

Multispecies ASEP and t-PushTASEP on a ring and a strange five vertex model

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This talk is an elementary exposition of algebraic and combinatorial aspects of Inhomogeneous t-PushTASEP and Asymmetric Simple Exclusion Process (ASEP) on 1D periodic lattice which become intriguing in **multispecies** setting.

Contents (key words)

Antisymmetric fusion, strange five vertex model, Holstein-Primakov realization of U_q , 3D interpretation of stationary probability, corner transfer matrix, t-oscillator algebra, multiline queue construction, etc.

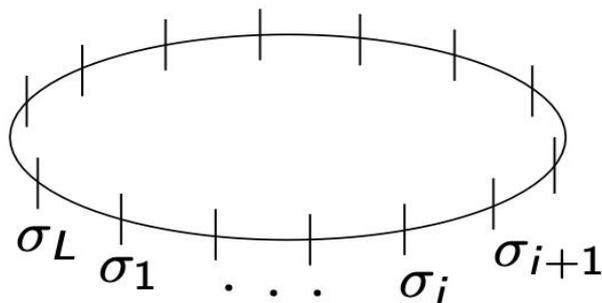
Based on

A strange five vertex model and multispecies ASEP on a ring,
K-Okado-Scrimshaw, arXiv:2408.12092,

Multispecies inhomogeneous t-PushTASEP from antisymmetric fusion,
Ayyer-K, arXiv:2503.00829

Inhomogeneous n -Species t -PushTASEP on a ring [Ayyer-Martin-Williams 2024]

[Corwin-Petrov13, Borodin-Wheeler22, Ayyer-Martin23, Aggarwal-Nicoletti-Petrov23,...]



1D periodic chain with L sites

$$\sigma_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

0: empty site

1, ..., n : species (or color) of particles

$$V = \bigoplus_{\alpha=0}^n \mathbb{C}|\alpha\rangle \quad \text{space of one particle states}$$

The space of states of t -PushTASEP is the subspace

$$\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{m}) \subset V^{\otimes L} = \bigoplus_{0 \leq \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L \leq n} \mathbb{C}|\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L\rangle$$

specified by $\mathbf{m} = (m_0, \dots, m_n)$, where m_i = number of type i particles.

We assume $m_i \geq 1$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n$. $K_i = m_0 + \dots + m_{i-1} \quad (0 \leq i \leq n)$

State vector at time s

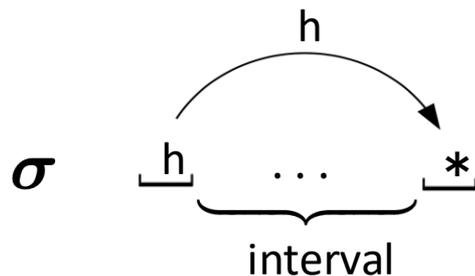
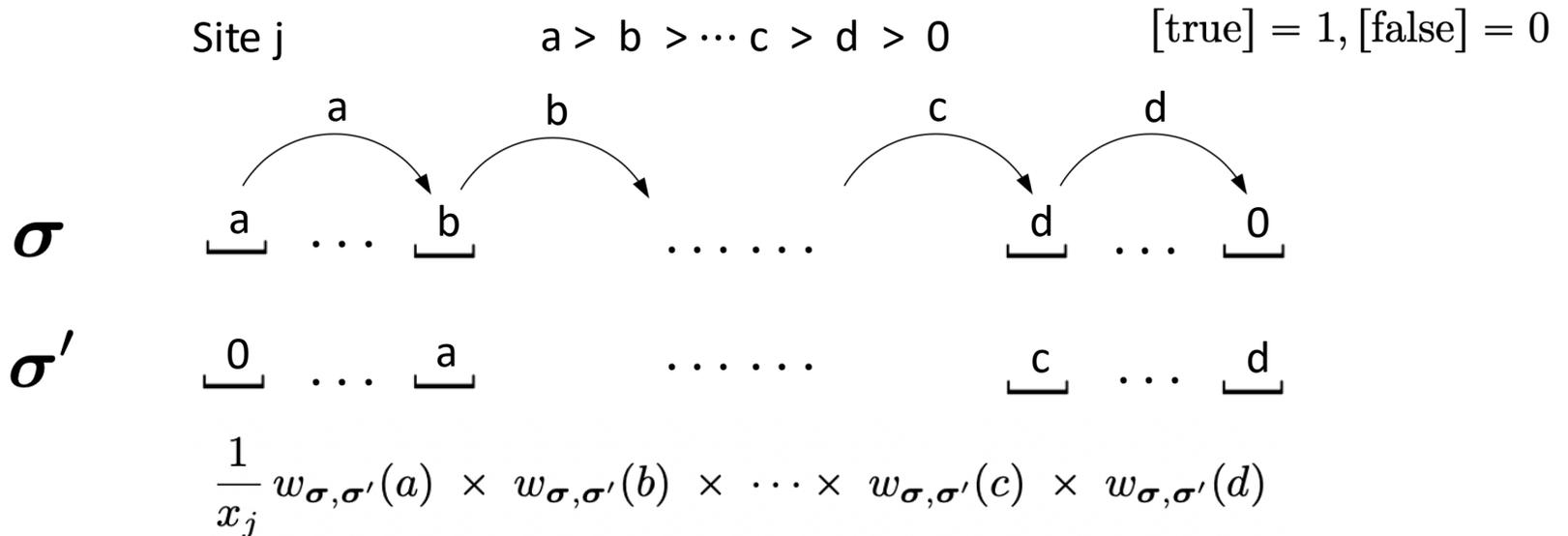
$$|\mathbb{P}(s)\rangle = \sum_{\sigma} \mathbb{P}(\sigma; s) |\sigma\rangle$$

Master equation

$$\frac{d}{ds} |\mathbb{P}(s)\rangle = H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(x_1, \dots, x_L) |\mathbb{P}(s)\rangle$$

$$H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(x_1, \dots, x_L) |\sigma\rangle = \sum_{\sigma'} \sum_{j=1}^L \frac{1}{x_j} \prod_{1 \leq h \leq n} w_{\sigma, \sigma'}(h) |\sigma'\rangle - \left(\sum_{j=1}^L \frac{[\sigma_j \geq 1]}{x_j} \right) |\sigma\rangle$$

moved



$$w_{\sigma, \sigma'}(h) = \frac{(1-t)t^{\ell_h}}{1-t^{K_h}}$$

$$\ell_h = \#\{\sigma_i \mid 0 \leq \sigma_i < h, i \in \text{interval}\}$$

Example. $n=2, L=4$.

$$H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(x_1, \dots, x_4) |0121\rangle$$

$$= \frac{|1021\rangle}{x_2} + \frac{|1102\rangle}{(1+t+t^2)x_3} + \frac{t|2101\rangle}{(1+t+t^2)x_3} + \frac{t^2|1201\rangle}{(1+t+t^2)x_3} + \frac{|1120\rangle}{x_4} - \left(\frac{1}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3} + \frac{1}{x_4} \right) |0121\rangle$$

Th. [Ayyer-K,2025]

$$H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(x_1, \dots, x_L) = \frac{1}{(1-t) \prod_{i=1}^n (1-t^{K_i})} \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{dT^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L)}{dz} \Big|_{z=0} - \left(\sum_{j=1}^L \frac{1}{x_j} \right) \text{Id}$$

$T^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L)$: commuting transfer matrix of $U_t(\widehat{sl}_{n+1})$ vertex model ($0 \leq k \leq n+1$)

$$[T^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L), T^{k'}(z'|x_1, \dots, x_L)] = 0 \quad (0 \leq k, k' \leq n+1)$$

z : spectral parameter, x_j : inhomogeneity at site j

auxiliary space = k -th fundamental (degree k antisymmetric tensor) representation V^k ($V^1 = V$)

Individual $T^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L)$ and its derivative at $z=0$ are *not* stochastic in general.

A kind of inclusion-exclusion principle that selects sequential particle transitions while canceling unwanted channels.

Two natural labeling sets for the base of V^k

$\mathcal{T}^k = \{\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \dots, A_k) \mid 0 \leq A_1 < \dots < A_k \leq n\}$: tableau representation

$\mathcal{B}^k = \{\mathbf{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \{0, 1\}^{n+1} \mid a_0 + \dots + a_n = k\}$: multiplicity representation

$$T^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L) |\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L\rangle = \sum_{\sigma'_1, \dots, \sigma'_L} T^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L)_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L}^{\sigma'_1, \dots, \sigma'_L} |\sigma'_1, \dots, \sigma'_L\rangle$$

$$T^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L)_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L}^{\sigma'_1, \dots, \sigma'_L} = \sum_{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_L \in \mathcal{B}^k} \begin{array}{ccccccc} & \sigma'_1 & & \sigma'_2 & & & \sigma'_L \\ & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{a}_2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{a}_3 & \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow & \mathbf{a}_L & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \frac{z}{x_1} \downarrow & & \frac{z}{x_2} \downarrow & & & & \frac{z}{x_L} \downarrow & & \\ \sigma_1 & & \sigma_2 & & & & \sigma_L & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 b \\
 \uparrow \\
 \mathbf{i} \xrightarrow{z} \mathbf{a} \\
 \downarrow \\
 j
 \end{array}
 = \delta_{\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{e}_j}^{\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{e}_b} (-1)^{a_0+\dots+a_{j-1}+i_0+\dots+i_{b-1}} t^{a_{j+1}+\dots+a_n} (1 - t^{a_j} z^{\delta_{b,j}}) z^{[j>b]}$$

$(\mathbf{e}_j = (0, \dots, \overset{j}{1}, \dots, 0) : j \text{ th elementary vector in } \mathbb{Z}^{n+1})$

This is a special case $(k_1, k_2) = (k, 1)$ of the quantum R matrix $S^{k_1, k_2}(z) \in \text{End}(V^{k_1} \otimes V^{k_2})$.

It can be constructed either from 3D L -operator or antisymmetric fusion of $S^{1,1}(z)$.

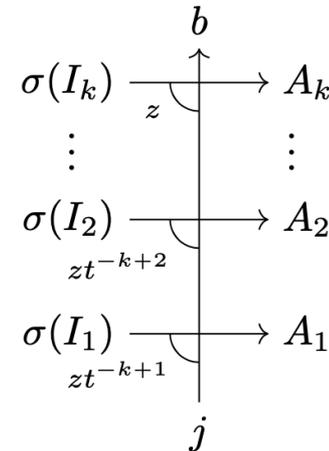
$S^{1,1}(z)$	$ \begin{array}{c} i \\ \uparrow \\ i \xrightarrow{z} i \\ \downarrow \\ i \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} j \\ \uparrow \\ i \xrightarrow{z} i \\ \downarrow \\ j \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} i \\ \uparrow \\ i \xrightarrow{z} j \\ \downarrow \\ j \end{array} $
$(i \neq j)$	$1 - tz$	$(1 - z)t^{[i>j]}$	$(1 - t)z^{[i<j]}$

singularity

$z = t$: symmetric fusion

$z = t^{-1}$: antisymmetric fusion

$$\begin{array}{c}
 b \\
 \uparrow \\
 \mathbf{i} \xrightarrow{z} \mathbf{a} \\
 \downarrow \\
 j
 \end{array}
 = \frac{1}{\prod_{r=1}^{k-1} (1 - t^{-r} z)} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \text{sgn}(\sigma) \times$$



$0 \leq b, j \leq n$ $\mathbf{i} = (I_1, \dots, I_k), \mathbf{a} = (A_1, \dots, A_k) \in \mathcal{T}^k$ are tableau representations

Example. $n=2, L=4$.

$$H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(x_1, \dots, x_4)|0121\rangle = \frac{|1021\rangle}{x_2} + \frac{|1102\rangle}{(1+t+t^2)x_3} + \frac{t|2101\rangle}{(1+t+t^2)x_3} + \frac{t^2|1201\rangle}{(1+t+t^2)x_3} + \frac{|1120\rangle}{x_4} - \left(\frac{1}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3} + \frac{1}{x_4}\right)|0121\rangle$$

$$H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(x_1, \dots, x_4) = -\frac{\dot{T}^0(0|x_1, \dots, x_4) - \dot{T}^1(0|x_1, \dots, x_4) + \dot{T}^2(0|x_1, \dots, x_4) - \dot{T}^3(0|x_1, \dots, x_4)}{(1-t)^2(1-t^3)} - \left(\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3} + \frac{1}{x_4}\right)\text{Id}$$

$$T^0(z)|0121\rangle = \mathcal{D}_0(z)|0121\rangle, \quad T^3(z)|0121\rangle = \mathcal{D}_3(z)|0121\rangle,$$

$$\begin{aligned} T^1(z)|0121\rangle &= \frac{(1-t)^4 z^2}{x_2 x_3} |1012\rangle - \frac{(1-t)^3 z(z-x_2)}{x_2 x_3} |1102\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t z(z-x_1)(tz-x_2)}{x_1 x_2 x_3} |0112\rangle \\ &+ \frac{(1-t)^2 z(z-x_2)(z-x_3)}{x_2 x_3 x_4} |1120\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t^2 z(z-x_1)(z-x_4)}{x_1 x_3 x_4} |0211\rangle - \frac{(1-t)^3 t z^2(z-x_4)}{x_2 x_3 x_4} |2011\rangle \\ &+ \frac{(1-t)^2 t z(z-x_2)(z-x_4)}{x_2 x_3 x_4} |2101\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 z(z-x_3)(tz-x_4)}{x_2 x_3 x_4} |1021\rangle + \mathcal{D}_1(z)|0121\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T^2(z)|0121\rangle &= \frac{(1-t)^2 t z(tz-x_1)(tz-x_2)}{x_1 x_2 x_3} |0112\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^4 t^2 z^2}{x_3 x_4} |1210\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^3 t^2 z^2(tz-x_2)}{x_2 x_3 x_4} |2110\rangle \\ &+ \frac{(1-t)^2 t^3 z(z-x_2)(tz-x_3)}{x_2 x_3 x_4} |1120\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t^2 z(tz-x_1)(z-x_4)}{x_1 x_3 x_4} |0211\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^3 t^2 z(tz-x_4)}{x_3 x_4} |1201\rangle \\ &+ \frac{(1-t)^2 t^2 z(tz-x_2)(tz-x_4)}{x_2 x_3 x_4} |2101\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t^3 z(tz-x_3)(tz-x_4)}{x_2 x_3 x_4} |1021\rangle + \mathcal{D}_2(z)|0121\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{T}^0(0)|0121\rangle = \dot{\mathcal{D}}_0(0)|0121\rangle, \quad \dot{T}^3(0)|0121\rangle = \dot{\mathcal{D}}_3(0)|0121\rangle, \quad (\mathcal{D}_k(z): \text{coefficient of diagonal term})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{T}^1(0)|0121\rangle &= \frac{(1-t)^2}{x_2} |1021\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t}{x_3} |0112\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t^2}{x_3} |0211\rangle \\ &+ \frac{(1-t)^3}{x_3} |1102\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t}{x_3} |2101\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2}{x_4} |1120\rangle + \dot{\mathcal{D}}_1(0)|0121\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{T}^2(0)|0121\rangle &= \frac{(1-t)^2 t^3}{x_2} |1021\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t}{x_3} |0112\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t^2}{x_3} |0211\rangle \\ &- \frac{(1-t)^3 t^2}{x_3} |1201\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t^2}{x_3} |2101\rangle + \frac{(1-t)^2 t^3}{x_4} |1120\rangle + \dot{\mathcal{D}}_2(0)|0121\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Turning to n-Species ASEP

$$H_{\text{ASEP}} = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_L} \overbrace{\mathbb{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{1}}^i \otimes h_{\text{ASEP}} \otimes \overbrace{\mathbb{1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{1}}^{L-i-2} \quad (\text{Markov matrix})$$

$$h_{\text{ASEP}}(|\alpha\rangle \otimes |\beta\rangle) = (|\beta\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle - |\alpha\rangle \otimes |\beta\rangle)t^{[\alpha > \beta]} \quad (\text{local Markov matrix})$$

Well-known origin in **homogeneous** $T^1(\mathbf{z})$

$$H_{\text{ASEP}} = -(1-t) \frac{d}{dz} \log T^1(z|\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}) \Big|_{z=1} - tL \text{Id}, \quad (\text{known as ``Baxter type formula''})$$

where $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}$ means the homogeneous specialization $x_1 = \cdots = x_L = 1$.

This is due to the following properties of the basic (non-fused) R -matrix at the *Hamiltonian point* $z = 1$:

$$S^{1,1}(1) = (1-t)\mathcal{P}, \quad \mathcal{P}(|\alpha\rangle \otimes |\beta\rangle) = |\beta\rangle \otimes |\alpha\rangle, \quad \mathcal{P} \frac{dS^{1,1}(z)}{dz} \Big|_{z=1} = -h_{\text{ASEP}} - t \text{Id}$$

Corollary

$$[T^1(z|\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1}), T^k(z'|\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1})] = 0 \quad \text{leads to} \quad [H_{\text{ASEP}}, H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{1})] = 0.$$

ASEP and homogeneous t -PushTASEP share the same eigenstates.

Joint eigenvector of T^k corresponding to the t -Push TASEP stationary state

$$\Lambda^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L) = e_{k-1}(t^{K_1}, \dots, t^{K_n}) \prod_{j=1}^L \left(1 - \frac{tz}{x_j}\right) + e_k(t^{K_1}, \dots, t^{K_n}) \prod_{j=1}^L \left(1 - \frac{z}{x_j}\right)$$

$$e_k(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n=0,1, i_1+\dots+i_n=k} z_1^{i_1} \dots z_n^{i_n} \quad (\text{degree } k \text{ elementary symmetric polynomial})$$

$$H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(x_1, \dots, x_L) = \frac{1}{(1-t) \prod_{i=1}^n (1-t^{K_i})} \frac{d}{dz} \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} (-1)^{k-1} (T^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L) - \Lambda^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L)) \Big|_{z=0}$$

We construct the stationary state of t -PushTASEP as a joint eigenstate

$$T^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L) |\mathbb{P}_{\text{mp}}\rangle = \Lambda^k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L) |\mathbb{P}_{\text{mp}}\rangle \quad (0 \leq k \leq n+1)$$

in a matrix product (mp) form

$$|\mathbb{P}_{\text{mp}}\rangle = \sum_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L} \text{Tr}(A_{\sigma_1}(x_1) \cdots A_{\sigma_L}(x_L)) |\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L\rangle \in \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{m})$$

The operators $A_0(x), \dots, A_n(x)$ are “**corner transfer matrices**” of a **strange five vertex model** (to be explained in detail below).

They satisfy the Zamolodchikov-Faddeev(ZF) algebra with structure function $S^{1,1}(z)$.

$$\left(1 - \frac{tz}{x}\right) A_\alpha(x) A_\beta(z) = \sum_{\gamma, \delta=0}^n \begin{array}{c} \alpha \swarrow \nearrow \beta \\ \gamma \nearrow \swarrow \delta \\ z \\ x \end{array} A_\gamma(z) A_\delta(x)$$

$T^1(z|x_1, \dots, x_L)|\mathbb{P}_{\text{mp}}\rangle \stackrel{?}{=} \Lambda^1(z|x_1, \dots, x_L)|\mathbb{P}_{\text{mp}}\rangle$ is depicted as

$$\sum_{\sigma'_1, \sigma'_2, \sigma'_3} \left(\text{Diagram} \right) \stackrel{?}{=} \Lambda^1(z|x_1, x_2, x_3) \text{Tr}(A_{\sigma_1}(x_1)A_{\sigma_2}(x_2)A_{\sigma_3}(x_3)) \quad \text{----}(\#)$$

(L=3 example)

$\text{Tr}(A_{\sigma'_1}(x_1) A_{\sigma'_2}(x_2) A_{\sigma'_3}(x_3))$

(#) is a polynomial equation in z of degree at most L . Suffices to check at $z = 0, x_1, \dots, x_L$.

(Crucial advantage of introducing the inhomogeneity.)

$z = 0$ is easy. $z = x_1$ case is shown by successive application of ZF-algebra relation as

$$\left(\text{Diagram 1} \right) \times (\text{scalar}) = \left(\text{Diagram 2} \right) \times (\text{scalar})$$

$\text{Tr}(A_{\sigma'_1}(x_1) A_{\sigma'_2}(x_2) A_{\sigma'_3}(x_3))$ $\text{Tr}(A_{\sigma_2}(x_2) A_{\sigma'_1}(x_1) A_{\sigma'_3}(x_3))$

$$= \left(\text{Diagram 3} \right) \times (\text{scalar}) = \Lambda^1(z = x_1|x_1, x_2, x_3) \text{Tr}(A_{\sigma_1}(x_1)A_{\sigma_2}(x_2)A_{\sigma_3}(x_3))$$

$\text{Tr}(A_{\sigma_2}(x_2) A_{\sigma_3}(x_3) A_{\sigma_1}(x_1))$ **factorized**

Example of stationary state in $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{m})$ for $n = 2$

$$\mathbf{m} = (1, 1, 1) : \quad \frac{tx_1 + x_3 + tx_3}{x_1} |012\rangle + \frac{x_2 + x_3 + tx_3}{x_2} |102\rangle + \text{cyc.}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = (1, 2, 1) : \quad \frac{t^2x_1 + x_4 + tx_4 + t^2x_4}{x_1} |0112\rangle + \frac{tx_2 + x_4 + tx_4 + t^2x_4}{x_2} |1012\rangle + \frac{x_3 + x_4 + tx_4 + t^2x_4}{x_3} |1102\rangle + \text{cyc.}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = (2, 2, 1) :$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{t^2x_1 + t^2x_2 + x_5 + tx_5 + t^2x_5}{x_1x_2} |00112\rangle + \frac{t^2x_1 + tx_3 + x_5 + tx_5 + t^2x_5}{x_1x_3} |01012\rangle + \frac{tx_2 + tx_3 + x_5 + tx_5 + t^2x_5}{x_2x_3} |10012\rangle \\ & + \frac{t^2x_1 + x_4 + x_5 + tx_5 + t^2x_5}{x_1x_4} |01102\rangle + \frac{tx_2 + x_4 + x_5 + tx_5 + t^2x_5}{x_2x_4} |10102\rangle + \frac{x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + tx_5 + t^2x_5}{x_3x_4} |11002\rangle + \text{cyc.} \end{aligned}$$

cyc. means the terms obtained by cyclic permutation $|\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L\rangle \rightarrow |\sigma_L, \dots, \sigma_{L-1}\rangle, x_i \rightarrow x_{i+1}$.

The coefficients are also called ‘‘ASEP polynomials’’, although ASEP stationarity is valid only in the homogeneous specialization $\forall x_i = 1$.

(In that sense, they may better be called ‘‘PushTASEP polynomials’’.)

From now on, we change the label of local states as $0, 1, \dots, n \rightarrow n, \dots, 1, 0$, and set

$$X_\alpha(z) = A_{n-\alpha}(z^{-1}) \quad (0 \leq \alpha \leq n)$$

Before explaining its construction by a strange five vertex model, a brief review of relevant results is in order.

Constructions of stationary states of multispecies ASEP on a ring

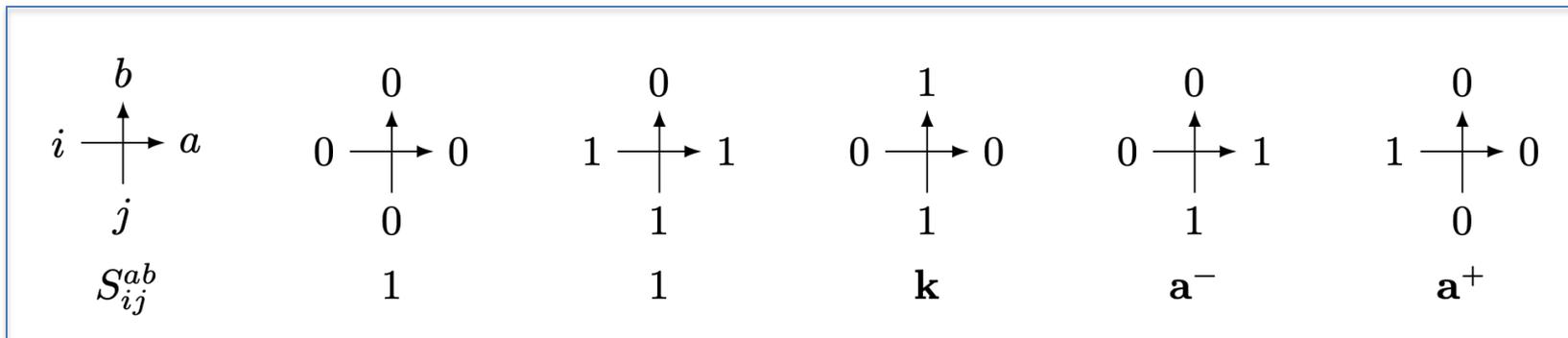
Algebraic	Combinatorial
Matrix product operators Prolhac-Evans-Mallick 2009	Multiline queue method $t=0$: Ferrari-Martin (FM) 2009
Representations of ZF algebra Cantini-de Gier-Wheeler 2015 (Application to Macdonald poly.)	$t=t$: Martin 2020 (t,q) : Corteel-Mandelstam-Williams 2022 (Application to Macdonald poly.)
$t=0$: ZF alg. from tetrahedron eq. K-Maruyama-Okado 2016	$t=0$: FM algorithm from quantum groups K-Maruyama-Okado 2015

The key in the KMO approach was a five vertex model whose Boltzmann weights are taken from **t-deformed oscillator algebra at $t=0$** .

A key for $t \neq 0$ ASEP and t-PushTASEP is yet another t-oscillator five vertex model which obeys a strange weight conservation rule.

It clarifies the relation of the matrix product & multiline queue methods and refines their derivations.

A strange five vertex model



2 state model; $a, b, i, j = 0, 1$. **Strange weight conservation rule $a+b=j$.**

(cf. Usual weight conservation: $S_{ij}^{ab} = 0$ unless $a + b = i + j$.)

$\mathbf{a}^+, \mathbf{a}^-, \mathbf{k}$ are generators of t -oscillator algebra:

$$\mathbf{k} \mathbf{a}^{\pm} = t^{\pm 1} \mathbf{a}^{\pm} \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{a}^- \mathbf{a}^+ = 1 - t\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{a}^+ \mathbf{a}^- = 1 - \mathbf{k}.$$

A natural representation on a bosonic Fock space:

$$F := \bigoplus_{d=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{Q}(t) |d\rangle \quad \mathbf{k}|d\rangle = t^d |d\rangle, \quad \mathbf{a}^+ |d\rangle = |d+1\rangle, \quad \mathbf{a}^- |d\rangle = (1-t^d) |d-1\rangle.$$

We will also use the number operator \mathbf{h} defined by $\mathbf{h}|d\rangle = d|d\rangle$ so that $\mathbf{k} = t^{\mathbf{h}}$.

(This ket vector is not the one used for an ASEP/ t -PushTASEP local state.)

Quantum picture: t -oscillator weighted 2D five vertex model

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \text{ --- } \rightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \end{array} |d\rangle = t^d |d\rangle$$

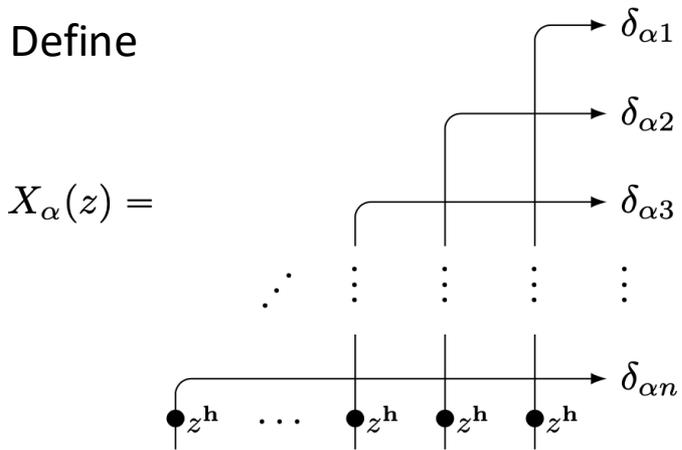
$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \text{ --- } \rightarrow 1 \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \end{array} |d\rangle = (1 - t^d) |d - 1\rangle \quad \text{etc}$$

Classical picture: 3D vertex model

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \text{ --- } \rightarrow 0 \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} d \\ \nearrow \\ d' \text{ --- } \leftarrow \\ \searrow \\ 0 \end{array} = \delta_{d,d'} t^d$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \uparrow \\ 0 \text{ --- } \rightarrow 1 \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} d \\ \nearrow \\ d' \text{ --- } \leftarrow \\ \searrow \\ 0 \end{array} = \delta_{d-1,d'} (1 - t^d) \quad \text{etc}$$

From now on, each 2D vertex i should be understood as carrying an arrow, perpendicular to it, with its own Fock space F running along the arrow, on which a copy of the t -oscillators $\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{a}_i^+, \mathbf{a}_i^-$ act.



= Partition function of the NW quadrant

Boundary condition $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Right: fixed} \\ \text{Bottom: free} \end{array} \right.$

$$\bullet = z^{\mathbf{h}} = 1 \text{ or } z \quad (0 \leq \alpha \leq n)$$

Can be viewed as a **Corner Transfer Matrix(CTM)** (cf. [Baxter, Chap.13]) of the strange five vertex model.

In the classical picture, it is a **layer transfer matrix** of size n for a 3D vertex model defined on a triangular prism.

It is a **wiring diagram** for the longest element of the symmetric group S_n .

n=2 case:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_0(z) &= \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3} \\ \text{Diagram 4} \end{array} z \\
 &= \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ z\mathbf{a}^+ \end{array} \\
 X_1(z) &= \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 5} \\ \text{Diagram 6} \end{array} z \\
 &= \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ z\mathbf{k} \end{array} \\
 X_2(z) &= \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 7} \\ \text{Diagram 8} \end{array} z + \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 9} \\ \text{Diagram 10} \end{array} z^2 \\
 &= \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ z\mathbf{a}^- \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ z^2 \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

Th. [K-Okado-Scrimshaw 2024] $X_0(z), \dots, X_n(z)$ satisfy the ZF-algebra relation.

Cor. (Unnormalized) stationary probability for t -PushTASEP on periodic lattice is given by

$$\mathbb{P}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L) = \text{Tr}(X_{\sigma_1}(x_1) \cdots X_{\sigma_L}(x_L)) :$$

$$\stackrel{n=3}{=} \text{Tr}_{F^{\otimes 3}} \left(\begin{array}{c} X_{\sigma_1}(x_1) \cdots X_{\sigma_L}(x_L) \\ \text{Diagram of a 3D vertex model on a triangular prism with boundary conditions } \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L \end{array} \right)$$

= Partition function of a 3D vertex model on a triangular prism whose boundary condition is specified according to $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L$.

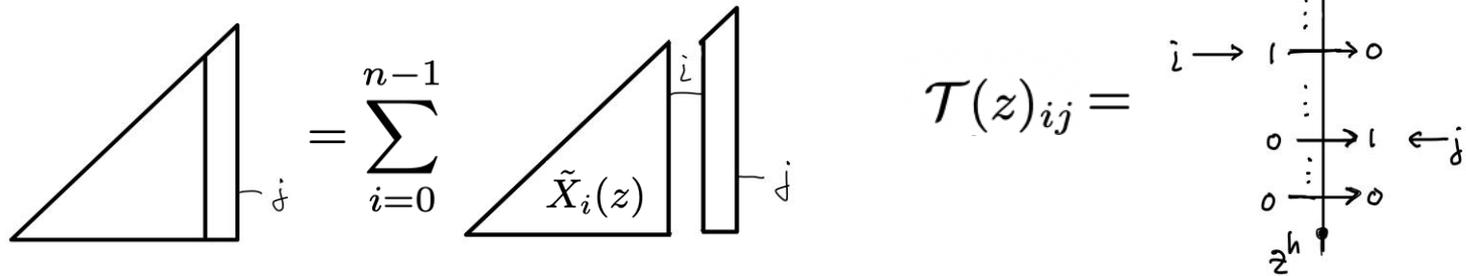
Up to convention, $X_\alpha(z)$ reproduces the one in Cantini–de Gier–Wheeler [CDG 2015], where the ZF-algebra was shown by combining a couple of lemmas.

The diagram rep. for $X_\alpha(z)$ based on the five vertex model here is the simplest one devised to date. (Requires only 0,1 states, whereas [CDG] needs an n-color pen.)

The next page presents key ingredients of our proof, which make use of the CTM diagram and elucidate an connection to the quantum group theory.

n -reducing recursion relation = immediate consequence of the CTM diagram

$$X_j(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \tilde{X}_i(z) \mathcal{T}(z)_{ij}$$



The factor $\mathcal{T}(z)_{ij}$ is linked with the quantum group theory via

$$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta} = \mathcal{T}(z)_{\alpha,\beta+1} (\mathbf{a}_n^-)^{\delta_{\beta n}} (z^{-1} \mathbf{k}_n)^{\theta(\beta \neq n)} \quad (0 \leq \alpha \leq n-1, 0 \leq \beta \leq n),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta} = \alpha \xrightarrow{z=0} \beta \quad = \begin{cases} \mathbf{k}_{\beta+1} \cdots \mathbf{k}_n & (\alpha = \beta) \\ \mathbf{a}_\alpha^+ \mathbf{a}_\beta^- \mathbf{k}_{\beta+1} \cdots \mathbf{k}_n & (\alpha < \beta) \\ 0 & (\alpha > \beta) \end{cases} \quad (0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq n)$$

This $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha,\beta}$ is an R -matrix of $U_t(\widehat{sl}_{n+1})$ for an oscillator type representation on $\mathbb{C}^{n+1} \otimes F^{\otimes n}$, which dates back to [\[Holstein-Primakov 1940\]](#).

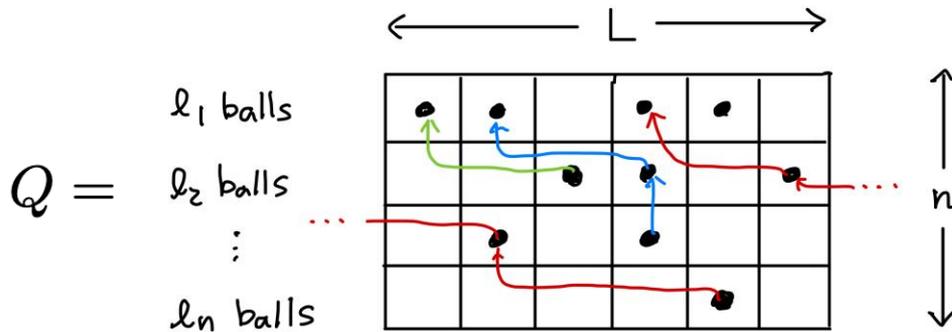
Relation to multiline queue construction

(For simplicity, homogeneous (ASEP) case $x_1 = \dots = x_L = 1$ from now on.)

Multiline queue (MLQ)
 $Q = (\text{ball table, pairing})$

$$\xrightarrow{\pi} W(\mathbf{m}) \text{ (ASEP states)}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = (m_0, \dots, m_n)$$



$$\longrightarrow \text{wt}_{q,t}(Q) |\sigma_1(Q), \dots, \sigma_L(Q)\rangle$$

rational function of q, t

$$l_i = m_i + m_{i+1} + \dots + m_n$$

MLQ construction [Martin2020, Corteel-Mandelshtam-Williams2022]

Stationary state in $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{m})$: $|\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{m})\rangle = \sum_{Q:\text{MLQ}} \pi(Q)|_{q=1}$

Pairing for a given ball table is not unique, and the ASEP state obtained as the image of π carries a coefficient, referred to as the weight.

$n = 2$ example

$$\mathbf{m} = (4, 2, 2) \rightarrow (\ell_1, \ell_2) = (4, 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_1 &= \begin{matrix} \ell_1 \\ \ell_2 \end{matrix} \begin{array}{cccccccc} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \bullet & & & \bullet & \bullet & & & \bullet \\ \hline & \bullet & & & \bullet & & & \bullet \end{array} \mapsto \underbrace{\frac{1-t}{1-qt^4} \frac{1-t}{1-qt^3}}_{\text{wt}_{q,t}(Q_1)} |02012001\rangle \\
 Q_2 &= \dots \begin{array}{cccccccc} \bullet & & & \bullet & \bullet & & & \bullet \\ \hline & \bullet & & & \bullet & & & \bullet \end{array} \dots \mapsto \underbrace{\frac{(1-t)qt^2}{1-qt^4} \frac{(1-t)t}{1-qt^3}}_{\text{wt}_{q,t}(Q_2)} |02012001\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

where the weight $\text{wt}_{q,t}(Q)$ of a MLQ is defined combinatorially as

$$\frac{(1-t)^{\ell_2}}{(qt^{\ell_1-\ell_2+1}; t)_{\ell_2}} \prod_{\text{pairing line}} t^{\#\{\text{skipped balls}\}} q^{\#\text{wrapping}}$$

($n = 2$ only. For n general, this rule is applied with q replaced by q^\bullet for some \bullet .)

$$\begin{array}{l}
 Q_1 = \begin{array}{cccccccc} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline \bullet & \bullet & & \bullet & \bullet & & & \bullet \\ \hline \end{array} \mapsto \underbrace{\frac{1-t}{1-qt^4} \frac{1-t}{1-qt^3}}_{\text{wt}_{q,t}(Q_1)} |02012001\rangle \\
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 \end{array}$$

Define

$$M(q, t)_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}}^{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}} := \sum_{Q: \text{MLQ}} \text{wt}_{q,t}(Q)$$

vanishing unless $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{j}$

= Generating sum of MLQ weights, where dependence on $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}$ is specified by

Queueing process interpretation

Service

\mathbf{j} = balls upstairs
 =(01011001)

Arriving customers

\mathbf{i} = balls downstairs
 =(00100100)

Unused service

\mathbf{b} = unconnected balls upstairs
 =(00010001)

Used service

(**Departing customers**)
 \mathbf{a} = connected balls upstairs
 =(01001000)

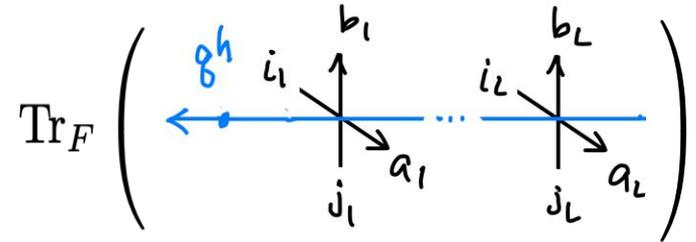
Notation

$$\mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_L) \in \{0, 1\}^L$$

$$|\mathbf{b}| = b_1 + \dots + b_L, \text{ etc.}$$

Define $S(q, t)_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}}^{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}} := (1 - qt^{|\mathbf{j}| - |\mathbf{i}|}) \text{Tr}(q^{\mathbf{h}} S_{i_1 j_1}^{a_1 b_1} \dots S_{i_L j_L}^{a_L b_L})$ ($\mathbf{h}|d\rangle = d|d\rangle$)

= BBQ stick with X shape sausages



This is also vanishing unless $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{j}$ reflecting the strange five vertex model.

Th. [K-Okado-Scrimshaw2024] $M(q, t)_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}}^{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}} = S(q, t)_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}}^{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}}$

Example in the previous page:

$$M(q, t)_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}}^{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}} = \frac{(1-t)qt^2}{1-qt^4} \frac{(1-t)t}{1-qt^3} + \frac{1-t}{1-qt^4} \frac{1-t}{1-qt^3} = \frac{(1-t)^2(1+qt^3)}{(1-qt^4)(1-qt^3)},$$

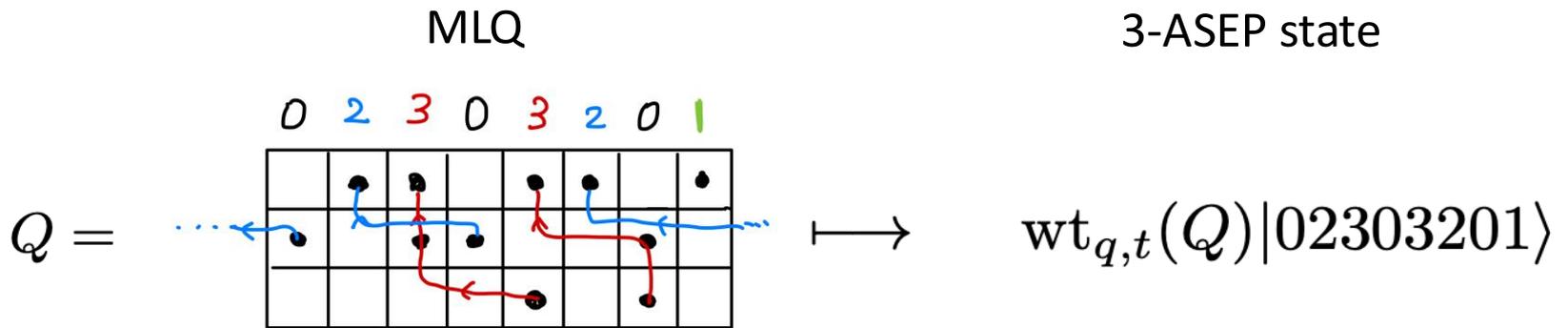
$$\begin{aligned} S(q, t)_{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}}^{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}} &= (1 - qt^2) \text{Tr}(q^{\mathbf{h}} S_{00}^{00} S_{01}^{10} S_{10}^{00} S_{01}^{01} S_{01}^{10} S_{10}^{00} S_{00}^{00} S_{01}^{01}) \\ &= (1 - qt^2) \text{Tr}(q^{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{a}^- \mathbf{a}^+ \mathbf{k} \mathbf{a}^- \mathbf{a}^+ \mathbf{k}) \\ &= (1 - qt^2) \sum_{d \geq 0} q^d (1 - t^{d+1}) t^d (1 - t^{d+1}) t^d = \frac{(1-t)^2(1+qt^3)}{(1-qt^4)(1-qt^3)}. \end{aligned}$$

A messy sum over the pairings is unified into a single BBQ stick (=Trace) of 5V.

What is 'created' or 'annihilated' by t-oscillator algebra are the customers in the queue.

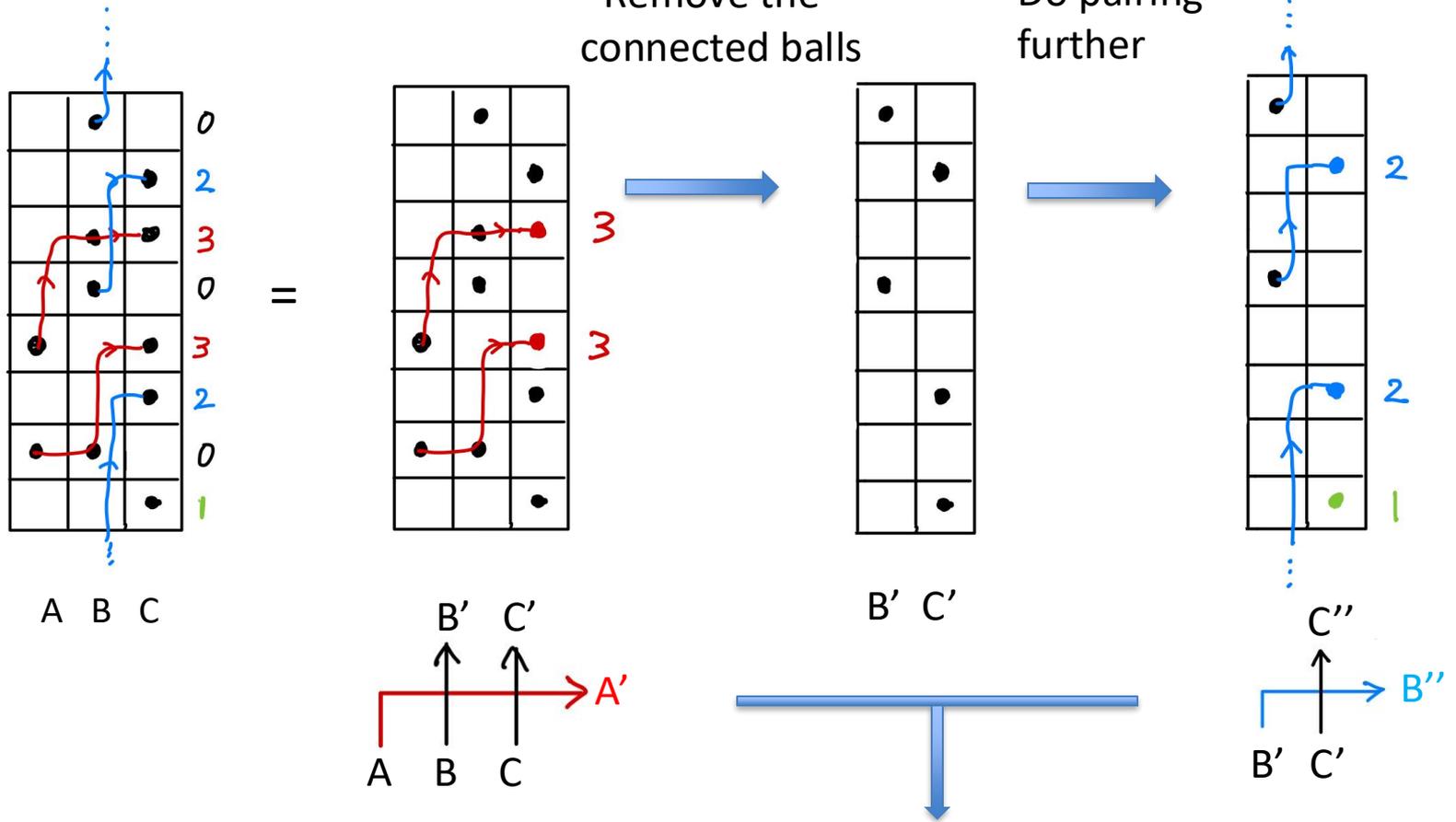
What about $n \geq 3$?

$n=3$ example

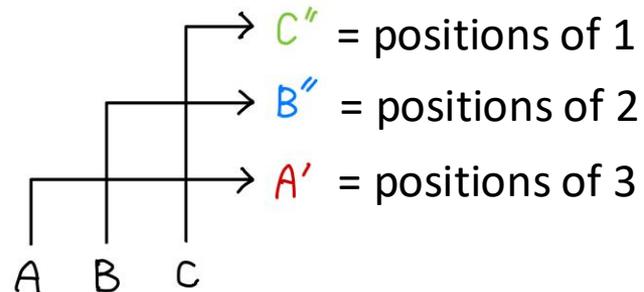


The MLQ construction for $n \geq 3$ is a nested composition of the $n=2$ rule in a "CTM manner" as illustrated in the next page.

90 degrees rotated MLQ

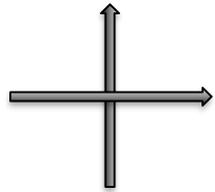


The two diagrams combine into a *single* diagram, which becomes a CTM.



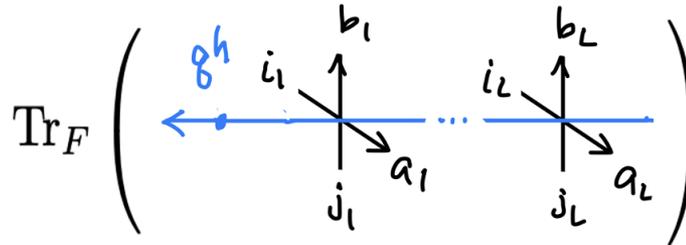
The vertices in the last CTM diagram represent $M(q, t)_{i,j}^{a,b}$.

Making the substitution $M(q, t)_{i,j}^{a,b} = S(q, t)_{i,j}^{a,b}$ (BBQ stick)



Vertex encoding
MLQ weights

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=



BBQ stick made of the strange five vertex model

and setting $q = 1$, one reproduces the matrix product formula for stationary probabilities, where each layer is a CTM of the strange 5 vertex model ($n = 3$ example shown).

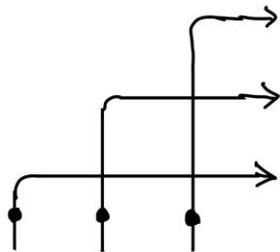
$\mathbb{P}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_L)$
from MLQ



$$= \text{Tr} \left(\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a trace over a product of strange five vertex models} \end{array} \right) \right)$$

$$= \text{Tr}(X_{\sigma_1} \cdots X_{\sigma_L})$$

$$X_\alpha(z) = \sum$$



Corner
Transfer
Matrix

“Holstein-Primakov rep”. of
a $U_t(\hat{sl}_{n+1})$ quantum R matrix

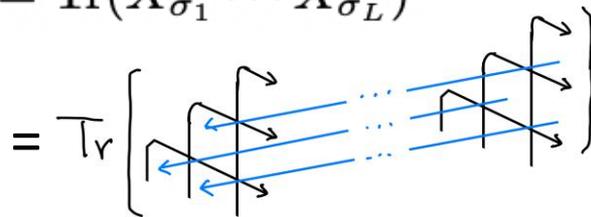
ZF-algebra

$$X(y)X(x) = \sum R\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)X(x)X(y)$$

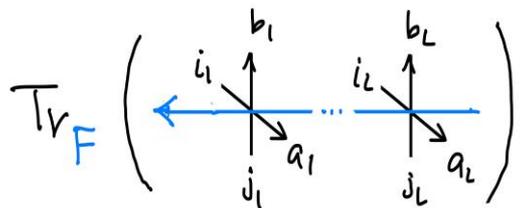
Strange 5V model

Matrix product formula with 3D interpretation

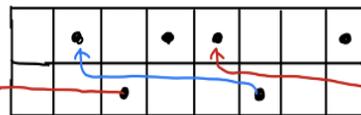
$$\mathbb{P}(\sigma) = \text{Tr}(X_{\sigma_1} \cdots X_{\sigma_L})$$



BBQ stick



$$= \sum_{\text{MLQ}} \text{wt}$$



Generating sum of MLQ weights

**MLQ
construction**

Problems/Questions/Remarks

Superposition over the fundamental representations implies

$$\dim(\text{effective auxiliary space}) = \binom{n+1}{0} + \binom{n+1}{1} + \cdots + \binom{n+1}{n+1} = 2^{n+1}$$

Does this suggest a simpler reformulation of t-PushTASEP?

Are there further examples of commuting transfer matrices that are not stochastic individually, but become so through some form of superposition?

What about type BCD ?

A direct proof of the ZF algebra via a tetrahedron equation (3D analogue of the Yang–Baxter eq.), without relying on induction on n , remains to be found.

(It is known for $t=0$ [KMO16]).

A further remark

It is also possible to express $H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(x_1, \dots, x_L)$ in terms of $T_k(z) = T_k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L)$, which is the commuting transfer matrix whose auxiliary space is the degree k **symmetric tensor** representation.

$$\begin{aligned} [T_k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L), T_{k'}(z'|x_1, \dots, x_L)] &= 0 & (k, k' \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}), \\ [T_k(z|x_1, \dots, x_L), T^l(z'|x_1, \dots, x_L)] &= 0 & (k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, l \in \{0, \dots, n+1\}) \end{aligned}$$

However, the resulting formula is not particularly illuminating. For example for $n = 2$, one has

$$H_{\text{PushTASEP}}(x_1, \dots, x_L) = \frac{\dot{T}_2(0) - (1 + t^{m_0} + t^{1+m_0} + t^{m_0+m_1} + t^{1+m_0+m_1})\dot{T}_1(0) + tC \sum_{j=1}^L \frac{1}{x_j}}{(1-t)t(1-t^{m_0})(1-t^{m_0+m_1})},$$

$$C = -1 + t - t^{-1+m_0} - t^{2m_0} - t^{1+m_0} - t^{-1+m_0+m_1} - t^{2(m_0+m_1)} - t^{1+m_0+m_1} - t^{-1+2m_0+m_1} - 2t^{2m_0+m_1}$$

where $\dot{T}_l(0) = \left. \frac{dT_l(z)}{dz} \right|_{z=0}$