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**Description** Symbolic calculation and evaluation of the Jack polynomials, zonal polynomials, and Schur polynomials. Mainly based on Demmel & Koev's paper (2006) <[doi:10.1090/S0025-5718-05-01780-1](https://doi.org/10.1090/S0025-5718-05-01780-1)>. Zonal polynomials and Schur polynomials are particular cases of Jack polynomials. Zonal polynomials appear in random matrix theory. Schur polynomials appear in the field of combinatorics. The package can also compute the skew Schur polynomials.

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 ESF

*Evaluation of elementary symmetric functions*


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**Description**

Evaluates an elementary symmetric function.

**Usage**

ESF(x, lambda)

**Arguments**

x                    a numeric vector or a `bigq` vector  
 lambda              an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers

**Value**

A number if x is numeric, a `bigq` rational number if x is a `bigq` vector.

**Examples**

```
x <- c(1, 2, 5/2)
lambda <- c(3, 1)
ESF(x, lambda)
library(gmp)
x <- c(as.bigq(1), as.bigq(2), as.bigq(5,2))
ESF(x, lambda)
```

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Jack

*Evaluation of Jack polynomial - C++ implementation*

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**Description**

Evaluates the Jack polynomial.

**Usage**

```
Jack(x, lambda, alpha)
```

**Arguments**

x	values of the variables, a vector of bigq numbers, or a vector that can be coerced as such (e.g. <code>c("2", "5/3")</code> )
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
alpha	rational number, given as a string such as <code>"2/3"</code> or as a bigq number

**Value**

A bigq number.

**Examples**

```
Jack(c("1", "3/2", "-2/3"), lambda = c(3, 1), alpha = "1/4")
```

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JackPol

*Jack polynomial - C++ implementation*

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**Description**

Returns the Jack polynomial.

**Usage**

```
JackPol(n, lambda, alpha, which = "J")
```

**Arguments**

n	number of variables, a positive integer
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
alpha	rational number, given as a string such as "2/3" or as a bigq number
which	which Jack polynomial, "J", "P", "Q", or "C"

**Value**

A qspray multivariate polynomial.

**Examples**

```
JackPol(3, lambda = c(3, 1), alpha = "2/5")
```

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JackPolR	<i>Jack polynomial</i>
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**Description**

Returns the Jack polynomial.

**Usage**

```
JackPolR(n, lambda, alpha, algorithm = "DK", basis = "canonical", which = "J")
```

**Arguments**

n	number of variables, a positive integer
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
alpha	parameter of the Jack polynomial, a number, possibly (and preferably) a <a href="#">bigq</a> rational number
algorithm	the algorithm used, either "DK" or "naive"
basis	the polynomial basis for algorithm = "naive", either "canonical" or "MSF" (monomial symmetric functions); for algorithm = "DK" the canonical basis is always used and this parameter is ignored
which	which Jack polynomial, "J", "P" or "Q"; this argument is taken into account <b>only</b> if alpha is a bigq number and algorithm = "DK"

**Value**

A mvp multivariate polynomial (see [mvp-package](#)), or a qspray multivariate polynomial if alpha is a bigq rational number and algorithm = "DK", or a character string if basis = "MSF".

**Examples**

```

JackPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), alpha = gmp::as.bigq(2,3),
         algorithm = "naive")
JackPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), alpha = 2/3, algorithm = "DK")
JackPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), alpha = gmp::as.bigq(2,3), algorithm = "DK")
JackPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), alpha= gmp::as.bigq(2,3),
         algorithm = "naive", basis = "MSF")
# when the Jack polynomial is a `qspray` object, you can
# evaluate it with `qspray::evalQspray`:
jack <- JackPolR(3, lambda = c(3, 1), alpha = gmp::as.bigq(2))
evalQspray(jack, c("1", "1/2", "3"))

```

JackR

*Evaluation of Jack polynomials***Description**

Evaluates a Jack polynomial.

**Usage**

```
JackR(x, lambda, alpha, algorithm = "DK")
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric or complex vector or <a href="#">bigq</a> vector
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
alpha	ordinary number or <a href="#">bigq</a> rational number
algorithm	the algorithm used, either "DK" (Demmel-Koev) or "naive"

**Value**

A numeric or complex scalar or a [bigq](#) rational number.

**References**

- I.G. Macdonald. *Symmetric Functions and Hall Polynomials*. Oxford Mathematical Monographs. The Clarendon Press Oxford University Press, New York, second edition, 1995.
- J. Demmel & P. Koev. *Accurate and efficient evaluation of Schur and Jack functions*. Mathematics of computations, vol. 75, n. 253, 223-229, 2005.
- *Jack polynomials*. <https://www.symmetricfunctions.com/jack.htm>

**See Also**

[JackPolR](#)

**Examples**

```
lambda <- c(2,1,1)
JackR(c(1/2, 2/3, 1), lambda, alpha = 3)
# exact value:
JackR(c(gmp::as.bigq(1,2), gmp::as.bigq(2,3), gmp::as.bigq(1)), lambda,
      alpha = gmp::as.bigq(3))
```

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JackSymPol	<i>Jack polynomial with symbolic Jack parameter</i>
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**Description**

Returns the Jack polynomial with symbolic Jack parameter.

**Usage**

```
JackSymPol(n, lambda, which = "J")
```

**Arguments**

n	number of variables, a positive integer
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
which	which Jack polynomial, "J", "P", "Q", or "C"

**Value**

A symbolicQsplay object.

**Examples**

```
JackSymPol(3, lambda = c(3, 1))
```

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KostkaNumbers	<i>Kostka numbers</i>
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**Description**

The Kostka numbers for partitions of a given weight.

**Usage**

```
KostkaNumbers(n)
```

**Arguments**

n	positive integer, the weight of the partitions
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**Value**

A matrix of integers.

**Examples**

```
KostkaNumbers(4)
```

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LRmult

*Littlewood-Richardson rule for multiplication*


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**Description**

Expression of the product of two Schur polynomials as a linear combination of Schur polynomials.

**Usage**

```
LRmult(mu, nu, output = "dataframe")
```

**Arguments**

mu, nu	integer partitions, given as vectors of decreasing integers
output	the type of the output, "dataframe" or "list"

**Value**

This computes the expression of the two Schur polynomials associated to mu and nu as a linear combination of Schur polynomials. If output="dataframe", the output is a dataframe with two columns: the column `coeff` gives the coefficients of this linear combination, and the column `lambda` gives the partitions defining the Schur polynomials of this linear combination as character strings, e.g. the partition  $c(4, 3, 1)$  is given by "4, 3, 1". If output="list", the output is a list with two fields: the field `coeff` is the vector made of the coefficients of the linear combination, and the field `lambda` is the list of partitions defining the Schur polynomials of the linear combination given as integer vectors.

**Examples**

```
library(jack)
mu <- c(2, 1)
nu <- c(3, 2, 1)
LR <- LRmult(mu, nu, output = "list")
LRcoeffs <- LR$coeff
LRparts <- LR$lambda
LRterms <- lapply(1:length(LRcoeffs), function(i) {
  LRcoeffs[i] * SchurPol(3, LRparts[[i]])
})
smu_times_snu <- Reduce(`+`, LRterms)
smu_times_snu == SchurPol(3, mu) * SchurPol(3, nu)
```

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 LRskew

*Littlewood-Richardson rule for skew Schur polynomial*


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**Description**

Expression of a skew Schur polynomial as a linear combination of Schur polynomials.

**Usage**

```
LRskew(lambda, mu, output = "dataframe")
```

**Arguments**

lambda, mu	integer partitions defining the skew partition: lambda is the outer partition and mu is the inner partition (so mu must be a subpartition of lambda)
output	the type of the output, "dataframe" or "list"

**Value**

This computes the expression of the skew Schur polynomial associated to the skew partition defined by lambda and mu as a linear combination of Schur polynomials. If output="dataframe", the output is a dataframe with two columns: the column coeff gives the coefficients of this linear combination, and the column nu gives the partitions defining the Schur polynomials of this linear combination as character strings, e.g. the partition  $c(4, 3, 1)$  is given by "4, 3, 1". If output="list", the output is a list with two fields: the field coeff is the vector made of the coefficients of the linear combination, and the field nu is the list of partitions defining the Schur polynomials of the linear combination given as integer vectors.

**Examples**

```
library(jack)
LRskew(lambda = c(4, 2, 1), mu = c(3, 1))
```

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 MSF

*Evaluation of monomial symmetric functions*


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**Description**

Evaluates a monomial symmetric function.

**Usage**

```
MSF(x, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

x a numeric vector or a `bigq` vector  
lambda an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers

**Value**

A number if x is numeric, a `bigq` rational number if x is a `bigq` vector.

**Examples**

```
x <- c(1, 2, 5/2)
lambda <- c(3, 1)
MSF(x, lambda)
library(gmp)
x <- c(as.bigq(1), as.bigq(2), as.bigq(5,2))
MSF(x, lambda)
```

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Schur

*Evaluation of Schur polynomial - C++ implementation*

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**Description**

Evaluates the Schur polynomial.

**Usage**

```
Schur(x, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

x values of the variables, a vector of `bigq` numbers, or a vector that can be coerced as such (e.g. `c("2", "5/3")`)  
lambda an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers

**Value**

A `bigq` number.

**Examples**

```
Schur(c("1", "3/2", "-2/3"), lambda = c(3, 1))
```

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 SchurPol

*Schur polynomial - C++ implementation*


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**Description**

Returns the Schur polynomial.

**Usage**

```
SchurPol(n, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of variables, a positive integer
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers

**Value**

A qspray multivariate polynomial.

**Examples**

```
( schur <- SchurPol(3, lambda = c(3, 1)) )
schur == JackPol(3, lambda = c(3, 1), alpha = "1", which = "P")
```

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 SchurPolR

*Schur polynomial*


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**Description**

Returns the Schur polynomial.

**Usage**

```
SchurPolR(n, lambda, algorithm = "DK", basis = "canonical", exact = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of variables, a positive integer
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
algorithm	the algorithm used, either "DK" or "naive"
basis	the polynomial basis for algorithm = "naive", either "canonical" or "MSF" (monomial symmetric functions); for algorithm = "DK" the canonical basis is always used and this parameter is ignored
exact	logical, whether to use exact arithmetic

**Value**

A.mvp multivariate polynomial (see [mvp-package](#)), or a qspray multivariate polynomial if `exact = TRUE` and `algorithm = "DK"`, or a character string if `basis = "MSF"`.

**Examples**

```
SchurPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "naive")
SchurPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "DK")
SchurPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "DK", exact = FALSE)
SchurPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "naive", basis = "MSF")
```

SchurR

*Evaluation of Schur polynomials***Description**

Evaluates a Schur polynomial.

**Usage**

```
SchurR(x, lambda, algorithm = "DK")
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	numeric or complex vector or <a href="#">bigq</a> vector
<code>lambda</code>	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
<code>algorithm</code>	the algorithm used, either "DK" (Demmel-Koev) or "naive"

**Value**

A numeric or complex scalar or a [bigq](#) rational number.

**References**

J. Demmel & P. Koev. *Accurate and efficient evaluation of Schur and Jack functions*. Mathematics of computations, vol. 75, n. 253, 223-229, 2005.

**See Also**

[SchurPolR](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- c(2,3,4)
SchurR(x, c(2,1,1))
prod(x) * sum(x)
```

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SkewSchurPol	<i>Skew Schur polynomial</i>
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**Description**

Returns the skew Schur polynomial.

**Usage**

```
SkewSchurPol(n, lambda, mu)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of variables, a positive integer
lambda, mu	integer partitions defining the skew partition: lambda is the outer partition and mu is the inner partition (so mu must be a subpartition of lambda)

**Details**

The computation is performed with the help of the Littlewood-Richardson rule (see [LRskew](#)).

**Value**

A qspray multivariate polynomial, the skew Schur polynomial associated to the skew partition defined by lambda and mu.

**Examples**

```
SkewSchurPol(3, lambda = c(3, 2, 1), mu = c(1, 1))
```

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Zonal	<i>Evaluation of zonal polynomial - C++ implementation</i>
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**Description**

Evaluates the zonal polynomial.

**Usage**

```
Zonal(x, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

x	values of the variables, a vector of bigq numbers, or a vector that can be coerced as such (e.g. c("2", "5/3"))
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers

**Value**

A bigq number.

**Examples**

```
Zonal(c("1", "3/2", "-2/3"), lambda = c(3, 1))
```

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ZonalPol

*Zonal polynomial - C++ implementation*

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**Description**

Returns the zonal polynomial.

**Usage**

```
ZonalPol(n, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

n                    number of variables, a positive integer  
 lambda              an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers

**Value**

A qspray multivariate polynomial.

**Examples**

```
( zonal <- ZonalPol(3, lambda = c(3, 1)) )  

zonal == JackPol(3, lambda = c(3, 1), alpha = "2", which = "C")
```

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ZonalPolR

*Zonal polynomial*

---

**Description**

Returns the zonal polynomial.

**Usage**

```
ZonalPolR(n, lambda, algorithm = "DK", basis = "canonical", exact = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of variables, a positive integer
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
algorithm	the algorithm used, either "DK" or "naive"
basis	the polynomial basis for algorithm = "naive", either "canonical" or "MSF" (monomial symmetric functions); for algorithm = "DK" the canonical basis is always used and this parameter is ignored
exact	logical, whether to get rational coefficients

**Value**

A mvp multivariate polynomial (see [mvp-package](#)), or a qspray multivariate polynomial if exact = TRUE and algorithm = "DK", or a character string if basis = "MSF".

**Examples**

```
ZonalPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "naive")
ZonalPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "DK")
ZonalPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "DK", exact = FALSE)
ZonalPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "naive", basis = "MSF")
```

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ZonalQ

*Evaluation of zonal quaternionic polynomial - C++ implementation*


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**Description**

Evaluates the zonal quaternionic polynomial.

**Usage**

```
ZonalQ(x, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

x	values of the variables, a vector of bigq numbers, or a vector that can be coerced as such (e.g. c("2", "5/3"))
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers

**Value**

A bigq number.

**Examples**

```
ZonalQ(c("1", "3/2", "-2/3"), lambda = c(3, 1))
```

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ZonalQPol	<i>Quaternionic zonal polynomial - C++ implementation</i>
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**Description**

Returns the quaternionic zonal polynomial.

**Usage**

```
ZonalQPol(n, lambda)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of variables, a positive integer
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers

**Value**

A qspray multivariate polynomial.

**Examples**

```
( zonalQ <- ZonalQPol(3, lambda = c(3, 1)) )
zonalQ == JackPol(3, lambda = c(3, 1), alpha = "1/2", which = "C")
```

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ZonalQPolR	<i>Quaternionic zonal polynomial</i>
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**Description**

Returns the quaternionic (or symplectic) zonal polynomial.

**Usage**

```
ZonalQPolR(n, lambda, algorithm = "DK", basis = "canonical", exact = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of variables, a positive integer
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
algorithm	the algorithm used, either "DK" or "naive"
basis	the polynomial basis for algorithm = "naive", either "canonical" or "MSF" (monomial symmetric functions); for algorithm = "DK" the canonical basis is always used and this parameter is ignored
exact	logical, whether to get rational coefficients

**Value**

A mvp multivariate polynomial (see [mvp-package](#)), or a qspray multivariate polynomial if `exact = TRUE` and `algorithm = "DK"`, or a character string if `basis = "MSF"`.

**Examples**

```
ZonalQPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "naive")
ZonalQPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "DK")
ZonalQPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "DK", exact = FALSE)
ZonalQPolR(3, lambda = c(3,1), algorithm = "naive", basis = "MSF")
```

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ZonalQR

*Evaluation of quaternionic zonal polynomials*


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**Description**

Evaluates a quaternionic (or symplectic) zonal polynomial.

**Usage**

```
ZonalQR(x, lambda, algorithm = "DK")
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	numeric or complex vector or <a href="#">bigq</a> vector
<code>lambda</code>	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
<code>algorithm</code>	the algorithm used, either "DK" (Demmel-Koev) or "naive"

**Value**

A numeric or complex scalar or a [bigq](#) rational number.

**References**

F. Li, Y. Xue. *Zonal polynomials and hypergeometric functions of quaternion matrix argument*. Comm. Statist. Theory Methods, 38 (8), 1184-1206, 2009

**See Also**

[ZonalQPolR](#)

**Examples**

```

lambda <- c(2,2)
ZonalQR(c(3,1), lambda)
ZonalQR(c(gmp::as.bigq(3),gmp::as.bigq(1)), lambda)
##
x <- c(3,1)
ZonalQR(x, c(1,1)) + ZonalQR(x, 2) # sum(x)^2
ZonalQR(x, 3) + ZonalQR(x, c(2,1)) + ZonalQR(x, c(1,1,1)) # sum(x)^3

```

ZonalR

*Evaluation of zonal polynomials***Description**

Evaluates a zonal polynomial.

**Usage**

```
ZonalR(x, lambda, algorithm = "DK")
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric or complex vector or <b>bigq</b> vector
lambda	an integer partition, given as a vector of decreasing integers
algorithm	the algorithm used, either "DK" (Demmel-Koev) or "naive"

**Value**

A numeric or complex scalar or a bigq rational number.

**References**

- Robb Muirhead. *Aspects of multivariate statistical theory*. Wiley series in probability and mathematical statistics. Probability and mathematical statistics. John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1982.
- Akimichi Takemura. *Zonal Polynomials*, volume 4 of Institute of Mathematical Statistics Lecture Notes – Monograph Series. Institute of Mathematical Statistics, Hayward, CA, 1984.
- Lin Jiu & Christoph Koutschan. *Calculation and Properties of Zonal Polynomials*. <http://koutschan.de/data/zonal/>

**See Also**

[ZonalPolR](#)

**Examples**

```
lambda <- c(2,2)
ZonalR(c(1,1), lambda)
ZonalR(c(gmp::as.bigq(1),gmp::as.bigq(1)), lambda)
##
x <- c(3,1)
ZonalR(x, c(1,1)) + ZonalR(x, 2) # sum(x)^2
ZonalR(x, 3) + ZonalR(x, c(2,1)) + ZonalR(x, c(1,1,1)) # sum(x)^3
```

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