Crystals and Box-Ball systems

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Our convention is opposite of Kashiwara.

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- Can construct B_λ ⊆ B(1)^{⊗|λ|} using tensor product rule and taking the reverse Far-Eastern reading word.

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Example B_{21} for $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_3)$



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