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*Crystal structure on rigged configurations.*

Rigged configurations are combinatorial objects originating from the Bethe Ansatz, that label highest weight crystal elements. In this paper a new *unrestricted* set of rigged configurations is introduced for types  $ADE$  by constructing a crystal structure on the set of rigged configurations. In type  $A$  an explicit characterization of unrestricted rigged configurations is provided which leads to a new fermionic formula for unrestricted Kostka polynomials or  $q$ -supernomial coefficients. The affine crystal structure for type  $A$  is obtained as well. (Received August 19, 2005)