

Physical Combinatorics of Tau Function and Bethe Ansatz

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Tau function of KP hierarchy

$$\tau_i(\mathbf{x}) = \langle i | e^{H(\mathbf{x})} \exp\left(\sum_{j=1}^N c_j \psi(p_j) \psi^*(q_j)\right) | i \rangle$$

($e^{H(\mathbf{x})}$ = time evolution op. involving β_1, β_2, \dots)

$$\tau_i(\mathbf{x}) = \det(1 + F)$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq N} F_{jj} + \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 \leq N} \begin{vmatrix} F_{j_1 j_1} & F_{j_1 j_2} \\ F_{j_2 j_1} & F_{j_2 j_2} \end{vmatrix} + \dots,$$

$$F_{jl} = \frac{c_j q_j}{p_j - q_l} \left(\frac{p_j}{q_j}\right)^{i-1} \prod_m \frac{\beta_m - q_j}{\beta_m - p_j}$$

Ultradiscretization (tropical variable change)

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \epsilon \log \left(\exp\left(\frac{a}{\epsilon}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{b}{\epsilon}\right) \right) = \max(a, b)$$

\times $a + b$

keeps the distributive law

$$ab + ac = a(b + c) \rightarrow \max(a + b, a + c) = a + \max(b, c).$$

Ultradiscrete limit

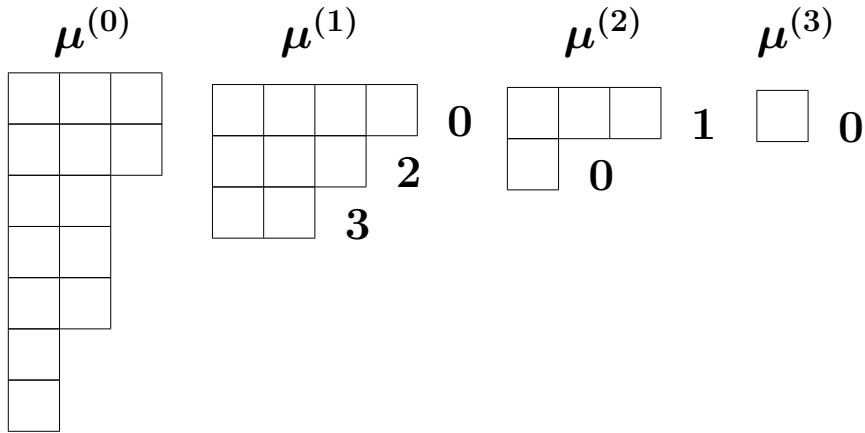
$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \epsilon \log \tau_i(x)$$

with an elaborate ϵ -tuning of parameters

$$c_j, p_j, q_j, \beta_m \quad \text{in} \quad \tau_i(x)$$

leads to an **tropical tau function**
associated with **Rigged Configuration**.

Example from $sl_{n=4}$



Rigged configuration

$$(\mu, r) = (\mu^{(0)}, (\mu^{(1)}, r^{(1)}), \dots, (\mu^{(n-1)}, r^{(n-1)}))$$

$\mu^{(a)}$: configuration (Young diagram)

$r^{(a)}$: rigging (integers attached to $\mu^{(a)}$)

(+ selection rule)

Charge of rigged configuration

$$c(\mu, r) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a,b=1}^{n-1} C_{ab} \min(\mu^{(a)}, \mu^{(b)}) - \min(\mu^{(0)}, \mu^{(1)}) + \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} |r^{(a)}|$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \min(\lambda, \mu) = \sum_{ij} \min(\lambda_i, \mu_j), \quad |r| = \sum_i r_i \\ (C_{ab}) = \text{Cartan matrix of } sl_n \end{array} \right)$$

Tropical tau function

$$\tau_i(\lambda) := - \min_{(\nu, s)} \{c(\nu, s) + |\nu^{(i)}|\} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n)$$

min : over $\forall (\nu^{(a)}, s^{(a)}) \subseteq (\mu^{(a)}, r^{(a)})$ such that $\nu^{(0)} = \lambda$.

example :

			$\mu^{(1)}$	
				0
			2	
			3	

			$\mu^{(2)}$	
				1
			0	

			$\mu^{(3)}$	
				0

Proposition (Tropical Hirota equation)

$$\bar{\tau}_{k,i-1} + \tau_{k-1,i} = \max(\bar{\tau}_{k,i} + \tau_{k-1,i-1}, \bar{\tau}_{k-1,i-1} + \tau_{k,i} - \mu_k^{(0)}),$$

where

$$\tau_{k,i} = \tau_i((\mu_1^{(0)}, \dots, \mu_k^{(0)})), \quad \bar{\tau}_{k,i} = \tau_{k,i}|_{r^{(a)} \rightarrow r^{(a)} + \delta_{a1}\mu^{(1)}}$$

Rigged configuration originates in [string hypothesis](#) in Bethe ansatz

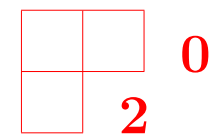
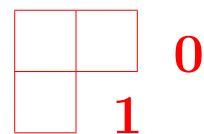
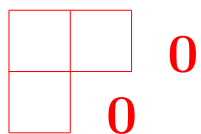
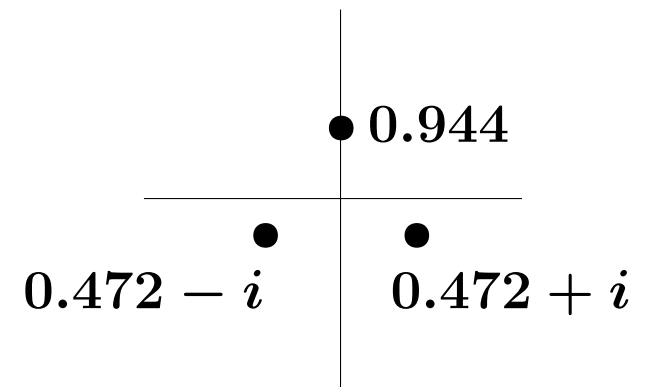
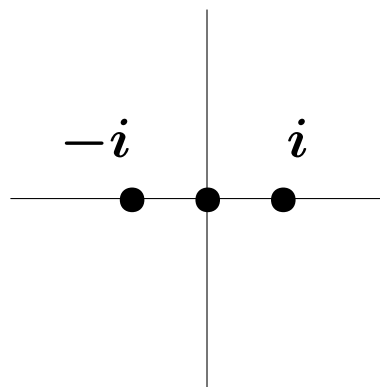
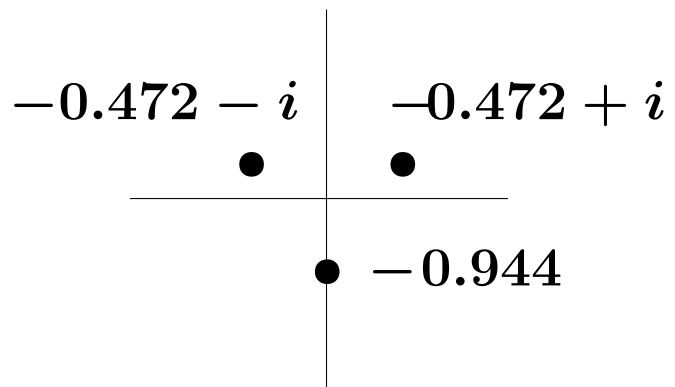
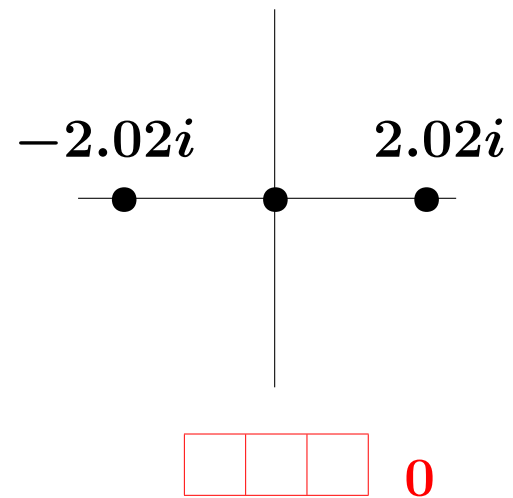
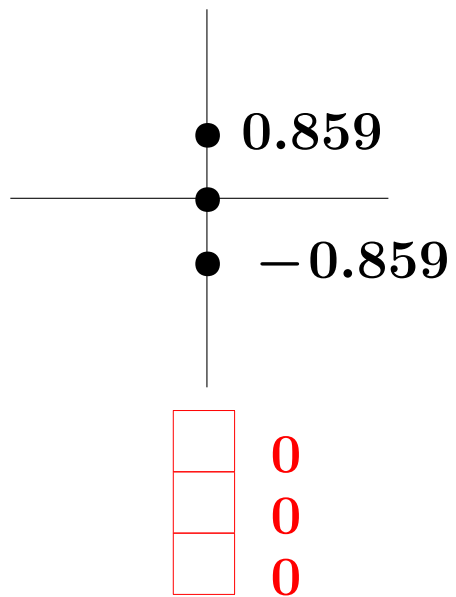
Solitons in tau function = Strings in Bethe ansatz

Example from sl_2 (Heisenberg chain)

$$H = \sum_{k=1}^L (\sigma_k^x \sigma_{k+1}^x + \sigma_k^y \sigma_{k+1}^y + \sigma_k^z \sigma_{k+1}^z) \quad : \quad (\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes L} \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes L}$$

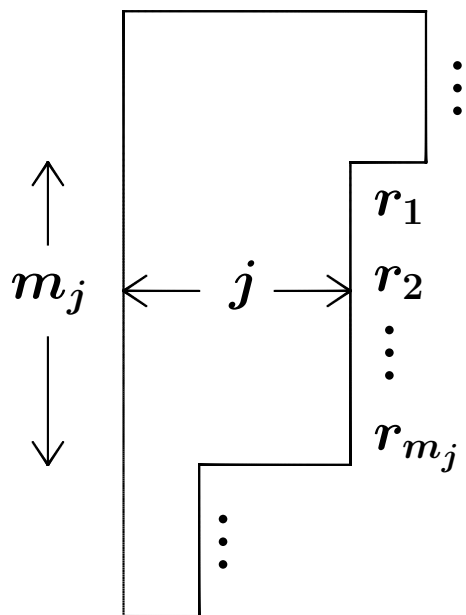
Bethe equation for length $L = 6$ chain with 3 down spins.

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



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

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



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

\dots (fermionic) selection rule

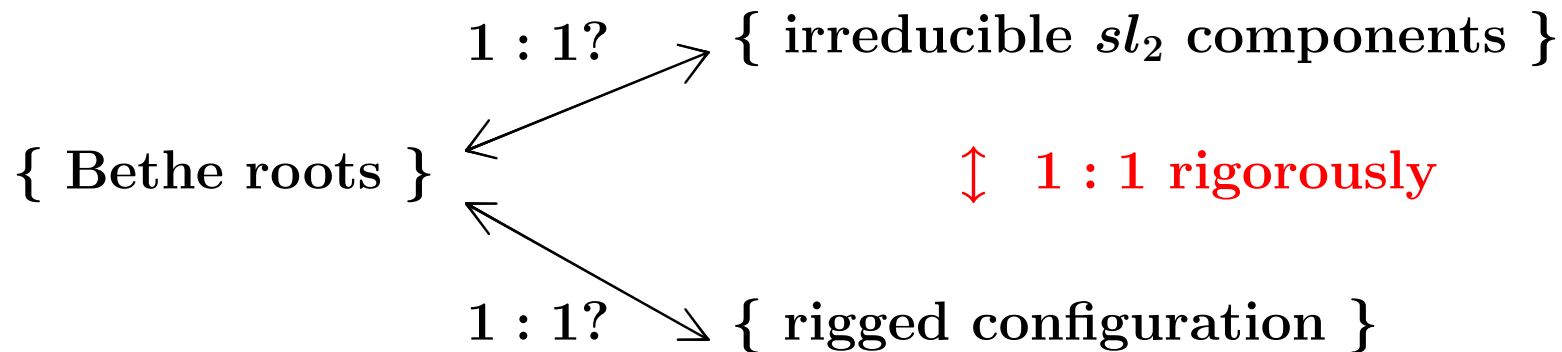
$$p_j = L - 2 \sum_{k \geq 1} \min(j, k) m_k$$

\dots vacancy number

$$\# \text{ of rigged configurations} = \sum_{\{m_i\}} \prod_{i \geq 1} \binom{p_i + m_i}{m_i}$$

Bethe's fermionic formula (1931)

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



KKR theory. (Kerov-Kirillov-Reshetikhin 1986)

Invention of rigged configuration, canonical bijection and q -analogue of Bethe's formula from integrable spin chain with sl_n symmetry.

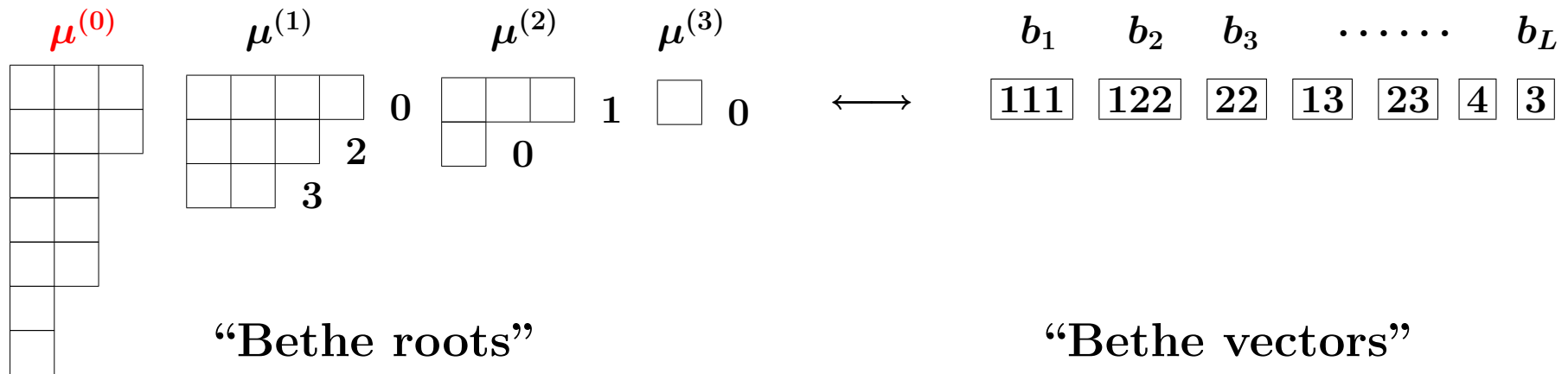
{rigged configurations} $\xleftrightarrow{\text{KKR}}$ {standard tableaux} $\xleftrightarrow{\text{RS}}$ {highest paths}

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“composition of **our bijection** with the **R**obinson-**S**chensted-Knuth correspondence may be viewed as a combinatorial version of the Bethe ansatz.” ([KKR 1986])

KKR bijection for sl_n

{rigged configurations} $\xleftrightarrow{1:1}$ {highest paths}

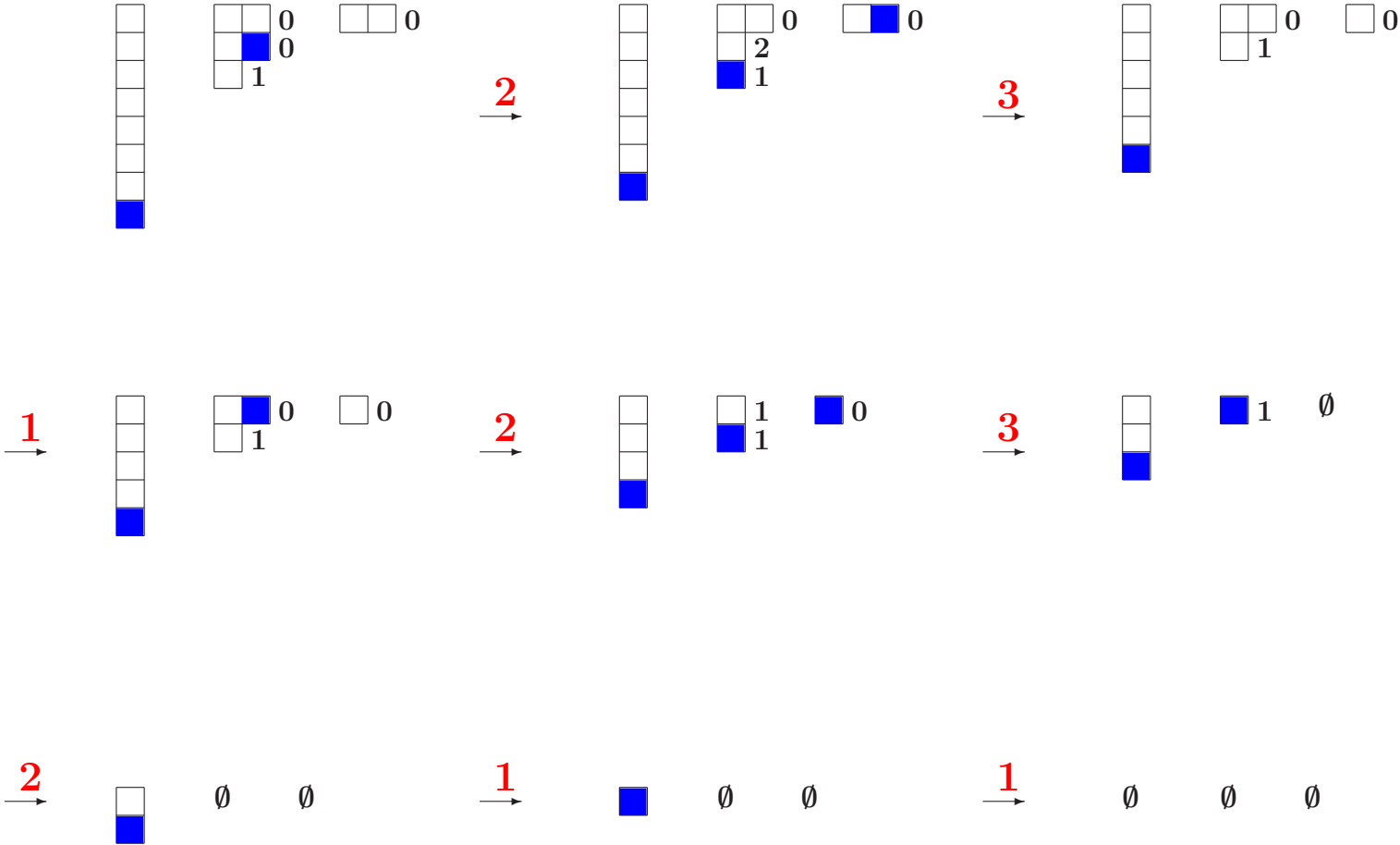


highest path = $b_1 b_2 \dots b_L$

$b_i =$ row shape $(\mu_i^{(0)})$ semistandard tableau.

(+ highest condition)

Example of KKR algorithm from sl_3



Top left rigged configuration $\xrightarrow{\text{KKR}}$ **11232132**

Theorem.(K-Sakamoto-Yamada 2007)

Image of the KKR map

$$(\mu^{(0)}, (\mu^{(1)}, r^{(1)}), \dots, (\mu^{(n-1)}, r^{(n-1)})) \xrightarrow{\text{KKR}} b_1 \dots b_L$$
$$b_k = (\overbrace{1 \dots 1}^{x_{k,1}}, \dots, \overbrace{n \dots n}^{x_{k,n}}) \text{ (semistandard tableau),}$$

is given by

$$x_{k,i} = \tau_{k,i} - \tau_{k-1,i} - \tau_{k,i-1} + \tau_{k-1,i-1}$$

We will see that this is an analogue of

$$u = 2 \frac{\partial^2 \log \tau}{\partial x^2}$$

for KdV eq. in tropical (ultradiscrete) soliton theory.

Crystals and combinatorial R for $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_n)$

$$B_l = \{ \boxed{i_1, \dots, i_l} \mid \text{semistandard} \}$$

$$\text{Aff}(B_l) = \{ \boxed{i_1, \dots, i_l}_d \in B_l \times \mathbb{Z} \}$$

equipped with crystal structures.

Example:

$$\boxed{1233} \otimes \boxed{124} \in B_4 \otimes B_3, \quad \boxed{1233}_5 \otimes \boxed{124}_9 \in \text{Aff}(B_4) \otimes \text{Aff}(B_3).$$

$u_l := \boxed{11\dots 1} \in B_l$ is the (classically) highest element.

A **path** is an element $b_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes \dots \in B_{l_1} \otimes B_{l_2} \otimes \dots$.

Combinatorial R (classical part)

$$R : B_l \otimes B_m \xrightarrow{\sim} B_m \otimes B_l, \quad x \otimes y \mapsto \tilde{y} \otimes \tilde{x}$$

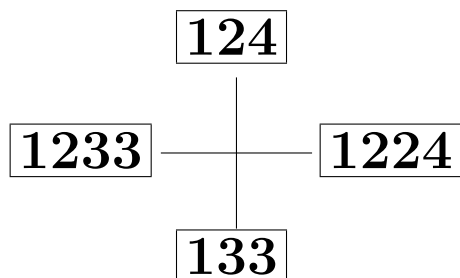
$$\tilde{x}_i - x_i = y_i - \tilde{y}_i = Q_i(x \otimes y) - Q_{i-1}(x \otimes y) \quad (i \bmod n),$$

$x_i = \#$ of letter i in tableau x (y_i : similar),

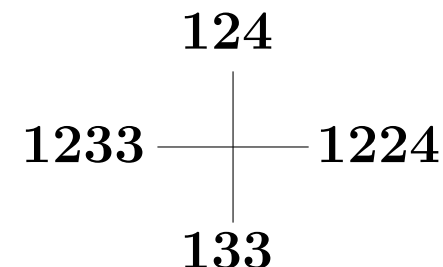
$$Q_i(x \otimes y) = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} x_{i+j} + \sum_{j=k+1}^n y_{i+j} \right\} \cdots \quad i \text{ th local energy.}$$

Example : $\boxed{1233} \otimes \boxed{124} \simeq \boxed{133} \otimes \boxed{1224}$

will be denoted by

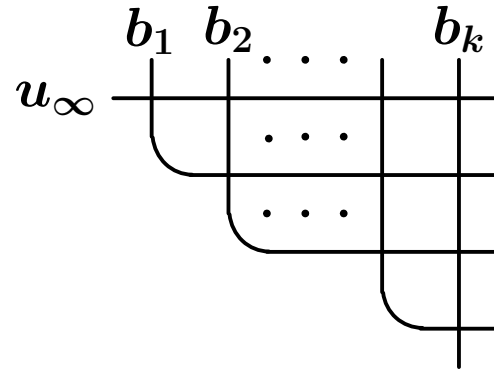


or simply



Energy \mathcal{E}_i of path $b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_k$ ($i \bmod n$)

$\mathcal{E}_i(b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_k) :=$ Sum of $Q_i(x \otimes y)$ attached to all vertices in



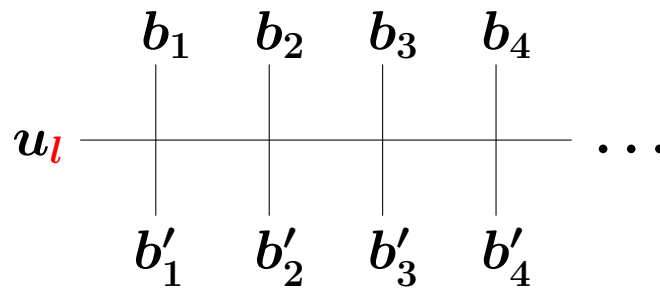
Theorem. ([KSY] “tropical fermionic formula”)

Suppose $b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_L \xleftrightarrow{\text{KKR}} (\mu, r) \longrightarrow \{\tau_{k,i}\}$. Then,

$$\mathcal{E}_i(b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_k) = \tau_{k,i} \quad (1 \leq k \leq L) \quad \blacksquare$$

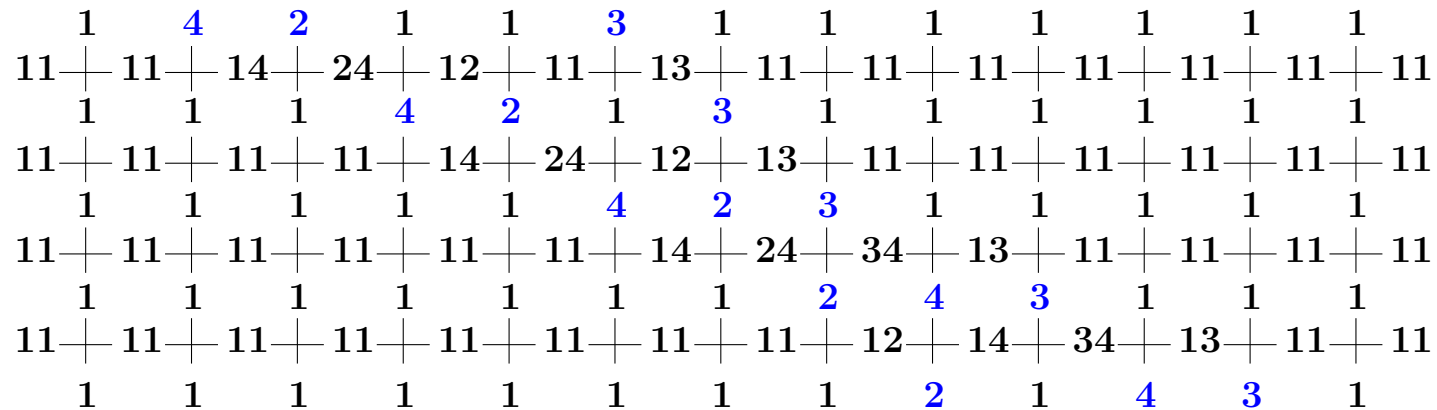
Fusion $U_q(\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_n)$ vertex model at $q = 0$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T_l : B_1 \otimes B_1 \otimes B_1 \otimes \cdots & \longrightarrow & B_1 \otimes B_1 \otimes B_1 \otimes \cdots \\
 b_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes b_3 \otimes \cdots & \longmapsto & b'_1 \otimes b'_2 \otimes b'_3 \otimes \cdots
 \end{array}$$



T_1, T_2, \dots : commuting family of time evolutions
(deterministic fusion transfer matrices)

Example of time evolution T_2 :



The dynamics on vertical edges reproduces
Box-ball system (Takahashi-Satsuma 1990).

$\dots 1421131111111 \dots$
 $\dots 1114213111111 \dots$
 $\dots 1111142311111 \dots$
 $\dots 1111111243111 \dots$
 $\dots 1111111121431 \dots$

1 = empty box, 2, 3, 4 = colored balls.

Soliton = consecutive array of balls $i_1 \dots i_s$ with color $i_1 \geq \dots \geq i_s$

Collision of 3 solitons

... 11**432**11**42**1111**3**1111111111111111 ...
... 11111**432**1**42**111**3**1111111111111111 ...
... 11111111**43**1**422**1**3**1111111111111111 ...
... 11111111111**43**11**4232**111111111111 ...
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Yang-Baxter relation is valid.

(Solitons in final state are independent of the order of collisions.)

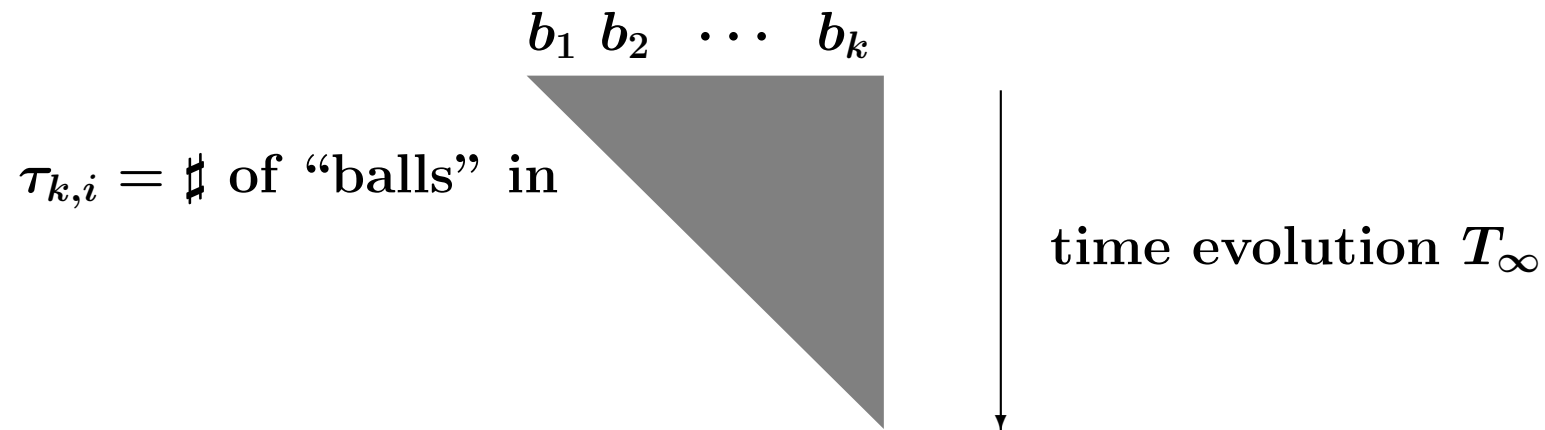
Theorem.([KSY])

(1) Tropical tau function

= **Energy of affine crystal** (math) \cdots previous theorem

= Baxter's **corner transfer matrix** for box-ball system (phys)

Let $b_1 b_2 \cdots b_L \xleftrightarrow{\text{KKR}} (\mu, r) \longrightarrow \{\tau_{k,i}\}$. Then,



(2) Tropical Hirota equation = eq. of motion of box-ball system.

	Bethe ansatz	Corner transfer matrix
main combinatorial object	rigged configuration	energy (charge) in affine crystal
role in box-ball system	action-angle variable	tau function
dynamics	linear	bilinear

Dynamics of box-ball system in terms of rigged configuration

$t = 0:$ 11112222111113321143111111111111111111111111111111
 $t = 1:$ 1111111122221111332143111111111111111111111111111111
 $t = 2:$ 111111111111222211133243111111111111111111111111111111
 $t = 3:$ 1111111111111111222211324331111111111111111111111111111
 $t = 4:$ 1111111111111111111122213224331111111111111111111111111
 $t = 5:$ 1111111111111111111111122113224332111111111111111111111
 $t = 6:$ 1111111111111111111111111221113221433211111111111111111
 $t = 7:$ 111111111111111111111111111112211113221143321111111111

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mu^{(0)} \\
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 \end{array}
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configuration \dots conserved quantity (**action variable**)

rigging \dots linear flow (**angle variable**)

KKR bijection \dots direct/inverse scattering map (**separation of variables**)

Theorem. ([K-Okado-S-Takagi-Y, S])

- KKR bijection = direct/inverse scattering map of the box-ball system.

- KKR map = $\Phi_n \circ \cdots \circ \Phi_2$

$\Phi_a =$ composition of \widehat{sl}_a comb. R (“vertex operator”)

KKR theory	box-ball system	crystal theory
rigged configuration	scattering data	$\otimes_k \text{Aff}(B_{l_k})$
KKR bijection	direct/inverse scattering	vertex operator

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\mu^{(0)} & \mu^{(1)} & \mu^{(2)} & \mu^{(3)} & \longrightarrow & 1111\mathbf{2222}11111\mathbf{332}111\mathbf{43}111 & \\
(1^{24}) & \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \mathbf{6} \\ \hline & & & \mathbf{12} \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & \\ \hline & & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \\ \hline \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \end{array} & & & \\
& & & & & \hat{sl}_4 \text{ path on letters } 1,2,3,4 & \\
& & & & & \uparrow \Phi_4 & \\
& \mu^{(1)} & \mu^{(2)} & \mu^{(3)} & \longrightarrow & \boxed{2222} \otimes \boxed{233} \otimes \boxed{34} & \\
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& & & & & \hat{sl}_3 \text{ path on letters } 2,3,4 &
\end{array}$$

Data colored red specifies the scattering data

$$\boxed{2222}_4 \otimes \boxed{233}_{10} \otimes \boxed{34}_{15} \in \text{Aff}(B_4) \otimes \text{Aff}(B_3) \otimes \text{Aff}(B_2).$$

This procedure applied recursively with respect to rank leads to

$$\text{KKR map} = \Phi_n \circ \Phi_{n-1} \circ \cdots \circ \Phi_2.$$

RHS is a combinatorial version of **nested Bethe ansatz** (Schultz '83).

Summary so far

$$\tau := - \min_{\text{power set of rigged conf.}} \{\text{charge}\}$$

- τ = tropical analogue of KP tau (satisfies tropical Hirota eq.)
= affine crystal energy
= “corner transfer matrix” of box-ball system
- KKR map = $\tau - \tau - \tau + \tau$
= $\Phi_n \circ \dots \circ \Phi_2$

KKR theory = inverse scattering scheme of box-ball system
on ∞ lattice

An example of generalizations.

- integrable cellular automata associated with affine Lie algebras

$D_5^{(1)}$ -automaton

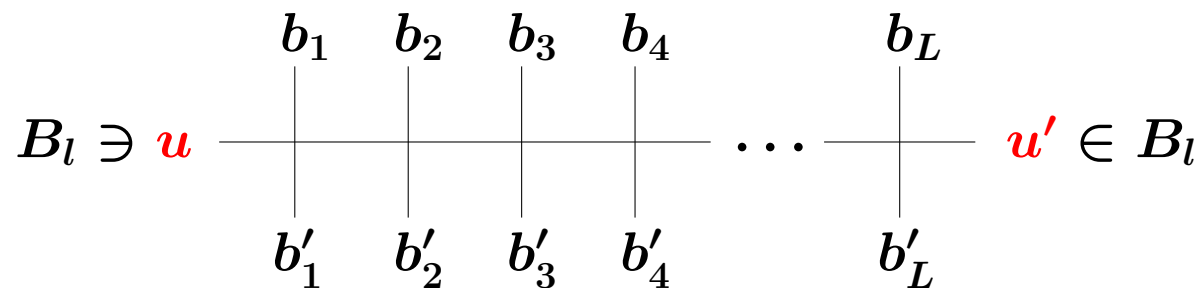
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- particles and anti-particles undergo pair-creations/annihilations
- solitons and their scattering rules characterized by crystal theory. ([HKOTY 2002])

Periodic generalization of KKR theory (sl_2 case)

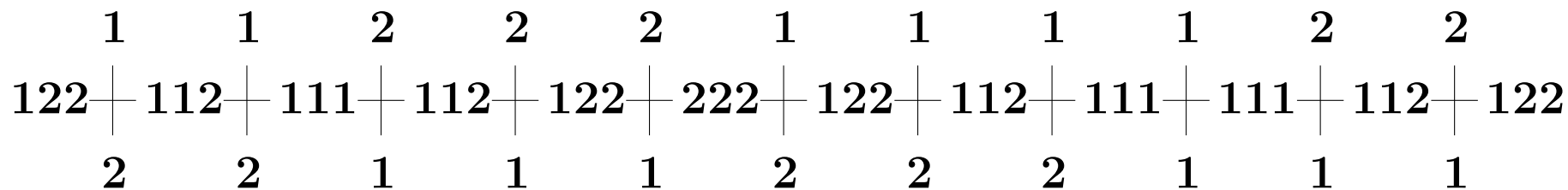
$$T_l : B_1 \otimes B_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes B_1 \longrightarrow B_1 \otimes B_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes B_1$$

$$b_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_L \longmapsto b'_1 \otimes b'_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes b'_L$$



Choice s.t. $u = u'$ defines periodic box-ball system (Yura et al. 2002)

Example of T_3 : ($B_1 = \{ \boxed{1}, \boxed{2} \}$)



T_1, T_2, \dots commuting family of time evolutions.

evolution under T_2

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A guide to a decent generalization of KKR theory

Construct an inverse scattering scheme
for periodic box-ball system.

- Action-angle variables

any path

highest path

rigged conf.

cyclic shift

KKR

$b_1 \dots b_L$

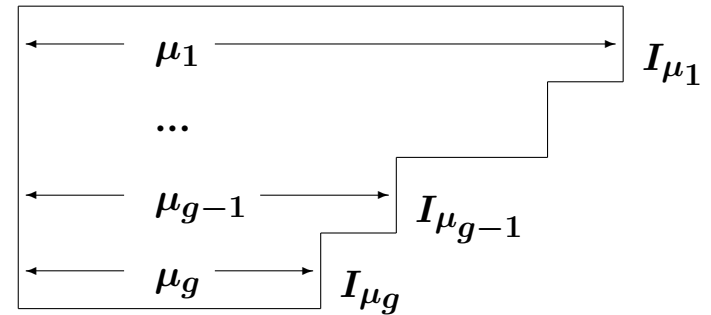
\longmapsto

$b_{d+1} \dots b_L b_1 \dots b_d$

\longmapsto

(μ, I)

(d is not unique)



$$\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_g), \quad I = (I_{\mu_1}, \dots, I_{\mu_g}).$$

For simplicity we assume $\mu_1 > \mu_2 > \dots > \mu_g$.

Set $p_i := L - 2 \sum_{j \in \mu} \min(i, j)$ (vacancy number)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{any path} & & \text{highest path} \\ b_1 \dots b_L & \xrightarrow{\text{cyc.}} & b_{d+1} \dots b_L b_1 \dots b_d \xrightarrow{\text{KKR}} (\mu, I) \quad (d \text{ is not unique}) \end{array}$$

Lemma.

- μ is independent of d and invariant under $\{T_l\}$ (action variable)
- $(\mathbf{I} + d \mathbf{h}_1) / A\mathbb{Z}^g$ is independent of d (angle variable), where

$$\mathbf{h}_l = (\min(l, i))_{i \in \mu} \in \mathbb{Z}^g, \quad \mathbf{A} = (\delta_{ij} p_i + 2 \min(i, j))_{i, j \in \mu}.$$

Define

$$\mathcal{P}(\mu) := \{\text{paths whose action variable} = \mu\} \quad \text{iso-level set}$$

$$\mathcal{J}(\mu) := \mathbb{Z}^g / A\mathbb{Z}^g \quad \text{set of angle variables}$$

$$\Phi : \mathcal{P}(\mu) \longrightarrow \mathcal{J}(\mu) \quad \text{by} \quad \Phi(b_1 \dots b_L) := (\mathbf{I} + d \mathbf{h}_1) / A\mathbb{Z}^g$$

Theorem. ([KT-Takenouchi 2006] “Tropical Abel-Jacobi” map)

$\Phi : \mathcal{P}(\mu) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}(\mu)$ is a bijection.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}(\mu) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathcal{J}(\mu) \\ T_l \downarrow & & \downarrow T_l \\ \mathcal{P}(\mu) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \mathcal{J}(\mu) \end{array}$$

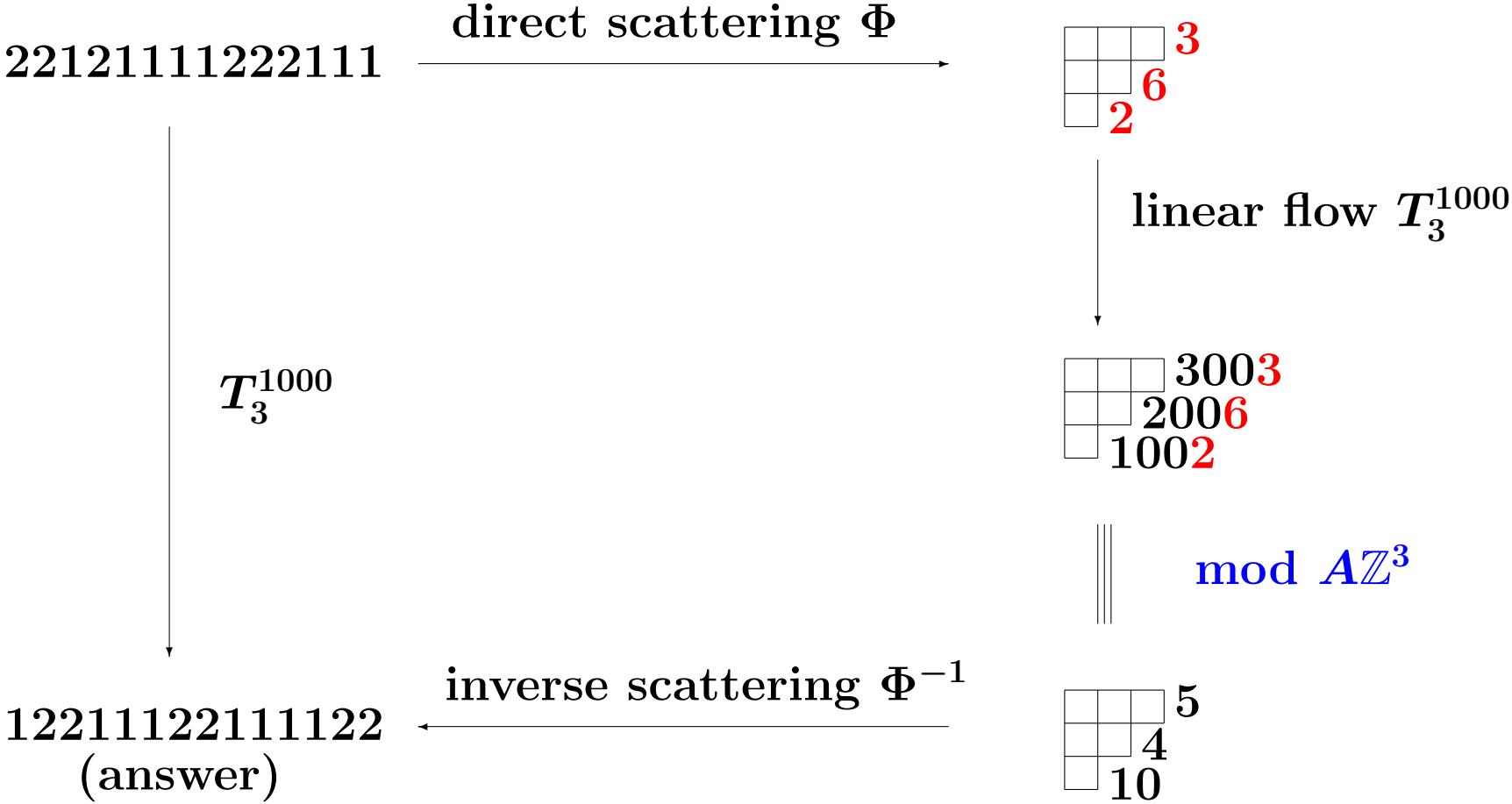
is commutative, where $T_l(\mathbf{J}) = \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{h}_l$ on $\mathcal{J}(\mu)$ ■

Nonlinear dynamics becomes straight motion in

$$\mathcal{J}(\mu) = \mathbb{Z}^g / \mathbf{A}\mathbb{Z}^g,$$

which is an tropical analogue of Jacobi variety.

Solution of initial value problem (inverse method)



Riemann theta (with pure imaginary period matrix) :

$$\vartheta(\mathbf{z}) := \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^g} \exp\left(-\frac{{}^t \mathbf{n} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{n} / 2 + {}^t \mathbf{n} \mathbf{z}}{\epsilon}\right)$$

Tropical Riemann theta ($\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^g$):

$$\Theta(\mathbf{z}) := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \epsilon \log \vartheta(\mathbf{z}) = -\min_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^g} \{{}^t \mathbf{n} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{n} / 2 + {}^t \mathbf{n} \mathbf{z}\}$$

Theorem. ([KS 2006] “Tropical Jacobi inversion”)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(\mu) &\rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mu) \\ (\mu, \mathbf{I}) &\mapsto b_1 b_2 \dots b_L \quad (\in \{1, 2\}^L) \end{aligned}$$

is given by

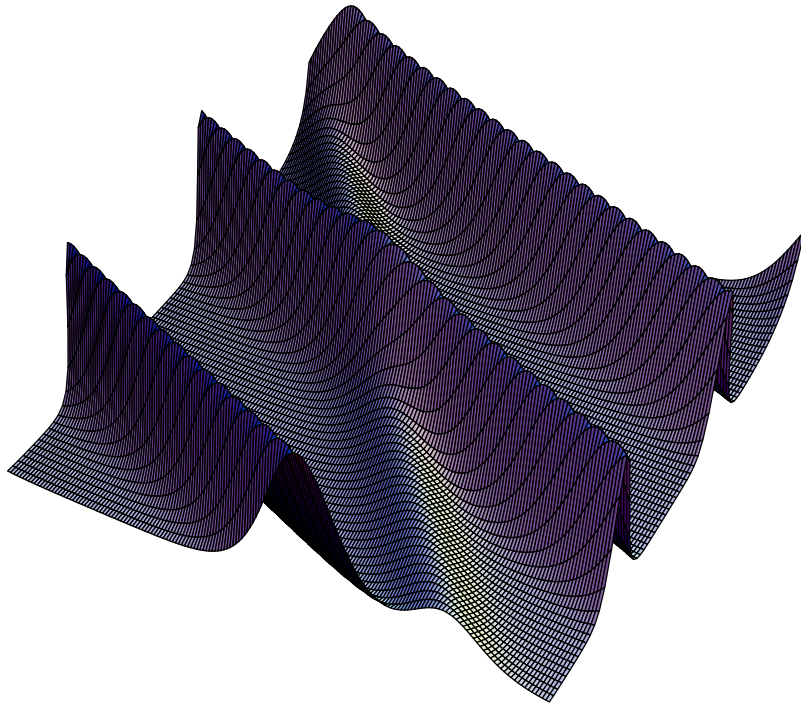
$$\begin{aligned} b_k &= 1 + \Theta(\mathbf{J} - k\mathbf{h}_1) - \Theta(\mathbf{J} - (k-1)\mathbf{h}_1) \\ &\quad - \Theta(\mathbf{J} - k\mathbf{h}_1 + \mathbf{h}_\infty) + \Theta(\mathbf{J} - (k-1)\mathbf{h}_1 + \mathbf{h}_\infty), \end{aligned}$$

with $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{I} +$ (known constant vector).

Inverse tropicalization: double difference of $\Theta \longrightarrow$ double ratio of ϑ

$$b(k, t) = \frac{\vartheta(\mathbf{J} + t\mathbf{h}_\infty - k\mathbf{h}_1)\vartheta(\mathbf{J} + (t + 1)\mathbf{h}_\infty - (k - 1)\mathbf{h}_1)}{\vartheta(\mathbf{J} + t\mathbf{h}_\infty - (k - 1)\mathbf{h}_1)\vartheta(\mathbf{J} + (t + 1)\mathbf{h}_\infty - k\mathbf{h}_1)}.$$

Same structure as the quasi-periodic solution of the KdV/Toda eq. by Date-Tanaka and Kac-Moerbeke (1976).



Two soliton state with amplitudes 6 and 2.
System size $L = 170$, duration $0 \leq t \leq 70$.

Origin of tropical period matrix A

$U_q(\widehat{sl}_2)$ Bethe equation at $q = 0$ (string center eq.):

$$Ax \equiv \text{constant vector} \pmod{AZ^g}$$

(K-Nakanishi 2000)

Remark.

$$\text{Bethe root } x \xleftrightarrow{1:1} J \in \mathcal{J}(\mu) = \mathbb{Z}^g / AZ^g \quad \text{via} \quad Ax = J.$$

$|\mathcal{J}(\mu)| =$ fermionic formula for weight multiplicities.

Combinatorial Bethe ansätze

	$q = 1$	$q = 0$
fermionic formula	multiplicity of irreps.	weight multiplicity
box-ball system	∞ lattice	periodic lattice
action-angle variable (Bethe roots)	rigged configuration	Sol. of string center eq.

Office configuration of GGKM (Princeton ~1966)

