

# A new cancellation free formula for permutation pattern Hopf algebras

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# Permutations - square diagrams

Permutation  $\pi$  on a set  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  is a pair of orders on  $S$ .

$$132 = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & s_1 & \\ \hline & & s_3 \\ \hline s_2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & \cdot & \\ \hline & & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# Counting occurrences of a pattern

Permutation  $\pi$  on a set  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  and  $I \subseteq S$ .

The **restriction to**  $I$  can be defined  $\pi|_I$  and is a permutation in  $I$ .

We can count occurrences! How many times does a particular diagram occur? If  $\pi = 132$  as above,

$$\pi|_{\{s_2, s_3\}} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & s_1 & \\ \hline & & s_3 \\ \hline s_2 & & \\ \hline \end{array} \Big|_{\{s_2, s_3\}} = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & s_3 \\ \hline s_2 & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

We write

$$\mathbf{p}_{12}(132) = 2, \quad \mathbf{p}_{123}(123456) = 20, \quad \mathbf{p}_{2413}(762341895) = 0.$$

# Permutation pattern algebra

## Proposition (Linear independence)

*The set  $\{\mathbf{p}_\pi \mid \pi \in \uplus_{n \geq 0} S_n\}$  is linearly independent - Triangularity argument*

## Proposition (Product formula)

*There are coefficients  $\binom{\sigma}{\pi, \tau}$  that count the number of quasi-shuffles of  $\sigma$  with permutations  $\pi, \tau$  such that:*

$$\mathbf{p}_\pi \cdot \mathbf{p}_\tau = \sum_{\sigma} \binom{\sigma}{\pi, \tau} \mathbf{p}_\sigma,$$

*where  $\sigma$  runs over equivalence classes of pairs of orders.*

# Permutation pattern algebra

Example try it with  $\tau = 231$ !

$$\mathbf{p}_{12} \mathbf{p}_1 = 3 \mathbf{p}_{123} + \mathbf{p}_{312} + \mathbf{p}_{231} + 2 \mathbf{p}_{213} + 2 \mathbf{p}_{132} + 2 \mathbf{p}_{12} .$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{12}(231) \mathbf{p}_1(231) = 1 \times 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 3 \mathbf{p}_{123}(231) + \mathbf{p}_{312}(231) + \mathbf{p}_{231}(231) + 2 \mathbf{p}_{213}(231) \\ & + 2 \mathbf{p}_{132}(231) + 2 \mathbf{p}_{12} \\ & = 0 + 0 + 1 + 0 + 0 + 2 \times 1 . \end{aligned}$$

# Permutation pattern algebra - adding another ingredient

$$\pi \oplus \tau = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & \tau \\ \hline \pi & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \pi \ominus \tau = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \pi & \\ \hline & \tau \\ \hline \end{array}$$

By *magic properties* of dualization, these give coproducts on  $\mathcal{A}(\text{Per})$ , for instance:

$$\Delta \mathbf{p}_\pi = \sum_{\pi = \tau_1 \oplus \tau_2} \mathbf{p}_{\tau_1} \otimes \mathbf{p}_{\tau_2} ,$$

so that we have a Hopf algebra

$$\mathbf{p}_\pi(\sigma_1 \oplus \sigma_2) = \Delta \mathbf{p}_\pi(\sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_2) .$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{p}_{21354} = \mathbf{p}_\emptyset \otimes \mathbf{p}_{21354} + \mathbf{p}_{21} \otimes \mathbf{p}_{132} + \mathbf{p}_{213} \otimes \mathbf{p}_{21} + \mathbf{p}_{21354} \otimes \mathbf{p}_\emptyset .$$

# Permutation pattern algebra

Free pattern algebras: as simple as polynomial algebras.

Theorem (Vargas, 2014)

*The linear span of pattern functions  $\mathcal{A}(\text{Per})$  form a Hopf algebra.*

*The Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{A}(\text{Per})$  is free commutative.*

*A free generator family is given by a family of Lyndon permutations.*

# Outline of the talk

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  - Permutations
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# Pattern algebra

What do we need to have a pattern Hopf algebra?

- Assignment  $S \mapsto h[S] = \{\text{structures over } S\} + \text{notion of relabelling}.$
- For any inclusion  $V \hookrightarrow W$ , a restriction map  $h[W] \rightarrow h[V].$
- An associative *monoid* operation  $*$  with unit that is compatible with restrictions.
- A unique element of size zero.
- $G[V] = \{ \text{graphs on the vertex set } V \}.$
- Induced subgraphs  $\rightarrow$  restrictions.
- The disjoint union of graphs.
- The empty graph fortunately exists!

# Simple example - binomial identities

Define  $\text{Set}[S] = \{*\#_S\}$  to have a unique element.

$$\mathbf{p}_{*n}(*m) = \binom{m}{n} \quad \binom{*d}{*a, *b} = \binom{d}{a} \binom{a}{a+b-d}.$$

So we obtain the following binomial identity:

$$\mathbf{p}_{*a}(*c) \mathbf{p}_{*b}(*c) = \sum_{d \geq 0} \binom{d}{a} \binom{a}{a+b-d} \mathbf{p}_{*d}(*c)$$

**Monoidal structure** - Disjoint union:  $*_n *_m = *_{n+m}$ .

$$\Delta \mathbf{p}_{*a} = \sum_{k=0}^a \mathbf{p}_{*k} \otimes \mathbf{p}_{*a-k}, \quad \mathcal{A}(\text{Set}) = k[\mathbf{p}_{*1}]$$

## Another example: words

$$\text{Word}_{\mathcal{K}}[n] = \{ \text{ words of size } n \text{ using an alphabet } \mathcal{K} \text{ characters } \}$$

The resulting algebra is isomorphic to the **shuffle algebra** on the alphabet  $\mathcal{K}$ , and is also free.

# Other known Hopf algebras that arise as a pattern algebra

$$\mathbf{SPart}[I] = \{\text{set partitions of } I\}$$

This has a species with restrictions structure,

$$\{A_1, \dots\}_J = \{A_1 \cap J, \dots\}.$$

This also has a product structure (disjoint union of partitions).

## Proposition

$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{SPart})$  is isomorphic to the Hopf algebra of symmetric functions  $Sym$ .

## Conjecture

$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{SComp})$  is isomorphic to the Hopf algebra of quasi-symmetric functions.

# Freeness question - commutative case

When is the pattern algebra free? Vargas showed in 2014 that for permutations, we get a free algebra.

## Theorem (P - 2020)

*If  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a commutative, then  $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{h})$  is free. The free generators are the indecomposable objects with respect to the commutative product.*

To show freeness: generator set  $\mathcal{I}$  such that all products of elements in  $\mathcal{I}$  are l.i.

These are l.i. because they correspond to the product of the usual basis  $\{\mathbf{p}_a\}$  with an upper triangular matrix (for a suitable choice of order).

In any commutative species with restrictions, any object  $a$  has a **unique** factorization up to order of factors:

$$a = a_1 \star \cdots \star a_k .$$

Furthermore,  $\mathbf{p}_a$  arises with a non-zero coefficient in  $\prod_i \mathbf{p}_{a_i}$ .

# Unique factorisation theorem on permutations

Back to permutations, which are non-commutative (so the theorem does not apply).

Vargas used the  $\oplus$  product on permutations to obtain a unique factorisation theorem on permutations.

$$\pi = \tau_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \tau_k =$$

		$\tau_k$
	$\ddots$	
$\tau_1$		

This is not unique **up to reordering of factors**, so a new factorization needs to be found.

A factorization into **Lyndon permutations** was cooked up such that any permutation  $\pi$  has a unique factorization into **Lyndon permutations**  $\ell_1 \geq \cdots \geq \ell_k$  such that

$$\pi = \ell_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \ell_k .$$

# Marked permutations

Species of marked permutations.

$$\pi = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & \odot & \\ \hline & & \cdot \\ \hline \cdot & & \\ \hline \end{array} = 1\bar{3}2, \quad \sigma = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \cdot & \\ \hline & \odot \\ \hline \end{array} = 2\bar{1}$$

Inflation of  $\pi * \sigma = 14\bar{3}2$  is

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# Freeness on marked permutations

Marked permutations have an *exotic* unique factorization theorem.

## Theorem (P - 2020)

*The Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{A}(\text{MPer})$  is free generated by the Lyndon marked permutations.*

## Conjecture

*Any pattern algebra is free.*

# Antipodes on Hopf algebras

The antipode is to a Hopf algebra as the inverse map is to a group. An antipode  $S : H \rightarrow H$  on a Hopf algebra is a map that satisfies

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & H \otimes H & \xrightarrow{id_H \otimes S} & H \otimes H & \\
 \Delta \nearrow & & & & \searrow \mu \\
 H & \xrightarrow{\epsilon} & k & \xrightarrow{\iota} & H \\
 \Delta \searrow & & & & \nearrow \mu \\
 & H \otimes H & \xrightarrow{S \otimes id_H} & H \otimes H &
 \end{array}$$

Obs:  $\iota \circ \epsilon(x)$  is the coefficient of the identity element of  $x$ .

# Antipode formula

Example: the polynomial algebra  $k[x]$  has the antipode  $S(x^n) = (-x)^n$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mu \circ (id \otimes S_{k[x]}) \circ \Delta(x^n) = \\
 & \mu \circ (id \otimes S_{k[x]}) \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k \otimes x^{n-k} \right) = \\
 & \mu \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k \otimes (-x)^{n-k} \right) = \\
 & \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k x^n = 0 = \iota \circ \epsilon(x^n)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Permutation patterns - what to do with antipodes

A chromatic polynomial is a Hopf algebra morphism  $\chi : H \rightarrow k[x]$ .  
Because it is a Hopf algebra morphism, it satisfies

$$\chi_{S(a)}(x) = S(\chi_a(x)) = \chi_a(-x)$$

Theorem (Reciprocity results - Stanley, 1969)

*For a graph  $G$*

$$\chi_G(-1) = \#\{ \textit{acyclic orientations of } G \}$$

# Takeuchi formula

## Proposition (Takeuchi's formula)

If  $H = (H, \mu, \iota, \Delta, \epsilon, S)$  is a filtered Hopf algebra, then

$$S = \sum_{k \geq 0} (-1)^k \mu^{\circ(k-1)} \circ (\text{id}_H - \iota \circ \epsilon)^{\otimes k} \circ \Delta^{\circ(k-1)}.$$

In the polynomial algebra  $k[x]$  the formula gives us

$$S(x^n) = \sum_{\vec{\pi} \models [n]} (-1)^{\ell(\vec{\pi})} x^n.$$

## Problem (Cancellation-free and grouping-free antipode formulas)

*Can we find more economic formulas for our favourite Hopf algebras?*

# Sign-reversing involution formulas

$$S(x^n) = \sum_{\vec{\pi} \models [n]} (-1)^{\ell(\vec{\pi})} x^n.$$

Benedetti and Sagan define a sign-reversing involution

$$\beta : \{\text{set compositions}\} \rightarrow \{\text{set compositions}\},$$

such that either  $(-1)^{\ell(\vec{\pi})} = -(-1)^{\ell(\beta(\vec{\pi}))}$  or  $\beta(\vec{\pi}) = \vec{\pi}$ .

$$S(x^n) = \sum_{\vec{\pi} \text{ fixed point of } \beta} (-1)^{\ell(\vec{\pi})} x^n = (-1)^{\ell(\{1\}, \dots, \{n\})} x^n = (-1)^n x^n.$$

# Permutation patterns

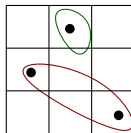
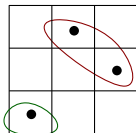
What does the Takeuchi formula give us for permutations? Let  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  be permutations, and  $\pi = \pi_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \pi_n$  a decomposition into **irreducibles**.

$$S(\mathbf{p}_\pi) = \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{p}_\sigma \sum_{\substack{\vec{I} \text{ QSS of } \sigma \\ \text{from } \pi_1, \dots, \pi_n}} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}_{\vec{I}}^{\pi, \sigma}} (-1)^{\ell(\alpha)}.$$

The cover  $(I_1, \dots, I_n)$  is a QSS of  $\sigma$  from  $\pi_i$  if  $\sigma|_{I_i} = \pi_i$ .

# Permutation patterns

Let  $[\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n]^\sigma$  be the number of interlacing QSS of  $\sigma$  from  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n$



$$[312]_{1,21} = 2$$

$$\binom{132}{1, 21} = 1$$

$$[132]_{1,21} = 0$$



# Permutation patterns

## Theorem (P., Vargas, 2022+)

Let  $\pi$  be a permutation, and  $\pi = \pi_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \pi_n$  be its decomposition into irreducible permutations. Then, on the pattern Hopf algebra of permutations, we have the following cancellation-free and grouping-free formula:

$$S(\mathbf{p}_\pi) = (-1)^n \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{p}_\sigma [\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n]^\sigma.$$

$$S(\mathbf{p}_\pi) = \sum_{\sigma} \mathbf{p}_\sigma \sum_{\substack{\vec{\mathbf{I}} \text{ QSS of } \sigma \\ \text{from } \pi_1, \dots, \pi_n}} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}_{\vec{\mathbf{I}}}^{\pi, \sigma}} (-1)^{\ell(\alpha)}.$$

# Permutation patterns

## Theorem

*There are no Hopf algebra morphisms  $\mathcal{A}(\text{Per}) \rightarrow k[x]$ .*

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# Thank you

