

Physical Mathematics of Bethe Ansatz*

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(* MANY technical cautions omitted in the slide for simplicity.)

Spin 1/2 Heisenberg chain on a ring

$$H = \sum_{k=1}^L (\sigma_k^x \sigma_{k+1}^x + \sigma_k^y \sigma_{k+1}^y + \sigma_k^z \sigma_{k+1}^z - 1)$$

Diagonalization of H [Bethe 1931]

$$H|u_1, \dots, u_N\rangle = E|u_1, \dots, u_N\rangle, \quad E = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{-8}{u_j^2 + 1},$$

if u_1, \dots, u_N satisfy Bethe equation

$$\left(\frac{u_j + i}{u_j - i} \right)^L = \prod_{k=1, (k \neq j)}^N \frac{u_j - u_k + 2i}{u_j - u_k - 2i} \quad (j = 1, \dots, N).$$

$|u_1, \dots, u_N\rangle$: Bethe vector, $N = \#$ of down spins

Example. Length $L = 6$, # of down spins $N = 3$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{u_1 + i}{u_1 - i} \right)^6 &= \frac{(u_1 - u_2 + 2i)(u_1 - u_3 + 2i)}{(u_1 - u_2 - 2i)(u_1 - u_3 - 2i)}, \\ \left(\frac{u_2 + i}{u_2 - i} \right)^6 &= \frac{(u_2 - u_1 + 2i)(u_2 - u_3 + 2i)}{(u_2 - u_1 - 2i)(u_2 - u_3 - 2i)}, \\ \left(\frac{u_3 + i}{u_3 - i} \right)^6 &= \frac{(u_3 - u_1 + 2i)(u_3 - u_2 + 2i)}{(u_3 - u_1 - 2i)(u_3 - u_2 - 2i)}. \end{aligned}$$

Q1: How many solutions ?

Q2: How do they look like ?

Q3: How can they be labeled ?

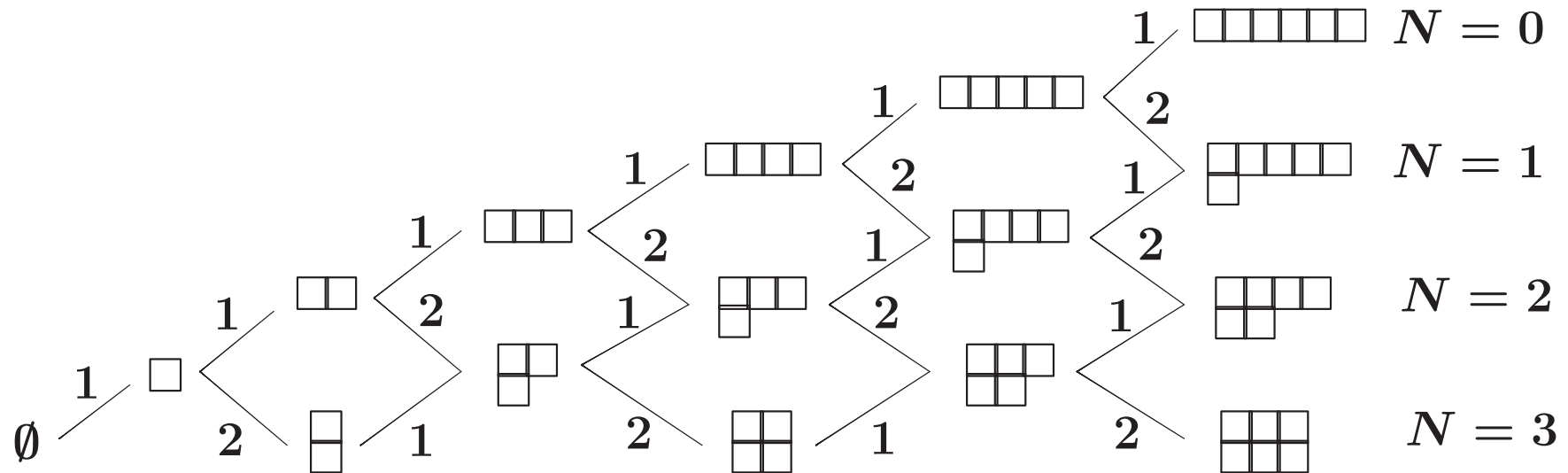
A1: Kostka number

A2: String hypothesis

A3: Rigged configurations

Q&A1 : There should be **5** vectors for completeness because;

- Bethe vector is **highest weight vector** of sl_2 .
- Irreducible decomposition of $(\text{spin } 1/2)^{\otimes 6}$:

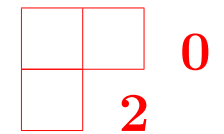
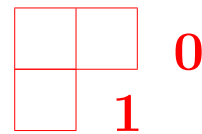
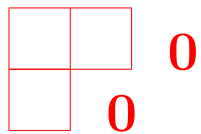
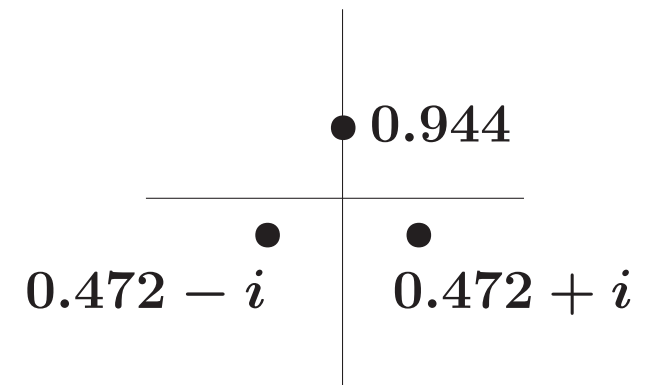
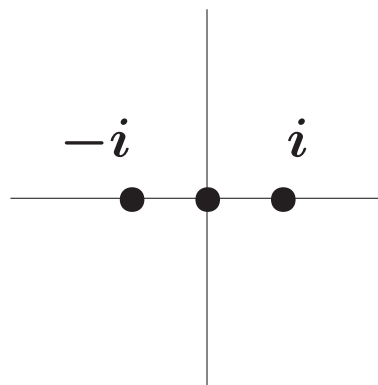
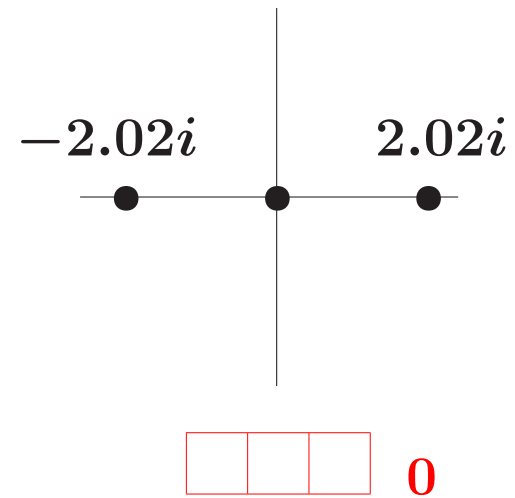
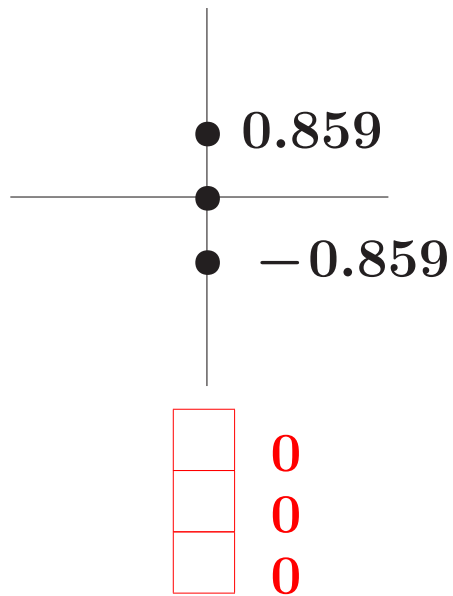


[5 = **multiplicity** of $\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}$] corresponds to the **5 paths** from \emptyset :

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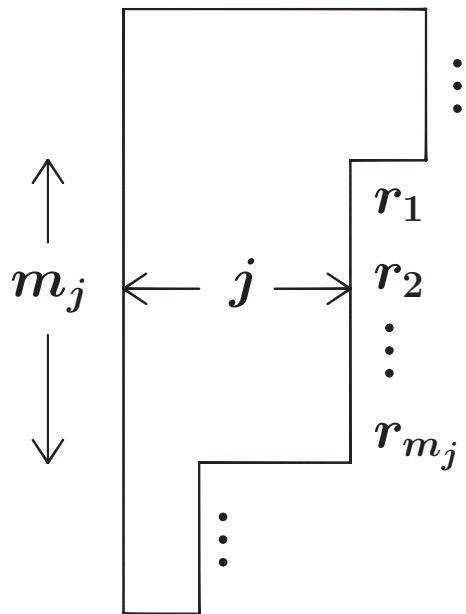
General case: **Kostka number** $K_{(L-N, N), (1^L)} = \binom{L}{N} - \binom{L}{N-1}$

Q&A2, 3: Strings and Rigged Configurations



Rigged configuration for sl_2 (spin $\frac{1}{2}$) $^{\otimes L}$

Young diagram = configuration, $\{r_i\}$ = rigging



$$0 \leq r_1 \leq \dots \leq r_{m_j} \leq p_j$$

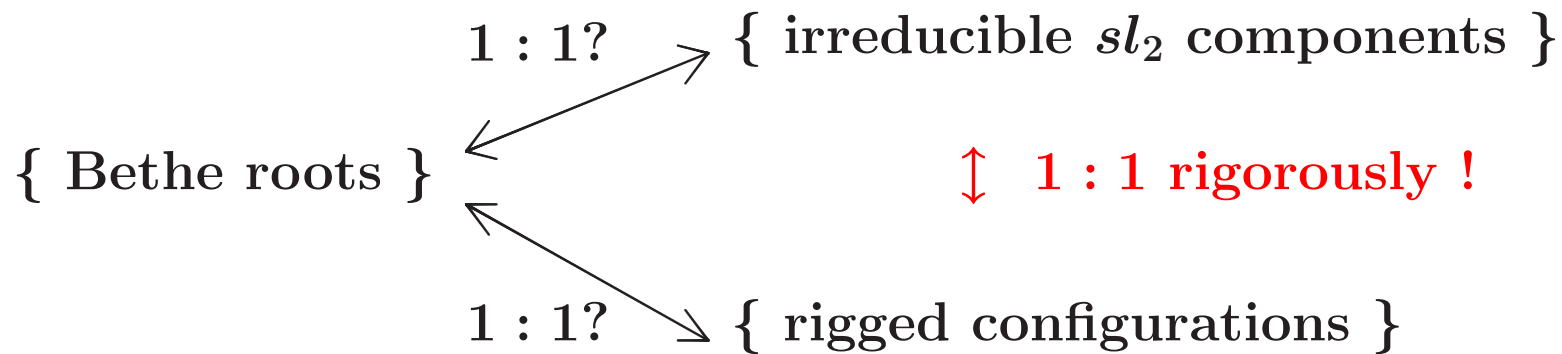
... **Fermionic selection rule**

$$p_j = L - 2 \sum_{k \geq 1} \min(j, k) m_k$$

... **vacancy number**

$$\# \text{ of rigged configurations} = \sum_{\{m_j\}} \prod_{j \geq 1} \binom{p_j + m_j}{m_j}$$

The RHS is called **Fermionic form** and deduced from physicist's (=Bethe's) counting of the string solutions.



Theorem. (“alle Lösungen”: Bethe’s Fermionic formula 1931)

$$\text{Kostka number } K_{(L-N, N), (1^L)} = \sum_{\{m_i\}} \prod_{i \geq 1} \binom{p_i + m_i}{m_i}$$

Ultimate generalization

$sl_2 \rightarrow$ arbitrary simple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}

Spin 1/2 rep. \rightarrow Kirillov-Reshetikhin module of $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$

Kostka number \rightarrow q -analogue of branching coefficient.

Bethe ansatz vs **Corner transfer matrix** for $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$ -symmetric spin chain indicates

Conjecture [Hatayama-K-Okado-Takagi-Yamada 1999]

$$\sum_{p: \text{paths}} q^{E(p)} = \sum_{\{m_i^{(a)}\}: \text{rigged conf.}} q^{c(\{m_i^{(a)}\})} \prod_a \prod_{i \geq 1} \left[\begin{matrix} p_i^{(a)} + m_i^{(a)} \\ m_i^{(a)} \end{matrix} \right]_q$$

Phys:

LHS= “trace” of Baxter’s corner transfer matrix

RHS= generating function of “Bethe momentum” based on string hypothesis

Math:

LHS= q -analogue of branching coeff. reformulated by representation theory of $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$

RHS= (q -)Fermionic form of \mathfrak{g} , where a runs over vertices of the Dynkin diagram

Theorem

Conjecture is true for $\mathfrak{g} = sl_n$ [Kirillov-Schilling-Shimozono 2002]

Conjecture is true for **any** \mathfrak{g} at $q = 1$ [by many results by 2011]

T-systems and Y-systems

Difference equations related to Fermionic formula

$\{T_m^{(a)}(u)\}, \{Y_m^{(a)}(u)\}; a \in \{\text{vertices of Dynkin diagram of } \mathfrak{g}\}, m \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}, u \in \mathbb{C}$

$t_a = 1$ for $\mathfrak{g} = \text{ADE}$. For $\mathfrak{g} = \text{BCFG}$, $\{t_a\}$ are specified as



$T_m^{(a)}(u) =$ Commuting transfer matrices in $U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$ vertex models

$$= \text{Tr}_{W_m^{(a)}(u)} \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} u & & & \dots & \\ \hline & & & & \end{array} \right)$$

$W_m^{(a)}(u) : \text{Kirillov-Reshetikhin (KR) module of } U_q(\hat{\mathfrak{g}})$ (Beloved One)

$$\simeq V(\lambda) \text{ with } \lambda = \left(\begin{array}{c} m \\ \square \end{array} \right)_a \text{ for } \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_n$$

$$\simeq \bigoplus_{\lambda} (\text{Fermionic form of 1-site chain})_{\lambda} V(\lambda) \text{ for general } \mathfrak{g}$$

ADE

$$T_m^{(a)}(u-1)T_m^{(a)}(u+1) = T_{m-1}^{(a)}(u)T_{m+1}^{(a)}(u) + \prod_{b \sim a} T_m^{(b)}(u).$$

 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

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

 G_2

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

ADE

$$Y_m^{(a)}(u-1)Y_m^{(a)}(u+1) = \frac{\prod_{b \sim a} (1 + Y_m^{(b)}(u))}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(a)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(a)}(u)^{-1})}.$$

 C_n

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

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

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

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

 F_4

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

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

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

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

$$Y_m^{(4)}(u - \frac{1}{2})Y_m^{(4)}(u + \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1 + Y_m^{(3)}(u)}{(1 + Y_{m-1}^{(4)}(u)^{-1})(1 + Y_{m+1}^{(4)}(u)^{-1})}. \quad (B_n, G_2 : \text{omitted due to space shortage})$$

T-system: proposed for transfer matrices [K-Nakanishi-Suzuki 1994]

Proved for q -character of KR module [Nakajima, ADE 2003], [Hernandez, $\forall \mathfrak{g}$ 2006]

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 $\text{Exp}(\text{dressed energy})$ of string/hole excitation with color a , length m , rapidity u .

sl_2 example:

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

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

Y-system was proposed by

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

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

Level restricted T-system and Y-system

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

Level ℓ 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 by imposing $T_{t_a \ell}^{(a)}(u) = 1$ and $Y_{t_a \ell}^{(a)}(u)^{-1} = 0$.

Example: $(\mathfrak{g}, \ell) = (C_2, 2)$.

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

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

Restricted T-system \simeq algebra of transfer matrices for level ℓ RSOS models

Restricted Y-system \simeq functional equation of TBA dressed energy

They are evolution equations of finitely many functions in the u direction.

Periodicity conjecture

Level ℓ restricted T -system and Y -system obey

$$T_m^{(a)}(u + 2(h^\vee + \ell)) = T_m^{(a)}(u), \quad Y_m^{(a)}(u + 2(h^\vee + \ell)) = Y_m^{(a)}(u).$$

$(h^\vee = \text{dual Coxeter number of } \mathfrak{g})$

Example: $(A_2, 2)$. Writing $T^{(a)}(u) = T_1^{(a)}(u)$,

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

Periodicity holds due to $T^{(1)}(u+5) = T^{(2)}(u)$, $T^{(2)}(u+5) = T^{(1)}(u)$.

$$(T^{(1)}(0), T^{(2)}(1)) = (a, b),$$

$$(T^{(1)}(2), T^{(2)}(3)) = \left(\frac{1 + T^{(2)}(1)}{T^{(1)}(0)}, \frac{1 + T^{(1)}(2)}{T^{(2)}(1)} \right) = \left(\frac{1 + b}{a}, \frac{1 + \frac{1+b}{a}}{b} \right) = \left(\frac{1 + b}{a}, \frac{1 + a + b}{ab} \right),$$

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

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

$$0\{10, 30, 50, 70\} \quad (E_8, 2) : \quad \{T_1^{(1)}(u), T_1^{(3)}(u), T_1^{(5)}(u), T_1^{(7)}(u)\}_{u=0}^{32}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32{10, 30, 50, 70}

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

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

(ADE, ℓ) : Ravanini-Tateo-Valleriani (1993),

(\mathfrak{g}, ℓ) : K-Nakanishi-Suzuki (1994).

Many cases proved in

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

(A_n, ℓ) : Volkov, Henriques (2007),

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

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

Periodicity of T-system:

Proposed and partially proved in Inoue-Iyama-K-Nakanishi-Suzuki (2008),

(A_n, ℓ) case: proof also contained in Henriques (2007).

Theorem. [Inoue-Iyama-Keller-K-Nakanishi 2013]
Periodicity conjecture of T and Y-systems is true for $\forall(\mathfrak{g}, \ell)$.

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

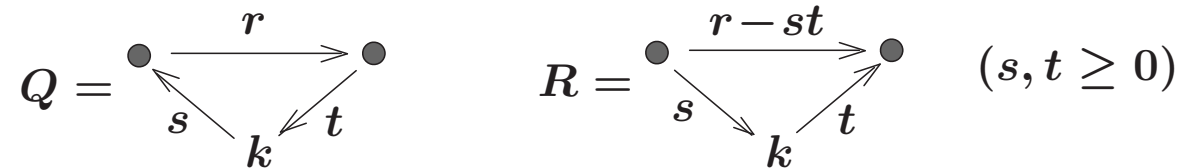
x_i : **cluster variable**, (Q, x) : **seed**.

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** , defined on the 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 $\mathbb{Q}(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ generated by \forall cluster variables.

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

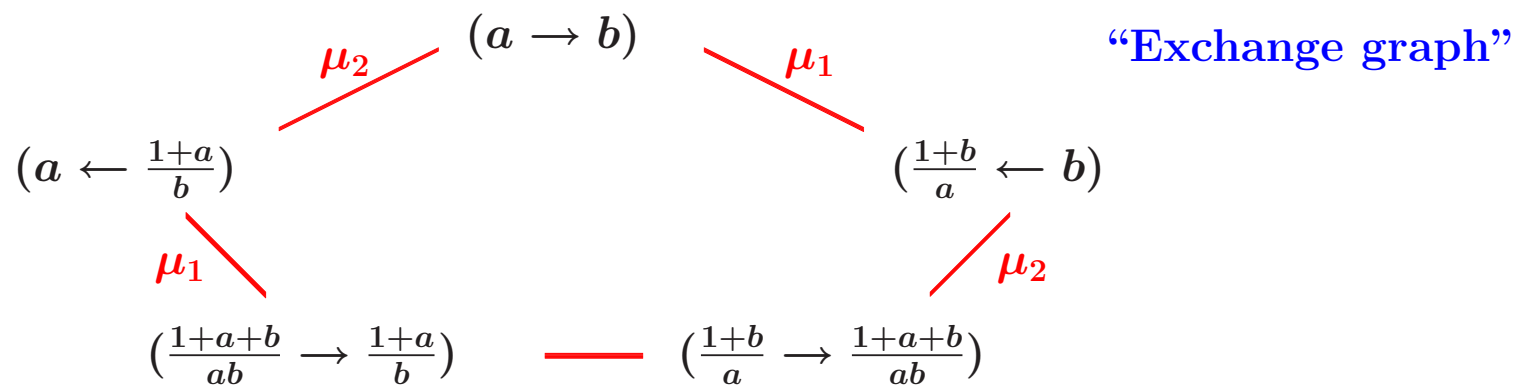
- A new quiver R is obtained from Q by reversing \forall arrows incident with k and



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

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

Example. $I = \{1, 2\}$. Seed $(Q, x) = (1 \rightarrow 2, \{a, b\})$ denoted by $(a \rightarrow b)$.



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

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

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

$\mu_5 \Downarrow$

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

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

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

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

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

Periodicity for any (\mathfrak{g}, ℓ) is formulated as

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

Y-system can be built in **cluster algebra with coefficients**.

Periodicity of T and Y-systems follows from periodicity in (generalized) cluster category.

Dilogarithm identity

$$L(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^x \left(\frac{\log(1-y)}{y} + \frac{\log y}{1-y} \right), \quad L(x) + L(1-x) = L(1) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

Let $Y_m^{(a)}(u) = Y_m^{(a)} > 0$ be the unique positive solution to the level ℓ restricted **constant (u -independent)** Y-system.

Conjecture [A.N. Kirillov 1989]

$$\frac{6}{\pi^2} \sum_{a=1}^{\text{rank } \mathfrak{g}} \sum_{m=1}^{t_a \ell - 1} L \left(\frac{Y_m^{(a)}}{1 + Y_m^{(a)}} \right) = \frac{\ell \dim \mathfrak{g}}{\ell + h^\vee} - \text{rank } \mathfrak{g} \quad (\ell \geq 1).$$

Example: $\mathfrak{g} = sl_2$.

$$\frac{6}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\ell-1} L \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{\ell+2}}{\sin^2 \frac{\pi(m+1)}{\ell+2}} \right) = \frac{3\ell}{\ell+2} - 1.$$

- Utilized in so many calculations of central charges in
Integrable perturbations of CFT,
Low temperature specific heat & finite size corrections of spin chains,
Asymptotics of affine Lie algebra characters.
- Proved in several cases individually by
Lewin, Watson, Kirillov, Richmond, Szekeres, Gliozzi, Tateo, Chapoton,...

Theorem. [Inoue-Iyama-Keller-K-Nakanishi 2013]
Dilogarithm conjecture is true for $\forall(\mathfrak{g}, \ell)$.

Essence of proof : Reduction to a counting problem on **tropical Y-system**
by periodicity and cluster algebra

- Easier to prove more general functional dilogarithm identity

$$\frac{6}{\pi^2} \sum_{\mathbf{u} \text{ mod period}} \sum_{a=1}^{\text{rank } \mathfrak{g}} \sum_{m=1}^{t_a \ell - 1} L \left(\frac{Y_m^{(a)}(\mathbf{u})}{1 + Y_m^{(a)}(\mathbf{u})} \right) = \ell \dim \mathfrak{g} - (\ell + h^\vee) \text{rank } \mathfrak{g}.$$

- LHS is invariant by varying $Y_m^{(a)}(\mathbf{u}) > 0$ as long as Y-system is satisfied.

cf. [J. Phys. A: special issue 2014] “Cluster algebras in mathematical physics”