

Periodicities of T-systems and Y-systems  
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## What are T-systems and Y-systems?

Systems of difference equations among commuting variables

$$T_m^{(a)}(u) \quad \text{and} \quad Y_m^{(a)}(u)$$

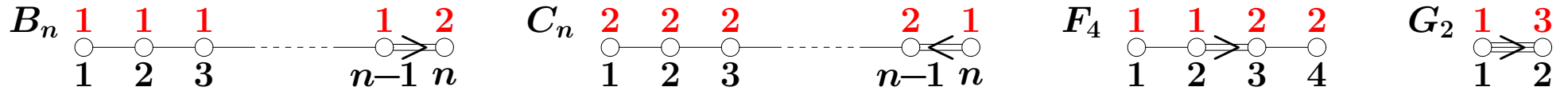
related to root system.

$$a \in \{\text{nodes of Dynkin diagram of } \mathfrak{g}\} \\ (\mathfrak{g} = A_n, B_n, C_n, D_n, E_6, E_7, E_8, F_4, G_2)$$

$$m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$$

$$u \in \mathbb{C} \quad (\text{spectral parameter})$$

$$t_a := |\text{long root}|^2 / |\alpha_a|^2 \quad (= 1 \text{ for ADE})$$



$$T_m^{(a)}\left(u - \frac{1}{t_a}\right) T_m^{(a)}\left(u + \frac{1}{t_a}\right) = T_{m-1}^{(a)}(u) T_{m+1}^{(a)}(u) + \text{product of } T\text{'s,}$$

$$Y_m^{(a)}\left(u - \frac{1}{t_a}\right) Y_m^{(a)}\left(u + \frac{1}{t_a}\right) = \frac{\text{product of } (1 + Y)\text{'s}}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(a)}(u))^{-1} (1 + Y_{m+1}^{(a)}(u))^{-1}}.$$

Structure of products in the RHS is dependent on  $m \bmod t_a \mathbb{Z}$ .

$\mathfrak{g} = A_n, D_n, E_n$  case

$C = (C_{ab})_{1 \leq a, b \leq n}$ : Cartan matrix

T-system

$$T_m^{(a)}(u-1)T_m^{(a)}(u+1) = T_{m-1}^{(a)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(a)}(u) + \prod_{b: C_{ab}=-1} T_m^{(b)}(u)$$

Example  $A_n$

$$T_m^{(a)}(u-1)T_m^{(a)}(u+1) = T_{m-1}^{(a)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(a)}(u) + T_m^{(a-1)}(u)T_m^{(a+1)}(u)$$
$$(T_0^{(a)}(u) = T_m^{(0)}(u) = T_m^{(n+1)}(u) = 1.)$$

A version of Hirota-Miwa or Toda-field equation  
on discrete space-time.

$B_n$

$$\begin{aligned}T_m^{(a)}(u-1)T_m^{(a)}(u+1) &= T_{m-1}^{(a)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(a)}(u) + T_m^{(a-1)}(u)T_m^{(a+1)}(u) \quad (1 \leq a \leq n-2), \\T_m^{(n-1)}(u-1)T_m^{(n-1)}(u+1) &= T_{m-1}^{(n-1)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(n-1)}(u) + T_m^{(n-2)}(u)T_{2m}^{(n)}(u), \\T_{2m}^{(n)}(u-\frac{1}{2})T_{2m}^{(n)}(u+\frac{1}{2}) &= T_{2m-1}^{(n)}(u)T_{2m+1}^{(n)}(u) + T_m^{(n-1)}(u-\frac{1}{2})T_m^{(n-1)}(u+\frac{1}{2}), \\T_{2m+1}^{(n)}(u-\frac{1}{2})T_{2m+1}^{(n)}(u+\frac{1}{2}) &= T_{2m}^{(n)}(u)T_{2m+2}^{(n)}(u) + T_m^{(n-1)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(n-1)}(u).\end{aligned}$$

$C_n$

$$\begin{aligned}T_m^{(a)}(u-\frac{1}{2})T_m^{(a)}(u+\frac{1}{2}) &= T_{m-1}^{(a)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(a)}(u) + T_m^{(a-1)}(u)T_m^{(a+1)}(u) \quad (1 \leq a \leq n-2), \\T_{2m}^{(n-1)}(u-\frac{1}{2})T_{2m}^{(n-1)}(u+\frac{1}{2}) &= T_{2m-1}^{(n-1)}(u)T_{2m+1}^{(n-1)}(u) + T_{2m}^{(n-2)}(u)T_m^{(n)}(u-\frac{1}{2})T_m^{(n)}(u+\frac{1}{2}), \\T_{2m+1}^{(n-1)}(u-\frac{1}{2})T_{2m+1}^{(n-1)}(u+\frac{1}{2}) &= T_{2m}^{(n-1)}(u)T_{2m+2}^{(n-1)}(u) + T_{2m+1}^{(n-2)}(u)T_m^{(n)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(n)}(u), \\T_m^{(n)}(u-1)T_m^{(n)}(u+1) &= T_{m-1}^{(n)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(n)}(u) + T_{2m}^{(n-1)}(u).\end{aligned}$$

$F_4$

$$T_m^{(1)}(u-1)T_m^{(1)}(u+1) = T_{m-1}^{(1)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(1)}(u) + T_m^{(2)}(u),$$

$$T_m^{(2)}(u-1)T_m^{(2)}(u+1) = T_{m-1}^{(2)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(2)}(u) + T_m^{(1)}(u)T_{2m}^{(3)}(u),$$

$$T_{2m}^{(3)}(u - \frac{1}{2})T_{2m}^{(3)}(u + \frac{1}{2}) = T_{2m-1}^{(3)}(u)T_{2m+1}^{(3)}(u) + T_m^{(2)}(u - \frac{1}{2})T_m^{(2)}(u + \frac{1}{2})T_{2m}^{(4)}(u),$$

$$T_{2m+1}^{(3)}(u - \frac{1}{2})T_{2m+1}^{(3)}(u + \frac{1}{2}) = T_{2m}^{(3)}(u)T_{2m+2}^{(3)}(u) + T_m^{(2)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(2)}(u)T_{2m+1}^{(4)}(u),$$

$$T_m^{(4)}(u - \frac{1}{2})T_m^{(4)}(u + \frac{1}{2}) = T_{m-1}^{(4)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(4)}(u) + T_m^{(3)}(u).$$

$G_2$

$$T_m^{(1)}(u-1)T_m^{(1)}(u+1) = T_{m-1}^{(1)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(1)}(u) + T_{3m}^{(2)}(u),$$

$$T_{3m}^{(2)}(u - \frac{1}{3})T_{3m}^{(2)}(u + \frac{1}{3}) = T_{3m-1}^{(2)}(u)T_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u) + T_m^{(1)}(u - \frac{2}{3})T_m^{(1)}(u)T_m^{(1)}(u + \frac{2}{3}),$$

$$T_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u - \frac{1}{3})T_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u + \frac{1}{3}) = T_{3m}^{(2)}(u)T_{3m+2}^{(2)}(u) + T_m^{(1)}(u - \frac{1}{3})T_m^{(1)}(u + \frac{1}{3})T_{m+1}^{(1)}(u),$$

$$T_{3m+2}^{(2)}(u - \frac{1}{3})T_{3m+2}^{(2)}(u + \frac{1}{3}) = T_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u)T_{3m+3}^{(2)}(u) + T_m^{(1)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(1)}(u - \frac{1}{3})T_{m+1}^{(1)}(u + \frac{1}{3}).$$

Origin of T-system:  $T_m^{(a)}(u)$  stands for

**Phys:** commuting transfer matrices in Yang-Baxter solvable lattice models.

$$T_m^{(a)}(u) = \text{Tr}_{W_m^{(a)}(u)} \left( \begin{array}{c} u \mid \text{---} \mid \text{---} \mid \text{---} \cdots \text{---} \mid \end{array} \right), \quad [T_m^{(a)}(u), T_{m'}^{(a')}(u')] = 0.$$

**Math:**  $q$ -characters of Kirillov-Reshetikhin modules  $W_m^{(a)}(u)$  of quantum affine algebra  $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$ .

$$\text{For } A_n \quad W_m^{(a)}(u) \simeq \widehat{\square}^m a$$

$$0 \rightarrow W_m^{(a-1)}(u) \otimes W_m^{(a+1)}(u) \rightarrow W_m^{(a)}(u-1) \otimes W_m^{(a)}(u+1) \rightarrow W_{m-1}^{(a)}(u) \otimes W_{m+1}^{(a)}(u) \rightarrow 0$$

Proposed in the former context by K-Nakanishi-Suzuki (1994).

Proved in the latter context by Nakajima for ADE (2003) and Hernandez for  $\forall \mathfrak{g}$  (2006).



- Solutions in  $A_n$  case (Bazhanov-Reshetikhin 1991)

Jacobi-Trudi type formula

$$T_m^{(a)}(u) = \det_{1 \leq i, j \leq m} (T_1^{(a-i+j)}(u + i + j - m - 1)).$$

Tableau-sum type formula

$$A_3 \text{ example : } T_3^{(2)}(u) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} + \dots + \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 3 & 3 \\ \hline 4 & 4 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

each tableaux = ratio of products of Baxter  $Q$  functions.

- Generalizations to  $\mathfrak{g}$

BCD analogue of Jacobi-Trudi including Pfaffians: K-Nakamura-Hirota (1996).

Casorati like determinants (A type): Krichever-Lipan-Wiegmann-Zabrodin (1997).

(C type): K-Okado-Suzuki-Yamada (2002).

- Tableau-sum formula for various  $\mathfrak{g}$

Chari-Pressley, K-Ohta-Suzuki, Kleber, Frenkel-Reshetikhin, Nakajima,

Nakai-Nakanishi, Hernandez, etc.

# Y-system

$$\mathfrak{g} = A_n, D_n, E_n \text{ case} \quad (Y_0^{(a)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1} = 0)$$

$$Y_m^{(a)}(\mathbf{u} - 1)Y_m^{(a)}(\mathbf{u} + 1) = \frac{\prod_{b: C_{ab}=-1} (1 + Y_m^{(b)}(\mathbf{u}))}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(a)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(a)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})}$$

$B_n$

$$Y_m^{(a)}(\mathbf{u} - 1)Y_m^{(a)}(\mathbf{u} + 1) = \frac{(1 + Y_m^{(a-1)}(\mathbf{u}))(1 + Y_m^{(a+1)}(\mathbf{u}))}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(a)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(a)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})} \quad (1 \leq a \leq n - 2),$$

$$\begin{aligned} & Y_m^{(n-1)}(\mathbf{u} - 1)Y_m^{(n-1)}(\mathbf{u} + 1) \\ &= \frac{(1 + Y_m^{(n-2)}(\mathbf{u}))(1 + Y_{2m}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2}))(1 + Y_{2m}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{2}))(1 + Y_{2m-1}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u}))(1 + Y_{2m+1}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u}))}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(n-1)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(n-1)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})}, \end{aligned}$$

$$Y_{2m}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{2})Y_{2m}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1 + Y_m^{(n-1)}(\mathbf{u})}{(1 + Y_{2m-1}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})(1 + Y_{2m+1}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})},$$

$$Y_{2m+1}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{2})Y_{2m+1}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{(1 + Y_{2m}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})(1 + Y_{2m+2}^{(n)}(\mathbf{u})^{-1})}.$$

$C_n$

$$Y_m^{(a)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)Y_m^{(a)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{(1 + Y_m^{(a-1)}(u))(1 + Y_m^{(a+1)}(u))}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(a)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(a)}(u)^{-1})} \quad (1 \leq a \leq n - 2),$$

$$Y_{2m}^{(n-1)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)Y_{2m}^{(n-1)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{(1 + Y_{2m}^{(n-2)}(u))(1 + Y_m^{(n)}(u))}{(1 + Y_{2m-1}^{(n-1)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{2m+1}^{(n-1)}(u)^{-1})},$$

$$Y_{2m+1}^{(n-1)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)Y_{2m+1}^{(n-1)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1 + Y_{2m+1}^{(n-2)}(u)}{(1 + Y_{2m}^{(n)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{2m+2}^{(n)}(u)^{-1})},$$

$$\begin{aligned} & Y_m^{(n)}(u - 1)Y_m^{(n)}(u + 1) \\ &= \frac{(1 + Y_{2m}^{(n-1)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right))(1 + Y_{2m}^{(n-1)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right))(1 + Y_{2m-1}^{(n-1)}(u))(1 + Y_{2m+1}^{(n-1)}(u))}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(n)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(n)}(u)^{-1})}. \end{aligned}$$

$F_4$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_m^{(1)}(u-1)Y_m^{(1)}(u+1) &= \frac{1 + Y_m^{(2)}(u)}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(1)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(1)}(u)^{-1})}, \\ Y_m^{(2)}(u-1)Y_m^{(2)}(u+1) &= \frac{(1 + Y_m^{(1)}(u))(1 + Y_{2m}^{(3)}(u - \frac{1}{2}))(1 + Y_{2m}^{(3)}(u + \frac{1}{2}))(1 + Y_{2m-1}^{(3)}(u))(1 + Y_{2m+1}^{(3)}(u))}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(2)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(2)}(u)^{-1})}, \\ Y_{2m}^{(3)}(u - \frac{1}{2})Y_{2m}^{(3)}(u + \frac{1}{2}) &= \frac{(1 + Y_m^{(2)}(u))(1 + Y_{2m}^{(4)}(u))}{(1 + Y_{2m-1}^{(3)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{2m+1}^{(3)}(u)^{-1})}, \\ Y_{2m+1}^{(3)}(u - \frac{1}{2})Y_{2m+1}^{(3)}(u + \frac{1}{2}) &= \frac{1 + Y_{2m+1}^{(4)}(u)}{(1 + Y_{2m}^{(3)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{2m+2}^{(3)}(u)^{-1})}, \\ Y_m^{(4)}(u - \frac{1}{2})Y_m^{(4)}(u + \frac{1}{2}) &= \frac{1 + Y_m^{(3)}(u)}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(4)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(4)}(u)^{-1})}. \end{aligned}$$

$G_2$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_m^{(1)}(u-1)Y_m^{(1)}(u+1) &= (1 + Y_{3m}^{(2)}(u - \frac{2}{3}))(1 + Y_{3m}^{(2)}(u))(1 + Y_{3m}^{(2)}(u + \frac{2}{3})) \\ &\quad \times (1 + Y_{3m-1}^{(2)}(u - \frac{1}{3}))(1 + Y_{3m-1}^{(2)}(u + \frac{1}{3})) \\ &\quad \times (1 + Y_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u - \frac{1}{3}))(1 + Y_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u + \frac{1}{3})) \\ &\quad \times (1 + Y_{3m-2}^{(2)}(u))(1 + Y_{3m+2}^{(2)}(u)) \\ &\quad \times \left( (1 + Y_{m-1}^{(1)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(1)}(u)^{-1}) \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$Y_{3m}^{(2)}(u - \frac{1}{3})Y_{3m}^{(2)}(u + \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{1 + Y_m^{(1)}(u)}{(1 + Y_{3m-1}^{(2)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u)^{-1})},$$

$$Y_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u - \frac{1}{3})Y_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u + \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{1}{(1 + Y_{3m}^{(2)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{3m+2}^{(2)}(u)^{-1})},$$

$$Y_{3m+2}^{(2)}(u - \frac{1}{3})Y_{3m+2}^{(2)}(u + \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{1}{(1 + Y_{3m+1}^{(2)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{3m+3}^{(2)}(u)^{-1})}.$$

Y-system is an algebraic form of thermodynamic Bethe ansatz equation of type  $\mathfrak{g}$  under string hypothesis.

$Y_m^{(a)}(u) \sim$  Boltzmann factor of string/hole excitation  
with color  $a$ , length  $m$ , rapidity  $u$ .

$A_1$  example:  $(Y_m(u) = Y_m^{(1)}(u)^{-1})$

$$\log Y_m(u) = \text{known fcn.} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\log(1 + Y_{m-1}(v))(1 + Y_{m+1}(v))}{4 \cosh \frac{\pi(u-v)}{2}} dv$$

$$\rightsquigarrow Y_m(u - i)Y_m(u + i) = (1 + Y_{m-1}(u))(1 + Y_{m+1}(u)).$$

Y-system was proposed by

ADE: Al. Zamolodchikov (1991), Ravanini-Tateo-Valleriani (1993).

$\forall \mathfrak{g}$ : K-Nakanishi (1992).

# Relation of T and Y-systems

$A_1$  example

$$\begin{aligned} Y_m(u-1)Y_m(u+1) &= (1 + Y_{m-1}(u))(1 + Y_{m+1}(u)), \\ T_m(u-1)T_m(u+1) &= T_{m-1}(u)T_{m+1}(u) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Formally setting  $Y_m(u) = T_{m-1}(u)T_{m+1}(u)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Y_m(u-1)Y_m(u+1) &= T_{m-1}(u-1)T_{m+1}(u-1)T_{m-1}(u+1)T_{m+1}(u+1) \\ &= T_{m+1}(u-1)T_{m+1}(u+1)T_{m-1}(u-1)T_{m-1}(u+1) \\ &= (T_{m+2}(u)T_m(u) + 1)(T_{m-2}(u)T_m(u) + 1) \\ &= (Y_{m+1}(u) + 1)(Y_{m-1}(u) + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for  $\forall \mathfrak{g}$ ,

**T-system solves Y-system.**

(Yet to be understood why.)

## Restriction and Periodicity conjecture

Introduce  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$  called **level**.

Level  $\ell$  restricted T and Y-system are those closing among

$$T_m^{(a)}(u) \text{ and } Y_m^{(a)}(u) \text{ with } 1 \leq m \leq t_a \ell - 1,$$

obtained respectively by imposing

$$T_{t_a \ell}^{(a)}(u) = 1 \text{ and } Y_{t_a \ell}^{(a)}(u)^{-1} = 0.$$



$C_2$  example.  $(t_1, t_2) = (2, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{2m+1}^{(1)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)T_{2m+1}^{(1)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= T_{2m}^{(1)}(u)T_{2m+2}^{(1)}(u) + T_m^{(2)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(2)}(u), \\ T_{2m}^{(1)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)T_{2m}^{(1)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= T_{2m-1}^{(1)}(u)T_{2m+1}^{(1)}(u) + T_m^{(2)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)T_m^{(2)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right), \\ T_m^{(2)}(u-1)T_m^{(2)}(u+1) &= T_{m-1}^{(2)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(2)}(u) + T_{2m}^{(1)}(u). \end{aligned}$$

**Level 2** restriction:  $T_4^{(1)}(u) = T_2^{(2)}(u) = 1$ . (b.c.  $T_0^{(a)}(u) = 1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} T_1^{(1)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)T_1^{(1)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= T_2^{(1)}(u) + T_1^{(2)}(u), \\ T_2^{(1)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)T_2^{(1)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= T_1^{(1)}(u)T_3^{(1)}(u) + T_1^{(1)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)T_1^{(1)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right), \\ T_3^{(1)}\left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)T_3^{(1)}\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= T_2^{(1)}(u) + T_1^{(2)}(u), \\ T_1^{(2)}(u-1)T_1^{(2)}(u+1) &= 1 + T_2^{(1)}(u), \end{aligned}$$

which closes among  $T_1^{(1)}(u), T_2^{(1)}(u), T_3^{(1)}(u), T_1^{(2)}(u)$ .

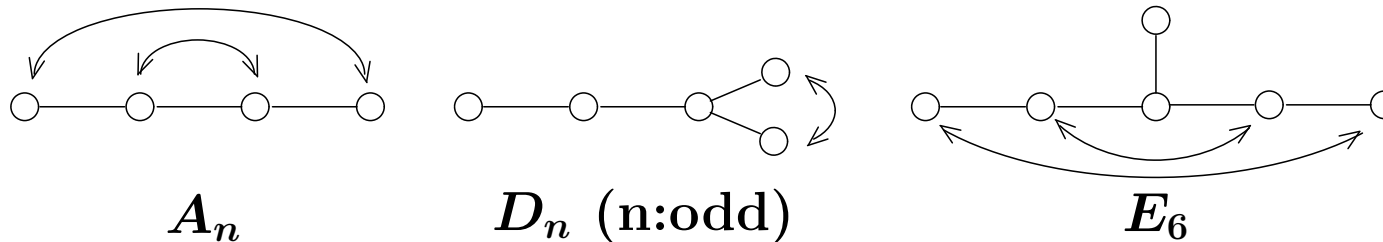
Restricted T and Y-systems  $\dots$  evolution eqs. in the  $u$  direction.

## Periodicity conjecture

Level  $\ell$  restricted  $T$ -system and  $Y$ -system obey

$$T_m^{(a)}(u + h^\vee + \ell) = T_{t_a \ell - m}^{(\omega(a))}(u) \quad \text{and} \quad Y_m^{(a)}(u + h^\vee + \ell) = Y_{t_a \ell - m}^{(\omega(a))}(u).$$

$\omega$  is an involution whose only non-trivial cases are



$h^\vee =$  dual Coxeter number

$\mathfrak{g}$	$A_n$	$B_n$	$C_n$	$D_n$	$E_6$	$E_7$	$E_8$	$F_4$	$G_2$
$h^\vee$	$n+1$	$2n-1$	$n+1$	$2n-2$	12	18	30	9	4

(Full periodicity:  $T_m^{(a)}(u + 2(h^\vee + \ell)) = T_m^{(a)}(u)$  and same for  $Y_m^{(a)}(u)$ .)

## Example: $(A_2, 2)$

Write  $T^{(a)}(u) = T_1^{(a)}(u)$ .

$$T^{(1)}(u-1)T^{(1)}(u+1) = 1 + T^{(2)}(u),$$

$$T^{(2)}(u-1)T^{(2)}(u+1) = 1 + T^{(1)}(u).$$

Periodicity reads

$$T^{(1)}(u+5) = T^{(2)}(u), \quad T^{(2)}(u+5) = T^{(1)}(u).$$

$$T^{(1)}(0) = a$$

$$T^{(2)}(1) = b$$

$$T^{(1)}(2) = \frac{1 + T^{(2)}(1)}{T^{(1)}(0)} = \frac{1 + b}{a}$$

$$T^{(2)}(3) = \frac{1 + T^{(1)}(2)}{T^{(2)}(1)} = \frac{1 + \frac{1+b}{a}}{b} = \frac{1 + a + b}{ab}$$

$$T^{(1)}(4) = \frac{1 + T^{(2)}(3)}{T^{(1)}(2)} = \frac{1 + \frac{1+a+b}{ab}}{\frac{1+b}{a}} = \frac{1 + a}{b}$$

$$T^{(2)}(5) = \frac{1 + T^{(1)}(4)}{T^{(2)}(3)} = \frac{1 + \frac{1+a}{b}}{\frac{1+a+b}{ab}} = a = T^{(1)}(0)$$

$$T^{(1)}(6) = \frac{1 + T^{(2)}(5)}{T^{(1)}(4)} = \frac{1 + a}{\frac{1+a}{b}} = b = T^{(2)}(1)$$

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$$(E_8, 2) : \{T_1^{(1)}(u), T_1^{(3)}(u), T_1^{(5)}(u), T_1^{(7)}(u)\}_{u=0}^{32}$$

$$2 \left\{ \frac{11}{5}, \frac{431}{15}, \frac{101291}{25}, \frac{31}{35} \right\}$$

$$4 \left\{ \frac{83}{45}, \frac{69696833}{230625}, \frac{45718438593497}{22157296875}, \frac{103041}{1525} \right\}$$

$$6 \left\{ \frac{102041}{1025}, \frac{8821291833971}{66471890625}, \frac{360342463107797294639}{34634624677734375}, \frac{14562107}{415125} \right\}$$

$$8 \left\{ \frac{1061807}{1441125}, \frac{527621002287915653}{153931665234375}, \frac{144652414821069001465529527}{6161870815433349609375}, \frac{2176297573}{492384375} \right\}$$

$$10 \left\{ \frac{15241182}{312625}, \frac{17418588023516754184}{133590695185546875}, \frac{65852952390687824418240896525206}{1926354863674850921630859375}, \frac{32206227374}{211021875} \right\}$$

$$12 \left\{ \frac{23381761}{6226875}, \frac{4439405789261107709041}{9128697504345703125}, \frac{255396681651083275452908699280166448}{8813073501312442966461181640625}, \frac{6587423634821}{129778453125} \right\}$$

$$14 \left\{ \frac{289412993}{98476875}, \frac{2401172003278457388295019}{2875539713868896484375}, \frac{113421595121251725116844505024021577713}{5420040203307152424373626708984375}, \frac{8472179120234}{2252658515625} \right\}$$

$$16 \left\{ \frac{391949128}{4689375}, \frac{7397263161797774132227049}{58469307515334228515625}, \frac{1290705517162033306270461619591091257193}{569104221347251004559230804443359375}, \frac{14335608965944}{129778453125} \right\}$$

$$18 \left\{ \frac{66998956}{126613125}, \frac{210714979567782348600241}{928084246275146484375}, \frac{172470738440320575058431884494833913663}{113820844269450200911846160888671875}, \frac{74693044181731}{13626737578125} \right\}$$

$$20 \left\{ \frac{11232037}{1563125}, \frac{1576259942401957743647}{246474832617333984375}, \frac{2104768617341673326572332456823959011}{2529352094876671131374359130859375}, \frac{1211696207719}{450531703125} \right\}$$

$$22 \left\{ \frac{3077201}{1245375}, \frac{115401582866988182927}{4260058835361328125}, \frac{23354104411061828987973549647671}{2467660580367484030609130859375}, \frac{175786811543}{2883965625} \right\}$$

$$24 \left\{ \frac{4476646}{2188375}, \frac{47183886310350193}{12468464883984375}, \frac{35939455246726991953433003}{1712315434377645263671875}, \frac{991662341}{13294378125} \right\}$$

$$26 \left\{ \frac{7058}{4575}, \frac{1842216632119}{879609515625}, \frac{131289331831932106159}{115021588554755859375}, \frac{7222892}{312625} \right\}$$

$$28 \left\{ \frac{1181}{615}, \frac{61893029}{42204375}, \frac{156275914764469}{18471799828125}, \frac{46522}{27675} \right\}$$

$$30 \left\{ \frac{23}{15}, \frac{32333}{1845}, \frac{4966808}{187575}, \frac{1781}{2135} \right\}$$

32{10, 30, 50, 70}

Periodicity of Y-system for  $(\mathfrak{g}, \ell)$  was proposed:

Al. Zamolodchikov (1991) (ADE, 2),

Ravanini-Tateo-Valleriani (1993) (ADE,  $\ell$ ),

K-Nakanishi-Suzuki (1994)  $(\mathfrak{g}, \ell)$ .

It has been proved:

$(A_n, 2)$ : Frenkel-Szenes (1995), Gliozzi-Tateo (1996),

$(A_n, \ell)$ : Volkov, Henriques (2007),

(ADE, 2): Fomin-Zelevinsky (2003) [Cluster algebra](#),

(ADE,  $\ell$ ): Keller (arXiv:0807.1960) [Cluster algebra](#)/[category](#).

★ Periodicity of T-system:

Proposed in Inoue-Iyama-K-Nakanishi-Suzuki (arXiv:0812.0667),  
where (ACDE,  $\ell$ ) case was proved.

$(A_n, \ell)$  case: proof also contained in Henriques (2007).

○ Periodicities of T and Y-systems do not follow from each other in general.

# Origin of the periodicity conjecture

**Phys:** Level  $\ell$  restricted solid-on-solid model

[T-sys] Transfer mat.  $T_m^{(a)}(u)$  is  $2(h^\vee + \ell)$ -periodic by construction.

[Y-sys] String hypothesis works by assuming  $m \leq t_a \ell$ .

**Math:**  $2(h^\vee + \ell)$ -periodicity of  $q$ -characters holds in the quotient

$$\frac{\text{Ring of } q\text{-characters}}{\text{Ideal including } T_\ell^{(1)}(u) - 1} \quad \text{for type A.}$$

## Quivers and Cluster algebra formulation

$Q$ : quiver (finite oriented graph without loop  and 2-cycle )

$I = \{1, \dots, N\}$ : vertex set,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$ :  $I$ -tuple of variables

$x_i$ : **cluster variable**,  $(Q, x)$ : **seed**.

Cluster algebra  $\mathcal{A}_Q$  is defined by (i)–(iv). Fomin-Zelevinsky (2002)

(i) Start from the (initial) seed  $(Q, x)$  as above.

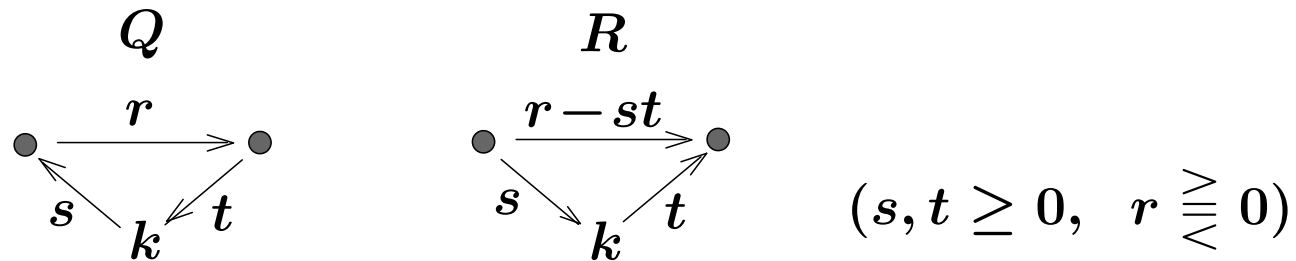
(ii) For each  $k \in I$ , define another seed  $(R, y)$   
by  $(R, y) = \mu_k(Q, x)$  (**‘mutation’ at  $k$** , def. next page).

(iii) Iterate mutations for every new seed at every  $k$ ,  
and collect all (possibly infinite) seeds.

(iv)  $\mathcal{A}_Q = \mathbb{Z}$ -subalgebra of  $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_N)$  gen. by  $\forall$  cluster variables.

Mutation at  $k$ :  $\mu_k(Q, x) = (R, y)$

A new quiver  $R$  is obtained from  $Q$  by reversing  $\forall$  arrows incident with  $k$  and



$\xrightarrow{r}$  means an  $|r|$ -fold arrows  $\begin{cases} \longrightarrow & (r \geq 0) \\ \longleftarrow & (r < 0) \end{cases}$

New cluster variables  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  are given by

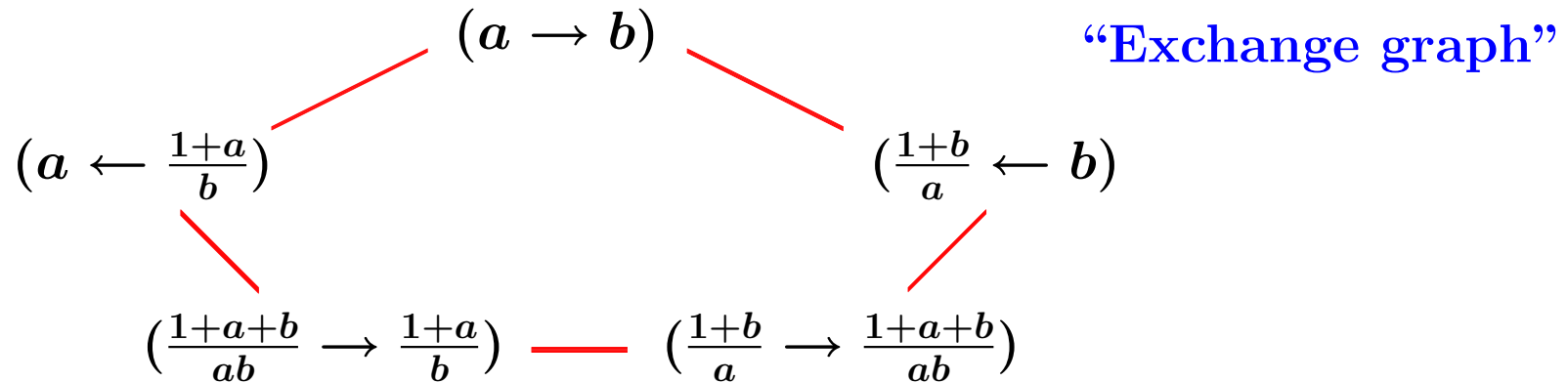
$$y_i = \begin{cases} x_i & i \neq k, \\ \frac{1}{x_k} \left( \prod_{\text{arrows } j \rightarrow k \text{ of } Q} x_j + \prod_{\text{arrows } k \rightarrow j \text{ of } Q} x_j \right) & i = k, \end{cases}$$

$\mu_k^2 = \text{id}$ ,  $\mu_j \mu_k = \mu_k \mu_j$  for  $j, k$  not connected by an arrow.



Example.  $I = \{1, 2\}$ . Initial seed  $(Q, x) = (1 \rightarrow 2, \{a, b\})$ .

Seeds denoted by  $(a \rightarrow b)$ , and mutation  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  by  $\text{---}$ .

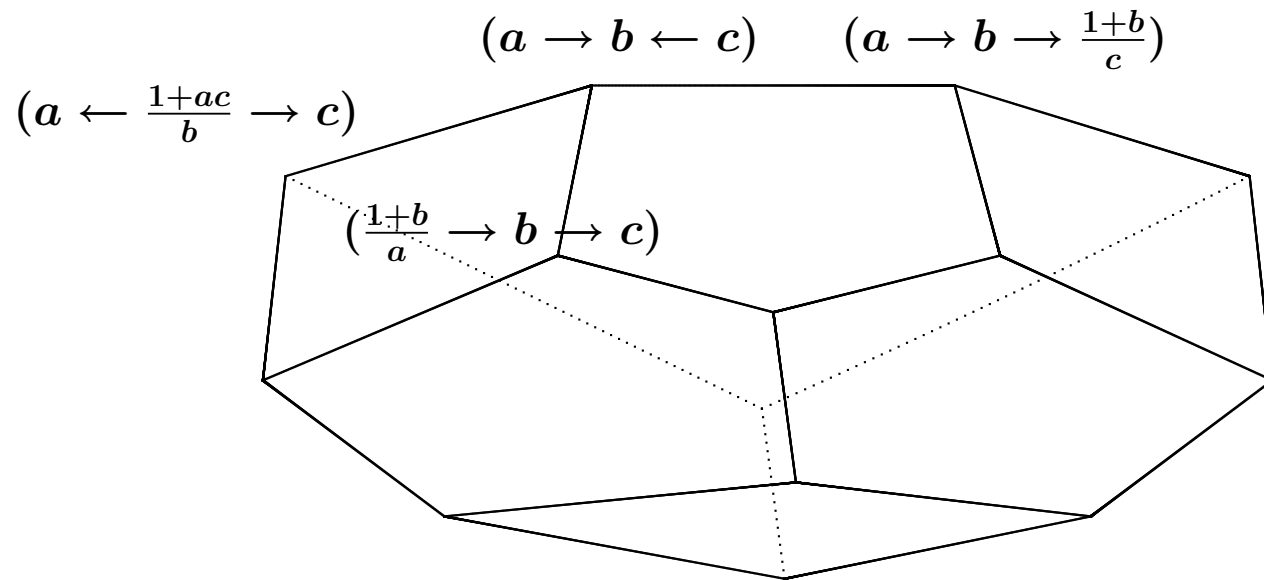


Fomin-Zelevinsky theorem (2003)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1) \text{ Laurent phenomenon,} \\ (2) \text{ Finite type classification.} \end{array} \right.$

(1)  $\forall$  cluster variables are Laurent polynomials.

(2)  $\#\{\text{cluster var.}\} < \infty \Leftrightarrow Q^{\text{mutations}} \sim \text{orientation on ADE Dynkin diag.}$

Example with initial seed  $(a \rightarrow b \leftarrow c)$  closes among 14 seeds.



Exchange graph is Stasheff associahedron.

## Cluster algebra formulation of T-system. ( $A_2, 4$ ) example

$$T_1^{(1)}(u-1)T_1^{(1)}(u+1) = T_2^{(1)}(u) + T_1^{(2)}(u),$$

$$T_2^{(2)}(u-1)T_2^{(2)}(u+1) = T_1^{(2)}(u)T_3^{(2)}(u) + T_2^{(1)}(u),$$

$$T_3^{(1)}(u-1)T_3^{(1)}(u+1) = T_2^{(1)}(u) + T_3^{(2)}(u).$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 x_1 \longrightarrow x_4 & & T_1^{(1)}(0) \longrightarrow T_1^{(2)}(1) \\
 \uparrow \quad \quad \downarrow & & \uparrow \quad \quad \downarrow \\
 x_2 \longleftarrow x_5 & := & T_2^{(1)}(1) \longleftarrow T_2^{(2)}(0) \\
 \downarrow \quad \quad \uparrow & & \downarrow \quad \quad \uparrow \\
 x_3 \longrightarrow x_6 & & T_3^{(1)}(0) \longrightarrow T_3^{(2)}(1)
 \end{array}
 \xRightarrow{\mu_1\mu_3}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 T_1^{(1)}(2) \longleftarrow T_1^{(2)}(1) & & \\
 \downarrow \quad \quad \nearrow \quad \quad \downarrow & & \\
 T_2^{(1)}(1) \longleftarrow T_2^{(2)}(0) & & \\
 \uparrow \quad \quad \searrow \quad \quad \uparrow & & \\
 T_3^{(1)}(2) \longleftarrow T_3^{(2)}(1) & & \\
 & & \mu_5 \downarrow
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T_1^{(1)}(2) \longrightarrow T_1^{(2)}(3) & & T_1^{(1)}(2) \longrightarrow T_1^{(2)}(3) \\
 \uparrow \quad \quad \downarrow & & \downarrow \quad \quad \nearrow \quad \quad \downarrow \\
 T_2^{(1)}(3) \longleftarrow T_2^{(2)}(2) & \xleftarrow{\mu_2} & T_2^{(1)}(1) \longrightarrow T_2^{(2)}(2) \\
 \downarrow \quad \quad \uparrow & & \uparrow \quad \quad \searrow \quad \quad \uparrow \\
 T_3^{(1)}(2) \longrightarrow T_3^{(2)}(3) & & T_3^{(1)}(2) \longrightarrow T_3^{(2)}(3)
 \end{array}
 \xleftarrow{\mu_4\mu_6}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 T_1^{(1)}(2) \longleftarrow T_1^{(2)}(1) & & \\
 \downarrow \quad \quad \uparrow & & \\
 T_2^{(1)}(1) \longrightarrow T_2^{(2)}(2) & & \\
 \uparrow \quad \quad \downarrow & & \\
 T_3^{(1)}(2) \longleftarrow T_3^{(2)}(1) & &
 \end{array}$$

$$(Q, x(u+2)) = \mu_2\mu_4\mu_6\mu_5\mu_3\mu_1(Q, x(u)) \quad \text{for} \quad x = \{T_m^{(a)}\}.$$

Similarly, T-system for any  $(\mathfrak{g}, \ell)$  is formulated as

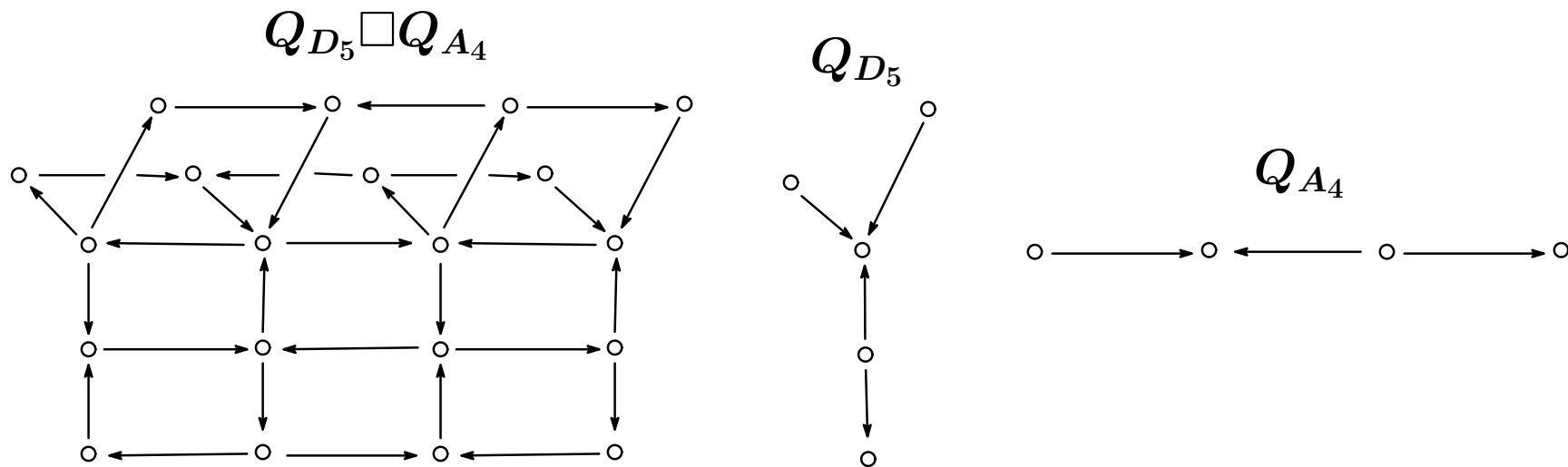
$$(Q, x(u+2)) = \mu(Q, x(u)) \text{ by an appropriate choice of}$$

$$\begin{cases} Q & : \text{quiver,} \\ x(u) = \{x_i(u)\} & : \text{cluster variables suitably identified with } T_m^{(a)}(u)\text{'s,} \\ \mu = \mu_{i_1} \cdots \mu_{i_s} & : \text{composite mutation.} \end{cases}$$

For  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{ADE}$ ,  $Q = Q_{\mathfrak{g}} \square Q_{A_{\ell-1}}$  : (Keller's square product),

$Q_{\mathfrak{g}}, Q_{A_{\ell-1}} = \text{Dynkin quivers with alternating source/sink.}$

Example  $(\mathfrak{g}, \ell) = (D_5, 5)$



(Full) periodicity for any  $(\mathfrak{g}, \ell)$  is formulated as

$$(Q, x(u)) = \mu^{h^\vee + \ell}(Q, x(u)).$$

**Theorem** (Inoue-Iyama-K-Nakanishi-Suzuki 2008)

Periodicity conjecture of T-system is true for  $\mathfrak{g} = \text{ACDE}$ ,  $\forall \ell$ .

(Full periodicity for ADE is also proved by Keller.)

Our proof is by

C : direct method using determinant expressions,

ADE : **Cluster category**.

Sketch of the proof for  $(\mathfrak{g}, \ell) = (\text{ADE}, 2)$ .

$Q = Q_{\mathfrak{g}} \square Q_{A_1} = Q_{\mathfrak{g}} =$  alternating Dynkin quiver,

$$\mu = \prod_{i:\text{sink}} \mu_i \prod_{j:\text{source}} \mu_j, \quad h^\vee = h \text{ (Coxeter number).}$$

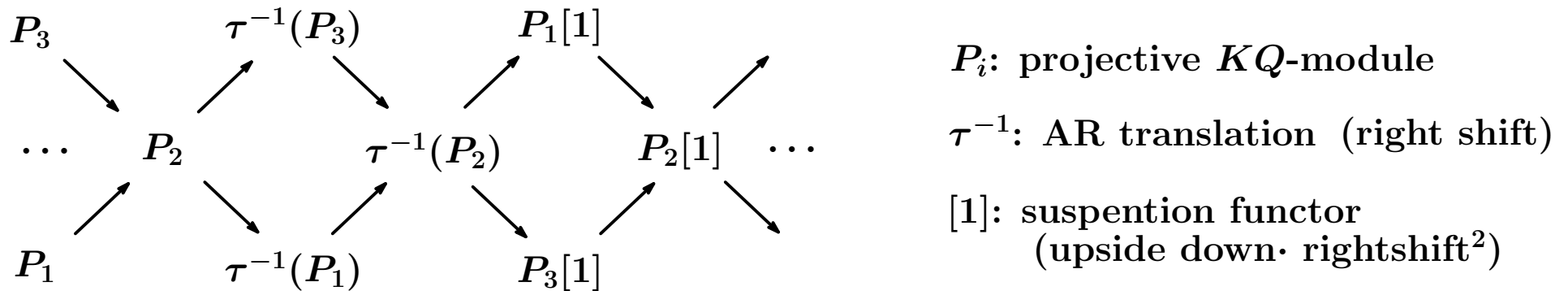
To show  $\mu^{h+2}(Q, x) = (Q, x)$ .

$KQ$ : Path algebra gen. by  $\forall$ paths on  $Q$ . Product = composition.

$\mathcal{D}_Q =$  (bounded) derived category of finite dim.  $KQ$ -modules.

$A_3$  example:  $Q = 1 \longleftarrow 2 \longrightarrow 3$

Auslander-Reiten (AR) quiver of  $\mathcal{D}_Q$



**Cluster category** (Buan-Marsh-Reineke-Reiten-Todorov 2006)

$$\mathcal{C}_Q := \mathcal{D}_Q / (\tau^{-1} \circ [1]).$$

In  $\mathcal{C}_Q$ ,  $\tau^{-h-2} \simeq \text{id}$ .       $\dots (\star)$  “categorical periodicity”

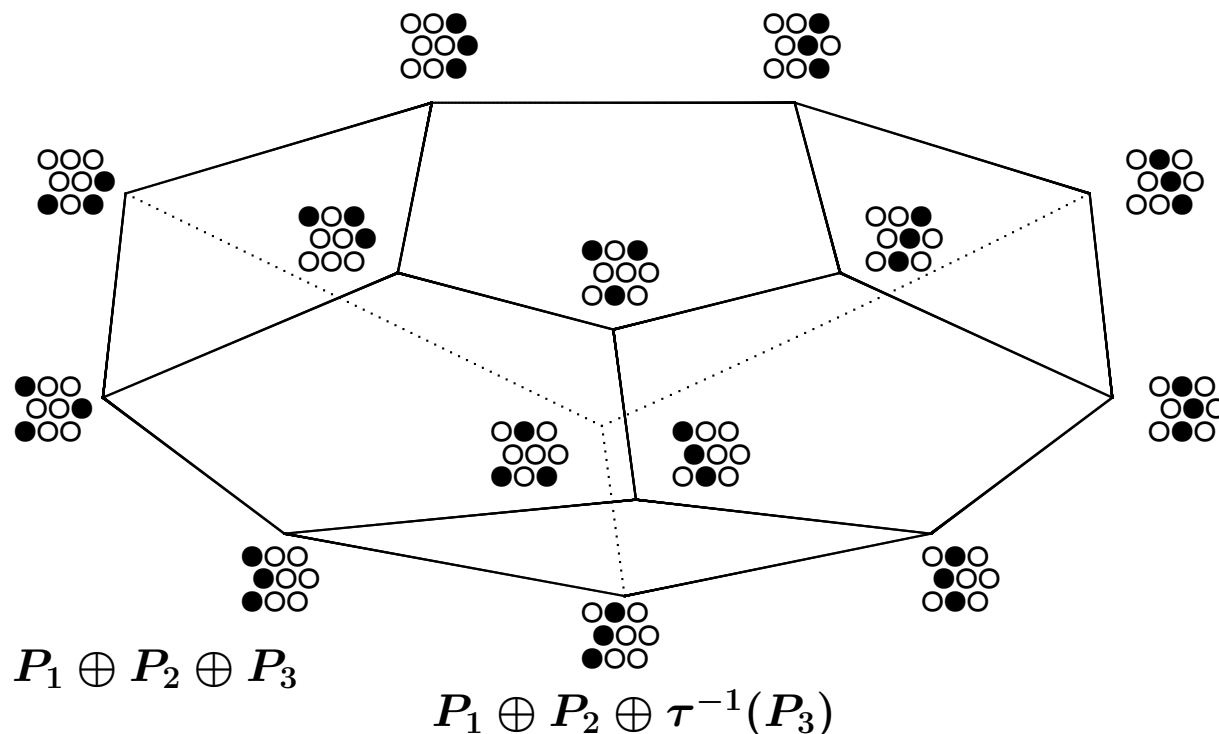
## Cluster tilting object

$\bigoplus_{a=1}^{\text{rank } \mathfrak{g}}$  (indecomposables) satisfying certain conditions.

In the present example,  $\text{rank } \mathfrak{g} = 3$ , and there are 14 cluster tilting objects like

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P_1 \oplus P_2 \oplus P_3 & \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \tilde{\mu}_1 \\ \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mu}_2} \\ \searrow \tilde{\mu}_3 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \tau^{-1}(P_1) \oplus P_2 \oplus P_3 \\ P_1 \oplus P_2[1] \oplus P_3 \\ P_1 \oplus P_2 \oplus \tau^{-1}(P_3) \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \quad \tilde{\mu}_a : \text{cluster tilting mutation}$$

Cluster tilting objects are connected by **cluster tilting mutations**.



**Theorem** (Buan-Marsh-Reineke-Reiten-Todorov 2006)

$\exists$  bijection  $\tilde{X}$  s.t. the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Cluster algebra} & & \text{Cluster category} \\
 \{\text{seeds in } \mathcal{A}_Q\} & \xleftarrow{\tilde{X}} & \{\text{cluster tilting objects in } \mathcal{C}_Q\} \\
 \text{mutation } \mu_a \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{\mu}_a \text{ cluster tilting mutation} \\
 \{\text{seeds in } \mathcal{A}_Q\} & \xleftarrow{\tilde{X}} & \{\text{cluster tilting objects in } \mathcal{C}_Q\}
 \end{array}$$

This is an example of “Categorification of cluster algebra”.

**Proof of full periodicity.**

Take a cluster tilting object  $P = \bigoplus_{a=1}^{\text{rankg}} P_a$  and set  $(Q, x) = \tilde{X}_P$ .

$$\mu^{h+2}(Q, x) = \mu^{h+2}(\tilde{X}_P) \stackrel{\text{Th}}{=} \tilde{X}_{\tilde{\mu}^{h+2}(P)} \stackrel{\text{easy}}{=} \tilde{X}_{\tau^{-h-2}(P)} \stackrel{(\star)}{=} \tilde{X}_P = (Q, x). \quad \square$$

Higher level case: Idea is parallel although technically more involved.



# Outlook

- Y-system can be incorporated in **Cluster algebra with coefficients** introduced by Fomin-Zelevinsky (2007).
- $\exists$  T,Y-systems, periodicity conjectures for  $\forall$  **twisted** affine Lie alg.
- Q-system (a degeneration of T-system) and its application are also discussed by Kedem-Di Francesco (2008).
- Besides periodicity, T,Y-systems have various aspects related to;  
Fermionic character formula and Dilogarithm identities in CFT,  
Crystal base of quantum affine algebras,  
Integrable cellular automata and Ultradiscrete  $\tau$ -functions, etc. (talk at Glasgow)