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In particular, the highest weight  $\mathfrak{q}_N$ -modules  $L(\lambda)$  can be realized as submodules of  $\mathcal{P}^n$  if  $\ell(\lambda) \leq M$  and  $\ell(\lambda) \leq N$ .

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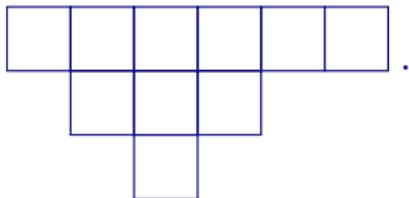
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