Around the Razumov-Stroganov correspondence



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(conjecture: Razumov Stroganov, 2001; proof: AS Cantini, 2010)

$$\tilde{\Psi}_n(\pi) = \Psi_n(\pi)$$

Dihedral symmetry of FPL

A corollary of the Razumov-Stroganov correspondence...

- (... that was known *before* the Razumov-Stroganov conjecture)
- call R the operator that rotates a link pattern by one position

Dihedral symmetry of FPL (proof: Wieland, 2000) $\Psi_n(\pi) = \Psi_n(R\pi)$



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$$(O(1) DLM) \qquad \tilde{\Psi} \stackrel{?}{=} \Psi \qquad (FPL)$$

Temperley-Lieb Algebra in the O(1) Dense Loop Model. Use of **Yang-Baxter** \implies $H\Psi = \sum_{i} (e_{i} - 1)\Psi = \vec{0}.$

Produce a generalized Wieland gyration for refined domains

$$H\Psi = (1 + R + R^2 + \dots + R^{2n-1})e_j\Psi.$$

Break $\Psi = \Psi^{(a,j)} + \Psi^{(c,j)}.$
A recursion using gyration gives
 $e_j\Psi^{(a,j)} = Re_{j-1}\Psi^{(a,j-1)} + (\dots)\Psi^{(c,j)}.$

What remains is $\sum_{j}(1 + R + R^2 + \cdots + R^{2n-1})(e_j - 1)\Psi^{(c,j)}$. Summands are separately zero, from a **lemma on gyration orbits**.

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General form:
$$\sum_{\pi} q^{|\pi|} = \prod_{j \ge 1} \frac{1}{(1 - q^j)^{b(j)}}$$

Is there a hidden structure of graded Unique Factorization Domain? (combinatorial prefab)

I.e., do we have "prime" objects
$$\{p_{j,\alpha}\}_{j\geq 1; 1\leq \alpha \leq b(j)}$$
 and
 $a = \prod_{\substack{j\geq 1\\1\leq \alpha \leq b(j)}} p_{j,\alpha}^{\nu(j,\alpha)}$ (w.r.t. some notion of "product"?)

Bender and Knuth, Enumeration of Plane Partitions, 1972
 I. Pak, Hook length formula and geometric combinatorics, 2001

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The Pak Algorithm







1. the input is your $\boldsymbol{\nu} = \{\nu(x, y)\}.$

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2. take $S \subset \mathbb{N}^2$, convex and containing all positive ν 's.

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4. the result is your $\mathbf{h} = \{h(x, y)\}.$

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Plane Partitions in a box

In a compact box, can push q to the "combinatorial point" q = 1

Boxed Plane Partitions as Non-Intersecting Lattice Paths

 $a \times b \times c$ boxed Plane Partition are counted by a determinant:



■ I. Gessel and G. Viennot, *Binomial determinants, paths, and hook length formulae,* 1985

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mark east- and north-bound arrows...





...you see a permutation of row/column-indices (crossings count the inversion number)

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...or directed non-crossing paths, which are not of Gessel-Viennot type...

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 $\begin{array}{r} 4 & 8 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 7 & 8 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \end{array}$

...you get a monotone triangle, base = (1, 2, ..., n), strict horizontally and weak elsewhere

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draw a line for a coherent flow...

...you get an Eulerian graph, regions can be 2-coloured resp. boundaries

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...they're also level lines of a height function, with ± 1 -slope b.c.

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Alternating Sign Matrices arose in combinatorics through the work of Mills, Robbins and Rumsey ('80s)... they took the old Dodgson Condensation Algorithm (1866)

$$\det M = \frac{\det M_{1,1} \det M_{n,n} - \det M_{1,n} \det M_{n,1}}{\det M_{1,n,1n}}$$

and defined a λ -determinant algorithmically, as

$$\mathsf{det}_{\lambda} M = \frac{\mathsf{det}_{\lambda} M_{1,1} \mathsf{det}_{\lambda} M_{n,n} - \lambda \, \mathsf{det}_{\lambda} M_{1,n} \mathsf{det}_{\lambda} M_{n,1}}{\mathsf{det}_{\lambda} M_{1n,1n}}$$

The result is (surprisingly) a Laurent polynomial in entries m_{ij} : "old" permutations take a λ^k factor, "new" terms are the non-trivial ASM, and have also $(1 - \lambda)^h$ factors...

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...and the λ -determinant is a DWBC 6-Vertex partition function (with "electric fields"), integrable, at a fermionic point $a = -\lambda$ a' = 1 b = 1 b' = 1 $c = m_{ij}$ $c' = \frac{1 - \lambda}{m_{ii}}$

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The Razumov-Stroganov correspondence... a reminder



 $\tilde{\Psi}_n(\pi)$: probability of π in the O(1) Dense Loop Model in the $\{1, ..., 2n\} \times \mathbb{N}$ cylinder $\Psi_n(\pi)$: probability of π for FPL with uniform measure in the $n \times n$ square

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Razumov-Stroganov correspondence

(conjecture: Razumov Stroganov, 2001; proof: AS Cantini, 2010)

$$\tilde{\Psi}_n(\pi) = \Psi_n(\pi)$$

Dihedral symmetry of FPL:

 $\Psi_n(\pi) = \Psi_n(R\pi)$



FPL in fancy domains...

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...maybe generalize Razumov-Stroganov before proving it?...

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The Temperley-Lieb(1) monoid

Consider the graphical action over link patterns $\pi \in L\mathcal{P}(n)$ (throw away detached cycles)





The maps $\{e_i\}_{1 \le i \le 2n}$ and $R^{\pm 1}$ generate a semigroup Example:



Consider the linear space $\mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{LP}(n)}$, linear span of basis vectors $|\pi\rangle$. Operators e_i and $R^{\pm 1}$ are linear operators over $\mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{LP}(n)}$

O(1) dense loop model: the Markov Chain over LP(n)



A config with t - 1 layers.

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Some loops get detached from the boundary. You have a config with *t* layers, and a new link pattern.

Rates $T_{p=1/2}(\pi,\pi')$

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Non-trivial layers look like operators $R e_j$

Integrability: commutation of Transfer Matrices

Call $T_p(\pi, \pi')$ the matrix of transition rates (on the space of link patterns $\mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{LP}(n)}$) for tiling one layer using probability p.

Trivial: $\tilde{\Psi}_p(\pi)$, the steady state, is the unique eigenstate of $T_p(\pi, \pi')$ with all positive entries

A magic application of Yang-Baxter: $[T_p, T_{p'}] = 0$

Consequence: $\tilde{\Psi}_{p}(\pi) \equiv \tilde{\Psi}_{p'}(\pi)$ and we can get $\tilde{\Psi}(\pi) := \tilde{\Psi}_{1/2}(\pi)$ from the study of the easier $T_{p\to 0}(\pi, \pi')$

Call $H_n = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (e_i - 1)$ and $|\tilde{s}_n\rangle = \sum_{\pi} \tilde{\Psi}(\pi) |\pi\rangle$. Realize $R^{-1}T_p = I + pH + \mathcal{O}(p^2)$. We thus have

 $|H_n|\tilde{s}_n
angle=0$ linear-algebra characterization of $ilde{\Psi}(\pi)$

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Integrability: commutation of Transfer Matrices



the two linear equations for $|\tilde{s}_n\rangle$ are equivalent!

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An unnoticed lemma on gyration orbits

Call $\mathcal{O}(\phi)$ the orbit of ϕ under Wieland gyration. For a face α , say

$$\mathcal{N}_{lpha}(\phi) = \left\{egin{array}{c} -1 & ext{if you have} \ \mathbf{I} \\ 0 & ext{otherwise} \end{array}
ight.$$

A lemma on \mathcal{N}_{α} \forall FPL ϕ , face α $\sum_{\phi' \in \mathcal{O}(\phi)} \mathcal{N}_{\alpha}(\phi') = 0$



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Around the Razumov-Stroganov correspondence

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This inverts $\deg_{black}(v) \leftrightarrow \deg_{white}(v)$, and preserves connectivity of open-path endpoints

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A configuration on (Λ, τ_+) (i.e., first leg is black)

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The construction of \mathcal{G}_{-} , pairing (2j, 2j + 1) legs

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Split auxiliary vertices to recover the (Λ, τ_+) original geometry (with a rotated link pattern)...

- Works with the Wieland recipe, on faces $\ell=4$
- Works with just complementation, on faces $\ell=1,2,3$
- Can't work at all on faces $\ell \geq 5$
- At boundaries, pair external legs to produce triangles

A single move exists on plenty of graphs... then, rotation comes from two moves ...many more domains than just $n \times n$ squares have this property!

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An example of our "convex planar quadrangulations, and up to 4 triangles" general domains...



(bottom line: an elementary generalization of Wieland strategy gives rotational symmetry for FPL enumerations above)

The Razumov-Stroganov correspondence: generalised



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Razumov-Stroganov correspondence on Wieland domains (proof: AS Cantini, 2010)

$$\tilde{\Psi}_n(\pi) = \Psi_{\Lambda}(\pi)$$
 i.e. $H_n|s_{\Lambda}\rangle = 0$

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We have seen how to generalise the domain, using black/white alternating boundary conditions

What does it happen if we generalise on boundary conditions?

Pairing consecutive legs with the same colour produces arcs, and "loses link-pattern information": gyration holds for linear combinations of $\Psi(\pi)$, instead of component-wise.

These linear combinations, induced by arcs, are well-described by Temperley-Lieb operators.

This fact suggested us that gyration on domains with a "defect" in the boundary conditions was related to Razumov-Stroganov (in its "linear-algebra formulation" ...)

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An example with generic boundary conditions

Example: the state $|s_j^c
angle$ (that we define in the next slide) satisfies $(R\,e_{j-1}-e_j)|s_j^c
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The structure of the proof

Rewrite the starting H|s
angle=0 as $\mathbf{S}(e_j-1)|s
angle=0$ $\mathbf{S}:=1+R+\cdots+R^{2n-1}$

Write " $|s\rangle = |s_j^a\rangle + |s_j^b\rangle + |s_j^c\rangle$ ",

i.e., marginalise w.r.t. a single matrix entry (on the boundary).



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Combining recursion relations with the new gyration relations gives

$$egin{aligned} & \mathbf{S}(e_j-1)|s_j^a
angle = \mathbf{S}(e_{j+1}-1)(|s_{j+1}^a
angle + |s_{j+1}^c
angle) \ & \mathbf{S}(e_j-1)|s_j^b
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angle) \end{aligned}$$

Recursion end up at the corners of the domain, and you get

$$|H|s
angle = \sum_j {f S}(e_j-1)|s_j^c
angle$$

Note: we have " $(e_j - 1)|s_j^c\rangle$ " terms, not " $(e_j - 1)|s_k^c\rangle$ " and a double sum, as in the naïve approach!

The summands are separately zero, as seen using the lemma on \mathcal{N}_{lpha}

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An example of our generalized ASM-TSSCPP Theorem

From Zeilberger / Kuperberg, we know that # TSSCPP of size 2*n* equals A_n , i.e. # FPL of size *n*.

From Razumov-Stroganov on a domain Λ (with 2n black legs), we know that

$$A_{\Lambda} = A_n K(\Lambda) \qquad K(\Lambda) \in \mathbb{N}$$

These numbers $K(\Lambda)$ are to be determined. We now do this for "three bundles", proving

$$A_{a,b,c} = A_{a+b+c} M_{a,b,c}$$

(where $M_{a,b,c}$ is the number of Plane Partitions in the $a \times b \times c$ box, MacMahon 1915 formula)







































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