

NOTES ON SCHUBERT CALCULUS AND QUANTUM INTEGRABILITY

ABSTRACT.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Here is a template for a simple commutative diagram in tikz:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \xrightarrow{f'} & Y' \\ h' \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

Here is a template for an elaborate commutative diagram in tikz:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & X'_\alpha & \xrightarrow{\phi'} & Y'_\alpha \\
 & \swarrow & \downarrow f' & \swarrow & \downarrow \psi \\
 X' & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y' & & \\
 \downarrow & \swarrow \psi' & \downarrow \phi & \downarrow h & \\
 & X_\alpha & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y_\alpha & \\
 \downarrow & \swarrow f & \downarrow & \swarrow & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y & &
 \end{array}$$

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15.1. Basic Definitions.

Definition 15.1 (Temperley-Lieb Algebra). Let τ be a complex number. The Temperley-Lieb Algebra $\text{TL}_n(\tau)$ is generated by an identity 1 and generators e_1, \dots, e_{n-1} satisfying the relations

- $e_i^2 = \tau e_i$
- $e_i e_{i+1} e_i = e_i$
- $e_i e_j = e_j e_i, |i - j| > 1$

We can give a pictorial description of this algebra: we regard each generator e_i as corresponding to a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} | & | & \cdots & | & \frown & | & | & \cdots & | \\ 1 & 2 & & i-1 & & i+2 & & & n \end{array}$$

and regard τ as corresponding to the “fugacity of a bubble.” We then multiply by composing vertically (with the rightmost element at the top), and “popping” bubbles to obtain a factor of τ :

$$\begin{aligned} e_i^2 &= \begin{array}{ccccccc} | & | & \cdots & | & \frown & | & | & \cdots & | \\ & & & & \text{pink circle} & & & & \end{array} \\ &= \cdot \begin{array}{ccccccc} | & | & \cdots & | & \frown & | & | & \cdots & | \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

Example 15.2 ($\text{TL}_3(\tau)$). When $n = 3$, we have generators $1 = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline | \\ \hline \end{array}$, $e_1 = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \frown \\ \hline \end{array}$, and $e_2 = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \frown \\ \hline \end{array}$. We also obtain

$$e_1 e_2 = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \frown \\ \hline \frown \\ \hline \end{array}$$

and

$$e_2 e_1 = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \frown \\ \hline \frown \\ \hline \end{array},$$

so that $\text{TL}_3(\tau)$ is 5-dimensional.

Proposition 15.3. *The dimension of TL_n is*

$$\dim \text{TL}_n = C_n = \frac{(2n)!}{n!(n+1)!},$$

the n th Catalan number.

15.2. Temperley-Lieb Algebras and the Yang-Baxter Equation. We can reinterpret the Yang-Baxter equation through the lens of Temperley-Lieb algebras. Let $\tau = -(q + q^{-1})$, $a(u) = qu - q^{-1}u^{-1}$, and $b(u) = u - u^{-1}$. We can then regard \check{R}_i as an element of the algebra obtained by adding u^\pm and v^\pm to $\text{TL}_n(\tau)$:

$$\check{R}_i(u) = a(u)1 + b(u)e_i \in \text{TL}_n(\tau)[u^\pm, v^\pm].$$

One can check that the equation

$$\check{R}_i(u)\check{R}_{i+1}(uv)\check{R}_i(v) = \check{R}_{i+1}(v)\check{R}_i(uv)\check{R}_{i+1}(u)$$

holds; we may thus interpret the Yang-Baxter equation as an identity in $\text{TL}_n(\tau)[u^\pm, v^\pm]$.

Via this identification, we can regard systems satisfying the Yang-Baxter equation as representations of this algebra $\text{TL}_n(-(q+q^{-1}))[u^\pm, v^\pm]$. We may obtain one such representation via the map

$$\phi : \text{TL}_n(-(q+q^{-1})) \rightarrow \text{End}((\mathbf{C}^2)^{\otimes n})$$

sending

$$e_i \mapsto I \otimes I \otimes \dots \otimes I \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -q^{-1} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \otimes I \otimes \dots \otimes I,$$

where the matrix is located in the i and $i + 1$ coordinates.

One can check that this map respects the Temperley-Lieb relations, and that it induces a representation $\rho : \text{TL}_n(-(q + q^{-1}))[u^\pm, v^\pm] \rightarrow \text{End}((\mathbf{C}^2)^{\otimes n})$ sending

$$\check{R}_i(u) \mapsto I \otimes \dots \otimes I \otimes \begin{bmatrix} qu - q^{-1}u^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & u(q - q^{-1}) & u - u^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & u - u^{-1} & u^{-1}(q - q^{-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & qu - q^{-1}u^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \otimes I \otimes \dots \otimes I$$

15.3. Loop Models.

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