

Computer algebra for the study of two-dimensional exclusion processes

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Outline

- 1 Two-dimensional disordered ASEP
- 2 Steady state and the partition function
- 3 Currents
- 4 Scott Russell phenomenon out of equilibrium

Motivation

- Exact solutions of nonequilibrium statistical mechanical models have proven useful in developing fundamental laws.
- For example, the asymmetric simple exclusion process (ASEP) in one-dimension has had remarkable success.
- The stationary distribution of the open ASEP was determined exactly by Derrida, Evans, Hakim and Pasquier (J. Phys. A, 1993) using the matrix ansatz.
- The **additivity principle** of Bodineau and Derrida has come out of a thorough study of the ASEP.

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- However, all of these are one-dimensional models.
- Very few (if any) **two-dimensional models** have been solved exactly.
- Very few models **with disorder** have been solved exactly.

Disordered ASEP

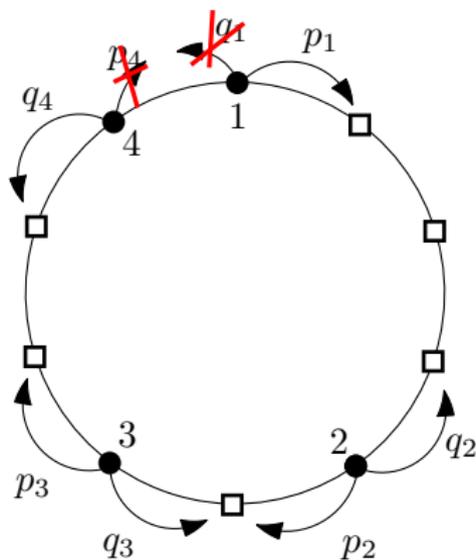
- Evans (*Europhys. Lett.*, 1996) considered an ASEP on a ring where the hopping rates are disordered.
- Ring of size L with n particles.
- The k 'th particle performs transitions

● □ → □ ● with rate p_k ,

□ ● → ● □ with rate q_k .

- Since particles cannot cross each other, we label the particles
●₁, ..., ●_n.

Example



The configuration $\bullet_1 \square \square \square \bullet_2 \square \bullet_3 \square \square \bullet_4$ for the system with $L = 10$ and $n = 4$.

Results

- Evans gave a formula for the steady state using the matrix ansatz.
- He also computed the nonequilibrium partition function and the current.

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Formulas for $L = 4, n = 2$

Configuration	steady state weight
$(\bullet_2, \square, \square, \bullet_1)$	$(p_1 + q_2)^2$
$(\bullet_2, \square, \bullet_1, \square)$	$(p_2 + q_1)(p_1 + q_2)$
$(\bullet_2, \bullet_1, \square, \square)$	$(p_2 + q_1)^2$

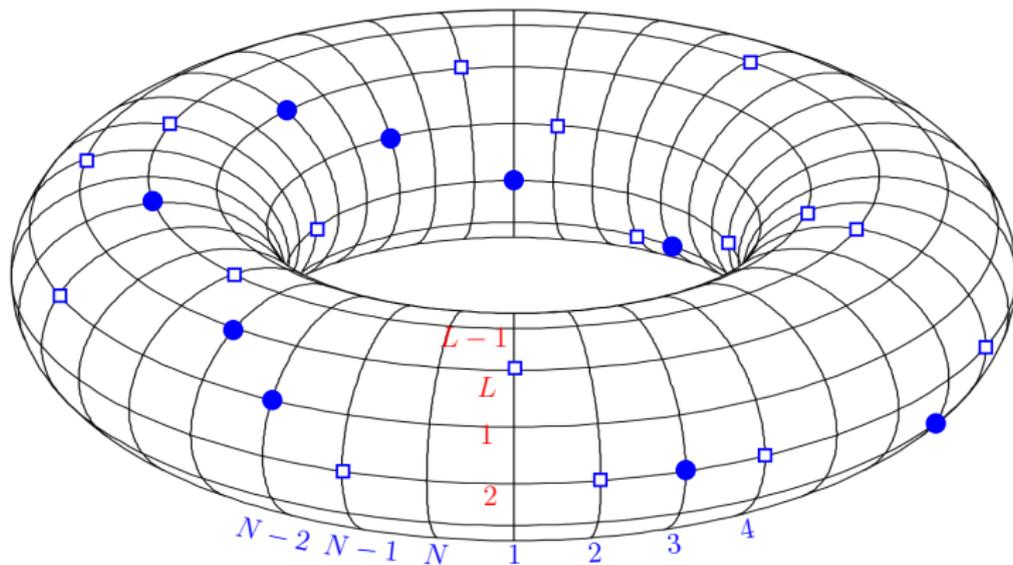
The partition function is

$$4((p_1 + q_2)^2 + (p_2 + q_1)(p_1 + q_2) + (p_2 + q_1)^2).$$

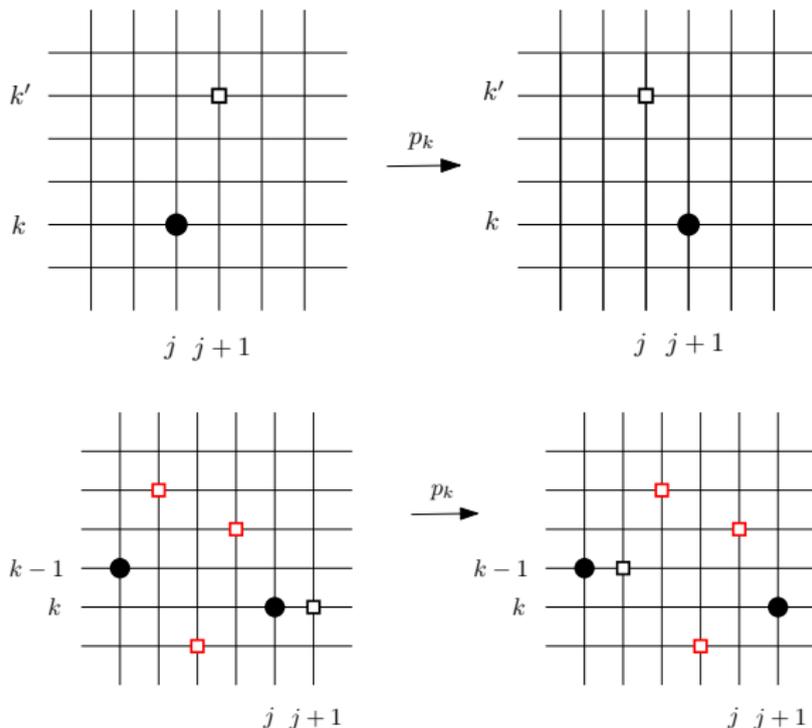
The two-dimensional exclusion process

- Discrete $L \times n$ torus with two kinds of particles and vacancies.
- Denote first class particles by \bullet , second class particles by \square and vacancies by 0 .
- Let $\hat{\Omega}_{L,n}$ consist of configurations such that:
 - ◇ Each row contains exactly one \bullet .
 - ◇ Each column contains exactly one particle (either \bullet or \square).
 - ◇ The columns indices of \bullet 's read from left to right form a **cyclically increasing sequence**.
- Thus, we have n \bullet 's and $L - n$ \square 's.
- $|\hat{\Omega}_{L,n}| = n \binom{L}{n} n^{L-n}$.

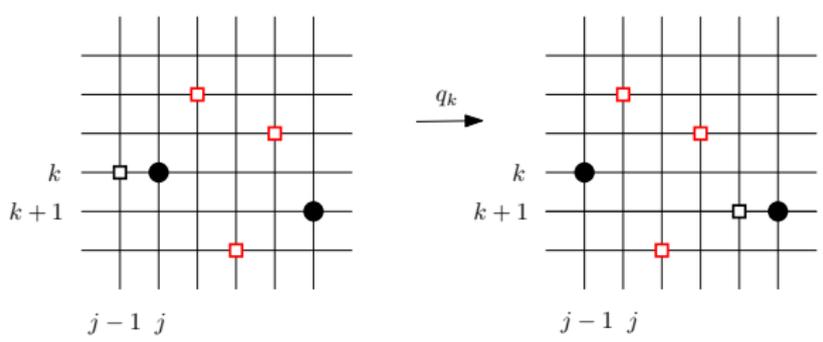
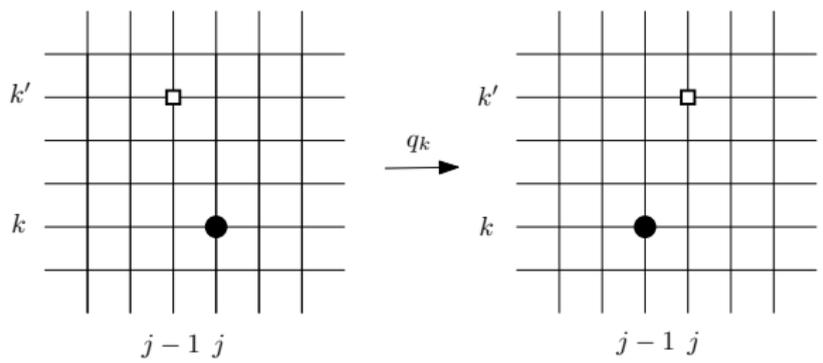
Illustration



Forward transitions: ● in row k , column j



Backward transitions: ● in row k , column j



Translation invariance

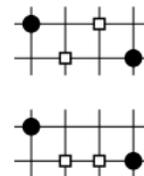
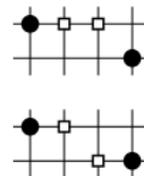
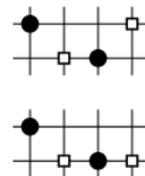
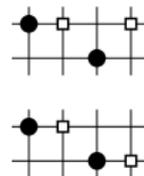
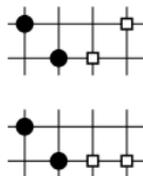
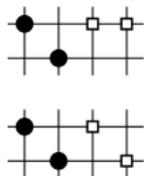
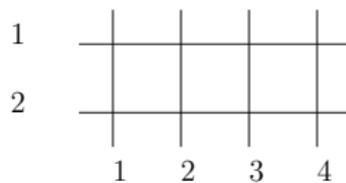
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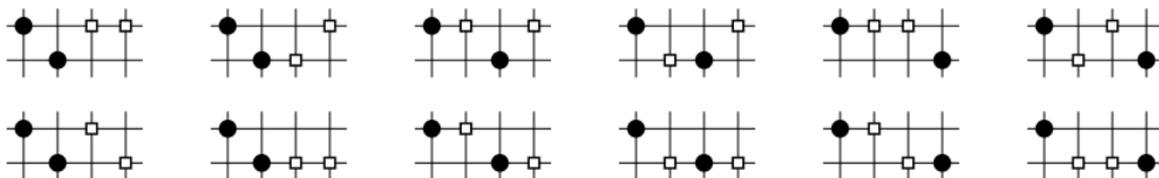
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- The transitions are such that the process is invariant under **horizontal** translations.
- Therefore, it is enough to focus on $\omega \in \hat{\Omega}_{L,n}$ with $\omega_{1,1} = \bullet$.
- We call such configurations **restricted configurations**.
- For restricted configurations, the column indices of \bullet 's in ω must be a strictly increasing sequence.

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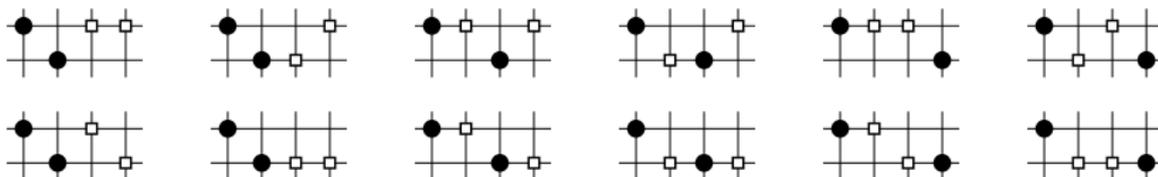
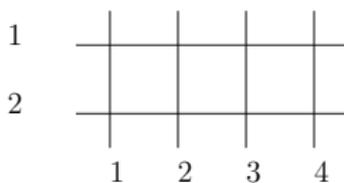


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Irreducibility

Lemma

Let $L \geq 1$ and $1 \leq n < L$. If all parameters $p_k, q_k > 0$, the exclusion process on $\hat{\Omega}_{L,n}$ is irreducible.

As a consequence, the steady state is unique.

Weights of configurations

- Let $\omega \in \hat{\Omega}_{L,n}$ be a restricted configuration.
- Let the locations of the 1's in ω be $((1, a_1), \dots, (n, a_n))$, where $1 = a_1 < \dots < a_n$.
- Let $C_k \equiv C_k(\omega)$ be the set of those positions (i, j) with $a_k < j < a_{k+1}$ such that $\omega(i, j) = \square$.
- We will assign a weight to every 0 lying in such a column.
- This weight will either be p_j or q_j if the 0 is in row j .

Weights of configurations

- Suppose $(i, j) \in C_k$.
- Two possibilities, depending on the relative order of i with respect to k :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left(\begin{array}{c} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_{i-1} \\ \square \\ q_{i+1} \\ \vdots \\ q_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{array} \right) \\
 i \leq k
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{or} \quad
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 \left(\begin{array}{c} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_k \\ p_{k+1} \\ \vdots \\ p_{i-1} \\ \square \\ q_{i+1} \\ \vdots \\ q_n \end{array} \right) \\
 i > k
 \end{array}$$

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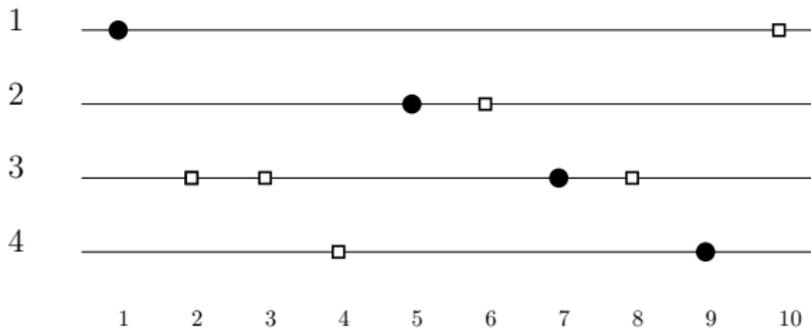
- The weight associated to this \square is

$$w_{\square}(i, k) = \begin{cases} p_1 \cdots p_{i-1} q_{i+1} \cdots q_k p_{k+1} \cdots p_n & 1 \leq i \leq k, \\ q_1 \cdots q_k p_{k+1} \cdots p_{i-1} q_{i+1} \cdots q_n & k < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

- The weight $\text{wt}(\omega)$ of $\omega \in \hat{\Omega}_{L,n}$ is

$$\text{wt}(\omega) = \prod_{k=1}^n \prod_{(i,j) \in C_k} w_{\square}(i, k).$$

Example



- The weight of the configuration in the above figure is

$$\underbrace{(q_4 q_1 p_2)^2 (q_1 p_2 p_3)}_{C_1} \underbrace{(p_3 p_4 p_1)}_{C_2} \underbrace{(p_4 p_1 p_2)}_{C_3} \underbrace{(q_2 q_3 q_4)}_{C_4} \\
 = p_1^2 p_2^4 p_3^2 p_4^2 q_1^3 q_2 q_3 q_4^3.$$

Steady state

Let the **steady state probabilities** in $\hat{\Omega}_{L,n}$ be denoted by $\hat{\pi}$.

Theorem (A. & P. Nadeau, *Europ. J. Comb.*, 2022)

- Suppose $p_k, q_k > 0$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$.
- Then the stationary probability of the configuration ω for the exclusion process on $\hat{\Omega}_{L,n}$ given by

$$\hat{\pi}(\omega) = \frac{\text{wt}(\omega)}{L Z_{L,n}}.$$

- Here $Z_{L,n}$ is the **restricted (nonequilibrium) partition function**,

$$Z_{L,n} = \sum_{\substack{\omega \in \hat{\Omega}_{L,n} \\ \omega_{1,1}=1}} \text{wt}(\omega).$$

Idea of proof: Verify the master equation.

Restricted partition function

Set

$$W_{\square}(k) = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{\square}(j, k).$$

Corollary

The restricted partition function $Z_{L,n}$ is given by:

$$Z_{L,n} = [x^{L-n}] \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{1 - W_{\square}(k)x}.$$

Special cases

Define the (p, q) -analogue of an integer $n \in \mathbb{N}$ as

$$[n]_{p,q} = p^{n-1} + p^{n-2}q + \dots + q^{n-1}.$$

Corollary

If $p_i = p$ and $q_i = q$ for all i , then

$$Z_{L,n} = \binom{L-1}{n-1} [n]_{p,q}^{L-n}.$$

Special cases

Recall that the **elementary symmetric polynomial** $e_k(x_1, \dots, x_j)$, for $1 \leq k \leq j$, is given by

$$e_k(x_1, \dots, x_j) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq j} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_k}. \quad (1)$$

Corollary

If $q_i = p_i$ for all i , then

$$Z_{L,n} = \binom{L-1}{n-1} e_{n-1}(p_1, \dots, p_n)^{L-n}.$$

Extra symmetry!

A useful lemma

Lemma

The weights associated to \square 's satisfy

$$p_k w_{\square}(i, k) - q_k w_{\square}(i, k - 1) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq k, \\ p_1 \cdots p_n - q_1 \cdots q_n & i = k. \end{cases}$$

Easily verified!

Current of ●'s

- Since particles of type ● only travel horizontally, we can only talk about **horizontal currents** for these.
- Let J_{\bullet} denote the current for the particle of type ● on the i 'th row in the steady state.
- By particle conservation, this is independent of the choice of edge.
- Since ●'s in successive rows cannot overtake each other, J_{\bullet} is independent of i .

Current of ●'s

Theorem (Evans 1995, A. & P. Nadeau, *Europ. J. Comb.*, 2022)

For $1 \leq i \leq n$, we have

$$J_{\bullet} = (p_1 \dots p_n - q_1 \dots q_n) \frac{Z_{L-1,n}}{L Z_{L,n}}.$$

Evans gave the same formula for the 1D ASEP (in slightly different language).

Horizontal current of \square 's

- The \square 's travel both horizontally and vertically.
- So we can talk about two kinds of currents.
- In the horizontal direction, their motion can be both **local** and **nonlocal**.
- Let $J_{\square}^h(j)$ denote the horizontal current of \square 's crossing columns j and $j + 1$.

Theorem (A. & P. Nadeau, *Europ. J. Comb.*, 2022)

For any $j \in [L]$,

$$J_{\square}^h(j) = -n(p_1 \cdots p_n - q_1 \cdots q_n) \frac{Z_{L-1,n}}{LZ_{L,n}}.$$

Vertical current of \square 's

- In the vertical direction, the motion of \square 's is always **nonlocal**.
- So, we cannot talk about the current across any one vertical edge.
- We will instead define the **upward current** J_{\square}^{i+} between rows i and $i - 1$, which occurs only with a forward transition of a \bullet to its left in the same row.
- Similarly, the **downward current** J_{\square}^{i-} between rows i and $i + 1$ only occurs with a reverse transition of a \bullet to its right in the same row.
- The net vertical current between rows i and $i + 1$ is

$$J_{\square}^i = J_{\square}^{i+} - J_{\square}^{(i+1)-}.$$

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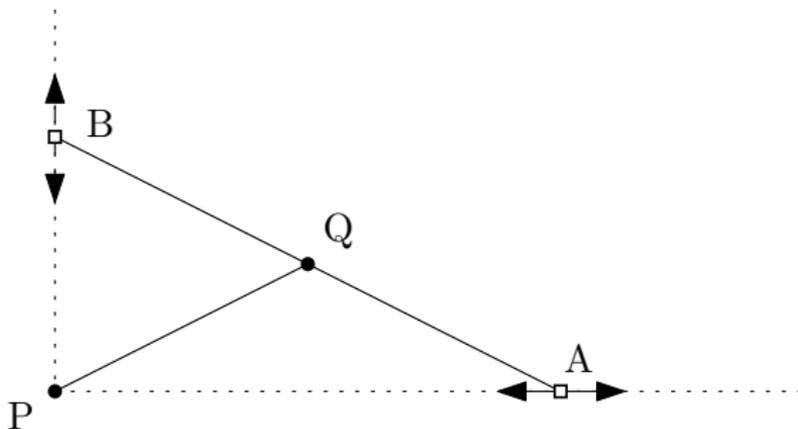
$$J_{\square}^{i+} = p_1 \dots p_n \frac{Z_{L-1,n}}{LZ_{L,N}}, \quad J_{\square}^{i-} = q_1 \dots q_n \frac{Z_{L-1,n}}{LZ_{L,N}},$$

Corollary

The vertical current of \square 's between rows i and $i+1$ is the same as the horizontal current of 1 's, i.e.

$$J_{\square}^i = J_{\bullet}.$$

Scott Russell linkage



Scott Russell phenomenon

- In our 2D ASEP, horizontal motion of ●'s gives rise to vertical motion of □'s.
- We call this the **microscopic Scott Russell (linkage) phenomenon**.
- This is a manifestly two-dimensional phenomenon.
- A **Scott Russell linkage** is a mechanism for transferring linear motion in one direction to a perpendicular direction.
- It is named after John Scott Russell, a Scottish civil engineer.
- It is a standard piece of equipment in most cars today.
- His other claim to fame is ...

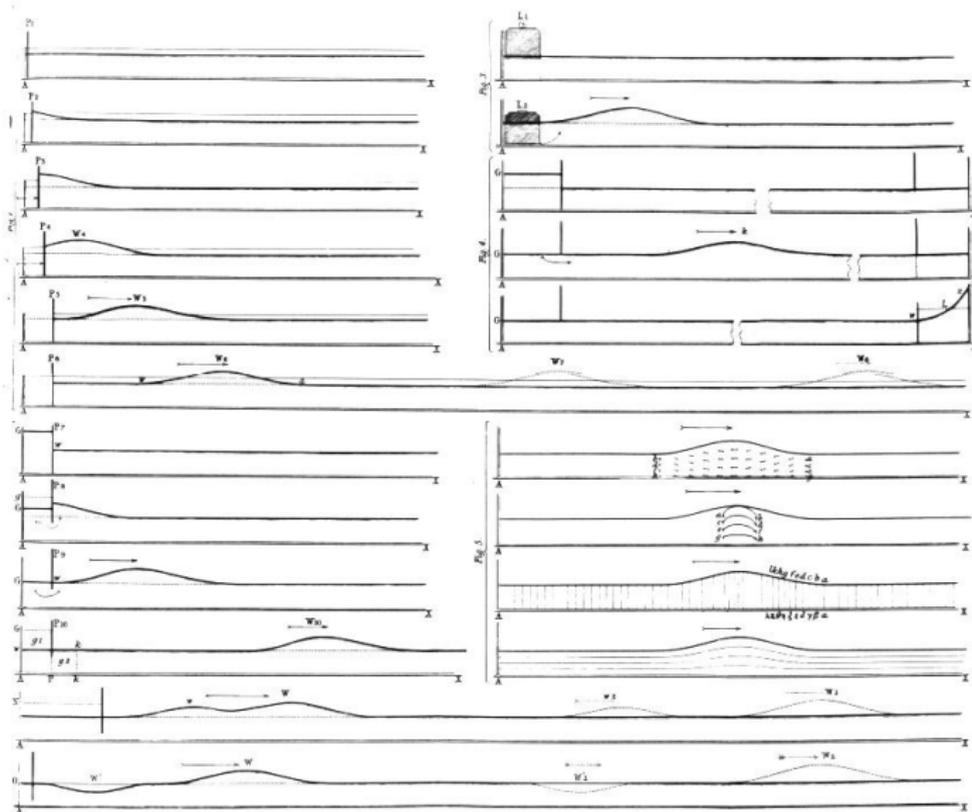
Report on Waves, Sep. 1844

I was observing the motion of a boat which was rapidly drawn along a narrow channel by a pair of horses, when the boat suddenly stopped - not so the mass of water in the channel which it had put in motion; it accumulated round the prow of the vessel in a state of violent agitation, then suddenly leaving it behind, rolled forward with great velocity, assuming the form of a large solitary elevation, a rounded, smooth and well-defined heap of water, which continued its course along the channel apparently without change of form or diminution of speed. I followed it on horseback, and overtook it still rolling on at a rate of some eight or nine miles an hour, preserving its original figure some thirty feet long and a foot to a foot and a half in height. Its height gradually diminished, and after a chase of one or two miles I lost it in the windings of the channel. Such, in the month of August 1834, was my first chance interview with that singular and beautiful phenomenon which I have called the Wave of Translation.

Image of a solitary wave

WAVES...Order I. The Great Wave of Translation.

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1834



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Large deviation function

- We want to show that the large deviation functions (LDFs) of both J_\bullet and J_\square are the same.
- We can study these with the help of the **Gärtner–Ellis theorem**.
- Construct the **tilted generators** by multiplying the transitions which correspond to the observable by e^λ .
- By the **Perron–Frobenius theorem**, the largest eigenvalue is unique.
- The Legendre transform of the logarithm of this eigenvalue gives the LDF.

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Intertwiner

- Fix L and n as before.
- For $1 \leq i \leq n$, let λ_i record the transitions for the horizontal (resp. vertical) current of \bullet 's (resp. \square 's) in row i (resp. between rows i and $i + 1$).
- Let M_\bullet and M_\square be the tilted generators for the currents J_\bullet and J_\square respectively depending on parameters $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$.

Theorem (A., 2023+)

There exists a diagonal matrix I such that $IM_1 = M_2I$.

