\lambda$  more evident. We will also write  $\sigma(i) = j$  if and only if  $\sigma_{ij} = 1$  for  $(i, j) \in F_\lambda$ .

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For example, let  $\lambda = (3, 2, 2)$  and let  $\sigma$  be defined by  $\sigma(1) = 1$ ,  $\sigma(2) = 3$ , and  $\sigma(3) = 2$ . Then

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 \\ & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a rook placement of rank  $r = 3$  on  $F_\lambda$  with  $l(\sigma) = 1$ .

The *rook length polynomial* is then defined by

$$RL_r(\lambda, q) = \sum_{\sigma \in R_\lambda^r} q^{l(\sigma)}.$$

In [2], K. Ding showed the relationship between the rook length polynomials and Garsia-Remmel polynomials. In [4], he showed that the Poincare polynomial for homology (and cohomology) of the partition varieties  $\mathbf{B}/\mathbf{M}_\lambda^m$  with real coefficients is  $RL_m(\lambda, q^2)$ , where  $\mathbf{B}$  is the Borel subgroup of upper triangle matrices of  $\mathbf{GL}_m(\mathbf{C})$ .

Let  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_t)$  be a partition of  $m$ . We say that  $\lambda$  is a  $\gamma$ -compatible partition if  $\lambda = (k_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, k_t^{\gamma_t})$ , where  $k_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , are positive integers with  $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_t$ .

A rook placement  $\sigma$  of rank  $r$  on a Ferrers board  $F_\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is a  $\gamma$ -compatible partition, is said to be  $\gamma$ -compatible if  $\sigma$  is monotone increasing on each interval  $\left( \sum_{j=1}^{j'} \gamma_j, \sum_{j=1}^{j'+1} \gamma_j \right]$ , i.e., if  $\sigma(i) < \sigma(i+1)$  whenever  $\sum_{j=1}^{j'} \gamma_j < i < i+1 \leq \sum_{j=1}^{j'+1} \gamma_j$ , for fixed values of  $j'$ ,  $0 \leq j' < t$ . (If  $j' = 0$ , then  $\sum_{j=1}^0 \gamma_j = 0$ .)

For example, if  $\gamma = (3, 4)$  and  $\lambda = (6, 6, 6, 5, 5, 5, 5) = (6^3, 5^4)$ , then

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a  $\gamma$ -compatible rook placement on  $F_\lambda$ .

Let  $R_\lambda^r(\gamma)$  be the set of all  $\gamma$ -compatible rook placements on the Ferrers board  $F_\lambda$  with rank  $r$ . The  $\gamma$ -compatible rook length polynomial is defined by

$$RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, q) = \sum_{\sigma \in R_\lambda^r(\gamma)} q^{l(\sigma)}.$$

In [3], K. Ding gave an explicit formula for  $RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, q)$  when  $r = m$  and proved that the Poincare polynomial for cohomology of the partition variety  $\mathbf{P}_\gamma/\mathbf{M}_\lambda^m$  with real

coefficients is the  $\gamma$ -compatible rook length polynomial with  $r = m$ , where  $\mathbf{P}_\gamma$  denotes the parabolic subgroup of  $\mathbf{G}_m$  of the form

$$P_\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} G_{\gamma_1} & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & \ddots & * & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & * \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & G_{\gamma_t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here  $G_{\gamma_i} = \mathbf{GL}_{\gamma_i}(\mathbf{C})$  and the  $*$ 's are arbitrary matrices of the appropriate sizes.

In this paper we give explicit and recurrence formulas for  $RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, q)$ , where  $1 \leq r \leq \min(m, n)$ . We also give an explicit formula for the case where  $\lambda$  is parabolic and  $r = m$ .

**2. A recurrence formula for the general  $\gamma$ - compatible rook length polynomial**

For integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $a \geq b \geq 0$ , the *Gaussian binomial coefficient* is defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{[a]!_q}{[b]!_q [a-b]!_q},$$

where  $[s]!_q = (1)_q (2)_q \cdots (s)_q$  with  $(k)_q = (1 + q + \cdots + q^{k-1})$  for  $1 \leq k \leq s$  and  $[0]!_q = 1$ .

We will make use of the following result results from [3] in our proof of Theorem 3. The second result is a local formula for computing the length of a rook placement:

**Proposition 1.** *For integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $s \geq 0$  and  $t \geq 1$ , we have*

$$\sum_{0 \leq a_1 < \cdots < a_t \leq s} q^{a_1 + \cdots + a_t} = \begin{bmatrix} s+t \\ s \end{bmatrix}_q.$$

**Proposition 2.**(Local Formula) *Let  $\sigma \in R_\lambda^r$ , then*

$$l(\sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^r (u_i + v_i + w_i),$$

where  $u_i$  is the number of zero columns to the right of the  $i$ th rook,  $v_i$  is the number of rooks above and to the right (or ‘northeast’) of the  $i$ th rook, and  $w_i$  is the number of zero rows above the  $i$ th rook.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_t)$  be a partition of  $m$  and  $\lambda = (k_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, k_t^{\gamma_t})$  be a  $\gamma$ -compatible partition, where  $k_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , are positive integers with  $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_t$ . Let  $k_{t+1}$  and  $\gamma_{t+1}$  be positive integers where  $k_{t+1} \leq k_t$ . Then  $\lambda \cup k_{t+1}^{\gamma_{t+1}} = (k_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, k_{t+1}^{\gamma_{t+1}})$  is  $\gamma \cup \gamma_{t+1} = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{t+1})$ -compatible and

$$\begin{aligned} & RL_r(\lambda \cup k_{t+1}^{\gamma_{t+1}}, \gamma \cup \gamma_{t+1}, q) \\ &= \sum_{r_{t+1}=0}^{\min(r, \gamma_{t+1}, k_{t+1})} q^{r_{t+1}(\Gamma - r + r_{t+1})} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{t+1} \\ r_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} k_{t+1} \\ r_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}_q RL_{r-r_{t+1}}(\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma, \gamma, q), \end{aligned}$$

where  $r = \sum_{i=1}^{t+1} r_i$ ,  $\Gamma = \sum_{k=1}^t \gamma_k$  and  $\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma = ((k_1 - r_{t+1})^{\gamma_1}, \dots, (k_t - r_{t+1})^{\gamma_t})$ .

**Proof.** Consider a  $\gamma \cup \gamma_{t+1}$ -compatible rook placement  $\sigma$  on  $F_{\lambda \cup k_{t+1}^{\gamma_{t+1}}}$  of rank  $r$ . There are  $\gamma_{t+1}$  rows and  $r_{t+1}$  rooks in the last block of  $\sigma$  where  $0 \leq r_{t+1} \leq \min(r, \gamma_{t+1}, k_{t+1})$ . Suppose that the  $j$ th rook of the last block lies in the  $x_{r_{t+1}-j+1}$  column from the right and the  $y_j$ th row from the top of the last block. Then  $1 \leq y_1 < \dots < y_{r_{t+1}} \leq \gamma_{t+1}$  and  $1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_{r_{t+1}} \leq k_{t+1}$ .

Let  $\alpha_j$  be the number of zero rows in  $\lambda \cup k_{t+1}^{\gamma_{t+1}}$  above the  $j$ th rook,  $\beta_j$  be the number of rooks northeast of the  $j$ th rook and  $\delta_j$  the number of zero columns to the right of the  $j$ th rook.

Since  $\sum_{j=1}^t (\gamma_i - r_i)$  is the total number of zero rows in the first  $t$  blocks and  $(y_j - j)$  is the number of zero rows above the  $j$ th rook in the last block, then  $\alpha_j = \sum_{i=1}^t (\gamma_i - r_i) + (y_j - j) = \Gamma - r + r_{t+1} + y_j - j$ . Since  $\sigma$  is  $\gamma \cup \gamma_{t+1}$ -compatible, then if there is a rook to the northeast of the  $j$ th rook, the rook must be in one of the first  $t$  blocks. So the column in which the rook is located is a zero column in the last block. Since  $x_{r_{t+1}-j+1} - (r_{t+1} - j + 1)$  is the number of zero columns to the right of the  $j$ th rook in the last block, then  $\beta_j + \delta_j = x_{r_{t+1}-j+1} - (r_{t+1} - j + 1)$ .

By removing the last block and all the columns which contain the rooks in the last block from  $\sigma$ , we obtain a Ferrers board of shape

$$\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma = ((k_1 - r_{t+1})^{\gamma_1}, \dots, (k_t - r_{t+1})^{\gamma_t}).$$

Thus the original rook placement  $\sigma$  induces a  $\gamma$ -compatible rook placement  $\sigma'$  of rank  $r - r_{t+1}$  on this new Ferrers board  $F_{\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma}$ . Moreover, in removing the last block the values in the local formula for the remaining rooks remain unchanged. Consequently, these rooks contribute  $l(\sigma')$  to the value of  $l(\sigma)$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} l(\sigma) &= l(\sigma') + \sum_{j=1}^{r_{t+1}} (\alpha_j + \beta_j + \delta_j) \\ &= l(\sigma') + \sum_{j=1}^{r_{t+1}} (\Gamma - r - 1 + y_j + x_{r_{t+1}-j+1}) \\ &= l(\sigma') + r_{t+1}(\Gamma - r - 1) + \sum_{j=1}^{r_{t+1}} (y_j + x_j). \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, suppose we are given  $\sigma' \in R_{\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma}^{r - r_{t+1}}(\gamma)$ , where  $0 \leq r_{t+1} \leq \min(r, \gamma_{t+1}, k_{t+1})$ , and integers  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r_{t+1}$ , where  $1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_{r_{t+1}} \leq k_{t+1}$  and  $1 \leq y_1 < \dots < y_{r_{t+1}} \leq \gamma_{t+1}$ . Then we can reverse the above process to obtain a unique rook placement  $\sigma \in R_{\lambda \cup k_{t+1}}^r(\gamma \cup \gamma_{t+1})$ . More specifically, we first insert  $r_{t+1}$  zero columns in  $\sigma'$  at the positions  $x_1, \dots, x_{r_{t+1}}$  from the right. Then we attach a block with  $\gamma_{t+1}$  rows and  $k_{t+1}$  columns to  $\sigma'$  at the bottom. This last block will contain  $r_{t+1}$  rooks in the positions determined by the  $x_i$ 's and the  $y_i$ 's.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
& RL_r(\lambda \cup k_{t+1}^{\gamma_{t+1}}, \gamma \cup \gamma_{t+1}, q) \\
&= \sum_{\sigma \in RL_r^{\lambda \cup k_{t+1}^{\gamma_{t+1}}}(\gamma \cup \gamma_{t+1})} q^{l(\sigma)} \\
&= \sum_{\substack{0 \leq r_{t+1} \leq \min(r, k_{t+1}, \gamma_{t+1}), \\ \sigma' \in R_{\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma}^{r - r_{t+1}}(\gamma), \\ 1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_{r_{t+1}} \leq k_{t+1}, \\ 1 \leq y_1 < \dots < y_{r_{t+1}} \leq \gamma_{t+1}}} q^{l(\sigma') + r_{t+1}(\Gamma - r - 1) + \sum_{j=1}^{r_{t+1}} (x_j + y_j)} \\
&= \sum_{r_{t+1}=0}^{\min(r, \gamma_{t+1}, k_{t+1})} \left( q^{r_{t+1}(\Gamma - r - 1)} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_{r_{t+1}} \leq k_{t+1}, \\ 1 \leq y_1 < \dots < y_{r_{t+1}} \leq \gamma_{t+1}}} q^{\sum_{j=1}^{r_{t+1}} (x_j + y_j)} \sum_{\sigma' \in R_{\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma}^{r - r_{t+1}}(\gamma)} q^{l(\sigma')} \right) \\
&= \sum_{r_{t+1}=0}^{\min(r, \gamma_{t+1}, k_{t+1})} \left( q^{r_{t+1}(\Gamma - r - 1)} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_{r_{t+1}} \leq k_{t+1}, \\ 1 \leq y_1 < \dots < y_{r_{t+1}} \leq \gamma_{t+1}}} q^{\sum_{j=1}^{r_{t+1}} x_j + \sum_{j=1}^{r_{t+1}} y_j} \right. \\
&\quad \left. * RL_{r - r_{t+1}}(\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma, \gamma, q) \right) \\
&= \sum_{r_{t+1}=0}^{\min(r, \gamma_{t+1}, k_{t+1})} \left( q^{r_{t+1}(\Gamma - r - 1)} q^{r_{t+1}(r_{t+1} + 1)} \begin{bmatrix} k_{t+1} \\ r_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{t+1} \\ r_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}_q \right. \\
&\quad \left. * RL_{r - r_{t+1}}(\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma, \gamma, q) \right) \\
&= \sum_{r_{t+1}=0}^{\min(r, \gamma_{t+1}, k_{t+1})} \left( q^{r_{t+1}(\Gamma - r + r_{t+1})} \begin{bmatrix} k_{t+1} \\ r_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{t+1} \\ r_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}_q RL_{r - r_{t+1}}(\lambda - r_{t+1}^\Gamma, \gamma, q) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $r = m$ . Then  $r_i = \gamma_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t + 1$ , and*

$$RL_m(\lambda \cup k_{t+1}^{\gamma_{t+1}}, \gamma \cup \gamma_{t+1}, q) = \begin{bmatrix} k_{t+1} \\ \gamma_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}_q RL_{m - \gamma_{t+1}}(\lambda - \gamma_{t+1}^\Gamma, \gamma, q),$$

where  $\lambda - \gamma_{t+1}^\Gamma = ((k_1 - \gamma_{t+1})^{\gamma_1}, \dots, (k_t - \gamma_{t+1})^{\gamma_t})$ .

Let  $\gamma = (1, \dots, 1) = (1^m)$ . Then the  $\gamma$ -compatible rook length polynomial is the rook length polynomial, i.e.,

$$RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, q) = RL_r(\lambda, q).$$

In this case,  $k_i = \lambda_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , and  $\Gamma = \sum_{k=1}^m \gamma_k = m$ .

The following corollary of Theorem 3 appears as Corollary 5.35 of [2].

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $\gamma = (1, \dots, 1) = (1^m)$  and  $\lambda_{m+1}$  be an integer such that  $1 \leq \lambda_{m+1} \leq \lambda_m$ . Then*

$$RL_r(\lambda \cup \lambda_{m+1}, q) = RL_r(\lambda, q) + q^{m-r+1} (\lambda_{m+1})_q RL_{r-1}(\lambda - 1^m, q),$$

where  $\lambda - 1^m = (\lambda_1 - 1, \dots, \lambda_m - 1)$ .

### 3. The general formula for the $\gamma$ - compatible rook length polynomial

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_t)$  be a partition of  $m$  and  $\lambda = (k_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, k_t^{\gamma_t})$  be a  $\gamma$ -compatible partition, where  $k_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , are positive integers with  $k_1 \geq \dots \geq k_t$ . Then the  $\gamma$ -compatible rook length polynomial for  $0 \leq r \leq \min(m, k_1)$  is given by*

$$RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, q) = \sum_{\Delta} \prod_{i=1}^t \begin{bmatrix} k_i - r_{i+1} - r_{i+2} - \dots - r_t \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_i \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q q^{\sum_{i=2}^t \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} r_i (\gamma_j - r_j)},$$

where  $\Delta = \{(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_t) \mid 0 \leq r_i \leq \min(\gamma_i, k_i), r_1 + \dots + r_t = r\}$  and  $r_i$  equals the number of rooks in block  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ .

The proof will be by induction on the number of blocks  $t$ . The base case, when  $t = 1$ , is stated and proved in the following lemma.

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $\lambda = (n^m)$  and  $\gamma = ((m))$ . In particular,  $\lambda$  is  $\gamma$ -compatible and  $F_\lambda$  is an  $m \times n$  rectangular Ferrers board. Then for  $0 \leq r \leq \min(m, n)$*

$$RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, q) = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} m \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q.$$

**Proof.** If  $r = 0$ ,  $RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, q) = 1$ . So assume that  $r \geq 1$ . For any  $\sigma \in R_\lambda^r(\gamma)$ , let the  $j$ th rook of  $\sigma$  be in the  $x_{r-j+1}$ th column from the right and the  $y_j$ th row from the top where  $1 \leq j \leq r$ ,  $1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_r \leq n$ , and  $1 \leq y_1 < \dots < y_r \leq m$ . Since  $x_j - j$  counts the number of zero columns to the right of the  $(r - j + 1)$ th rook, then  $u = \sum_{j=1}^r (x_j - j)$  counts the total number of zero columns to the right of all  $r$  rooks in  $\sigma$ . Since  $y_j - j$  counts the number of zero rows above the  $j$ th rook, then  $w = \sum_{j=1}^r (y_j - j)$  counts the total number of zero rows above all  $r$  rooks in  $\sigma$ . By the definition of  $\gamma$ -compatible,  $\sigma(i) < \sigma(i + 1)$  and so there are no rooks above and to the right of any of the rooks. So  $l(\sigma) = u + w$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} RL_r((n^m), (m), q) &= \sum_{\sigma \in R_\lambda^r(\gamma)} q^{l(\sigma)} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_r \leq n, \\ 1 \leq y_1 < \dots < y_r \leq m}} q^{u+w} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq x_1 < \dots < x_r \leq n} q^u \sum_{1 \leq y_1 < \dots < y_r \leq m} q^w \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} n \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} m \\ r \end{bmatrix}_q. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of Theorem 6.** We have already proven the base case as Lemma 7. For the inductive step, we assume that formula is true for  $t - 1$  blocks, where  $t > 1$ .

By the recurrence formula (Theorem 3), we have

$$RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, q) = \sum_{r_t=0}^{\min(r, \gamma_t, k_t)} q^{r_t(\Gamma - r + r_t)} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_t \\ r_t \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} k_t \\ r_t \end{bmatrix}_q RL_{r-r_t}(\lambda - r_t^\Gamma, \gamma', q),$$

where  $\Gamma = \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \gamma_i = m - \gamma_t$ ,  $\lambda - \gamma_t^\Gamma = ((k_1 - \gamma_t)^{\gamma_1}, \dots, (k_t - \gamma_t)^{\gamma_{t-1}})$  and  $\gamma' = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{t-1})$ .

By the induction hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} &RL_{r-r_t}(\lambda - r_t^\Gamma, \gamma', q) \\ &= \sum_{\Delta'} \prod_{i=1}^{t-1} \begin{bmatrix} (k_i - r_t) - r_{i+1} - r_{i+2} - \dots - r_{t-1} \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_i \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q q^{\sum_{i=2}^{t-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} r_i(\gamma_j - r_j)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta' = \{(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{t-1}) \mid 0 \leq r_i \leq \min(\gamma_i, k_i), r_1 + \dots + r_{t-1} = r - r_t\}$ .

So

$$\begin{aligned}
RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, q) &= \sum_{0 \leq r_t \leq \min(k_t, \gamma_t, r)} \left( q^{r_t(m-\gamma_t-r+r_t)} \begin{bmatrix} k_t \\ r_t \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_t \\ r_t \end{bmatrix}_q \right. \\
&\quad \left. * \sum_{\Delta'} \prod_{i=1}^{t-1} \begin{bmatrix} (k_i - r_t) - r_{i+1} - r_{i+2} - \cdots - r_{t-1} \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_i \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q q^{\sum_{i=2}^{t-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} r_i(\gamma_j - r_j)} \right) \\
&= \sum_{0 \leq r_t \leq \min(k_t, \gamma_t, r)} q^{r_t(m-\gamma_t-r+r_t)} \\
&\quad * \sum_{\Delta'} \prod_{i=1}^t \begin{bmatrix} k_i - r_{i+1} - r_{i+2} - \cdots - r_t \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_i \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q q^{\sum_{i=2}^{t-1} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} r_i(\gamma_j - r_j)} \\
&= \sum_{\Delta} \prod_{i=1}^t \begin{bmatrix} k_i - r_{i+1} - r_{i+2} - \cdots - r_t \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_i \\ r_i \end{bmatrix}_q q^{\sum_{i=2}^t \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} r_i(\gamma_j - r_j)}.
\end{aligned}$$

From Theorem 6, we obtain Theorem 33 of [3] as a corollary.

**Corollary 8.** *If  $r = m$ , then  $r_i = \gamma_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$  and  $\Delta$  contains only one condition, namely  $r_i = \gamma_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ . Thus when  $r = m$ ,*

$$RL_m(\lambda, \gamma, q) = \prod_{i=1}^t \begin{bmatrix} k_i - \gamma_{i+1} - \gamma_{i+2} - \cdots - \gamma_t \\ \gamma_i \end{bmatrix}_q.$$

**Example.** Let  $\gamma = (1, 3)$  and  $\lambda = (4, 3, 3, 3)$ . Then  $\lambda$  is  $\gamma$ -compatible since  $\lambda = (4^1, 3^3)$ . Let  $r = 3$ . Since  $0 \leq r_i \leq \min(\gamma_i, k_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\Delta = \{(r_1, r_2) = (0, 3), (r_1, r_2) = (1, 2)\}$ . By Theorem 6, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
RL_3((4, 3, 3, 3), (1, 3), q) &= q^3 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}_q \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}_q \\
&= q^3 + \frac{(3)!_q (3)!_q}{(2)!_q} \\
&= q^3 + (1+q)(1+q+q^2)^2 \\
&= 1 + 3q + 5q^2 + 6q^3 + 3q^4 + q^5.
\end{aligned}$$

We now calculate the  $\gamma$ -compatible rook length polynomial directly from its definition.

Let  $\sigma_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 19$ , be defined as follows:

$$\sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_4 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_5 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_6 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \sigma_7 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_8 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_9 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \sigma_{10} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_{11} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_{12} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \sigma_{13} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_{14} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_{15} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \sigma_{16} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_{17} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \sigma_{18} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \sigma_{19} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Then by the definition of the length function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} l(\sigma_1) &= 3, & l(\sigma_2) &= 4, & l(\sigma_3) &= 3, & l(\sigma_4) &= 2, & l(\sigma_5) &= 1, & l(\sigma_6) &= 2, \\ l(\sigma_7) &= 5, & l(\sigma_8) &= 4, & l(\sigma_9) &= 3, & l(\sigma_{10}) &= 0, & l(\sigma_{11}) &= 1, & l(\sigma_{12}) &= 2, \\ l(\sigma_{13}) &= 1, & l(\sigma_{14}) &= 2, & l(\sigma_{15}) &= 3, & l(\sigma_{16}) &= 2, & l(\sigma_{17}) &= 3, & l(\sigma_{18}) &= 4, \end{aligned}$$

and  $l(\sigma_{19}) = 3$ .

So

$$RL_3((4, 3, 3), (1, 3), q) = \sum_{i=1}^{18} q^{l(\sigma_i)} = 1 + 3q + 5q^2 + 6q^3 + 3q^4 + q^5.$$

**4. A formula for the parabolic  $\gamma$ - compatible rook length polynomial**

We say that  $\lambda$  is *parabolic* of type  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k)$  (or  $\mu$ -*parabolic*) if  $m = n$  and there exist positive integers  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k$  such that

$$M_\lambda^r = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1k} \\ 0 & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{2k} \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & A_{kk} \end{bmatrix} \right\},$$

where  $A_{ii}$  is a  $\mu_i \times \mu_i$  submatrix for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . If  $\lambda$  is  $\mu$ -parabolic and  $r = m$ , then the invertible elements in  $M_\lambda^m$  form a parabolic subgroup of  $GL_m(\mathbf{C})$ .

A rook placement of rank  $r$  on a Ferrers board  $F_\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is  $\mu$ -parabolic, is said to be  $\mu$ -*parabolic*. Let  $RL_\lambda^r(\gamma, \mu)$  be the set of all  $\gamma$ -compatible  $\mu$ -parabolic rook placements of rank  $r$  on the Ferrers board  $F_\lambda$ . The  $\gamma$ -*compatible  $\mu$ -parabolic rook length polynomial* is given by

$$RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, \mu, q) = \sum_{\sigma \in RL_\lambda^r(\gamma, \mu)} q^{l(\sigma)}.$$

We now give a formula for the  $\gamma$ -compatible  $\mu$ -parabolic rook length polynomial for  $r = m$ .

If  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_t = n$ , where  $n, n_1, \dots, n_t$  are positive integers, then the *Gaussian multinomial coefficient* is given by

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} n \\ n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t \end{matrix} \right]_q = \frac{[n]!_q}{[n_1]!_q [n_2]!_q \cdots [n_t]!_q}.$$

**Theorem 9.** *Suppose that  $r = m = n$  and that the partition  $\lambda = (k_1^{\gamma_1}, \dots, k_t^{\gamma_t})$ ,  $k_1 \geq k_2 \geq \dots \geq k_t > 0$ , is both  $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_t)$ -compatible and parabolic of type  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_l)$ . Clearly, there are integers  $0 = s_0 < s_1 < \dots < s_l \leq t$  such that  $\gamma_{(s_i+1)} + \dots + \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} = \mu_{i+1}$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq l - 1$ ,  $k_{(s_i+1)} = \dots = k_{s_{(i+1)}}$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq l - 1$ , and  $\lambda = (k_1^{\mu_1}, \dots, k_l^{\mu_l})$ . Then*

$$RL_m(\lambda, \gamma, \mu, q) = \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \left[ \begin{matrix} \mu_{(i+1)} \\ \gamma_{(s_i+1)}, \gamma_{(s_i+2)}, \dots, \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} \end{matrix} \right]_q.$$

**Proof.** We apply Theorem 6 with  $r_i = \gamma_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ .

$$\begin{aligned} RL_r(\lambda, \gamma, \mu, q) &= \sum_{\sigma \in RL_\lambda^r(\gamma, \mu)} q^{l(\sigma)} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^t \left[ \begin{matrix} k_i - \gamma_{i+1} - \gamma_{i+2} - \dots - \gamma_t \\ \gamma_i \end{matrix} \right]_q \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \prod_{j=(s_i+1)}^{s_{(i+1)}} \left[ \begin{matrix} k_j - \gamma_{j+1} - \gamma_{j+2} - \cdots - \gamma_t \\ \gamma_j \end{matrix} \right]_q \\
 &= \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \prod_{j=(s_i+1)}^{s_{(i+1)}} \left[ \begin{matrix} k_j - \gamma_{j+1} - \cdots - \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} - (\mu_{i+2} + \cdots + \mu_l) \\ \gamma_j \end{matrix} \right]_q \\
 &= \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \prod_{j=(s_i+1)}^{s_{(i+1)}} \left[ \begin{matrix} k_j - (\mu_{i+2} + \cdots + \mu_l) - \gamma_{j+1} - \cdots - \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} \\ \gamma_j \end{matrix} \right]_q \\
 &= \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \prod_{j=(s_i+1)}^{s_{(i+1)}} \left[ \begin{matrix} \mu_{i+1} - \gamma_{j+1} - \cdots - \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} \\ \gamma_j \end{matrix} \right]_q \\
 &= \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \prod_{j=(s_i+1)}^{s_{(i+1)}} \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_{(s_i+1)} + \gamma_{(s_i+2)} + \cdots + \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} - \gamma_{j+1} - \cdots - \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} \\ \gamma_j \end{matrix} \right]_q \\
 &= \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_{(s_i+1)} \\ \gamma_{(s_i+1)} \end{matrix} \right]_q \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_{(s_i+1)} + \gamma_{(s_i+2)} \\ \gamma_{(s_i+2)} \end{matrix} \right]_q \cdots \left[ \begin{matrix} \gamma_{(s_i+1)} + \cdots + \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} \\ \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} \end{matrix} \right]_q \\
 &= \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \frac{[\gamma_{(s_i+1)} + \cdots + \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}}]_q!}{[\gamma_{(s_i+1)}]_q! [\gamma_{(s_i+2)}]_q! \cdots [\gamma_{s_{(i+1)}}]_q!} \\
 &= \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \left[ \begin{matrix} \mu_{i+1} \\ \gamma_{(s_i+1)}, \gamma_{(s_i+2)}, \dots, \gamma_{s_{(i+1)}} \end{matrix} \right]_q.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 10.** *Let  $\gamma = (1^m)$ . Then*

$$RL_m(\lambda, \mu, q) = RL_m(\lambda, (1^m), \mu, q) = \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} \left[ \begin{matrix} \mu_{i+1} \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right]_q = \prod_{i=0}^{l-1} (\mu_{i+1})_q.$$

This result appears as Corollary 1.19 in [2].

**Example.** Let  $\lambda = (6, 6, 4, 4, 4, 1)$ ,  $\gamma = (1^6)$  and  $\mu = (2, 3, 1)$ . Then  $\lambda$  is  $\gamma$ -compatible and  $\mu$ -parabolic. Then we have

$$RL_6(\lambda, \mu, q) = (2)_q (3)_q (1)_q = q^3 + 2q^2 + 2q + 1.$$

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