NOTES ON SCHUBERT CALCULUS AND QUANTUM INTEGRABILITY

Abstract.

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1. Introduction

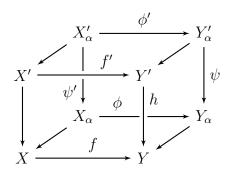
Here is a template for a simple commutative diagram in tikz:

$$X' \xrightarrow{f'} Y'$$

$$h' \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow h$$

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

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



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15.1. Basic Definitions.

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

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

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

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 :

$$e_i^2 = \left| \begin{array}{cc} \cdots \\ \cdots \end{array} \right| \stackrel{\cdots}{\bigcirc} \left| \begin{array}{cc} \cdots \\ \cdots \end{array} \right|$$
$$= \cdot \left| \begin{array}{cc} \cdots \\ \cdots \end{array} \right| \stackrel{\cdots}{\bigcirc} \left| \begin{array}{cc} \cdots \\ \cdots \end{array} \right|$$

Example 15.2 (TL₃(τ)). When n = 3, we have generators $1 = | | |, e_1 = | |$, and $e_2 = | | |$. We also obtain

$$e_1e_2 = \bigcup$$

and

$$e_2e_1 = \bigcup$$
,

so that $TL_3(\tau)$ is 5-dimensional.

Proposition 15.3. The dimension of TL_n is

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

the nth 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 $\mathrm{TL}_n(\tau)$:

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

One can check that the equation

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

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

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

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

sending

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

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 $\rho: \mathrm{TL}_n(-(q+q^{-1}))[u^{\pm},v^{\pm}] \to \mathrm{End}((\mathbf{C}^2)^{\otimes n})$ sending

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

15.3. Loop Models.

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