# Combinatorics of the ASEP on a ring and Macdonald polynomials

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Pr(X) can be expressed in terms of a product of non-commuting operators D and E, where  $2 \mapsto D$ ,  $1 \mapsto A$ , and  $0 \mapsto E$ 

Example:

$$\Pr(200020) = \frac{1}{Z_6} \langle w | DEEEDE | v \rangle$$

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=  $t^{2}EDDD + (t + 1)DDD + 2tEDD + DD + ED.$ 

Define a Q-tableau from this algebra by assigning D to vertical edge and E to horizontal edge and applying local edge rewriting rules. (due to X. Viennot)

#### alternative tableaux for 1-species ASEP

• Lattice path L(X) by drawing  $1 \mapsto$  south edge and  $0 \mapsto$  west edge



- Young diagram Y(X) associated to L(X)
- filling of Y(X) with up-arrows and left-arrows such that any box pointed at by an arrow must be empty
- the weight of a tableaux is a monomial: wt(T) =  $\alpha^{\#\uparrow(T)}\beta^{\#\leftarrow(T)}q^{\text{free}(T)}$ .

Note that alternative tableaux are in bijection with permutation tableaux.

#### Theorem (Corteel-Williams 2007)

For the 1-species ASEP with  $\alpha, \beta, q$ 

$$\Pr(X) = \frac{1}{Z_n} \sum_{T \in AT(X)} \operatorname{wt}(T)$$

where  $Z_n = \sum_{T \in AT(n)} wt(T)$  is the partition function.

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Generalization of the alternative tableaux:





(M.-Viennot '15)

(Corteel-M.-Williams '16)

Get formula for Koornwinder-Macdonald polynomials (for partitions consisting of a single row/column) at q = t.

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#### enhanced weights on CRT to compute the $f_{\mu}$

To a CRT with arrow placement and order  $(T, \sigma)$ , we can assign a weight wt<sub>qtx</sub> $(T, \sigma)(\mathbf{x}; q, t)$  as follows:

- t's count the disorder statistic of  $(T, \sigma)$ , and  $[j]_{qt} = (1 qt^j)/(1 t)$
- associate x<sub>i</sub>'s to the edges of P(X) and have them keep track of which strips contain the *last arrow* in a given row according to σ
- have q count the number of times we "cross the boundary" of the CRT to traverse the arrows in order  $\sigma$



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In particular, when  $\lambda$  is a partition with parts of size at most 2, we obtain:

Theorem (Corteel-M.-Williams '18)  
$$E_{\lambda} = \sum_{(T,\sigma) \in CRT(\lambda^{C})} wt_{qtx}(T,\sigma).$$

e.g. nonsymmetric Macdonald poly.  $E_{(2,2,1,1,0,0)}$  equals  $f_{(0,0,1,1,2,2)}$  above.

For 2-ASEP, we defined cylindric rhombic tableaux (CRT) with q, t, x weights that give formula  $f_{\mu}(x_1, \ldots, x_n; q, t)$  such that:

- $\mathsf{Pr}(\mu) = f_{\mu}(1, \dots, 1; 1, t)$  is the probability of the 2-ASEP on a ring
- $P_{\lambda} = \sum_{\mu} f(x_1, \dots, x_n; q, t)$  is the partition function over the CRT when  $\lambda$  has parts of size 0, 1, 2
- when  $\mu$  is a partition,  $f_{\mu c}(x_1, \dots, x_n; q, t) = E_{\mu}$ , the non-symmetric Macdonald polynomial (e.g. if  $\mu = 211100$ , then  $\mu^{C} = 011122$ ).
- there is a bijection to *multiline queues* and a solution-in-progress for higher species.

# Happy birthday Kolya!!!

