# The blocks of the periplectic Brauer algebra 

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Propagating lines

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Propagating lines, cups and caps


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Only propagating lines $\Rightarrow$ Symmetric group


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Calculate the appropriate sign using certain rules.

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## $B G G$ reciprocity

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We have

$$
\left(P_{n}(\lambda): W_{n}(\mu)\right)=\left[W_{n}\left(\mu^{T}\right): L_{n}\left(\lambda^{M}\right)\right]
$$

where $\mu^{T}$ denotes the transpose of the partition $\mu$ and $\lambda^{M}$ denotes the Mullineux conjugate of the partition $\lambda$.

