

Chapter 5

An Inductive Computation of Totally Positive Generalized Vandermonde Matrices Avoiding Schur Functions

An LU factorization is to express a matrix as a product of a lower triangular matrix L and an upper triangular matrix U . If L is a lower triangular matrix with unit main diagonal and U is an upper triangular matrix, the LU factorization is unique. In this chapter we will study the LU factorizations of the $n \times n$ generalized Vandermonde matrix $G_{\{n;a_1,a_2,\dots,a_n\}}$, introduced in Chapter 1.

Let

$$G_{\{n;a_1,a_2,\dots,a_n\}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} & \cdots & x_1^{a_n} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} & \cdots & x_2^{a_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^{a_1} & x_n^{a_2} & \cdots & x_n^{a_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

be a generalized Vandermonde matrix and is called a totally positive(TP) generalized Vandermonde matrix if $0 \leq a_1 < a_2 < \cdots < a_n$ are integers and $0 < x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_n$. In connection with Schur functions we define the partition λ associated with (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) as the nonincreasing sequence of nonnegative integers

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n) = (a_n - (n - 1), a_{n-1} - (n - 2), \dots, a_1),$$

and get

$$G_{\{n;a_1,a_2,\dots,a_n\}} = [x_i^{j-1+\lambda_{n-j+1}}]_{1 \leq i,j \leq n},$$

and Schur function associated to λ is defined as

$$s_\lambda(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\det G_{\{n;a_1,a_2,\dots,a_n\}}}{\det G_{\{n;0,1,\dots,n-1\}}}.$$

In a recent paper [4], J. Demmel and P. Koev performed accurate and efficient matrix computations of $G_n := G_{\{n;a_1,a_2,\dots,a_n\}}$: Their results, among others, are an explicit bidiagonal decompositions of G_n^{-1} and an LDU decomposition of G_n which involves Schur functions. In what follows the submatrix of A consisting of rows i through j and columns k through l will be denoted as $A(i : j, k : l)$ or, equivalently, $A_{i;j,k:l}$. Similarly, $x_{1:n}$ will mean the vector (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) . Now we give the results of Demmel and Koev explicitly as follows:

1. Bidiagonal decomposition of G_n^{-1} . G_n^{-1} can be factored as

$$G_n^{-1} = U_n^{(1)} U_n^{(2)} \dots U_n^{(n-1)} D_n^{-1} L_n^{(n-1)} L_n^{(n-2)} \dots L_n^{(1)}$$

where $L_n^{(k)}$ and $U_n^{(k)}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, are unit lower and upper bidiagonal matrices, respectively, such that $L_n^{(k)}(i+1, i) = U_n^{(k)}(i, i+1) = 0$ for $i < k$, and D_n is diagonal. Also for $i \geq k$,

$$L_n^{(k)}(i+1, i) = -\frac{s_{(\lambda_{n-k+1:n})}(x_{i-k+2:i+1})}{s_{(\lambda_{n-k+2:n})}(x_{i-k+2:i})} \times \frac{s_{(\lambda_{n-k+2:n})}(x_{i-k+1:i-1})}{s_{(\lambda_{n-k+1:n})}(x_{i-k+1:i})} \times \prod_{j=i-k+1}^{i-1} \frac{x_{i+1} - x_{j+1}}{x_i - x_j},$$

$$U_n^{(k)}(i, i+1) = -x_k \times \frac{s_{(\lambda_{n-i:n-i+k-1})}(x_{1:k})}{s_{(\lambda_{n-i+1:n-i+k-1})}(x_{1:k-1})} \times \frac{s_{(\lambda_{n-i+2:n-i+k})}(x_{1:k-1})}{s_{(\lambda_{n-i+1:n-i+k})}(x_{1:k})},$$

and

$$D_n^{-1}(i, i) = \frac{s_{(\lambda_{n-i+2:n})}(x_{1:i-1})}{s_{(\lambda_{n-i+1:i})}(x_{1:i})} \times \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{1}{x_i - x_j}.$$

2. The inverse of G_n . The explicit formula for the entries of G_n^{-1} is

$$G_n^{-1}(l, k) = (-1)^{n-l} \frac{s_{\lambda^{(k,l)}}(x_1, \dots, \hat{x}_k, \dots, x_n)}{s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \times \prod_{i=1, i \neq k}^n \frac{1}{x_i - x_j},$$

where $\lambda^{(k,l)} = (\lambda_1 + 1, \lambda_2 + 1, \dots, \lambda_{n-l} + 1, \lambda_{n-l+2}, \dots, \lambda_n)$. The "hats" indicate the omission of the symbols they cover.

3. The LDU decomposition of G_n . Let $G_n = L_n D_n U_n$, where L_n and U_n are unit lower and upper triangular matrices, respectively. Then

$$D_n(i, i) = \frac{s_{(\lambda_{n-i+1}, \dots, \lambda_p)}(x_{1:i})}{s_{(\lambda_{n-i+2}, \dots, \lambda_p)}(x_{1:i-1})} \times \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (x_i - x_j);$$

$$U_n(i, j) = \frac{s_{(\lambda_{n-j+1+j-i}, \lambda_{n-i+2}, \dots, \lambda_p)}(x_{1:i})}{s_{(\lambda_{n-i+1}, \dots, \lambda_p)}(x_{1:i})}, i < j;$$

$$L_n(i, j) = \frac{s_{(\lambda_{n-j+1}, \dots, \lambda_p)}(x_{[1:j-1, i]})}{s_{(\lambda_{n-j+1}, \dots, \lambda_p)}(x_{1:j})} \times \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} \frac{x_i - x_k}{x_j - x_k}, i > j.$$

In a previous paper [11], using only mathematical induction, we succeeded to provide the unique LU factorization of a special case $V_{\{2;1,n-1\}}$ of generalized Vandermonde matrices, and this prompts us to do the same thing with G_n . Our main result presents an explicit LU factorization without involving Schur functions. As by-products, we calculate the determinant, the inverse of G_n and the Schur functions $s_\lambda(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$.

5.1 The LU Factorization of G_n

Now we give the explicit form of the LU factorization of G_n .

Theorem 5.1.1 G_n can be factorized as $G_n = L_n U_n$, where $L_n = [L_n(i, j)]$ is a lower triangular matrix with unit main diagonal and $U_n = [U_n(i, j)]$ is an upper triangular matrix, whose entries are defined as follows:

$$L_n(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j; \\ 0, & i < j; \\ \left(\frac{x_i}{x_1}\right)^{a_1}, & j = 1, i \geq 2; \\ \left(\frac{x_i}{x_j}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_j \rightarrow x_i\}}(A_j)}{A_j}, & i \geq j + 1, j \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

and

$$U_n(i, j) = \begin{cases} x_1^{a_j}, & i = 1; \\ 0, & i > j; \\ x_i^{a_1} B_i, & i = j \geq 2; \\ x_i^{a_1} S^{\{a_i \rightarrow a_j\}}(B_i), & j \geq i + 1, i \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

where

$$A_2 = B_2 = x_2^{a_2 - a_1} - x_1^{a_2 - a_1};$$

$$A_k = \{S_{\{x_{k-1} \rightarrow x_k\}}^{\{a_{k-1} \rightarrow a_k\}}(A_{k-1})\}A_{k-1} - S_{\{x_{k-1} \rightarrow x_k\}}(A_{k-1})S^{\{a_{k-1} \rightarrow a_k\}}(A_{k-1}), k \geq 3;$$

$$B_k = S_{\{x_{k-1} \rightarrow x_k\}}^{\{a_{k-1} \rightarrow a_k\}}(B_{k-1}) - \{S^{\{a_{k-1} \rightarrow a_k\}}(B_{k-1})\} \left(\frac{S_{\{x_{k-1} \rightarrow x_k\}}(A_{k-1})}{A_{k-1}} \right), k \geq 3;$$

$$S_{\{x_{k-1} \rightarrow x_k\}}(A_{k-1}) := x_k \text{ substitutes for } x_{k-1} \text{ in } A_{k-1};$$

$$S^{\{a_{k-1} \rightarrow a_k\}}(A_{k-1}) := a_k \text{ substitutes for } a_{k-1} \text{ in } A_{k-1}.$$

Proof. We use mathematical induction on n , the size of G_n .

(1) The case $n = 2$:

$$L_2 U_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} \\ 0 & x_2^{a_1}(x_2^{a_2 - a_1} - x_1^{a_2 - a_1}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} \end{bmatrix} = G_2.$$

(2) The case $k \Rightarrow k + 1$ with $k > 1$: Assume $G_k = L_k U_k$ holds, we want to prove $G_{k+1} = L_{k+1} U_{k+1}$. By inductive hypothesis, we know that

$$G_k(k, l) = \sum_{m=1}^l L_k(k, m) U_k(m, l), 1 \leq l \leq k, \quad (5.1.1)$$

$$G_k(l, k) = \sum_{m=1}^l L_k(l, m) U_k(m, k), 1 \leq l \leq k. \quad (5.1.2)$$

It's sufficient to show that

$$G_{k+1}(k+1, l) = \sum_{m=1}^{k+1} L_{k+1}(k+1, m) U_{k+1}(m, l), 1 \leq l \leq k,$$

$$G_{k+1}(l, k+1) = \sum_{m=1}^{k+1} L_{k+1}(l, m) U_{k+1}(m, k+1), 1 \leq l \leq k+1.$$

At first, we find that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{k+1} L_{k+1}(k+1, m) U_{k+1}(m, 1) = L_{k+1}(k+1, 1) U_{k+1}(1, 1) = \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_1} = x_1^{a_1} = G_{k+1}(k+1, 1),$$

and by (5.1.1), we can get

$$\sum_{m=1}^k L_k(k, m) U_k(m, l) = \sum_{m=1}^l L_k(k, m) U_k(m, l)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\frac{x_k}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_l} + \sum_{m=2}^l \left(\frac{x_k}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_k\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_l\}}(B_m) \\
&= G_k(k, l) = x_k^{a_l}, \quad 2 \leq l \leq k-1,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\overset{\text{SO}}{\sum_{m=1}^{k+1}} L_{k+1}(k+1, m) U_{k+1}(m, l) = \sum_{m=1}^l L_{k+1}(k+1, m) U_{k+1}(m, l) \\
&= \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_l} + \sum_{m=2}^l \left(\frac{x_k}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_l\}}(B_m) \\
&= x_{k+1}^{a_l} = G_{k+1}(k+1, l), \quad 2 \leq l \leq k-1.
\end{aligned}$$

Besides, we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{k+1} L_{k+1}(1, m) U_{k+1}(m, k+1) = L_{k+1}(1, 1) U_{k+1}(1, k+1) = 1 \times x_1^{a_{k+1}} = x_1^{a_{k+1}} = G_{k+1}(1, k+1),$$

and by (5.1.2), we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{m=1}^k L_k(l, m) U_k(m, k) = \sum_{m=1}^l L_k(l, m) U_k(m, k) \\
&= \left(\frac{x_l}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_k} + \sum_{m=2}^l \left(\frac{x_l}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_l\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_k\}}(B_m) \\
&= G_k(l, k) = x_l^{a_k}, \quad 2 \leq l \leq k-1,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\overset{\text{SO}}{\sum_{m=1}^{k+1}} L_{k+1}(l, m) U_{k+1}(m, k+1) = \sum_{m=1}^l L_{k+1}(l, m) U_{k+1}(m, k+1) \\
&= \left(\frac{x_l}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_{k+1}} + \sum_{m=2}^l \left(\frac{x_l}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_l\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_m) \\
&= x_l^{a_{k+1}} = G_{k+1}(l, k+1), \quad 2 \leq l \leq k-1;
\end{aligned}$$

let $l = k$ in (5.1.2), we establish the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
x_k^{a_k} &= \sum_{m=1}^k L_k(k, m) U_k(m, k) \\
&= \left(\frac{x_k}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_k} + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} \left(\frac{x_k}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_k\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_k\}}(B_m) + 1 \times x_k^{a_1} B_k, \quad (5.1.3)
\end{aligned}$$

so from above, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{m=1}^{k+1} L_{k+1}(k, m) U_{k+1}(m, k) = \sum_{m=1}^k L_{k+1}(k, m) U_{k+1}(m, k) \\
&= \left(\frac{x_k}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_{k+1}} + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} \left(\frac{x_k}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_k\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_m) \\
&\quad + 1 \times x_k^{a_1} \times S^{\{a_k \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}} B_k \\
&= x_k^{a_{k+1}} = G_{k+1}(k, k+1),
\end{aligned}$$

on the other hand, we assume

$$x_{k+1}^{a_k} \neq \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_k} + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_k\}}(B_m) \\ + x_{k+1}^{a_1} \left(\frac{S_{\{x_k \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_k)}{A_k}\right) \times B_k,$$

then

$$S_{\{x_{k+1} \rightarrow x_k\}}(x_{k+1}^{a_k}) \\ \neq S_{\{x_{k+1} \rightarrow x_k\}}\left(\left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_k} + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_k\}}(B_m)\right) \\ + S_{\{x_{k+1} \rightarrow x_k\}}\left(x_{k+1}^{a_1} \left(\frac{S_{\{x_k \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_k)}{A_k}\right) \times B_k\right),$$

so

$$x_k^{a_k} \neq \left(\frac{x_k}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_k} + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} \left(\frac{x_k}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_k\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_k\}}(B_m) + 1 \times x_k^{a_1} B_k,$$

contradicting to (5.1.3), hence

$$\sum_{m=1}^{k+1} L_{k+1}(k+1, m) U_{k+1}(m, k) = \sum_{m=1}^k L_{k+1}(k+1, m) U_{k+1}(m, k) \\ = \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_k} + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_k\}}(B_m) \\ + \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_k}\right)^{a_1} \left(\frac{S_{\{x_k \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_k)}{A_k}\right) \times x_k^{a_1} B_k \\ = x_{k+1}^{a_k} = G_{k+1}(k+1, k),$$

and by (5.1.3),

$$\sum_{m=1}^{k+1} L_{k+1}(k, m) U_{k+1}(m, k+1) \\ = \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_{k+1}} + \sum_{m=2}^k \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_m) + 1 \times x_{k+1}^{a_1} B_{k+1} \\ = \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_{k+1}} + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_m) \\ + \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_k}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_k \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_k)}{A_k} \times x_k^{a_1} S^{\{a_k \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_k) + x_{k+1}^{a_1} B_{k+1} \\ = \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_{k+1}} + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_m) \\ + x_{k+1}^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_k \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_k)}{A_k} \times S^{\{a_k \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_k) \\ + x_{k+1}^{a_1} \times (S^{\{a_k \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_k) - S^{\{a_k \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_k) \left(\frac{S_{\{x_k \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_k)}{A_k}\right))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} \times x_1^{a_{k+1}} + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} \left(\frac{x_{k+1}}{x_m}\right)^{a_1} \frac{S_{\{x_m \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(A_m)}{A_m} \times x_m^{a_1} S^{\{a_m \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}(B_m) \\
&+ x_{k+1}^{a_1} \times S^{\{a_k \rightarrow a_{k+1}\}}_{\{x_k \rightarrow x_{k+1}\}}(B_k) \\
&= x_{k+1}^{a_{k+1}} = G_{k+1}(k+1, k+1).
\end{aligned}$$

So far we complete the proof.

Example 5.1.2 To illustrate our result, we give an example for $n = 4$: $G_4 = L_4 U_4$, where

$$G_4 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} & x_1^{a_3} & x_1^{a_4} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} & x_2^{a_3} & x_2^{a_4} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_2} & x_3^{a_3} & x_3^{a_4} \\ x_4^{a_1} & x_4^{a_2} & x_4^{a_3} & x_4^{a_4} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$L_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \left(\frac{x_3}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} & \left(\frac{x_3}{x_2}\right)^{a_1} \left(\frac{x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1}}{x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1}}\right) & 1 & 0 \\ \left(\frac{x_4}{x_1}\right)^{a_1} & \left(\frac{x_4}{x_2}\right)^{a_1} \left(\frac{x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1}}{x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1}}\right) & L_4(4,3) & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$L_4(4,3) = \left(\frac{x_4}{x_3}\right)^{a_1} \left[\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right],$$

and

$$U_4 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & & & x_1^{a_3} \\ 0 & x_2^{a_1}(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1}) & & x_2^{a_1}(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1}) \\ 0 & 0 & x_3^{a_1} \left((x_3^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})} \right) & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} x_1^{a_4} \\ x_2^{a_1}(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1}) \\ x_3^{a_1} \left((x_3^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})} \right) \\ \left\{ x_4^{a_1} \left((x_4^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})} \right) - \frac{(x_4^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1}) \cdot (x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1}) \cdot (x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right\} \end{array} \right].$$

The following three examples are programs running by Mathematica, the results also help us to show that the LU decomposition is correct.

Example 5.1.3 Let $n = 3$, $x_1 = x$, $x_2 = y$, $x_3 = z$ and $a_1 = 0$, $a_2 = 2$, $a_3 = 4$. Then the program

$$FullSimplify[\{\{1, 0, 0\}, \{1, 1, 0\}, \{1, (z^2 - x^2)/(y^2 - x^2), 1\}\}, \{\{1, x^2, x^4\}, \{0, (y^2 - x^2), (y^4 - x^4)\}, \{0, 0, ((z^4 - x^4) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/(y^2 - x^2))\}\}]$$

yields the result

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x^2 & x^4 \\ 1 & y^2 & y^4 \\ 1 & z^2 & z^4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 5.1.4 Let $n = 4$, $x_1 = x$, $x_2 = y$, $x_3 = z$, $x_4 = w$ and $a_1 = 0$, $a_2 = 2$, $a_3 = 4$, $a_4 = 6$. Then the program

$$FullSimplify[\{\{1, 0, 0, 0\}, \{1, 1, 0, 0\}, \{1, (z^2 - x^2)/(y^2 - x^2), 1, 0\}, \{1, (w^2 - x^2)/(y^2 - x^2), ((w^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (w^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)), 1\}\}, \{\{1, x^2, x^4, x^6\}, \{0, (y^2 - x^2), (y^4 - x^4), (y^6 - x^6)\}, \{0, 0, ((z^4 - x^4) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/(y^2 - x^2)), ((z^6 - x^6) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))/(y^2 - x^2))\}, \{0, 0, 0, ((w^6 - x^6) - ((w^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))/(y^2 - x^2)) - ((z^6 - x^6) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))/(y^2 - x^2))((w^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (w^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))\}\}]$$

produces the result

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x^2 & x^4 & x^6 \\ 1 & y^2 & y^4 & y^6 \\ 1 & z^2 & z^4 & z^6 \\ 1 & w^2 & w^4 & w^6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 5.1.5 Let $n = 5$, $x_1 = x$, $x_2 = y$, $x_3 = z$, $x_4 = w$, $x_5 = v$ and $a_1 = 0$, $a_2 = 2$, $a_3 = 4$, $a_4 = 6$, $a_5 = 8$. Then the program

$$FullSimplify[\{\{1, 0, 0, 0, 0\}, \{1, 1, 0, 0, 0\}, \{1, (z^2 - x^2)/(y^2 - x^2), 1, 0, 0\}, \{1, (w^2 - x^2)/(y^2 - x^2), ((w^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (w^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)), 1, 0\}, \{1, (v^2 - x^2)/(y^2 - x^2), ((v^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (v^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)), (((v^6 - x^6)(y^2 - x^2) - (v^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)) - ((v^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (v^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))((z^6 - x^6)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6)))/(((w^6 - x^6)(y^2 - x^2) - (w^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)) - ((w^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (w^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))((z^6 - x^6)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))\}\}]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& ((z^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6)), 1\}} \cdot \{ \{1, x^2, x^4, x^6, x^8\}, \{0, (y^2 - x^2), (y^4 - x^4), (y^6 - x^6), (y^8 - x^8)\}, \\
& \{0, 0, ((z^4 - x^4) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/(y^2 - x^2)), ((z^6 - x^6) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))/(y^2 - x^2)), \\
& ((z^8 - x^8) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^8 - x^8))/(y^2 - x^2))\}, \{0, 0, 0, ((w^6 - x^6) - ((w^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))/(y^2 - x^2)) - \\
& ((z^6 - x^6) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))/(y^2 - x^2))((w^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (w^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)), \\
& ((w^8 - x^8) - ((w^2 - x^2)(y^8 - x^8))/(y^2 - x^2)) - ((z^8 - x^8) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^8 - x^8))/(y^2 - x^2))((w^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - \\
& (w^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)), ((v^8 - x^8) - ((v^2 - x^2)(y^8 - x^8))/(y^2 - x^2)) - \\
& ((z^8 - x^8) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^8 - x^8))/(y^2 - x^2))((v^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (v^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)) - \\
& (((w^8 - x^8) - ((w^2 - x^2)(y^8 - x^8))/(y^2 - x^2)) - ((z^8 - x^8) - ((z^2 - x^2)(y^8 - x^8))/(y^2 - x^2))((w^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - \\
& (w^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))/((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))(((v^6 - x^6)(y^2 - x^2) - (v^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - \\
& (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)) - ((v^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (v^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))((z^6 - x^6)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6)))/(((w^6 - x^6)(y^2 - x^2) - \\
& (w^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))((z^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4)) - ((w^4 - x^4)(y^2 - x^2) - (w^2 - x^2)(y^4 - x^4))((z^6 - x^6)(y^2 - x^2) - \\
& (z^2 - x^2)(y^6 - x^6))\}}]
\end{aligned}$$

yields the result

$$\begin{bmatrix}
1 & x^2 & x^4 & x^6 & x^8 \\
1 & y^2 & y^4 & y^6 & y^8 \\
1 & z^2 & z^4 & z^6 & z^8 \\
1 & w^2 & w^4 & w^6 & w^8 \\
1 & v^2 & v^4 & v^6 & v^8
\end{bmatrix}.$$

5.2 The Determinant of G_n

We know that the determinant of a triangular matrix is the products of the entries of the main diagonal. According to this fact, we establish the following theorem.

Theorem 5.2.1 *The determinant of G_n is as following:*

$$\det G_n = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n} U_n(i, i) = x_1^{a_1} \times \prod_{2 \leq i \leq n} x_i^{a_1} B_i.$$

Proof. A natural consequence by Theorem 5.1.1.

Example 5.2.2 Considering D_1 in [8], i.e.

$$D_1 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1^2 & x_2^2 & x_3^2 \\ x_1^3 & x_2^3 & x_3^3 \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} D_1^t &= \det G_{\{3;0,2,3\}} \\ &= x_1^0 x_2^0 (x_2^{2-0} - x_1^{2-0}) x_3^0 ((x_3^{3-0} - x_1^{3-0}) - \frac{(x_3^{2-0} - x_1^{2-0})(x_2^{3-0} - x_1^{3-0})}{(x_2^{2-0} - x_1^{2-0})}) \\ &= ((x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)) \\ &= ((x_3 - x_1)(x_3^2 + x_3 x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 + x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_3 + x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2)) \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3^2 + x_3 x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 + x_1) - (x_3 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2)) \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3^2 x_2 + x_3 x_2 x_1 + x_2 x_1^2 + x_3^2 x_1 + x_3 x_1^2 + x_1^3) - (x_3 x_2^2 + x_3 x_2 x_1 + x_3 x_1^2 + x_2^2 x_1 + x_2 x_1^2 + x_1^3)) \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3^2 x_2 + x_3^2 x_1 - x_3 x_2^2 - x_2^2 x_1) \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3^2 x_2 - x_3 x_2^2) + (x_3^2 x_1 - x_2^2 x_1)) \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 x_2(x_3 - x_2) + x_1(x_3 - x_2)(x_3 + x_2)) \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_3 x_2 + x_3 x_1 + x_2 x_1) \\ &= (x_3 x_2 + x_3 x_1 + x_2 x_1) \det V_3. \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.2.3 Considering D_2 in [8], i.e.

$$D_2 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_1^3 & x_2^3 & x_3^3 \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} D_2^t &= \det G_{\{3;0,1,3\}} \\ &= x_1^0 x_2^0 (x_2^{1-0} - x_1^{1-0}) x_3^0 ((x_3^{3-0} - x_1^{3-0}) - \frac{(x_3^{1-0} - x_1^{1-0})(x_2^{3-0} - x_1^{3-0})}{(x_2^{1-0} - x_1^{1-0})}) \\ &= (x_2 - x_1) \left(\frac{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \\ &= (x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3) \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_3^2 + x_3 x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3^2 + x_3x_1 + x_1^2) - (x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3^2 + x_3x_1 - x_2^2 - x_2x_1) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3^2 - x_2^2) + (x_3x_1 - x_2x_1)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3 - x_2)(x_3 + x_2) + x_1(x_3 - x_2)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_3 + x_2 + x_1) \\
&= (x_3 + x_2 + x_1) \det V_3.
\end{aligned}$$

Example 5.2.4 Considering D_3 in [8], i.e.

$$D_3 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1^3 & x_2^3 & x_3^3 \\ x_1^4 & x_2^4 & x_3^4 \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
D_3^t &= \det G_{\{3;0,3,4\}} \\
&= x_1^0 x_2^0 (x_2^{3-0} - x_1^{3-0}) x_3^0 ((x_3^{4-0} - x_1^{4-0}) - \frac{(x_3^{3-0} - x_1^{3-0})(x_2^{4-0} - x_1^{4-0})}{(x_2^{3-0} - x_1^{3-0})}) \\
&= (x_2^3 - x_1^3) \left(\frac{(x_3^4 - x_1^4)(x_2^3 - x_1^3) - (x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2^3 - x_1^3)} \right) \\
&= (x_3^4 - x_1^4)(x_2^3 - x_1^3) - (x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^4 - x_1^4) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_3 + x_1)(x_2^3 + x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^3 + x_3x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_1^2) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3 + x_1)(x_2^3 + x_1^2)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2) - (x_2^3 + x_3x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_1^2)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3^3 + x_3x_1^2 + x_3^2x_1 + x_1^3)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2) - (x_2^3 + x_3x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2^3 + x_2x_1^2 + x_2^2x_1 + x_1^3)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3^3x_2^2 + x_3^3x_2x_1 + x_3^3x_1^2 + x_3x_2^2x_1^2 + x_3x_2x_1^3 + x_3x_1^4 + x_3^2x_2^2x_1 + x_3^2x_2x_1^2 + x_3^2x_1^3 + x_2^2x_1^3 \\
&\quad + x_2x_1^4 + x_1^5) - (x_2^3x_2^3 + x_3x_2^3x_1 + x_2^3x_1^2 + x_2^3x_2x_1^2 + x_3x_2x_1^3 + x_2x_1^4 + x_3^2x_2^2x_1 + x_3x_2^2x_1^2 + x_2^2x_1^3 + x_3^2x_1^3 + x_3x_1^4 + x_1^5)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)((x_3^3x_2^2 - x_2^3x_2^3) + (x_3^3x_2x_1 - x_3x_2^3x_1) + (x_3^3x_1^2 - x_2^3x_1^2)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3^2x_2^2(x_3 - x_2) + x_3x_2x_1(x_3 - x_2)(x_3 + x_2) + x_1^2(x_3 - x_2)(x_2^2 + x_3x_2 + x_2^2)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_3^2x_2^2 + x_3^2x_1^2 + x_2^2x_1^2 + x_3^2x_2x_1 + x_3x_2^2x_1 + x_3x_2x_1^2) \\
&= (x_3^2x_2^2 + x_3^2x_1^2 + x_2^2x_1^2 + x_3^2x_2x_1 + x_3x_2^2x_1 + x_3x_2x_1^2) \det V_3.
\end{aligned}$$

Example 5.2.5 Considering Theorem 1 in [8], let $n = 4$, i.e.

$$D_4 = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1^2 & x_2^2 & x_3^2 & x_4^2 \\ x_1^3 & x_2^3 & x_3^3 & x_4^3 \\ x_1^4 & x_2^4 & x_3^4 & x_4^4 \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} D_4^t &= \det G_{\{4;0,2,3,4\}} \\ &= (x_2^2 - x_1^2) \times ((x_3^3 - x_1^3) - \frac{(x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)}{(x_2^2 - x_1^2)}) \\ &\quad \times ((x_4^4 - x_1^4) - \frac{(x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2^2 - x_1^2)} - ((x_3^4 - x_1^4) - \frac{(x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2^2 - x_1^2)}) \times \frac{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_3^3 - x_1^3)}{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)}) \\ &= ((x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)) \\ &\quad \times ((\frac{(x_4^4 - x_1^4)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2^2 - x_1^2)} - \frac{(x_3^4 - x_1^4)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2^2 - x_1^2)}) \times \frac{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_3^3 - x_1^3)}{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)}) \\ &= ((x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)) \times ((x_4^4 - x_1^4) - (x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^2 + x_1^2)) \\ &\quad - ((x_3^4 - x_1^4) - (x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^2 + x_1^2)) \times ((x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)) \\ &= ((x_3 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_3x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 + x_1)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_3 + x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2)) \\ &\quad \times ((x_4 - x_1)(x_4 + x_1)(x_4^2 + x_1^2) - (x_4 + x_1)(x_4 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_1^2)) \\ &\quad - ((x_3 - x_1)(x_3 + x_1)(x_3^2 + x_1^2) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_3 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_1^2)) \\ &\quad \times ((x_4 - x_1)(x_4^2 + x_4x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 + x_1)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 + x_1)(x_4 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2)) \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1) \\ &\quad \times \{((x_2^2 + x_3x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 + x_1) - (x_3 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2)) \times ((x_4 + x_1)(x_4^2 + x_1^2) - (x_4 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_1^2)) \\ &\quad - ((x_3 + x_1)(x_3^2 + x_1^2) - (x_3 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_1^2)) \times ((x_4^2 + x_4x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 + x_1) - (x_4 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2))\} \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1) \\ &\quad \times \{((x_2^2 + x_3x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 + x_1) - (x_3 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2)) \times ((x_4 + x_1)(x_4 + x_2)(x_4 - x_2)) \\ &\quad - ((x_3 + x_1)(x_3 + x_2)((x_3 - x_2) \times ((x_4^2 + x_4x_1 + x_1^2)(x_2 + x_1) - (x_4 + x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2x_1 + x_1^2)))\} \\ &= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1) \\ &\quad \times \{((x_3^2x_2 + x_3^2x_1) - (x_3x_2^2 + x_2^2x_1)) \times ((x_4 + x_1)(x_4 + x_2)(x_4 - x_2)) \\ &\quad - ((x_3 + x_1)(x_3 + x_2)(x_3 - x_2)((x_4^2x_2 + x_4^2x_1) - (x_4x_2^2 + x_2^2x_1))\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1) \\
&\times \{(x_3x_2(x_3 - x_2) + x_1(x_3 + x_2)(x_3 - x_2)) \times ((x_4 + x_1)(x_4 + x_2)(x_4 - x_2)) \\
&- ((x_3 + x_1)(x_3 + x_2)(x_3 - x_2)) \times (x_4x_2(x_4 - x_2) + x_1(x_4 + x_2)(x_4 - x_2))\} \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_4 - x_2) \\
&\times ((x_3x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_1x_2)(x_4 + x_1)(x_4 + x_2) - (x_3 + x_1)(x_3 + x_2)(x_4x_2 + x_4x_1 + x_2x_1)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_4 - x_2) \\
&\times ((x_3x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_1x_2)(x_4^2 + x_4x_2 + x_4x_1 + x_2x_1) - (x_3^2 + x_3x_2 + x_3x_1 + x_2x_1)(x_4x_2 + x_4x_1 + x_2x_1)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_4 - x_2) \\
&\times ((x_4^2x_3x_2 + x_4^2x_3x_1 + x_4^2x_2x_1) - (x_4x_3^2x_2 + x_4x_3^2x_1 + x_3^2x_2x_1)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_4 - x_2) \\
&\times ((x_4 - x_3)(x_4x_3x_2 + (x_4 - x_3)(x_4x_3x_1) + (x_4 - x_3)(x_4x_2x_1 + x_3x_2x_1)) \\
&= (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_4 - x_2)(x_4 - x_3)(x_4x_3x_2 + x_4x_3x_1 + x_4x_2x_1 + x_3x_2x_1) \\
&= (x_1x_2x_3x_4) \left(\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3} + \frac{1}{x_4} \right) \times \det V_4.
\end{aligned}$$

5.3 The Inverse of G_n

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix, and A_{ij} be the matrix obtained from A by deleting the i -th row and the j -th column. Then we have the formula ([9], p. 177)

$$A^{-1} = \text{transpose of } \left(\frac{(-1)^{i+j} \det(A_{ij})}{\det(A)} \right).$$

Because

$$(G_n)_{ji} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} & \cdots & x_1^{a_{i-1}} & x_1^{a_{i+1}} & \cdots & x_1^{a_n} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} & \cdots & x_2^{a_{i-1}} & x_2^{a_{i+1}} & \cdots & x_2^{a_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{j-1}^{a_1} & x_{j-1}^{a_2} & \cdots & x_{j-1}^{a_{i-1}} & x_{j-1}^{a_{i+1}} & \cdots & x_{j-1}^{a_n} \\ x_{j+1}^{a_1} & x_{j+1}^{a_2} & \cdots & x_{j+1}^{a_{i-1}} & x_{j+1}^{a_{i+1}} & \cdots & x_{j+1}^{a_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n^{a_1} & x_n^{a_2} & \cdots & x_n^{a_{i-1}} & x_n^{a_{i+1}} & \cdots & x_n^{a_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

is still a totally positive generalized Vandermonde matrix, $\det(G_n)_{ji}$ can be computed by Theorem 5.2.1. Basing on the fact and the above formula, we establish the following theorem:

Theorem 5.3.1 *The entry of the inverse of G_n is*

$$G_n^{-1}(i, j) = \frac{(-1)^{j+i} \det((G_n)_{ji})}{\det(G_n)}.$$

Example 5.3.2 Let $n = 3$, i.e.

$$G_3 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} & x_1^{a_3} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} & x_2^{a_3} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_2} & x_3^{a_3} \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} G_3^{-1}(1, 1) &= \frac{(-1)^{1+1} \det((G_3)_{11})}{\det(G_3)} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{1+1} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_2^{a_2} & x_2^{a_3} \\ x_3^{a_2} & x_3^{a_3} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\ &= \frac{(x_2^{a_2} x_3^{a_3} - x_2^{a_3} x_3^{a_2})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}, \\ G_3^{-1}(1, 2) &= \frac{(-1)^{2+1} \det((G_3)_{21})}{\det(G_3)} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{2+1} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_2} & x_1^{a_3} \\ x_3^{a_2} & x_3^{a_3} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\ &= \frac{-(x_1^{a_2} x_3^{a_3} - x_1^{a_3} x_3^{a_2})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}, \\ G_3^{-1}(1, 3) &= \frac{(-1)^{3+1} \det((G_3)_{31})}{\det(G_3)} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{3+1} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_2} & x_1^{a_3} \\ x_2^{a_2} & x_2^{a_3} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\ &= \frac{(x_1^{a_2} x_2^{a_3} - x_1^{a_3} x_2^{a_2})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
G_3^{-1}(2, 1) &= \frac{(-1)^{1+2} \det((G_3)_{12})}{\det(G_3)} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^{1+2} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_3} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_3} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
&= \frac{(-x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_3} - x_2^{a_3} x_3^{a_1})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}, \\
G_3^{-1}(2, 2) &= \frac{(-1)^{2+2} \det((G_3)_{22})}{\det(G_3)} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^{2+2} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_3} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_3} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
&= \frac{(x_1^{a_1} x_3^{a_3} - x_1^{a_3} x_3^{a_1})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}, \\
G_3^{-1}(2, 3) &= \frac{(-1)^{3+2} \det((G_3)_{32})}{\det(G_3)} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^{3+2} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_3} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_3} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
&= \frac{-(x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_3} - x_1^{a_3} x_2^{a_1})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}, \\
G_3^{-1}(3, 1) &= \frac{(-1)^{1+3} \det((G_3)_{13})}{\det(G_3)} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^{1+3} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_2} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
&= \frac{(x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_2} - x_2^{a_2} x_3^{a_1})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}, \\
G_3^{-1}(3, 2) &= \frac{(-1)^{2+3} \det((G_3)_{23})}{\det(G_3)} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^{2+3} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_2} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
&= \frac{(x_1^{a_1} x_3^{a_2} - x_1^{a_2} x_3^{a_1})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{-(x_1^{a_1} x_3^{a_2} - x_1^{a_2} x_3^{a_1})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}, \\
G_3^{-1}(3, 3) &= \frac{(-1)^{3+3} \det((G_3)_{33})}{\det(G_3)} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^{3+3} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
&= \frac{(x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} - x_1^{a_2} x_2^{a_1})}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))},
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned}
G_3^{-1} &= \frac{1}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
&\times \begin{bmatrix} (x_2^{a_2} x_3^{a_3} - x_2^{a_3} x_3^{a_2}) & -(x_1^{a_2} x_3^{a_3} - x_1^{a_3} x_3^{a_2}) & (x_1^{a_2} x_2^{a_3} - x_1^{a_3} x_2^{a_2}) \\ -(x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_3} - x_2^{a_3} x_3^{a_1}) & (x_1^{a_1} x_3^{a_3} - x_1^{a_3} x_3^{a_1}) & -(x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_3} - x_1^{a_3} x_2^{a_1}) \\ (x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_2} - x_2^{a_2} x_3^{a_1}) & -(x_1^{a_1} x_3^{a_2} - x_1^{a_2} x_3^{a_1}) & (x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} - x_1^{a_2} x_2^{a_1}) \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Example 5.3.3 Let $n = 4$, i.e.

$$G_4 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} & x_1^{a_3} & x_1^{a_4} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} & x_2^{a_3} & x_2^{a_4} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_2} & x_3^{a_3} & x_3^{a_4} \\ x_4^{a_1} & x_4^{a_2} & x_4^{a_3} & x_4^{a_4} \end{bmatrix},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
G_4^{-1}(1, 1) &= \frac{(-1)^{1+1} \det((G_4)_{11})}{\det(G_4)} \\
&= \frac{(-1)^{1+1} \det \begin{bmatrix} x_2^{a_2} & x_2^{a_3} & x_2^{a_4} \\ x_3^{a_2} & x_3^{a_3} & x_3^{a_4} \\ x_4^{a_2} & x_4^{a_3} & x_4^{a_4} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
&\times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})} - ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
&= \frac{1}{\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}} \\
&= \frac{x_2^{a_2} x_3^{a_2} x_4^{a_2} ((x_4^{a_4-a_2} - x_2^{a_4-a_2})(x_3^{a_3-a_2} - x_2^{a_3-a_2}) - (x_4^{a_3-a_2} - x_2^{a_3-a_2})(x_3^{a_4-a_2} - x_2^{a_4-a_2}))}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})} - ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \left[\frac{1}{\left(\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right)} \right], \\
G_4^{-1}(1, 4) &= \frac{(-1)^{4+1} \det((G_4)_{41})}{\det(G_4)} \\
& - \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_2} & x_1^{a_3} & x_1^{a_4} \\ x_2^{a_2} & x_2^{a_3} & x_2^{a_4} \\ x_3^{a_2} & x_3^{a_3} & x_3^{a_4} \end{bmatrix} \\
& = \frac{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}{1} \\
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})} - ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \left[\frac{1}{\left(\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right)} \right] \\
& = \frac{-x_1^{a_2} x_2^{a_2} x_3^{a_2} ((x_3^{a_4-a_2} - x_1^{a_4-a_2})(x_2^{a_3-a_2} - x_1^{a_3-a_2}) - (x_3^{a_3-a_2} - x_1^{a_3-a_2})(x_2^{a_4-a_2} - x_1^{a_4-a_2}))}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})} - ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \left[\frac{1}{\left(\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right)} \right], \\
G_4^{-1}(2, 1) &= \frac{(-1)^{1+2} \det((G_4)_{12})}{\det(G_4)} \\
& - \det \begin{bmatrix} x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_3} & x_2^{a_4} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_3} & x_3^{a_4} \\ x_4^{a_1} & x_4^{a_3} & x_4^{a_4} \end{bmatrix} \\
& = \frac{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}{1} \\
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})} - ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \left[\frac{1}{\left(\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right)} \right] \\
& = \frac{-x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_2^{a_4-a_1})(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_2^{a_3-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_2^{a_3-a_1})(x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_2^{a_4-a_1}))}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})} - ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \frac{1}{\left[\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right]}, \\
G_4^{-1}(2, 4) &= \frac{(-1)^{4+2} \det((G_4)_{42})}{\det(G_4)} \\
&= \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_3} & x_1^{a_4} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_3} & x_2^{a_4} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_3} & x_3^{a_4} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})} - ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \frac{1}{\left[\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right]} \\
&= \frac{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}))}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})} - ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \frac{1}{\left[\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right]}, \\
G_4^{-1}(3, 1) &= \frac{(-1)^{1+3} \det((G_4)_{13})}{\det(G_4)} \\
&= \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} & x_2^{a_4} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_2} & x_3^{a_4} \\ x_4^{a_1} & x_4^{a_2} & x_4^{a_4} \end{bmatrix}}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})} - ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1}) - \frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \frac{1}{\left[\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right]} \\
&= \frac{x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_2^{a_4-a_1})(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_2^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_2^{a_2-a_1})(x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_2^{a_4-a_1}))}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})-\frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})})-((x_3^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})-\frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \frac{1}{\left[\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right]}, \\
G_4^{-1}(4,4) &= \frac{(-1)^{4+4} \det((G_4)_{44})}{\det(G_4)} \\
& \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1^{a_1} & x_1^{a_2} & x_1^{a_3} \\ x_2^{a_1} & x_2^{a_2} & x_2^{a_3} \\ x_3^{a_1} & x_3^{a_2} & x_3^{a_3} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \frac{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}{1} \\
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})-\frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})})-((x_3^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})-\frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \frac{1}{\left[\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right]} \\
&= \frac{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})-\frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})})-((x_3^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})-\frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \frac{1}{\left[\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right]},
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned}
G_4^{-1} &= \frac{1}{x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))} \\
& \times \frac{1}{((x_4^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})-\frac{(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})})-((x_3^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})-\frac{(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1}-x_1^{a_4-a_1})}{(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})})} \\
& \times \frac{1}{\left[\frac{(x_4^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_4^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})}{(x_3^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})-(x_3^{a_2-a_1}-x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1}-x_1^{a_3-a_1})} \right]}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left[\begin{aligned}
& x_2^{a_2} x_3^{a_2} x_4^{a_2} ((x_4^{a_4-a_2} - x_2^{a_4-a_2})(x_3^{a_3-a_2} - x_2^{a_3-a_2}) - (x_4^{a_3-a_2} - x_2^{a_3-a_2})(x_3^{a_4-a_2} - x_2^{a_4-a_2})) \\
& - x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_2^{a_4-a_1})(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_2^{a_3-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_2^{a_3-a_1})(x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_2^{a_4-a_1})) \\
& x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_2^{a_4-a_1})(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_2^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_2^{a_2-a_1})(x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_2^{a_4-a_1})) \\
& - x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_2^{a_3-a_1})(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_2^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_2^{a_2-a_1})(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_2^{a_3-a_1})) \\
& - x_1^{a_2} x_3^{a_2} x_4^{a_2} ((x_4^{a_4-a_2} - x_1^{a_4-a_2})(x_3^{a_3-a_2} - x_1^{a_3-a_2}) - (x_4^{a_3-a_2} - x_1^{a_3-a_2})(x_3^{a_4-a_2} - x_1^{a_4-a_2})) \\
& x_1^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})) \\
& - x_1^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})) \\
& x_1^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})) \\
& x_1^{a_2} x_2^{a_2} x_4^{a_2} ((x_4^{a_4-a_2} - x_1^{a_4-a_2})(x_2^{a_3-a_2} - x_1^{a_3-a_2}) - (x_4^{a_3-a_2} - x_1^{a_3-a_2})(x_2^{a_4-a_2} - x_1^{a_4-a_2})) \\
& - x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})) \\
& x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})) \\
& - x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_4^{a_1} ((x_4^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_4^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})) \\
& - x_1^{a_2} x_2^{a_2} x_3^{a_2} ((x_3^{a_4-a_2} - x_1^{a_4-a_2})(x_2^{a_3-a_2} - x_1^{a_3-a_2}) - (x_3^{a_3-a_2} - x_1^{a_3-a_2})(x_2^{a_4-a_2} - x_1^{a_4-a_2})) \\
& x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})) \\
& - x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_4-a_1} - x_1^{a_4-a_1})) \\
& x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_1} x_3^{a_1} ((x_3^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1})(x_2^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1}) - (x_3^{a_2-a_1} - x_1^{a_2-a_1})(x_2^{a_3-a_1} - x_1^{a_3-a_1}))
\end{aligned} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

5.4 The Calculation of Schur Function

Following from the definition of Schur function:

$$\det G_n = s_\lambda(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \times \det V_n = s_\lambda(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_j - x_i) \quad (5.4.1)$$

is the product of the Schur function $s_\lambda(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $\det V_n = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_j - x_i)$. Obviously, by Theorem 5.2.1 and (5.4.1), we can get the following theorem:

Theorem 5.4.1 *The Schur function $s_\lambda(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ can be expressed as*

$$s_\lambda(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{x_1^{a_1} \times \prod_{2 \leq i \leq n} x_i^{a_1} B_i}{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_j - x_i)}$$

where B_i are defined in Theorem 5.1.1.

Example 5.4.2 Let $\lambda = (1) = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ and $n = 4$, then $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) = (0, 1, 2, 4)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & x_1^{a_1} \times \prod_{2 \leq i \leq 4} x_i^{a_i} B_i \\ &= (x_2 - x_1) \left((x_3^2 - x_1^2) - \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(x_2^2 - x_1^2)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \left((x_4^4 - x_1^4) - \frac{(x_4 - x_1)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \left((x_3^4 - x_1^4) - \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \left(\frac{(x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^2 - x_1^2)}{(x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^2 - x_1^2)} \right) \\ &= (x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4) \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (x_j - x_i) \end{aligned}$$

so by Theorem 5.4.1, we can get

$$s_{(1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4.$$

Example 5.4.3 Let $\lambda = (7, 5, 3, 1)$ and $n = 4$, then $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) = (1, 4, 7, 10)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \det G_{\{4;1,4,7,10\}} &= x_1^{a_1} \times \prod_{2 \leq i \leq 4} x_i^{a_i} B_i \\ &= x_1 x_2 (x_2^3 - x_1^3) x_3 \left((x_3^6 - x_1^6) - \frac{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^6 - x_1^6)}{(x_2^3 - x_1^3)} \right) \\ &\quad \times x_4 \left((x_4^9 - x_1^9) - \frac{(x_4^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^9 - x_1^9)}{(x_2^3 - x_1^3)} - \left((x_3^9 - x_1^9) - \frac{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^9 - x_1^9)}{(x_2^3 - x_1^3)} \right) \left(\frac{(x_4^6 - x_1^6)(x_2^3 - x_1^3) - (x_4^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^6 - x_1^6)}{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^3 - x_1^3) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^6 - x_1^6)} \right) \right) \\ &= x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_4^2 + x_4 x_3 + x_3^2) (x_4^2 + x_4 x_2 + x_2^2) (x_4^2 + x_4 x_1 + x_1^2) (x_3^2 + x_3 x_2 + x_2^2) (x_3^2 + x_3 x_1 + x_1^2) (x_2^2 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2) \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (x_j - x_i), \end{aligned}$$

so by Theorem 5.4.1, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & s_{(7,5,3,1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \\ &= x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_4^2 + x_4 x_3 + x_3^2) (x_4^2 + x_4 x_2 + x_2^2) (x_4^2 + x_4 x_1 + x_1^2) (x_3^2 + x_3 x_2 + x_2^2) (x_3^2 + x_3 x_1 + x_1^2) (x_2^2 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2). \end{aligned}$$

As we can see, there are $3^6 = 729$ semistandard $(7, 5, 3, 1)$ tableaux, it seems not easy to write out all of the semistandard $(7, 5, 3, 1)$ tableaux.

Example 5.4.4 Let $\lambda = (5, 2, 1)$ and $n = 4$, then $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) = (0, 2, 4, 8)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \det G_{\{4;0,2,4,8\}} &= x_1^{a_1} \times \prod_{2 \leq i \leq 4} x_i^{a_i} B_i \\ &= (x_2^2 - x_1^2) \left((x_3^4 - x_1^4) - \frac{(x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2^2 - x_1^2)} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left((x_4^8 - x_1^8) - \frac{(x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^8 - x_1^8)}{(x_2^2 - x_1^2)} - \left((x_3^8 - x_1^8) - \frac{(x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^8 - x_1^8)}{(x_2^2 - x_1^2)} \right) \left(\frac{(x_4^4 - x_1^4)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)} \right) \right) \\ &= [(x_3^4 - x_1^4)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)] [(x_4^8 - x_1^8) - (x_4^2 + x_1^2)(x_2^2 + x_1^2)(x_2^4 + x_1^4)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -[(x_3^8 - x_1^8) - (x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^2 + x_1^2)(x_2^4 + x_1^4)][(x_4^4 - x_1^4)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) - (x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)] \\
& = (x_4 - x_3)(x_4 - x_2)(x_4 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_3 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 + x_3)(x_4 + x_2)(x_4 + x_1)(x_3 + x_2)(x_3 + x_1)(x_2 + x_1)(x_4^2 + x_3^2 + x_2^2 + x_1^2) \\
& = (x_4 + x_3)(x_4 + x_2)(x_4 + x_1)(x_3 + x_2)(x_3 + x_1)(x_2 + x_1)(x_4^2 + x_3^2 + x_2^2 + x_1^2) \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (x_j - x_i),
\end{aligned}$$

so by Theorem 5.4.1, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
& s_{(5,2,1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \\
& = (x_4 + x_3)(x_4 + x_2)(x_4 + x_1)(x_3 + x_2)(x_3 + x_1)(x_2 + x_1)(x_4^2 + x_3^2 + x_2^2 + x_1^2).
\end{aligned}$$

As we can see, there are $2^6 \times 4 = 256$ semistandard $(5, 2, 1)$ tableaux (see Appendix).

As is known, the finitely many Schur functions of degree m in n variables form a basis of the space of homogeneous symmetric functions of degree m in n variables (see [14], p.2). Below we give an example to illustrate this.

Example 5.4.5 Consider $n = 4$ and $|\lambda| = 6$, by using Ferrers diagrams, we find that there are two partitions of 6 into precisely four parts. i.e.

$$s_{(3,1,1,1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^3 & x_1^6 \\ x_2 & x_2^2 & x_2^3 & x_2^6 \\ x_3 & x_3^2 & x_3^3 & x_3^6 \\ x_4 & x_4^2 & x_4^3 & x_4^6 \end{bmatrix}}{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (x_j - x_i)},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
& \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^3 & x_1^6 \\ x_2 & x_2^2 & x_2^3 & x_2^6 \\ x_3 & x_3^2 & x_3^3 & x_3^6 \\ x_4 & x_4^2 & x_4^3 & x_4^6 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 x_2 (x_2 - x_1) x_3 \left((x_3^2 - x_1^2) - \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(x_2^2 - x_1^2)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \\
& \quad \times x_4 \left((x_4^5 - x_1^5) - \frac{(x_4 - x_1)(x_2^5 - x_1^5)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(x_2^5 - x_1^5)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \left(\frac{(x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^2 - x_1^2)}{(x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^2 - x_1^2)} \right) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \left((x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^2 - x_1^2) \right) \\
& \quad \times \left(\frac{(x_4^5 - x_1^5)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^5 - x_1^5)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - \frac{(x_3^5 - x_1^5)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^5 - x_1^5)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \left(\frac{(x_4^2 - x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^2 - x_1^2)}{(x_3^2 - x_1^2)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^2 - x_1^2)} \right) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \left((x_3^2 - x_1^2) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2 + x_1) \right) \left((x_4^5 - x_1^5)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^5 - x_1^5) \right) \\
& \quad - x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \left(x_3^5 - x_1^5 \right) (x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^5 - x_1^5) \left((x_4^2 - x_1^2) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2 + x_1) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= x_1x_2x_3x_4((x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)(x_4-x_1)(x_2-x_1)) \\
&\times (x_4^4+x_4^3x_1+x_4^2x_1^2+x_4x_1^3+x_1^4-x_2^4-x_2^3x_1-x_2^2x_1^2-x_2x_1^3-x_1^4) \\
&\quad -x_1x_2x_3x_4((x_4-x_1)(x_4-x_2)(x_3-x_1)(x_2-x_1)) \\
&\times (x_3^4+x_3^3x_1+x_3^2x_1^2+x_3x_1^3+x_1^4-x_2^4-x_2^3x_1-x_2^2x_1^2-x_2x_1^3-x_1^4) \\
&= x_1x_2x_3x_4((x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)(x_4-x_1)(x_2-x_1)) \\
&\times ((x_4^4-x_2^4)+(x_4^3x_1-x_2^3x_1)+(x_4^2x_1^2-x_2^2x_1^2)+(x_4x_1^3-x_2x_1^3)) \\
&\quad -x_1x_2x_3x_4((x_4-x_1)(x_4-x_2)(x_3-x_1)(x_2-x_1)) \\
&\times ((x_3^4-x_2^4)+(x_3^3x_1-x_2^3x_1)+(x_3^2x_1^2-x_2^2x_1^2)+(x_3x_1^3-x_2x_1^3)) \\
&= x_1x_2x_3x_4((x_3-x_1)(x_3-x_2)(x_4-x_1)(x_2-x_1)) \\
&\times ((x_4-x_2)(x_4^3+x_4^2x_2+x_4x_2^2+x_2^3)+(x_4-x_2)x_1(x_4^2+x_4x_2+x_2^2)+(x_4-x_2)x_1^2(x_4+x_2)+x_1^3(x_4-x_2)) \\
&\quad -x_1x_2x_3x_4((x_4-x_1)(x_4-x_2)(x_3-x_1)(x_2-x_1)(x_3-x_2)) \\
&\times (x_3^3+x_3^2x_2+x_3x_2^2+x_2^3+x_3^2x_1+x_3x_2x_1+x_2^2x_1+x_3x_1^2+x_2x_1^2+x_1^3) \\
&= x_1x_2x_3x_4((x_4-x_1)(x_4-x_2)(x_3-x_1)(x_2-x_1)(x_3-x_2)) \\
&\times ((x_4^3-x_3^3)+(x_4^2x_2-x_3^2x_2)+(x_4x_2^2-x_3x_2^2)+x_4^2x_1-x_3^2x_1)+(x_4x_2x_1-x_3x_2x_1)+(x_4x_1^2-x_3x_1^2)) \\
&= x_1x_2x_3x_4((x_4-x_1)(x_4-x_2)(x_3-x_1)(x_2-x_1)(x_3-x_2)) \\
&\times ((x_4-x_3)(x_4^2+x_4x_3+x_3^2)+(x_4-x_3)(x_4x_2+x_3x_2)+(x_4-x_3)x_2^2+(x_4-x_3)(x_4x_1+x_3x_1)+(x_4-x_3)x_2x_1+(x_4-x_3)x_1^2) \\
&= x_1x_2x_3x_4((x_4-x_1)(x_4-x_2)(x_3-x_1)(x_2-x_1)(x_3-x_2)(x_4-x_3)) \\
&\quad \times (x_4^2+x_4x_3+x_3^2+x_4x_2+x_3x_2+x_2^2+x_4x_1+x_3x_1+x_1^2) \\
&= x_1x_2x_3x_4(x_1^2+x_2^2+x_3^2+x_4^2+x_1x_2+x_1x_3+x_1x_4+x_2x_3+x_2x_4+x_3x_4) \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (x_j - x_i),
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$s_{(3,1,1,1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1x_2x_3x_4(x_1^2+x_2^2+x_3^2+x_4^2+x_1x_2+x_1x_3+x_1x_4+x_2x_3+x_2x_4+x_3x_4);$$

and

$$s_{(2,2,1,1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^4 & x_1^5 \\ x_2 & x_2^2 & x_2^4 & x_2^5 \\ x_3 & x_3^2 & x_3^4 & x_3^5 \\ x_4 & x_4^2 & x_4^4 & x_4^5 \end{bmatrix}}{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (x_j - x_i)},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
& \det \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^4 & x_1^5 \\ x_2 & x_2^2 & x_2^4 & x_2^5 \\ x_3 & x_3^2 & x_3^4 & x_3^5 \\ x_4 & x_4^2 & x_4^4 & x_4^5 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 x_2 (x_2 - x_1) x_3 \left((x_3^3 - x_1^3) - \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \\
& \times x_4 \left((x_4^4 - x_1^4) - \frac{(x_4 - x_1)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - \left((x_3^4 - x_1^4) - \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \left(\frac{(x_4^3 - x_1^3)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)}{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)} \right) \right) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \left((x_3^3 - x_1^3) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3) \right) \\
& \times \left((x_4^4 - x_1^4) - \frac{(x_4 - x_1)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - \left((x_3^4 - x_1^4) - \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(x_2^4 - x_1^4)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \left(\frac{(x_4^3 - x_1^3)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)}{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)} \right) \right) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \left((x_3^3 - x_1^3) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2) \right) \left((x_4^4 - x_1^4)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^4 - x_1^4) \right) \\
& - x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \left((x_3^4 - x_1^4)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^4 - x_1^4) \right) \left((x_4^3 - x_1^3) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^2 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2) \right) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_3 - x_1) (x_3^2 + x_3 x_1 + x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_2 x_1 - x_1^2) \\
& \times \left((x_4 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1) (x_4^3 + x_4^2 x_1 + x_4 x_1^2 + x_1^3 - x_2^3 - x_2 x_1 - x_2 x_1^2 - x_1^3) \right) \\
& - x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_4 - x_1) (x_4^2 + x_4 x_1 + x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_2 x_1 - x_1^2) \\
& \times (x_3 - x_1) (x_2 - x_1) (x_3^3 + x_3^2 x_1 + x_3 x_1^2 + x_1^3 - x_2^3 - x_2 x_1 - x_2 x_1^2 - x_1^3) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_3 - x_1) (x_4 - x_1) (x_2 - x_1) \\
& \times \left((x_3^2 - x_2^2) + x_1 (x_3 - x_2) \right) \left((x_4^3 - x_2^3) + (x_4^2 x_1 - x_2^2 x_1) + (x_4 x_1^2 - x_2 x_1^2) \right) \\
& - x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_4 - x_1) (x_3 - x_1) (x_2 - x_1) \\
& \times \left((x_4 - x_2) (x_4 + x_2 + x_1) \right) \left((x_3^3 - x_2^3) + (x_3^2 x_1 - x_2^2 x_1) + (x_3 x_1^2 - x_2 x_1^2) \right) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_3 - x_1) (x_4 - x_1) (x_2 - x_1) \\
& \times (x_3 - x_2) (x_3 + x_2 + x_1) \left((x_4 - x_2) (x_4^2 + x_4 x_2 + x_2^2) + (x_4 - x_2) (x_4 x_1 + x_2 x_1) + (x_4 - x_2) x_1^2 \right) \\
& - x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_4 - x_1) (x_3 - x_1) (x_2 - x_1) (x_4 - x_2) (x_4 + x_2 + x_1) \\
& \times \left((x_3^3 - x_2^3) + (x_3^2 x_1 - x_2^2 x_1) + (x_3 x_1^2 - x_2 x_1^2) \right) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_3 - x_1) (x_4 - x_1) (x_2 - x_1) (x_3 - x_2) (x_4 - x_2) \\
& \times \left((x_3 + x_2 + x_1) (x_4^2 + x_4 x_2 + x_2^2 + x_4 x_1 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2) - (x_4 + x_2 + x_1) (x_3^2 + x_3 x_2 + x_2^2 + x_3 x_1 + x_2 x_1 + x_1^2) \right) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_3 - x_1) (x_4 - x_1) (x_2 - x_1) (x_3 - x_2) (x_4 - x_2) \\
& \times \left((x_3 x_4^2 - x_3 x_4) + (x_2 x_4^2 - x_2 x_3^2) + (x_1 x_2 x_4 - x_1 x_2 x_3) + (x_1 x_4^2 - x_1 x_3^2) \right) \\
& = x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 (x_3 - x_1) (x_4 - x_1) (x_2 - x_1) (x_3 - x_2) (x_4 - x_2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times (x_3x_4(x_4 - x_3) + (x_4 - x_3)(x_2x_4 + x_2x_3) + (x_4 - x_3)x_1x_2 + (x_4 - x_3)(x_1x_4 + x_1x_3)) \\
& = x_1x_2x_3x_4(x_3 - x_1)(x_4 - x_1)(x_2 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)(x_4 - x_2)(x_4 - x_3) \\
& \quad \times (x_3x_4 + x_2x_4 + x_2x_3 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_4 + x_1x_3) \\
& = x_1x_2x_3x_4(x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_1x_4 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 + x_3x_4) \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (x_j - x_i),
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$s_{(2,2,1,1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1x_2x_3x_4(x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_1x_4 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 + x_3x_4).$$

Let

$$\psi(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1^3x_2x_3x_4 + x_1x_2^3x_3x_4 + x_1x_2x_3^3x_4 + x_1x_2x_3x_4^3,$$

it is obviously a symmetric polynomial which is homogeneous of degree 6, and we have

$$\psi(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = s_{(3,1,1,1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) - s_{(2,2,1,1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4).$$

5.5 An Application to Kostka Numbers

As a final application of our explicit formula for Schur functions in Theorem 5.4.1, we present a way to determine Kostka numbers by expanding Schur functions. We illustrate our results in the following three examples 5.5.1, 5.5.2 and 5.5.3.

Example 5.5.1 Let $x_1 = a, x_2 = b, x_3 = c, x_4 = d$ in Example 5.4.3, then the program

$$\text{Expand}[a * b * c * d * (d^2 + d * c + c^2) * (d^2 + d * b + b^2)(d^2 + d * a + a^2) * (c^2 + c * b + b^2) * (c^2 + c * a + a^2) * (b^2 + b * a + a^2)]$$

running by Mathematica yields the result

$$\begin{aligned}
& a^7 * b^5 * c^3 * d + a^6 * b^6 * c^3 * d + a^5 * b^7 * c^3 * d + a^7 * b^4 * c^4 * d + 2 * a^6 * b^5 * c^4 * d + 2 * a^5 * b^6 * c^4 * d + a^4 * b^7 * c^4 * d \\
& + a^7 * b^3 * c^5 * d + 2 * a^6 * b^4 * c^5 * d + 3 * a^5 * b^5 * c^5 * d + 2 * a^4 * b^6 * c^5 * d + a^3 * b^7 * c^5 * d + a^6 * b^3 * c^6 * d \\
& + 2 * a^5 * b^4 * c^6 * d + 2 * a^4 * b^5 * c^6 * d + a^3 * b^6 * c^6 * d + a^5 * b^3 * c^7 * d + a^4 * b^4 * c^7 * d + a^3 * b^5 * c^7 * d
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&+a^7*b^5*c^2*d^2+a^6*b^6*c^2*d^2+a^5*b^7*c^2*d^2+2*a^7*b^4*c^3*d^2+4*a^6*b^5*c^3*d^2 \\
&+4*a^5*b^6*c^3*d^2+2*a^4*b^7*c^3*d^2+2*a^7*b^3*c^4*d^2+5*a^6*b^4*c^4*d^2+7*a^5*b^5*c^4*d^2 \\
&+5*a^4*b^6*c^4*d^2+2*a^3*b^7*c^4*d^2+a^7*b^2*c^5*d^2+4*a^6*b^3*c^5*d^2+7*a^5*b^4*c^5*d^2 \\
&+7*a^4*b^5*c^5*d^2+4*a^3*b^6*c^5*d^2+a^2*b^7*c^5*d^2+a^6*b^2*c^6*d^2+4*a^5*b^3*c^6*d^2 \\
&+5*a^4*b^4*c^6*d^2+4*a^3*b^5*c^6*d^2+a^2*b^6*c^6*d^2+a^5*b^2*c^7*d^2+2*a^4*b^3*c^7*d^2 \\
&+2*a^3*b^4*c^7*d^2+a^2*b^5*c^7*d^2+a^7*b^5*c*d^3+a^6*b^6*c*d^3+a^5*b^7*c*d^3+2*a^7*b^4*c^2*d^3 \\
&+4*a^6*b^5*c^2*d^3+4*a^5*b^6*c^2*d^3+2*a^4*b^7*c^2*d^3+3*a^7*b^3*c^3*d^3+7*a^6*b^4*c^3*d^3 \\
&+10*a^5*b^5*c^3*d^3+7*a^4*b^6*c^3*d^3+3*a^3*b^7*c^3*d^3+2*a^7*b^2*c^4*d^3+7*a^6*b^3*c^4*d^3 \\
&+12*a^5*b^4*c^4*d^3+12*a^4*b^5*c^4*d^3+7*a^3*b^6*c^4*d^3+2*a^2*b^7*c^4*d^3+a^7*b*c^5*d^3 \\
&+4*a^6*b^2*c^5*d^3+10*a^5*b^3*c^5*d^3+12*a^4*b^4*c^5*d^3+10*a^3*b^5*c^5*d^3+4*a^2*b^6*c^5*d^3 \\
&+a*b^7*c^5*d^3+a^6*b*c^6*d^3+4*a^5*b^2*c^6*d^3+7*a^4*b^3*c^6*d^3+7*a^3*b^4*c^6*d^3 \\
&+4*a^2*b^5*c^6*d^3+a*b^6*c^6*d^3+a^5*b*c^7*d^3+2*a^4*b^2*c^7*d^3+3*a^3*b^3*c^7*d^3 \\
&+2*a^2*b^4*c^7*d^3+a*b^5*c^7*d^3+a^7*b^4*c*d^4+2*a^6*b^5*c*d^4+2*a^5*b^6*c*d^4+a^4*b^7*c*d^4 \\
&+2*a^7*b^3*c^2*d^4+5*a^6*b^4*c^2*d^4+7*a^5*b^5*c^2*d^4+5*a^4*b^6*c^2*d^4+2*a^3*b^7*c^2*d^4 \\
&+2*a^7*b^2*c^3*d^4+7*a^6*b^3*c^3*d^4+12*a^5*b^4*c^3*d^4+12*a^4*b^5*c^3*d^4+7*a^3*b^6*c^3*d^4 \\
&+2*a^2*b^7*c^3*d^4+a^7*b*c^4*d^4+5*a^6*b^2*c^4*d^4+12*a^5*b^3*c^4*d^4+15*a^4*b^4*c^4*d^4 \\
&+12*a^3*b^5*c^4*d^4+5*a^2*b^6*c^4*d^4+a*b^7*c^4*d^4+2*a^6*b*c^5*d^4+7*a^5*b^2*c^5*d^4 \\
&+12*a^4*b^3*c^5*d^4+12*a^3*b^4*c^5*d^4+7*a^2*b^5*c^5*d^4+2*a*b^6*c^5*d^4+2*a^5*b*c^6*d^4 \\
&+5*a^4*b^2*c^6*d^4+7*a^3*b^3*c^6*d^4+5*a^2*b^4*c^6*d^4+2*a*b^5*c^6*d^4+a^4*b*c^7*d^4 \\
&+2*a^3*b^2*c^7*d^4+2*a^2*b^3*c^7*d^4+a*b^4*c^7*d^4+a^7*b^3*c*d^5+2*a^6*b^4*c*d^5 \\
&+3*a^5*b^5*c*d^5+2*a^4*b^6*c*d^5+a^3*b^7*c*d^5+a^7*b^2*c^2*d^5+4*a^6*b^3*c^2*d^5 \\
&+7*a^5*b^4*c^2*d^5+7*a^4*b^5*c^2*d^5+4*a^3*b^6*c^2*d^5+a^2*b^7*c^2*d^5+a^7*b*c^3*d^5 \\
&+4*a^6*b^2*c^3*d^5+10*a^5*b^3*c^3*d^5+12*a^4*b^4*c^3*d^5+10*a^3*b^5*c^3*d^5+4*a^2*b^6*c^3*d^5 \\
&+a*b^7*c^3*d^5+2*a^6*b*c^4*d^5+7*a^5*b^2*c^4*d^5+12*a^4*b^3*c^4*d^5+12*a^3*b^4*c^4*d^5 \\
&+7*a^2*b^5*c^4*d^5+2*a*b^6*c^4*d^5+3*a^5*b*c^5*d^5+7*a^4*b^2*c^5*d^5+10*a^3*b^3*c^5*d^5 \\
&+7*a^2*b^4*c^5*d^5+3*a*b^5*c^5*d^5+2*a^4*b*c^6*d^5+4*a^3*b^2*c^6*d^5+4*a^2*b^3*c^6*d^5
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&+2*a*b^4*c^6*d^5+a^3*b*c^7*d^5+a^2*b^2*c^7*d^5+a*b^3*c^7*d^5+a^6*b^3*c*d^6+2*a^5*b^4*c*d^6 \\
&+2*a^4*b^5*c*d^6+a^3*b^6*c*d^6+a^6*b^2*c^2*d^6+4*a^5*b^3*c^2*d^6+5*a^4*b^4*c^2*d^6 \\
&+4*a^3*b^5*c^2*d^6+a^2*b^6*c^2*d^6+a^6*b*c^3*d^6+4*a^5*b^2*c^3*d^6+7*a^4*b^3*c^3*d^6 \\
&+7*a^3*b^4*c^3*d^6+4*a^2*b^5*c^3*d^6+a*b^6*c^3*d^6+2*a^5*b*c^4*d^6+5*a^4*b^2*c^4*d^6 \\
&+7*a^3*b^3*c^4*d^6+5*a^2*b^4*c^4*d^6+2*a*b^5*c^4*d^6+2*a^4*b*c^5*d^6+4*a^3*b^2*c^5*d^6 \\
&+4*a^2*b^3*c^5*d^6+2*a*b^4*c^5*d^6+a^3*b*c^6*d^6+a^2*b^2*c^6*d^6+a*b^3*c^6*d^6+a^5*b^3*c*d^7 \\
&+a^4*b^4*c*d^7+a^3*b^5*c*d^7+a^5*b^2*c^2*d^7+2*a^4*b^3*c^2*d^7+2*a^3*b^4*c^2*d^7+a^2*b^5*c^2*d^7 \\
&+a^5*b*c^3*d^7+2*a^4*b^2*c^3*d^7+3*a^3*b^3*c^3*d^7+2*a^2*b^4*c^3*d^7+a*b^5*c^3*d^7+a^4*b*c^4*d^7 \\
&+2*a^3*b^2*c^4*d^7+2*a^2*b^3*c^4*d^7+a*b^4*c^4*d^7+a^3*b*c^5*d^7+a^2*b^2*c^5*d^7+a*b^3*c^5*d^7.
\end{aligned}$$

From above, we find $K_{(7,5,3,1),(5,5,4,2)} = 7$, the 7 semi-standard Young tableaux ($SSYT^{7531}$) of weight $(5,5,4,2)$ are as follows:

1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2	2	2	3	3		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	3
2	2	2	2	3		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	3	3
2	2	2	2	2		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2	2	2	3	4		
3	3	3				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	4
2	2	2	2	3		
3	3	3				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	3
2	2	2	2	4		
3	3	3				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	3	4
2	2	2	2	2		
3	3	3				
4						

and $K_{(7,5,3,1),(5,5,3,3)} = 10$, the 10 semi-standard Young tableaux ($SSYT^{7531}$) of weight $(5,5,3,3)$ are as follows:

1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2	2	2	3	3		
3	4	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	3
2	2	2	2	3		
3	4	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	3	3
2	2	2	2	2		
3	4	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2	2	2	4	4		
3	3	3				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	4
2	2	2	2	4		
3	3	3				
4						

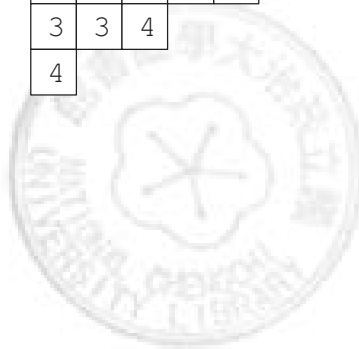
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2	2	2	2	4		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	3	4
2	2	2	2	2		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2	2	2	3	4		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	4
2	2	2	2	3		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	4	4
2	2	2	2	2		
3	3	3				
4						



and $K_{(7,5,3,1),(5,4,4,3)} = 12$, the 12 semi-standard Young tableaux ($SSYT^{7531}$) of weight $(5,4,4,3)$ are as follows:

1	1	1	1	1	2	3
2	2	2	3	3		
3	4	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	3
2	2	2	3	4		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	3
2	2	2	4	4		
3	3	3				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	4
2	2	2	3	4		
3	3	3				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	4
2	2	2	3	3		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	3	4
2	2	2	2	3		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	3	4
2	2	2	2	4		
3	3	3				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	3	3
2	2	2	2	3		
3	4	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	3	3
2	2	2	2	4		
3	3	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	4	4
2	2	2	2	3		
3	3	3				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2	2	3	3	3		
3	4	4				
4						

1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2	2	3	3	4		
3	3	4				
4						

Example 5.5.2 Let $x_1 = a, x_2 = b, x_3 = c, x_4 = d$ in Example 5.4.4, then the program

$$\text{Expand}[(d + c) * (d + b) * (d + a) * (c + b) * (c + a) * (b + a) * (d^2 + c^2 + b^2 + a^2)]$$

running by Mathematica yields the result

$$\begin{aligned} & a^5 * b^2 * c + a^4 * b^3 * c + a^3 * b^4 * c + a^2 * b^5 * c + a^5 * b * c^2 + 2 * a^4 * b^2 * c^2 + 2 * a^3 * b^3 * c^2 + 2 * a^2 * b^4 * c^2 \\ & + a * b^5 * c^2 + a^4 * b * c^3 + 2 * a^3 * b^2 * c^3 + 2 * a^2 * b^3 * c^3 + a * b^4 * c^3 + a^3 * b * c^4 + 2 * a^2 * b^2 * c^4 + a * b^3 * c^4 \\ & + a^2 * b * c^5 + a * b^2 * c^5 + a^5 * b^2 * d + a^4 * b^3 * d + a^3 * b^4 * d + a^2 * b^5 * d + 2 * a^5 * b * c * d + 4 * a^4 * b^2 * c * d \\ & + 4 * a^3 * b^3 * c * d + 4 * a^2 * b^4 * c * d + 2 * a * b^5 * c * d + a^5 * c^2 * d + 4 * a^4 * b * c^2 * d + 6 * a^3 * b^2 * c^2 * d + 6 * a^2 * b^3 * c^2 * d \\ & + 4 * a * b^4 * c^2 * d + b^5 * c^2 * d + a^4 * c^3 * d + 4 * a^3 * b * c^3 * d + 6 * a^2 * b^2 * c^3 * d + 4 * a * b^3 * c^3 * d + b^4 * c^3 * d \\ & + a^3 * c^4 * d + 4 * a^2 * b * c^4 * d + 4 * a * b^2 * c^4 * d + b^3 * c^4 * d + a^2 * c^5 * d + 2 * a * b * c^5 * d + b^2 * c^5 * d + a^5 * b * d^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&+2*a^4*b^2*d^2+2*a^3*b^3*d^2+2*a^2*b^4*d^2+a*b^5*d^2+a^5*c*d^2+4*a^4*b*c*d^2+6*a^3*b^2*c*d^2 \\
&+6*a^2*b^3*c*d^2+4*a*b^4*c*d^2+b^5*c*d^2+2*a^4*c^2*d^2+6*a^3*b*c^2*d^2+8*a^2*b^2*c^2*d^2 \\
&+6*a*b^3*c^2*d^2+2*b^4*c^2*d^2+2*a^3*c^3*d^2+6*a^2*b*c^3*d^2+6*a*b^2*c^3*d^2+2*b^3*c^3*d^2 \\
&+2*a^2*c^4*d^2+4*a*b*c^4*d^2+2*b^2*c^4*d^2+a*c^5*d^2+b*c^5*d^2+a^4*b*d^3+2*a^3*b^2*d^3 \\
&+2*a^2*b^3*d^3+a*b^4*d^3+a^4*c*d^3+4*a^3*b*c*d^3+6*a^2*b^2*c*d^3+4*a*b^3*c*d^3+b^4*c*d^3 \\
&+2*a^3*c^2*d^3+6*a^2*b*c^2*d^3+6*a*b^2*c^2*d^3+2*b^3*c^2*d^3+2*a^2*c^3*d^3+4*a*b*c^3*d^3 \\
&+2*b^2*c^3*d^3+a*c^4*d^3+b*c^4*d^3+a^3*b*d^4+2*a^2*b^2*d^4+a*b^3*d^4+a^3*c*d^4+4*a^2*b*c*d^4 \\
&+4*a*b^2*c*d^4+b^3*c*d^4+2*a^2*c^2*d^4+4*a*b*c^2*d^4+2*b^2*c^2*d^4+a*c^3*d^4+b*c^3*d^4+a^2*b*d^5 \\
&+a*b^2*d^5+a^2*c*d^5+2*a*b*c*d^5+b^2*c*d^5+a*c^2*d^5+b*c^2*d^5.
\end{aligned}$$

From above, we find $K_{(5,2,1),(3,2,2,1)} = 6$, the 6 semi-standard Young tableaux ($SSYT^{521}$) of weight $(3,2,2,1)$ are as follows:

1	1	1	2	4
2	3			
3				

1	1	1	2	3
2	3			
4				

1	1	1	2	3
2	4			
3				

1	1	1	3	4
2	2			
3				

1	1	1	3	3
2	2			
4				

1	1	1	2	2
3	3			
4				

and $K_{(5,2,1),(3,3,1,1)} = 4$, the 4 semi-standard Young tableaux ($SSYT^{521}$) of weight $(3,3,1,1)$ are as follows:

1	1	1	2	4
2	2			
3				

1	1	1	2	2
2	4			
3				

1	1	1	2	3
2	2			
4				

1	1	1	2	2
2	3			
4				

Example 5.5.3 Let $\lambda = (3, 1)$ and $n = 4$, then $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) = (0, 1, 3, 6)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
\det G_{\{4;0,1,3,6\}} &= x_1^{a_1} \times \prod_{2 \leq i \leq 4} x_i^{a_i} B_i \\
&= (x_2 - x_1) \left((x_3^3 - x_1^3) - \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \right) \\
&\quad \times \left((x_4^6 - x_1^6) - \frac{(x_4 - x_1)(x_2^6 - x_1^6)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - ((x_3^6 - x_1^6) - \frac{(x_3 - x_1)(x_2^6 - x_1^6)}{(x_2 - x_1)}) \left(\frac{(x_4^3 - x_1^3)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_4 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)}{(x_3^3 - x_1^3)(x_2 - x_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(x_2^3 - x_1^3)} \right) \right) \\
&= (x_1^3 x_2 + x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_1 x_2^3 + x_1^3 x_3 + 2x_1^2 x_2 x_3 + 2x_1 x_2^2 x_3 + x_2^3 x_3 + x_1^2 x_3^2 + 2x_1 x_2 x_3^2 \\
&\quad + x_2^2 x_3^2 + x_1 x_3^3 + x_2 x_3^3 + x_1^3 x_4 + 2x_1^2 x_2 x_4 + 2x_1 x_2^2 x_4 + x_2^3 x_4 + 2x_1^2 x_3 x_4 + 3x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \\
&\quad + 2x_2^2 x_3 x_4 + 2x_1 x_3^2 x_4 + 2x_2 x_3^2 x_4 + x_3^2 x_4^2 + x_1 x_4^3 + x_2 x_4^3 + x_3 x_4^3 \\
&\quad + 2x_1 x_2 x_4^2 + 2x_1 x_3 x_4^2 + 2x_2 x_3^2 x_4 + x_1^2 x_4^2 + x_2^2 x_4^2 + x_3^2 x_4) \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (x_j - x_i),
\end{aligned}$$

so by Theorem 5.4.1, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
&s_{(3,1)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \\
&= x_1^3 x_2 + x_1^2 x_2^2 + x_1 x_2^3 + x_1^3 x_3 + 2x_1^2 x_2 x_3 + 2x_1 x_2^2 x_3 + x_2^3 x_3 + x_1^2 x_3^2 + 2x_1 x_2 x_3^2 \\
&\quad + x_2^2 x_3^2 + x_1 x_3^3 + x_2 x_3^3 + x_1^3 x_4 + 2x_1^2 x_2 x_4 + 2x_1 x_2^2 x_4 + x_2^3 x_4 + 2x_1^2 x_3 x_4 + 3x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \\
&\quad + 2x_2^2 x_3 x_4 + 2x_1 x_3^2 x_4 + 2x_2 x_3^2 x_4 + x_3^2 x_4^2 + x_1 x_4^3 + x_2 x_4^3 + x_3 x_4^3 \\
&\quad + 2x_1 x_2 x_4^2 + 2x_1 x_3 x_4^2 + 2x_2 x_3^2 x_4 + x_1^2 x_4^2 + x_2^2 x_4^2 + x_3^2 x_4.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we obtain the following Kostka numbers:

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{(3,1),(3,1)} &= K_{(3,1),(2,2)} = K_{(3,1),(1,3)} = K_{(3,1),(3,0,1)} \\
&= K_{(3,1),(0,3,1)} = K_{(3,1),(2,0,2)} = K_{(3,1),(0,2,2)} = K_{(3,1),(1,0,3)} \\
&= K_{(3,1),(0,1,3)} = K_{(3,1),(3,0,0,1)} = K_{(3,1),(0,3,0,1)} = K_{(3,1),(0,0,3,1)} \\
&= K_{(3,1),(2,0,0,2)} = K_{(3,1),(0,2,0,2)} = K_{(3,1),(0,0,2,2)} = K_{(3,1),(1,0,0,3)} \\
&= K_{(3,1),(0,1,0,3)} = K_{(3,1),(0,0,1,3)} = 1, \\
K_{(3,1),(2,1,1)} &= K_{(3,1),(1,2,1)} = K_{(3,1),(1,1,2)} = K_{(3,1),(2,1,0,1)} \\
&= K_{(3,1),(1,2,0,1)} = K_{(3,1),(2,0,1,1)} = K_{(3,1),(0,2,1,1)} = K_{(3,1),(1,0,2,1)} \\
&= K_{(3,1),(0,1,2,1)} = K_{(3,1),(1,1,0,2)} = K_{(3,1),(1,0,1,2)} = K_{(3,1),(0,1,1,2)} = 2,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$K_{(3,1),(1,1,1,1)} = 3.$$